



THIS WEEK

- Men's Fellowship meets at 6:00
- Tuesday-Thursday-Church Office Hours 8-1:00



THIS SUNDAY

9 – Gather for **Fellowship** with coffee, donuts and conversation.

9:30 – Sunday School for all ages in the classroom. Pastor Mark has the virtual class, and the Seekers, Men and Women's classes will study "Praying Properly," Matthew 6:5-15.

The Young Adults meet up the back stairway with Merritt Brakebill for Bible Study. Come and share with us!

10:25 – Welcome & Announcements scrolling before Worship.

10:30-Worship – Mark's message, *It's All About God!* Luke 4:21-30. Beth has our children's message. Our February hymn is *Jesus Loves Even Me*. Our Sunday hymns will be: *Glory to His Name, Jesus Loves Me, There's a Quiet Understanding*. Morning Scriptures: Psalm 71, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. We will celebrate Communion, affirm our faith with the Apostle's Creed and praise God with the Gloria Patri and Doxology. Our February Introit is *I Love You Lord* and our benediction is *Love, Love, Love, Love*. And, don't miss Claire's special music presentation! Join us!

12:00 – 1:00 **Drive by Tea** for Ellie Narvel and Josh Binkley

3:00 – **Presbytery Worship** in the Sanctuary

4:00 – **Happy Birthday Reception** for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

"SOUP"ER BOWL SUNDAY

The CPW is encouraging everyone to bring cans of soup and other ready to eat canned foods, such as chili and spaghetti and jars of peanut butter to the church between now and Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th. Please place your food items on the "giving pew" outside the church office. These will be donated to the Good Samaritan Center.

PASTORAL CARE

You are invited to a **Drive By Tea** honoring Ellie Narvel and Josh Binkley, on Sunday, February 2nd from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Come as you are, you don't have to leave your car and gifts are not necessary. Plan to drive by and offer "well wishes" to this couple.

WORSHIP AND RECEPTION

We are hosting 14 Cumberland Presbyterian Churches in our area for our Presbytery sponsored Denomination Day Celebration Sunday, February 2, 2025, at the Loudon Church. The program begins at 3:00 (Sanctuary) and is followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments at 4:00 (Fellowship Hall). Attendance is hard to judge. I imagine there will be a few or more than a few from each church but I hope we will have a goodly number from our congregation. After all, we're the host, and both Griffen and Mark are speaking, and Beth and Claire will be leading the music. In advance, we thank LuAnn Jarnagin and Beverly Harrison for putting the reception together and lining up assistance as needed.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The CPW has started a crocheting group to make prayer shawls, small throws, baby blankets, chemo caps, etc. to donate where there is a need. Can't crochet, but want to learn? Bonnie Womac, our project leader, will teach you. Please join the next meeting Thursday, February 13th, at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall for a time of Christian fellowship to support and encourage one another. Bring your yarn and needles. Needed: a knitting teacher. If you would like to know more, call Bonnie Womac 865-657-9856. Meetings will be the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month!

TITHES, OFFERINGS, & ATTENDANCE

1/26/25: \$5731.31 Building Fund: \$6325.00 Gift to the King: \$25.00

Church Attendance: 122

Online Viewers: 32

Sunday School: 69

Online Viewers: 13

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Men’s Fellowship**, January 28th at 6:00, Crew #4
- **Drive-By Tea** for Ellie Narvel and Josh Binkley, February 2nd between 12-1:00
- **Presbytery Worship and Reception** February 2nd
 - 3:00 Worship Program in the Sanctuary
 - 4:00 Reception in the Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday night** programming restarts on February 19th (Choir and Cumberland Kids)
- **Mission Clinic** meeting February 23rd after worship at 11:45
- **Worship and Music** Committee February 24th at 6:00
- **Christian Ed** meeting March 3rd at 6:00

PASTORAL CARE (CONT.)

Congratulations to Rebecca Pinkston, sister to Claire and Granddaughter to Ann Stafford on being the 2025 LHS Valedictorian. What a wonderful achievement.

Congratulations to Sam Rowe on his recent graduation from LHS. We will celebrate this accomplishment in May.

Our thoughts and prayers this week are needed for: Bill Jones, Janet Jones, Judy White, and Winnie Hein.

SPECIAL SUMMER DATES

- **Junior Camp** (3rd -5th grades)- June 1-6, 2025
- **Youth Camp** (6th grade – High School) June 8-13, 2025
- **General Assembly** will be meeting at the Airport Hilton in Alcoa - June 15-20th. Plan to attend the Sunday night worship service and more news of what is available during the week will be forthcoming.
- **VBS – Vacation Bible School** – Sunday, June 29 – Tuesday, July 1st. Director – Griffen Smith.
- **VBS SWIM PARTY** Wednesday night, July 2nd at Loudon Pool.

THANK YOU

We received a card and donation from Maria Romero thanking us for the Live Nativity Display for our Community. It is a blessing! She sends a blessing of peace to all of us at the church. Her card is on the Bulletin Board by the church office.

PRAYER LIST

Jeff Pipes, Ann Stafford, Bonnie Ferguson, John R. and Carrie Newman, Judy White, Jannell Costa, the Family of Nancy Willis, Duane Stitzel, Janet Jones, Ernest Hendrix, Dennis Rowe, Bill Jones, Winnie Hein, travelers, and unspoken.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

Together, we are working to retire a debt of \$919,000 on the Sanctuary. Thank you to everyone for participating in giving and praying for this big endeavor! As of today, 45 families (representing 67 people) have pledged to give \$655,580 over the next 3 years. In addition, we have had contributions toward the debt without making a pledge, of an additional \$16,890. Our total pledges and gifts to retire the dept to date, \$672,470. Remember, we are paying interest on the note, so early gifts save us 5% on that big amount. God is good...all the time.

DIRECTORY 2025

Please look at your 2024 Church Directory and send any update addresses or contact information into the office no later than February 4th (1 week from today). We hope to have a 2025 Directory published and mailed to everyone sometime in February to add to your binder. Please let the office know if you are getting a directory for the first time as yours will come with a new binder.

OUR STAFF:

- Rev. Mark Hester: Pastor
- Beth Brakebill: Director of Music, Education, & Pastoral Care
- Claire Pinkston: Accompanist
- Kimberly Wilks: Administrative Assistant
- Rich and Rhonda Gasper: Building and Maintenance
- Katie Parkin: IT Support
- Griffen Smith: Pastoral Asst., Dir. of Children/Youth Activities

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