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Clarksville  
Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
1410 Golf Club Lane  
Clarksville, TN 37040

Return Service Requested



December 9, 2018 Report	
Sunday School	117
Worship (Ice)	150
Offering	\$11,144.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,470.00

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR DEC 16:**

**Liturgist:**

Andy Kettle

**Ushers:**

Scott Celusta – Lead Usher  
Teresa Celusta, Ray Roby  
Clark and Gina Wilbur

**Acolyte(s):**

Abby Koyama, Luke Stovall

**Children’s Message:**

No Children’s Message

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, December 16:**

3rd Sunday of Advent  
Urban Ministries Sunday  
10:30 a.m. Christmas Cantata  
(no worship and wonder)  
Children’s Nativity practice following worship

**Monday, December 17:**

3:30 p.m. Hand bell practice

**Wednesday, December 19:**

9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters  
11:00 a.m. Last W.W.A. until January  
5:15 p.m. meal (Last W.O.W. until January)  
6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages  
Youth Christmas Party (FH)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 22:**

Room in the Inn

**Sunday, December 23:**

4th Sunday of Advent  
10:30 a.m. Children’s Christmas Nativity  
(no worship and wonder)



NEWS FROM  
**CLARKSVILLE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1410 GOLF CLUB LANE ~ CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE 37040

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**Senior Pastor: Stephen L. Louder**

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

**MAKING ROOM**

There are just a few more shopping days till Christmas and the beginning of family celebrations. Comfort comes when we are surrounded by familiar things and by people who love us. Each year during this time we visualize the special events that surrounded the birth of Jesus as if there was a suspension of time, when God entered the world and for just a few days all is right with the world. If this is our only picture we fail to understand there were many more people who did not see or hear of the Messiah’s birth and whatever was going on in their world went on as usual. Jesus’ coming was miraculous but at the same time most of the world was not aware and did not receive Him. The world today is more accessible than ever before and yet it seems loneliness is still rampant. Many think how anyone could experience this emotion. My last few years driving a truck I took Christmas dispatch so the younger men could be home with their children. One Christmas day I stopped for a late supper and entering the truck stop there were several there and many had blank stares wishing they were someplace else. There was a room full of people and yet there was loneliness. One of the messages of Christmas should be a feeling of a friendly community because God sent His Son to embrace the lonely of heart. Jesus’ coming, if we are attentive in study and prayer, does

**BROTHER STEVE**

bring brightness to a dark world because we see and feel the empowerment of God with us. The Christmas message is one of hope and love.

The Advent season reminds us that God entered our world and is coming again and just like His first arrival, some will be ready and some will not. The innkeeper who turned Mary and Joseph away is seen as a villain when in reality he was making a statement of fact that there were no vacancies in the inn. We can be much like the innkeeper. We are not hostile toward God; we are simply filled up with making our way that we do not see or hear Him reaching out to us. There are just so many claims on our time, so much busyness that we turn Him away because we have no room. Why did so many not acknowledge the coming of the Messiah? Just like today, they and we just aren’t looking and have not prepared to receive Him. Traveling along familiar roads we sometimes see things for the first time wondering how long they have been there. Just because we didn’t verify it in our minds takes nothing from its existence. **Jesus is coming!** Jesus comes to those who aren’t expecting Him, those who really don’t want Him and to those who are anticipating and making room for Him. Are we making room?

**Sunday Schedule:**

Fellowship - 9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday School - 9:30 A.M. ~ Worship - 10:30 A.M.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Christina Akin	Mike Robinson
Ann Anderson	Kathie Roby
Dee Brock	Homer Salyer
Susie Burchett	Linda Shipes
Mike Carter	Chris Sills
Jace Coakley	E.G. Sims
Amanda Cochran	Allysa Smith
Gary Coplen	Earleen Smith
Joe Creek	W.L. Smith
Shannon Dowdy	Richard Strange
Christine Durham	Marcus Thornhill
Margaret Farmer	Bettye Tidwell
Charlston Fisher	Bob Tidwell
Bobby Frey	Greg Troupe
Randi Gibson	Brody Wallace
Charlotte Godwin	Kay Watkins
Gerald Godwin	Eileen Weatherford
Tanya Hammond	Alex Wilshire
Max Hochstetler	Pam Wilson
Peggy Hunter	Jessie Winfield
Ken Kirby	Don Winters
Timothy Logan	Linda Wyatt
Bobby Mai	Delta Yarbrough
Dave Marr	missionaries,
Beverly Martin	law enforcement
Walker McCutcheon	officials,
Vicki and Jim	first responders,
Muzzall	school staff,
Noble Noel	our students,
Russ Parchman	our youth,
Mary Lu Persinger	our military,
Alyce Powers	our nation,
Garrison Roberson	our world.
Jimmy Roberts	

*If you wish to add or remove someone to the Prayer Concerns, please fill out a prayer request card or call the church office at 648-0817. Names remain on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*

## THE GIVING TREE

A Christmas tree is in the FLC for everyone to use for donations to Urban Ministries. Please bring the following suggested unused items:

### To hang on the tree:

Socks, gloves, hats, scarves

### To Place under the tree:

Games, toys, books, coats

**Deadline: Sunday, December 16th.**

All donations will be delivered  
Monday, December 17th.



