



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
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A few months ago, many of us celebrated what we thought would be the beginning of the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, it seems that celebration was a bit premature. Once again, we are seeing the virus spread around our community and our hospital is again beginning to fill up. As a result, the session spent time at our Sunday meeting revisiting ways to make our gatherings at the church safer.

We realize that there is no perfect answer. Some will wish we went farther, while others will feel we are going too far. Please know that these changes are temporary and will continually be re-evaluated as conditions change.

We are encouraging the use of facemasks during all indoor gatherings. Likewise, we are encouraging families to spread out in the church. We will be temporarily placing ropes on every other pew in the center of the sanctuary to encourage good spacing. Ropes will not be up in the Amen Corner.

The church choir will continue to rehearse and to sing as a part of our worship service if there are enough participants. Choir members will move to the loft just prior to singing the anthem and leave the loft right after the song. We encourage choir members to make decisions about participation as they feel comfortable.

Finally, our Wednesday Night Connection meals and activities will continue, but we will be making some changes in the ways that we serve meals and the way we set up tables to provide a safer atmosphere.

Please know that we are making these changes to keep you safe. We tried to find a middle ground where we were working toward the safety of the congregation while still allowing for people to worship and fellowship together. As conditions in the community change, we will revisit these plans.

Blessings, Christian

Disaster Relief for Flood Victims

The Waverly CP Church in Humphreys County is serving as a collection center for monetary donations to aid in recovery efforts due to massive flooding this past weekend. Our church is now accepting monies to send to the Waverly church and we invite you to give as you are able. You may give online or drop a check by the church at any time.



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We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins and Judy Sullivan for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Carroll Gotcher and Sandra Robbins for leading us in special music. Finally, we thank Jodi Smith, Maggie Smith and Cosby King for their help with the church PowerPoint.

Worship Information

Sunday, August 29th, will be the fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be James 1:17-27. Please plan to join us online (8:45am) or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship and celebrate the goodness of God.

Connection continues and we invite you to take part in the various activities offered through the program. We start with dinner at 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided by Grade-A Catering and we ask that you let us know ahead of time if you plan to come. There are reservation cards in the narthex of the church, you can go to our church website or you can call Sandra in the church office to make your reservations. We need to know by Tuesday morning whether you and your family plan to eat. Cost for the meal is \$3.00 for children and \$4.00 for adults, not to exceed \$12.00 per household. Looking ahead - the meal for next Wednesday, September 1st, will be salad, baked ham, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas and cherry cobbler.



There will be children (6:00), youth (6:00) and adult (6:15) studies available for all ages. The Twisted Stitchers will meet in the Session Room at 6:00.

This semester's adult study will be led by Christian and will focus on "The Fruit of the Spirit". The women of the church are invited to attend a study of the book Discerning the Voice of God led by Jean Webb.

Coming Up in the CPWM

- The CPWM Fall Meeting will take place at the Banks CP Church in Smithville THIS Saturday, August 28th, with a light breakfast and registration at 8:30am, meeting at 9am. Contact Belinda at 979-7816 if you are interested in attending.
- The Annual CPWM Picnic will be held on **September 13th** at 5pm in the FLC. Our theme for the 2021-2022 year will be **"RISE UP"** based on Isaiah 40:31. CPWM will provide meat for the meal and members are asked to bring a covered dish/dessert. There will be a short program followed by a door-prize drawing and social time. We welcome all ladies of the church and encourage you to join one of our three CPWM circles.
- The annual CPWM Fall Retreat will take place ONLINE on October 8. The format will be a group viewing party and we invite all ladies in the church to take part. More information will follow closer to time for the retreat.
- Cooking on the Square is scheduled for October 29th. More information will be forthcoming about activities associated with this event.
- The CPWM Christmas Extravaganza Sale will take place on Friday/Saturday, November 5/6, in the FLC. As you do your fall cleaning, lay aside those Christmas items that you no longer use/want.
- The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox program will begin the first part of November with submission of boxes on November 15th-22nd. Begin gathering your items for the boxes now.



Winona / Priority House / PSA House Meals

The church will be providing meals for each of the aforementioned groups on Tuesday, August 31st. There are several items we need to make these meals work. Please phone/text Tracy Sparks at 261-1029 if you are able to donate food items. Please have all donated items to the church by 4pm on Tuesday and let Tracy know if you are able to help prepare/deliver meals. Items needed include:

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| Coleslaw 30 | Rolls 30 | Oranges 35 |
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| Mac and Cheese 30 | Dessert 30 | Granola Bars 35 |
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HELPING HANDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY is in need of items for their household pantry. We have been able to help the organization in the past but it has been awhile and we ask that you consider bringing the following items to the church office to aid in their community support efforts: powdered laundry detergent, shampoo, toothpaste and toilet paper. They would appreciate your donations.



