

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

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I have been accused of being a grinch multiple times. I am one of those people who wishes that society was not so quick to rush into the Christmas season. While I understand the joy of the season and I enjoy it myself, I hate that Thanksgiving and Advent are often just a distraction to people's celebration of Christmas. I am not the only person who has shared this complaint. In response, some have made a calendar that shows that the Christmas season lasts from November 1st to the end of December except for the three days they have marked out for Thanksgiving. We are truly blessed people. God has given us so much for which we ought to be thankful. If we were honest and truly took the time to focus on what we have, instead of what we are lacking, we would find that it takes far longer than three days to express our thankfulness. I look forward to Christmas. It is a season of wonder and joy. However, I think if we took the time to focus on all that we had, we would find that the season of Thanksgiving could be a much larger time of joy and celebration as well.

Blessings, Christian

YOUTH TURKEY PROJECT

The youth's annual Turkey Project collection continues through this Sunday and we need your help in wrapping up collections for filling baskets. Please place your donations in the collection box (in the Fellowship Hall) by Sunday morning, November 21st.

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| October 31 | Amen corner Choir side | <u>Green Beans</u> <u>Canned Corn</u> |
| November 7 | Amen corner Choir side | <u>Stuffing</u> <u>Turkey Gravy</u> |
| November 14 | Amen corner Choir side | <u>Mashed Potatoes</u> <u>Mac & Cheese</u> |
| November 21 | Amen corner Choir side | <u>Cranberry Sauce</u> <u>Aluminum baking pans</u> |

Each box will contain a turkey breast. You can sponsor a breast(s) at a cost of \$10.00 each. Make your check payable to FCPC. This youth project is an important service for those in the community that may not have the means to cook a special Thanksgiving meal. We hope you will give freely.



We thank Sandra Robbins and Jim Gray for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Erika King and Sandra for leading us in special music. Finally, we thank Maggie Smith and Tracy Sparks for their help with the church PowerPoint.

Worship Information

Sunday, November 21st, will be Christ the King Sunday. The chancel color is white. The scripture for the sermon is I Corinthians 1:4-9. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship, celebrate the love of God and profess our thanks for God’s gifts to us.

Baby Shower

Anticipating the arrival of a new baby girl are Luke and Shelby Dunham (along w/ grandparents-to-be Steve and Angie Dunham). Join us in celebrating with them at a shower this Saturday, November 20th, at 10:30am in the Family Life Center. They are registered at Babylist.com.



Connection Wraps Up

Tonight will mark the final Connection for this semester. We hope you will join us for our activities tonight. Those with meal reservations will meet at 5:15pm; children, youth and Twisted Stitches will meet at 6pm and adult studies will take place at 6:15pm. We hope you will join us for the last Connection for this year.

Elder Elections



Congregational MEETING

We will have a brief called meeting at the beginning of our worship services on November 28th for the purpose of electing elders. The session, acting as a nominating committee, will place into nomination Steve Boots, Jim Gray, Corby King, Lanny Knight, and Kim Wright. Members are welcome to nominate others for these positions. If you wish to nominate someone, they must be a member of the church and they must be willing to serve if elected.

Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

If you haven’t already, pick up and fill Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child shoeboxes this next week. Shoeboxes are available in the entranceway to the narthex. We have until this Sunday to fill so come by to pick yours up today! If you have questions, contact Belinda Wynne at 931-979-7816.



You also have the option to Build a Box online. Use your cellphone camera to capture the QR code to the left and click on the link at the top of the screen. This will take you directly to the website where you can build your box(es).

Finally, you can use the following website address to access the Build a Box site. Please contact Sandra in the church office if you have questions or problems accessing the Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child site.

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanpurse.org/goal/view/a57c89a4-697f-440c-bc22-6e654445c3ae>





- November 21 - Christ the King Sunday
- Thanksgiving items due date
- Samaritan's Purse boxes due
- November 25 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- November 28 - First Sunday of Advent
- Hanging of the Green
- Congregational Meeting

Nursery Help Needed:

We are still looking for someone who can help in our church nursery on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the position, please contact Ron Thurman or Christian Smith. In the meantime, if you would be willing to volunteer your time to assist in this important role, please let Christian know.



Card Ministry

The Missions Ministry invites 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/CookevilleCPCChurch>

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.



Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday noon Men's Bible Study picked back up yesterday. We meet in the Session Room of the church and the topic of study is the Book of Acts. We hope you will join us.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, November 14, 2021

Commitments - \$6,475.00 Undesignated - \$1,759.53 Other - \$3,368.16

\$831.00 was given for the Turkey Project, \$200.00 was donated for the assistance program, \$146.00 was paid for Connection meals and a credit card reimbursement for \$2,191.16 was received.

Total Deposit - \$11,602.69

As a part of our worship service on December 5th, we will be having our Feast of Ingathering. This is your opportunity to share your financial pledge to the church for 2022. There will be a time for you to bring your pledges to the front of the church. You may also place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. We are thankful for you continued support of your church.



Music to Bring in the Christmas Season!



The MasterSingers, a community choral group directed by Dr. Craig Zamer, will be presenting their annual Christmas Concert in the month of December. The theme for the concert is **Let There Be Light** and dates/times for the presentation are Saturday, December 11th, at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 12th, at 3pm. Tickets are available at a cost of \$10.00 per adult. Our own Jim Gray, Brenda Johnson and Judy Sullivan will be performing as part of the group. Please come and enjoy a choral introduction to the Christmas season!

College Students/Young Adults!

College/Young Adult
Sunday School

The College/Young Adult class meets in the Upper Room classroom in the Upper Commons. Cindy Putz leads the class discussion using the Encounter Sunday School series. Please feel welcome to join us!





Prayer Requests

Lynn Twitty (CRMC)
 Joyce Keller (hip surgery)
 Susie Hyder (breast cancer)
 Cindy Furcean (surgery)
 Georgia Hensley (home)
 Carter Apple (teen diagnosed with cancer)
 Mike Scardina (Don & Ann Dyer's son - lung cancer)
 Tim Fournet
 Don Sundquist (with family in Florida)
 Joan Errick
 June Guzlas
 Holly & Andrew Lawrence (premature birth of twins,
 one taken home; loss of the other)
 Tyler Brown
 Frankie Dickerson
 Wanda McCaskey (home)
 Connie Boots
 Geraldine Dunn
 Bob Zolg
 Dan Sutherland (cancer, heart)
 Ron Hensley
 Don Anderson
 Louise Burton-Buck (James Maggart's aunt)
 Those addicted to drugs/alcohol and their families
 Jimmy Stringer

Bobby Wallace
 Kathy Hilton
 Kathy Shanks
 Pat Brumfield
 Ella Haynes
 Dorothy Nichols
 Ramona Tilghman
 Jim Lansford
 Levi Rector
 Robert Buck
 Clay Vanhooser
 Jim Dixon (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

