

*The purpose Of First
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
is to glorify and worship God, sharing the love and saving
grace of Jesus Christ with all people.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In Nursing Homes and Homebound

Kathleen Clark, Vivian Coleman, Jim & Norma Luton, Jane Karlson, Richard Holbrook, Betty Schow, Mary Carpenter

Members

Tom Urbaniak; Kayleen Kelsey; Joyce Reedy, Nancy Stephenson, Dave Ellison, Jo Cogswell, Melissa Rogers, Rolf Reedy, Pat Gerula,

Family and Friends

Our prayers and sympathies for the family of Rev. Jean Richardson on his death January 2, 2018; Rebecca and Alexis, friends of Meg Schreiber; Linda Greter, sister of Theresa McKenrick; Gary Renegar, cousin of Linda Diggs, Sue Pommenville, sister of Amy Butcher; Keiton Sliger, friend of Amy Butcher; Jill Frazier; Walt & Janet Gerula, brother and sister-in-law of Pat Gerula; Dick Schreiber, brother of Meg Schreiber; Sandra Parker; Karen Treadway; Ron Cacheiro, son-in-law of Joni Gary; Shannon Langley, friend of Patricia Pace.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Jon Keck
Mitzi Griffin
George Pace

Class of 2020

Linda Diggs
Ward Marsh
Gerald Poulin

Class of 2021

Sarah Makin
Don McKenrick
Blake Shelton

OUR FAITHFULNESS

<i>December</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>January 6</i>
Sunday School	12	14
Morning Worship:	76	72
Offering:	\$3,841.00	\$5,180.41

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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The Promoter

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Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn, pastor
January 8, 2019

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

What is *Epiphany* and why do we celebrate it? With the exception of the Easter season, the Epiphany of our Lord is the oldest festival of the church year. It was originally a pagan festival to the sun-god which was taken over by Christians and packed with new meaning. Both Christmas and Epiphany originated from a pagan sun-festival. The word *epiphany* means *to show*. *Epiphany* celebrates the revelation of Jesus as God in flesh to the entire world. The season of Epiphany began last Sunday, January 6, and continues to Ash Wednesday, March 6. Epiphany is associated with the coming of the *Magi*. Tradition suggests that they were astrologers from Persia who were considered to be wise. The Bible does not tell us how many came to visit the Christ child, but tradition sets the number at three and makes them kings. They offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold represents Jesus' royalty; frankincense celebrates His divine birth; and myrrh anticipates His death. Tradition says that these gifts financed the holy family's flight to Egypt and their years as immigrants there. Until the 19th century, Epiphany Day was more important than Christmas Day. Following the example of the Magi, Epiphany was the day when people exchanged gifts. In the 19th century, Western culture moved toward Christmas Day to exchange gifts to accommodate fourth quarter marketing. For many people today, Epiphany is just the twelfth day of Christmas and the day we're supposed to take down Christmas decorations.

2019 DENOMINATION DAY CELEBRATION

You are invited to join the 209th Denomination Day Celebration on **Sunday, January 27 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Talbott C.P. Church. If you would like to join the choir, meet at Talbott Church on Sunday, January 13 at 2:30 p.m.

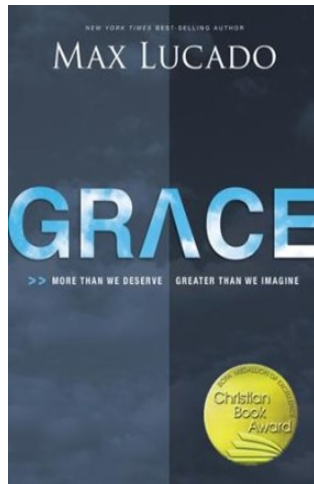
THANK YOU!

Dotty & I are truly blessed to have a loving church family as we do here at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Your phone calls, cards, but most of all your prayers were greatly appreciated during my recovery from surgery.

With a very sincere thank you, *Larry Herron*

JOURNEY STUDY GROUP

Sunday Mornings 9:45



Beginning on Sunday, January 20, we will be studying Max Lucado's **GRACE, More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine**. This study "calls readers back to consider the abundant richness of God's offer. It's an offer to live a changed life, a call to genuine transformation and the courage to see it through. Don't let grace pass you by, it will rock your world, and change your heart. As believers in Christ, we claim to understand grace. Grace isn't a nice idea. It's not a song lyric, or a warm, fuzzy feeling. It's the radical life of Christ lived for you. Grace gives you the freedom to love the unlovable, and forgive the unforgivable, because you know how much you're loved, and know how much you are forgiven." Please plan to join us!

YOUTH TRIP

Our youth will join 30+ other Cumberland Presbyterian youth groups across the Southeast region to celebrate *Grace Convocation 2019*. This conference will take place in the heart of Gatlinburg, TN. The theme this year is "Commonwealth." From **January 18th-21st**, we will worship God through fellowship, small group conversations, music, prayers, and messages, while enjoying His creation of the Great Smoky Mountains. The youth and I would like to thank you for your support to make it possible for us to participate in denominational conferences.



JOIN US FOR....

A Wedding Shower Honoring

Elizabeth McKinney

And

Patrick McKenrick

Sunday, February 3, 2019

At 2:00 p.m.

Founder's Hall

Hosted by CPWM

The couple is registered at Target and Amazon

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN DURING WORSHIP SERVICES

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel meets in the Fellowship Hall during the worship service following the Children's Sermon in the sanctuary. Chapel is for children **ages 4-12**. Their lesson and activities are generally based on the pastor's sermon scripture.

Nurseries

Nursery 1 is for newborns up to age 2.
Nursery 2 is for children age 2 up to age 4.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Children's Sermon is presented during the worship service in the sanctuary. Patricia Pace, Paula Winn, and Rev. Blakeburn are the leaders of this special time. Children **ages 3 and up** should go to the sanctuary with parents or other adult for the time prior to the Children's Sermon. Following their sermon, they will be taken to their appropriate area for the remainder of the worship service. *We are so proud of our wonderful children. They are such a blessing to us all.*