

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

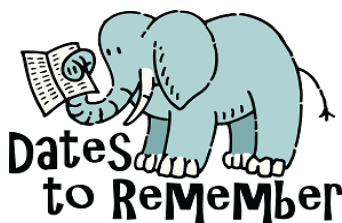
Wednesday,
September 1, 2021

It has been a difficult week for the people of our church. This week we lost two beloved members of our church. Mel Brown passed away early Saturday morning after a decade-long fight with cancer. Wilma Diemer passed away Monday. Wilma was one of the longest-serving and oldest members of our church. We also have had members of our church in the emergency room. We have had members of our church dealing with covid in their homes and in their extended families.

There are so many people in our church and in our community who are struggling. There are many who are struggling with loss and illness. For many of them this produces struggles with fear and doubt. There are many in our community who are struggling with scars and issues that I don't dare list for fear of embarrassing someone. While many of us like to act strong and hide our problems, each of us has our struggles and pains.

Each week we join together in our "prayers for the people." Please know that my prayers for you are not reserved for Sunday morning. I am praying for you each day. I hope that you will join in prayers for each other. You may not know the specific needs or names, but that should not keep you from praying to the God who does. I also urge you to lean on me, lean on others, and allow people to lean upon you. Each of us have physical, emotional, and spiritual pains. Please know and help others to know that no one has to walk through these struggles alone.

Blessings, Christian



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| September 13 | - | CPWM Picnic |
| September 19 | - | Youth Sunday |
| September 25 | - | Church Cleanup Day |
| September 26 | - | Homecoming/Fish Fry |

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

Worship Information

Sunday, September 5th, will be the Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be James 2:1-10. Please plan to join us online (8:45am) or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

We invite you to take part in the various activities offered through our Wednesday evening Connection program. We start our activities 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 8th, will be salad, BBQ chicken, hashbrown casserole and banana cake (no nuts).



There are children (6:00), youth (6:00) and adult (6:15) studies available. 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.

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.

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.

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.



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 your card 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.



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/CookevilleCPChurch>

Coming Up in the CPWM

- The **Annual CPWM Picnic** will be held on Monday, September 13th, at 5pm in the FLC. The theme for 2021-22 will be **“RISE UP”** based on Isaiah 40:31. The Love-Joy Circle will be providing drinks. Soul Sisters are providing decorations and the Sonshine Circle is providing paper products. Meat will be provided; all members of the circles are asked to bring a covered dish/dessert. There will be a short program and a time for door prizes and socializing. We welcome all women of the church to attend the picnic and to join one of our three circles. For more information contact Belinda at 931-979-7816.
- The annual CPWM Fall Retreat will take place ONLINE on Saturday, October 23rd. The format will be a group viewing party (FLC) 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.



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.





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 29, 2021

Commitments - \$1,085.00 Undesignated - \$704.00 Other - \$3,346.06

Sunday's offering includes \$3,117.00 for the Waverly Flood Relief Fund, \$213.00 for Connection meals and a \$16.06 refund from Frontier Communications.

Total Deposit - \$5,135.06





Our church family extends its sympathy to the family of Mel Brown, husband of Reggie Brown. Mel passed away peacefully this past Saturday morning at his home. Please remember Reggie and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Wilma Wright Diemer, Allen Wright's mother. Visitation will take place at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 4th, at 11am with services following at 1pm. Please keep Allen and the family in your prayers.

Prayer Requests

The family of Mel Brown
 The family of Wilma Wright Diemer
 The family of Johnny Dunn (Evon Maggart's brother)
 Flood victims in Humphreys County
 Sarah Joyce
 Cindy Furcean
 Don Sundquist (Blue Roof)
 Joan Errick
 June Guzlas
 Holly & Andrew Lawrence (twins born at 26 weeks) -
 Tyler Brown friends of Maggie Wharton)
 Frankie Dickerson (home)
 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
 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