

THE INFORMER OF THE
FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Happy Birthday!
with LOVE,
Pastor Kristi

How many times have we written those words to a friend or loved one in a card? This month, on February 4, we celebrate the birthday of the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination. We also celebrate Valentines' Day: the holiday of love.

In my mind, I can easily entangle these two events. How? Because I absolutely love that I am part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and it's her birthday!

The founding fathers and pioneering women loved going forth and serving the people. Thus, one of the main reasons for the beginning of what became the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The strong emotions of love can cause some extreme actions. Those who loved God back in the late 1700's and early 1800's experienced this. The frontier ministers wanted to go forth and witness to those living on the prairies. They wanted to share the love of God with those struggling with the hard times of living life. Our history is not perfect. However, it is clearly marked with actions made because of love for sharing the Good News.

These thoughts still resonate with me today. I want to share the love of God with others. I want us, the church, to **want** to reach new frontiers.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 3 – DFW Area Ministers' Meeting
- Feb. 4 – 206th Birthday: Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Feb. 7 – Denomination Day Sunday
Holy Communion in Worship
Souper Bowl Offering: goes to
Our Daily Bread.
Food Collection Sunday
- Feb. 10 – Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 14 – First Sunday in Lent
Valentines Day
Chili Supper and
Supply Shower; 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 17 – New Members Class; 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 17 – Session Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 21 – Second Sunday in Lent
- Feb. 24 – New Members Class; 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 28 – Third Sunday in Lent
CPWM Bake Sale

Looking Ahead!

- March 5 - Red River Presbytery Boards and Committees meet here: 9:00 a.m.
- March 13 - Spaghetti & Salad Luncheon (Youth Fund Raiser)
- March 26 – Egg Hunt; 10:00 a.m.

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, January 17, 2016, Jay & Rhonda Thomas presented themselves before our congregation for church membership by Transfer of Church Letter.

We graciously welcome and receive them into the full fellowship of our church. We look forward to future ministry together. Welcome!



January Session Highlights

Welcomed elders: Dean Patterson and Toby Thomason.

The Devotion was presented by Elder Dean Patterson.

Discussion regarding building repairs included the lights in the sanctuary, heating/air issues in the fellowship hall and additional security lights on the property.

Pastor Kristi gave updates on the Directory process and passed out the Shepherd List. (Available in the narthex). A report on the Ministers' Conference was also given.

Future Worship, Outreach, Youth and Fellowship activities were discussed. Those items will be reflected in the newsletter.

A discussion on Communion Bread occurred. Several different ideas were discussed and the Pastor will be exploring different options available.

Valentines Dinner and Supply Shower

The CPWM would like to invite everyone to join together on Sunday, February 14 at 5:00 p.m. for a Chili Supper.

A Supply Shower will also be included in this evening's activities. The church is in need of some everyday basic supplies. A wish list has been provided on the next page to help with your shopping. It is our hope that the shower will be an opportunity to provide some of these needs for the church without impacting the budget.

Attendance and Offering

Jan. 3	35	\$2396.00
Jan. 10	35	502.56
Jan. 17	35	2316.00
Jan. 24	42	<u>1183.00</u>
	Total	\$6397.56

Reflects 4 of 5 Sundays in Jan.

Average Monthly Need \$7,440.00

Our Outreach Giving

Donated 76 Pounds of food to the Denton Community Food Center in January.

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Contributed \$7000.00 to the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination's OOU (Our United Outreach) in 2015.

New Member Class

Beginning February 17, Pastor Kristi will be leading a "New Members" class. The class will meet for five Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The class will cover topics such as: CP History and Polity, Understanding the local church and her mission, and exploring the Confession of Faith.

If you are considering joining the church or would just like to know more about the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination, please make plans to attend.

Church Supply List:

Heavy Duty Paper Plates
Heavy Duty Paper Coffee Cups
Plastic Drinking Cups
Plastic Silverware

Napkins
Paper Towels
Facial Tissue
Trash bags: 4 gal.,
30 gal., & 60 gal.
Ziploc bags: pint, quart, gallon
Plastic Wrap
Foil

Spray Air Freshener
Furniture Polish
Window Cleaner
All-Purpose Cleaner
Disposable Cleaning Gloves
Disposable Cleaning Cloths
Swiffer type Dusting Tools

Dish Soap
Hand Soap & refill bottles
Kitchen Towels
Kitchen Dish Cloths

Coffee
Tea Bags
Instant Lemonade Mix

Prayer List

Keep in prayer: Oleta Hodges, Martin Blake, Debra Santens, Jennings Mullins, Gloria and Michael Powers, Sue Bell, James Greyhouse, Lilly, Kylie Ertz.

We express sympathy to the families of **Ed Crabtree, Dick Gittings, Darin Bush, Barbara Lancaster, Ray Acton.**



An Overview of the Birth of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian body formed during the Great Revival of 1800.

The revival caused disagreement within the Presbyterian Church (USA) both over the mechanics of the revival and over allowances the pro-revival faction was willing to make in order to secure ministers for its rapidly expanding following.

In two presbyteries, Springfield and Cumberland, the pro-revival faction dominated. These presbyteries, Cumberland in particular, believed that that the revival to be an **extraordinary circumstance** which allowed for exceptions to both educational requirements for ordination and the required subscription to the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Both Springfield and Cumberland Presbyteries were members of Kentucky Synod of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In Kentucky Synod the faction opposed to the revival dominated. This anti-revival faction took steps to curtail the activities of the revival oriented presbyteries. Frustrated, Springfield Presbytery withdrew from the Presbyterian Church in 1803. In 1804, in order to discipline her ministers, Kentucky Synod dissolved Cumberland Presbytery.

On February 4, 1810, at the home of Rev. Samuel McAdow near present day Dickson, Tennessee, McAdow, Rev. Finis Ewing, and Rev. Samuel King reorganized Cumberland Presbytery, previously dissolved by Kentucky Synod of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

These disaffected Presbyterian ministers did not intend to found an independent Presbyterian body. They felt that they would have greater success resolving their differences with Kentucky Synod as an organized body than as individuals. They also felt that the organization of a presbytery would better enable them to serve their congregations.

Growing rapidly, Cumberland Presbytery became Cumberland Synod in 1813 and, in 1829, when a General Assembly was established, the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination.

*Adapted from the tract "Who Are Cumberland Presbyterians?" by T. V. Warnick and Morris Pepper. Found online at www.cumberland.org.