We are excited about the Sanctuary Choir's return to the choir loft and look forward to continuing in our presentation of special music for services. We invite YOU to join us in making a joyful noise to God. **No prior experience is required and you will be most welcomed by everyone in the group.** We meet on Sunday evenings from 5:30-6:30 in the sanctuary of the church. Feel free to contact Sandra at 931-526-6585 or 931-284-6934 with any questions.



Each week our services are broadcast online for those who are unable to join us in person. Our services are streamed live at 8:45am every Sunday. Those services remain online and can be watched at any time. There are two ways to view our service online:

Facebook- <http://www.facebook.com/cookevillecpc/>
YouTube- <https://www.youtube.com/c/CookevilleCPCChurch>

Join us during Connection on Wednesday evenings for a special Women's Bible Study. We meet in the Family Life Center following Connection dinner. Our study will be based on Pricilla Shirer's Discerning the Voice of God. We thank Jean Webb for leading this study. Contact Jean at (931)261-0305 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at Bible Study!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 22, 2021

Commitments - \$7,135.00 Undesignated - \$1,169.00 Other - \$546.00

Sunday's offering includes \$200.00 for facility use (wedding); \$246.00 for Connection meals and \$100.00 for the community assistance program.

Total Deposit - \$8,850.00



New Sunday School Class Available!

The Christian Education Ministry is happy to announce that there will now be a Sunday School class for College Students and Young Adults. The class will begin this Sunday and will meet in the Upper Room classroom in the Upper Commons. Cindy Putz will be leading the class discussion using the Encounter Sunday School series. Please feel welcomed to join us!

“SPREAD THE LOVE” CAMPAIGN

During the month of September, the church will be participating in the “Spread the Love” campaign. We need 16oz jars of peanut butter for the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year. A collection bin is located just inside the Fellowship Hall doors.

 <p>Dates to Remember</p>	September 13	- CPWM Picnic
	September 19	- Youth Sunday
	September 25	- Church Cleanup Day
	September 26	- Homecoming/Fish Fry

Altar Flowers



This past Sunday’s altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in celebration of Christian & Jodi Smith’s 22nd wedding anniversary.

Men’s Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study for men has resumed with Tim Fournet leading the discussions. We are meeting in the Family Life Center. Please plan to join us.



New Ministry in our Church

The Missions committee has started a new ministry in which the congregation can take an active part. They invite you to take a card or cards from the Fellowship Hall and prepare them for special occasions - prayer concerns/sympathy/birthdays/praises - while they are fresh on your minds. Take it with you or leave it for the Missions/Outreach committee to address, stamp, and mail for you. This is a wonderful way to express care, concern and support for others in our church.



We Need Your Help!



Please consider taking the time to learn how to run the church video system. Our video streaming has allowed people to stay connected to the church, reconnect with the church, and find new connection with the church. Steve Boots and Bill Byers do a great job, but they could use a break on occasion. It is not difficult to run this system but would require some training. We would love to help you learn how to occasionally assist in our worship services. Please let Christian know if you are interested.





Our church family extends its sympathy to the family of Johnny Dunn, brother of Evon Maggart. Mr. Dunn passed away on Monday evening of this week. Please remember Evon and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Requests

The family of Johnny Dunn (Evon Maggart's brother)
Flood victims in West TN
Don Sundquist (Blue Roof)
Joan Errick
June Guzlas
Holly & Andrew Lawrence (twins born at 26 weeks) - friends of Maggie Wharton
Tyler Brown
Frankie Dickerson (home)
Mel Brown (cancer)
Wanda McCaskey (home)
Harold Mayberry (stroke - Kristi Langford's father)
Connie Boots
Geraldine Dunn
Bob Zolg
Stanley Hawkins (Ann Wynne Hawkins' father-in-law);
Dan Sutherland (cancer, heart)
Ron Hensley
Joyce Keller (home)
Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - leukemia)
Don Anderson
Louise Burton-Buck (James Maggart's aunt)
Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families
Jimmy Stringer
Bobby Wallace
Kathy Hilton
Devonia McGee

Kathy Shanks
Pat Brumfield
Ella Haynes
Dorothy Nichols
Ramona Tilghman
Wilma Diemer
Jim Lansford
Levi Rector
Robert Buck
Cindy Furcean
Clay Vanhooser
Jim Dixon (cancer)
Ginger Trevault (cancer treatment)
Lynn Twitty (cancer)
Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder (cancer)
Becky Knight (cancer)
Jeremy Germinis (cancer)
Max Atnip (cancer)
Steven Middleton (cancer)
Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)
Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)
Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe)
Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare)
Jo Gentry (Morningside)
Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)
Unnamed prayer requests
Those in the military and their families

