



## THIS WEEK

- **Monday-Friday-** Pastor in continuing education this week
- **Wednesday-** January 15<sup>th</sup>- CPW Meeting at 1:00
- **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. Melanie Pioth has the virtual class, and the Seekers, Men and Women’s classes will study “The Lord is Active,” Psalm 103:1-14.

**10:25** – **Welcome & Announcements** scrolling before Worship.

**10:30-Worship – Pledges are due back!** Griffen has our message and Children’s Message. Our January hymn is *Draw Me Nearer*. Our Sunday hymns will be: *Bring Them In, I Love to Tell the Story, This Is My Father’s World, and Jesus Saves*.

**11:45** – **Clinic/Mission Building Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall – all welcome!

## MISSION/CLINIC BUILDING

What are we going to do with it? If you would like to weigh in on that, there will be a meeting following worship on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Do let Chase Randolph know if you are willing to serve on that committee for ongoing planning. I am imagining that on the 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a lot of brainstorming of ideas that many may want to share. Then, those that are willing to serve with Chase on the Committee will take the many ideas and come up with a short term and long-term plan. Let’s be in prayer for this future endeavor!

## 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.

Our thoughts and prayers this week are needed for: Judy White, Mary Sue House, Lisa Scott, Jannell Costa, Duane Stitzel, the Family of Arthur Kelso.

We are sharing in a hymn challenge where we all listen to, and learn one hymn a month. At the end of the year, we will have 12 hymns embedded in our hearts and souls. For the month of January we are doing “Draw Me Nearer”. You can Google this hymn and find many options for listening. Listen at least once a day for the month of January. I will post one on our Facebook page or I will be happy to get you a copy of the words/music. Absorb the truth of the words and the comfort of the melody!!

Save The Date... more info will come.... June 29-July 1st will be VBS 2025!! A closing night pool party will be Wednesday, July 2nd. We hope you will make plans now to join us as Griffen heads up this exciting week!!  
Camp Dates: Junior- June 1st - 6th 3rd -5th Grades  
Youth Camp- 6th Grade - High School June 8th-13th.

## MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Men’s Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Committee #4: Kyle Burnette, Tim Guider, John Napier, Darrell Tuck, Mark Wisham, Steve Harrison, Ric Wiggall, and Sam Rowe.

## TITHES, OFFERINGS, & ATTENDANCE –

No in-person worship this week due to snow/ice temperatures. Please bring your tithes and offerings with you next Sunday!

Church Attendance (Online Viewers): 38

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- CPW meeting January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00
- Mission/Clinic Building Meeting January 19<sup>th</sup> after Worship
- Session meeting January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00
  - 5:00 Planning
  - 6:00 Dinner
  - 6:30 Session Meeting
- Men's Fellowship, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, Crew #4
- Presbytery Worship and Reception February 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 3:00 Worship Program in the Sanctuary
  - 4:00 Reception in the Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday night programming restarts on February 19<sup>th</sup> (Choir and Cumberland Kids)
- Worship and Music Committee February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00
- Christian Ed meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00

### 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.

### DIRECTORY 2025

Please look at your 2024 Church Directory and send any update addresses or contact information into the office no later than February 4<sup>th</sup> (3 weeks 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.

### PRAYER LIST

Jeff Pipes, Ann Stafford, Bonnie Ferguson, Family of Arthur Kelso, John R. and Carrie Newman, Judy White, Lisa Scott, Mary Sue House, Asher Boyd, Jannell Costa, Nancy Willis, Duane Stitzel, travelers, and unspoken.

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

The organ console is being picked up this week as we continued the steps to have our pipe organ restored and rebuilt for the Sanctuary. Because of the snow date last Sunday, we will wait one more week to collect outstanding pledges before we publicize the totals. Thank you for your commitments for prayer and giving. To God be the glory!

### 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.

### 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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