



# The Loudon Lamp

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## THIS WEEK

- Monday and Wednesday – Pastor in the Office and house calls for communion
- Tuesday – Happy Birthday #215 – Cumberland Presbyterians!
- 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. Griffen has the virtual class, and the Seekers, Men and Women’s classes will study “Heeding Wholly,” Matthew 11:7-15, 20-24. 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, *Two Love Boats* Luke 5:1-11. Beth has our Children’s message. Our January hymn is *Jesus Loves Even Me*. Our Sunday hymns will be: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord, Rescue the Perishing, and Love Lifted Me*. Morning Scriptures: Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. We will affirm our faith with the Apostle’s Creed and praise God with the Doxology. Our February Introit is *I Love You Lord* and our benediction is *Love, Love, Love, Love*. Join us!

## "SOUP"ER BOWL SUNDAY

Last call to bring cans of soup and other ready to eat canned foods, such as chili and spaghetti and also, jars of peanut butter to the church this Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and place on the "giving pew" by church office. All donations will go to the Good Samaritan Center.

## DIRECTORY 2025

Ann Allen, one of our own, has volunteered to contact our church family to get update contact information and dates of births for our 2025 Directory. Expect her call and thank you Ann!

## PASTORAL CARE-VISITATION

We are happy to provide a visit in your home at any time. We also are happy to have someone present with you or your family for a surgery or procedure if you request it. If you don't require a visit, please still let us know so we can be in prayer for your situation. We are happy to also provide a meal when you come home from a surgery or hospital stay. You need to let the church office, Mark or Beth know if and when you need these services. Also, if you have prayer concerns, please let us know. We consider "Shut-In" status" if a person is not able to be out and about. If you need to be added or have a loved one who meets "Shut-In" status, please let us know. Our "Shut-Ins" receive visitation on a regular basis. Again, we are happy to provide a visit from one of our pastoral staff any time you would like. Just please let us know!!

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month!

## TITHES, OFFERINGS, & ATTENDANCE

2/2/25: \$7353.00    Building Fund: \$28,252.00  
 Online Giving for January: \$2100.00    Building Fund: \$400.00  
 Updated Pledges 2025-2027 Debt Campaign: \$673,470. 00

Church Attendance: 111    Online Viewers: 31    Presbytery Worship: 75  
 Sunday School: 50    Online Viewers: 10

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Prayer Shawl crocheters,** Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00
- **Congregational Ministries Committee** February 16<sup>th</sup> after worship
- **Wednesday night** programming restarts on February 19<sup>th</sup> (Choir and Cumberland Kids)
- **Clinic Mission Building** meeting February 23<sup>rd</sup> after worship at 11:45
- **Worship and Music** Committee February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00
- **Christian Ed** meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00

### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met on January 21<sup>st</sup> with instruction for the Elders, planning for committees, Shepherding Groups assignments and sign-ups for service (Counters, Communion, Devotions, Presbytery Delegates). Together we are studying *Cumberland Presbyterian Elders* by Rev. Dr. Lynn Thomas. Suzanne McNabb was elected as Stated Clerk for a 3-year term. We shared pastoral concerns, heard reports from the Pastor, Treasurer, Missions & Outreach, Clinic/Missions Building, and communications. We reviewed the calendar events for the next 30 days. We considered a “snow” policy and decided that we need to make those decisions as the situation is presented rather than have a hard rule in place.

### SPECIAL SUMMER DATES

- **Junior Camp** (3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades)- June 1-6, 2025
- **Youth Camp** (6<sup>th</sup> grade – High School) June 8-13, 2025
- **General Assembly** will be meeting at the Airport Hilton in Alcoa - June 15-20<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Director – Griffen Smith.
- **VBS SWIM PARTY** Wednesday night, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Loudon Pool.

### PRAYER LIST

Jeff Pipes, Ann Stafford, Bonnie Ferguson, John R. and Carrie Newman, Duane Stitzel, Janet Jones, Ernest Hendrix, Dennis Rowe, Bill Jones, Winnie Hein, Madison Masters, Bettye Jane Brantley, Karen Melton, Mary Alcorn (sister of Carol Anthony), those with the flu, and unspoken.

### PASTOR’S CLASS FOR LENT

There will be a special Bible Study/Pastor’s Class offered beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary at 5:00. This will continue at 5:00 each Wednesday through April 16<sup>th</sup> (7 weeks) The class will last about 30 minutes and will welcome anyone who would like to come as well as be aired live for your virtual access. I’m still putting thought into the material but let me challenge the church to email me your questions at [loudoncppastor@gmail.com](mailto:loudoncppastor@gmail.com) and over the course of the classes, I will address any question you want to ask about our church or beliefs.

Pastor Mark

### PRESBYTERY THANKS

Thank you to the ones who worked our Presbytery event and made it so very special. Thirteen of our area churches were quite impressed with the way you hosted the event, it all went off flawlessly and perfectly. Good job! Pastor Mark

### 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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