

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

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THANKSGIVING MEALS

On Monday, thanks to your generosity, we delivered 110 turkeys and meals to students at Cookeville High School, and Algood Elementary and Middle Schools. We have also spent the last several weeks collecting shoeboxes, in person and online, for Operation Christmas Child. Last night we served 50 Thanksgiving meals to residents at the Winona Motel and Priority House. I want to thank each of you for your continued generosity. The work that you do and the gifts that you give are making a difference in the lives of others. As you continue through this week of thanks and the upcoming season of joy, I hope that you will continue to remember those who will receive those gifts and continue to surround them with your prayers. It is our hope that people will not just receive turkeys, meals, and gifts. Let us pray that they will also receive the assurance that they are loved by God and the people of God.

Blessings,
Christian

This coming Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and we will be including the "Hanging of the Green" as we prepare our sanctuary for this season and anticipate the revival of the Messiah. We hope you will join us in worship as we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent and Christmas.



Build-a-Box for Samaritan's Purse



You still have time to build a Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoebox online. This site will be available through Friday.

Simply 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).



You can also use the following website address to access the Build a Box site.

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

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We thank Sandra Robbins and Jim Gray 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 for her help with the church PowerPoint.

Worship Information

Sunday, November 28th, will be the 1st Sunday of Advent. The chancel color is purple. We will be having our annual Hanging of the Green service as we decorate and prepare for Christmas. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship and celebrate the love of God.

We have added one final date for our directory photos. It is Tuesday, December 7th. We really want the opportunity to have as many photos as possible in our directory. If you need to make an appointment, you can call Christian or follow the instructions below.



Whether you are having a photo made or not, if you have not already done so, please take a moment to fill out the following survey in order to make sure that we have updated contact information for the directory: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezFiK397JNrghRJEAT9psSbSApxqU88FXQoa1lwYO6XSwI5g/viewform?usp=sf_link

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter tn167 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have six or more in your family please use two consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments are filling quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

- Connection Will Resume in January -

Elder Elections

We will have a brief called meeting at the beginning of this Sunday's worship services 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.



	November 25	-	Thanksgiving Holiday
	November 28	-	First Sunday of Advent
		-	Hanging of the Green
		-	Congregational Meeting
	December 5	-	Second Sunday of Advent
		-	Feast of Ingathering
	December 12	-	Third Sunday of Advent





Please feel welcomed to get into the spirit of Christmas by attending a FREE Community Band concert of Christmas music on this Sunday at 3pm. The concert will be presented at the Cookeville Performing Arts Center on Broad Street.

Women’s Study Group

Ladies meeting with Jean Webb on Wednesday evenings will be wrapping up their study on this coming Tuesday evening at 5:30 in the Family Life Center. There will be a meal, so if you plan to attend, contact Jean at 261-0305 ASAP.



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 has resumed. 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 21, 2021

Commitments - \$4,710.00 Undesignated - \$2,613.00 Other - \$4,622.74

\$880.00 was given for the Turkey Project, \$50.00 was received for altar flowers, \$147.00 was collected for Connection meals and the TTU PSA house received a reimbursement for \$3,445.74.

Total Deposit - \$11,945.74

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!

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!

College/Young Adult
Sunday School



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
 Kathy Hilton
 Kathy Shanks
 Pat Brumfield
 Ella Haynes
 Dorothy Nichols
 Ramona Tilghman

Jim Lansford
 Levi Rector
 Robert Buck
 Clay Vanhooser
 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
 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

