

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2024

Highland Church reaches out in the name of Jesus Christ building disciples with vision for ministry.

At our February 4th Pot Luck(following morning worship), we will not only celebrate Evalena Duncan for her 33 years of faithful service to Highland as our piano player, but we will also recognize the 214th anniversary of the founding of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

In the early 1800's as the American frontier expanded westward, there was a group of passionate Christian evangelists and pastors who deeply desired to spread the message of Jesus Christ to the people living in these remote and underserved areas. Many of these pastors served in the Presbyterian Church.

During those years, there arose a great religious revival bringing many to be saved. However, as these men went about their mission, they realized the traditional Presbyterian Church wasn't meeting the specific needs of the people. The pioneer settlers longed for a church that understood their unique struggles and need to share the gospel in a way that was accessible and relevant to their lives.

In 1810 under the leadership of the Reverend James McGready, this group of devoted believers gathered at the log-cabin home of Samuel McAdow in an area outside present-day Dickson, TN. There, they decided to break away from the established Presbyterian church. Not intending to start a new denomination, they were wishing to work with the established church to better meet the needs of the people. Being Presbyterian in government, with geographical areas called 'presbyteries, they named their new presbytery Cumberland Presbytery, after the area. Over the next few years, this presbytery grew to be what we now know as the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church was characterized by a heartfelt commitment to evangelism, a fervent belief in the sovereignty of God, and an emphasis on the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The church rapidly grew as their message resonated with the frontier settlers who were hungry for spiritual guidance and community.

Like the founders of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, you have a faith journey. Consider how you can respond to God's call with boldness and courage. Pray for God's continued blessings on the Cumberland Presbyterian Church as it spreads the Gospel and makes disciples.

Women's Ministry

CPWM did not meet in January. We will be hosting a Potluck on Sunday, February 4th to celebrate the birth of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and to honor Evalena Duncan in her retirement from the piano. Please bring your favorite soup or sandwiches for fellowship after morning worship. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

We will be meeting Monday, February 5th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Please join us as we make plans for 2024. We would love for you to be a part of Our Story!

Session Highlights

At the January Session Meeting we approved:

- Post the revised Youth Director job description on Indeed. Thank you, Tanner Parker, for working on this.
 - Ash Wednesday Service, February 14.
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January Numbers

Financial Record as of January 28

income \$ 24,291.00

expenses \$ 18,310.67

Attendance

January 7 - 69

January 14 - 62

January 21 - 76

January 28 - 76

February Calendar

February 4 - Quarterly Potluck, after worship

February 5 - CPWM, 10:00

February 14 - Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00 p.m.

February 18 - Session Meeting, 2:00

Gym Reserved

Mondays - 6:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesdays - 5:00 p.m. Exercise

Wednesdays - 9:00 a.m. Pickleball

5:45 - 7:30 Youth Activities

Thursdays - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Pickleball

Fridays - 9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball

Saturdays - 10:00 am Exercise

2:00-4:00 Pickleball

February Ushers Jeff Parker, Matt Stowell,
Steve Davidson, Wayne Coleman

February Elder Jeanne Mullen

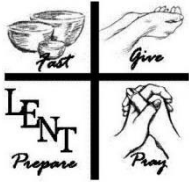
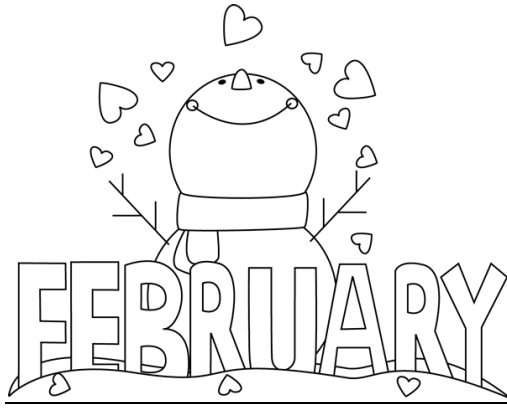
Opportunities for Giving You may donate items throughout the year. The **Drop Box** is located in the Fellowship Hall - it's the red wagon.

Blessing Box Non-perishable food, personal hygiene

School Supplies pencils, paper, crayons

Toys for Tots

Operation Christmas Child small items for shoe boxes



"Although Lent is often the excuse people use to test drive a new diet or make good on their New Year's resolution, that is not its purpose. Lent is a time when we prepare for Holy Week by meditating on our fragility before God and our desperate need for a Savior. It is a time when we remember why Jesus had to die. During Lent, we surrender an idol that has assumed improper centrality in our lives, and then we watch as our souls shrink and groan when that idol is taken away. We understand with new clarity that our hearts are indeed 'idol factories,' and that we would be hopelessly self-destructive and broken had Christ not intervened." — Sharon Hodde Miller

The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word "lengthen," which means "spring" — when the days lengthen, and new life springs forth. It is a time in which we anticipate the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death.

As you journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter, you will be reminded of the reality of our broken humanity. Still, as days grow brighter, you will experience the truth of God's redeeming grace with greater abundance.

Lent invites us to make our hearts ready to remember Jesus' death and resurrection. Lent offers us a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and deepen our commitment to a way of life rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent allows us to reflect upon our patterns, pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and be generous to those in need.

February Birthdays

3 - Ann Rushing

Deborah Russell

5 - Brenda Haynes

11 - Steve Davidson

19 - Samantha Parker

20 - Brenda Cunningham

Maizie Rushing

21 - Max Dodd

24 - Abraham Dumes

25 - Libby Dodd

Bro. Bud

29 - John DeHart

Ella DeHart

February Anniversaries

10 - Jim and Wanda Perry

23 - Mark and Linda Cunningham