## CHILDREN'S NEWS

There will be no Worship and Wonder on December 16th (Christmas Cantata) or December 23rd (Children's Nativity). Children will remain in the Sanctuary with their families.

## J.O.Y. GROUP

The J.O.Y Group has their annual planning meeting in **January**. We hope you'll join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall as we discuss and plan trips for 2019. We'll have a time of fellowship and games also. Please bring \$5 for lunch. **Mark your calendar for the THIRD Monday in January, 21st at 11:00 a.m.**



## THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards and prayers after the loss of my son. This has been a tough time but I appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we learn to live life one day at a time.

Frank Goudard



## YOUTH NEWS

**Wednesday, December 19th** will be the annual Youth Christmas Party. Bring a dirty Santa gift not to exceed \$10 and your best Christmas sweater. We'll meet at Brandon and Christie Kettle's home (Taylor will text out address) from 5:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. If you need a ride from the church, Taylor will bus from the church at 4:45 p.m.



### January 20 is Urban Ministries Sunday.

#### Items needed for January

#### Adult Classes:

Canned Tuna  
Bagged or Boxed Rice  
Instant Potatoes

#### All other classes bring Personal Items\*

\*Personal Items: Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, Soap, Shampoo, Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, etc.

## POINSETTIA OFFERING

For the month of December, in lieu of purchasing individual poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Advent, two poinsettias will be placed in the chancel area in honor and/or in memory of our loved ones. 100% of donations will be given to Loaves and Fishes, Clarksville. A special insert will be included in the December 16th bulletin. Special envelopes are located in the narthex. Deadline is Wednesday, December 12.



**The deadline for information for the Sunday bulletin is Fridays at 8:00 AM and the deadline for the newsletter is Mondays at 8:00 AM prior to each newsletter mailing.**

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Thank you for having me as a part of your church family for another year. I'm blessed more than I deserve. My family and I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. May your holidays be filled with many memories and may you be surrounded by those you love most. To those who are celebrating this year without your loved ones, we send special prayers. May Jesus be the center of all your celebrations this season.

From my family to yours,  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Sam, Jessica, Briley & Colten



### It's the time of year when the weather is so unpredictable. Inclement Weather Policy:

If the roads are icy, the Sunday schedule will remain the same. Please use your discretion. On Wednesdays, if schools are closed due to bad weather, we will not have W.W.A., W.O.W. or Choir Practice (unless otherwise notified).

## CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

Join us **Sunday, December 23rd**, during morning worship to see the children of our church in the Children's Nativity.



## NEW PHONE #? NEW ADDRESS?

**Have you moved?** Please remember to call Jessica in the church office (648-0817) with your new address and/or change of contact information so our church directory and mail lists can be updated. The post office will not forward newsletters. Don't miss out on church news!



## GIRLS RULE— LUKE 1

I wonder what it felt like to be Mary when she took on the task of becoming the mother of our Lord and Savior? Mary was a peasant woman in a society that did not have an opportunity for upward mobility. Peasant women were essentially a glorified functioning piece of property by Roman standards. Now imagine this 14-year-old peasant girl suddenly seeing an angel of God. Angels didn't have the soft presence of European paintings. In fact, the angel had to tell Mary not to be afraid before he was able to tell her much else. Then the angel gave her one of the most important tasks in the world. Then let's consider what it was like to be pregnant while being engaged (which in those times meant contractually married). A woman's main function in the house was to be married and produce children. So being pregnant puts that at risk. There's now the risk of losing a husband and being virtually un-marriable by the standards of the time. This is terrifying for her marriage, her social standing, and even her life. In spite of all this, Mary is inspirational as she went to Zechariah and Elizabeth's house. She and Elizabeth were rejoicing and praising God for all of the wonderful things that God has done. They rejoice in God's action. They didn't bemoan the other implications. They were happy, they were proud, and they were brave. In a world where women were not in positions of power or likely to be able to provide a living, a 14-year-old peasant girl embraced God's call to participate in God's incredible action. I can't help but wonder what the whispers around Galilee were as Mary knew that she was doing exactly what God called her to.

God calls us in to uncomfortable and worrisome places all the time, but it may lead to big change in the world. We get the opportunity to see wonderful people of our church go out and do amazing things to contribute to our community as they participate in God's amazing action. Keep an eye on the youth, as well. It's full of teenage girls (and boys) whom I get the pleasure of seeing God call to amazing things all the time. I can assure you that if God can prepare a teenage peasant girl in first century Rome, God will do amazing things with all of us.

Merry Christmas  
-Taylor-

## 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2019 flower calendar is posted across from the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones for a specific Sunday, please sign up for your desired date if available. Please see Jessica if you have any questions.



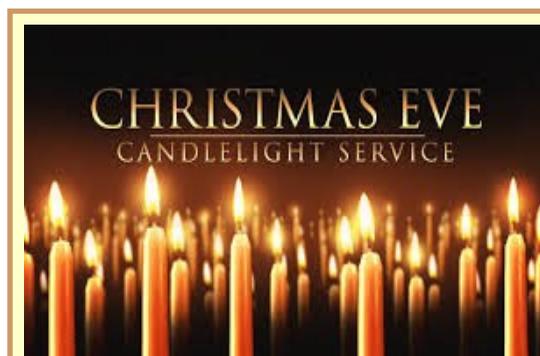
**Servants Needed:** Children's Ministry Team is looking to add two members who could faithfully serve at least a three year term to help with the development and planning of all areas of the Children's Ministry at CCPC. This need is open to anyone who feels that they have a heart to serve this area of our church and is not limited to parents of children. For more info please contact Taylor or a current CMT member.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Clarksville Cumberland Presbyterian Church will have a congregational meeting Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of electing Elders for the Class of 2021. The nominating committee will place the names of Andy Kettle, Barry Jones, Cresta McGowan, Mike Henderson, and Kim Moyer

## CHRISTMAS BREAK NEWS

Please note that during Christmas Break (December 21-January 7) there will be no morning Bible study, no W.O.W. services or choir rehearsal. We'll kick off our activities again on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.



*We invite you, your families  
and your friends to join us for  
a Christmas Eve Communion  
and  
Candlelight Worship Service  
Monday, December 24th  
5:00 p.m.  
(not come and go)*

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA



Come join us for worship on Sunday as the choir presents:  
**PEACE HAS COME**  
A Musical for Christmas  
Created by Dennis and Nan Allen

We often differ in our definitions of peace. Some believe that peace is the absence of war or conflict. Some think of peace as a quiet, tranquil setting... or the absence of noise. Others say that it is the absence of disorder. Notice that all of these definitions include the word "absence." But Ephesians 2:14 states that "Jesus is our peace." Peace is a person. There is no absence of or void in Him. He makes us right with God through the sacrifice of His life, and His peace "surpasses all understanding," according to Philippians 4:7.

PEACE HAS COME, though distinctively Christmas, unwraps the idea of why the prophet Isaiah called Jesus the Prince of Peace. Because of what He did on the cross, we can have that quiet assurance that only comes from God.

## WORSHIP SERVICE DVD

If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly worship service on DVD, please contact Paul Bogard.

**The church office will be closed on  
Monday, December 24th &  
Tuesday, December 25th for Christmas.**



# JANUARY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>(office closed)</i>	2 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters No W.W.A. No W.O.W. No Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
		CMCSS CHRISTMAS BREAK (December 21, 2018-January 7, 2019)				
6	7 11:00 a.m. CPWM Day Circle No Hand bell practice 	8 9:00 a.m. Preschool	9 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 11:00 a.m. W.W.A. 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10 9:00 a.m. Preschool	11	12 Room in the Inn
CMCSS CHRISTMAS BREAK						
13 10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting Sunbeam girls meet after Worship 1:00 p.m. Project Linus	14 8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline 3:30 p.m. Hand bell practice	15 9:00 a.m. Preschool	16 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 11:00 a.m. W.W.A. 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17 9:00 a.m. Preschool	18	19
					GRACE CONVOCATION (January 18-21)	
20 Urban Ministries Sunday	21 <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> Church office open CMCSS Closed 11:00 a.m. J.O.Y. Group Planning meeting– FH <b>(date change)</b> 3:30 p.m. Hand bell practice	22 9:00 a.m. Preschool	23 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 11:00 a.m. W.W.A. 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24 9:00 a.m. Preschool	25	26 Room in the Inn
GRACE CONVOCATION (January 18-21)						
27 6:00 p.m. Session meets	28 8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline	29 9:00 a.m. Preschool	30 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 11:00 a.m. W.W.A. 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	31 9:00 a.m. Preschool		