



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

*Wednesday,  
December 8, 2021*

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Just a couple of weeks ago, many of us gathered with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving and to remember all of our blessings. In just two and a half weeks, many of us will gather again to share gifts with one another and to again remember that God has given us so much that we can share with others.

This past Sunday, we gathered and we had our Feast of Ingathering. As we prepared to bring our pledges to the front of the church, I asked those who were present to remember that we have the opportunity to make more than a financial pledge. We have the opportunity to make the pledge to serve God by offering more of our time and our talents in service to the Kingdom of God.

There are numerous ways that you can pledge to give back to God through your service to the church. We would love to know where each of you is willing to serve. This link (<https://forms.gle/ryVjDiGQLRLcGVXi9>) will lead you to a survey that gives you the opportunity to express your interest in just a few of the ways that we need help. If there are other ways that you would be interested in serving, there is a place for that.

While we are in this season of remembering and celebrating the gifts that God pours out on us, I hope that you will consider the ways that you can pledge to give back to God.

Blessings,  
Christian



## **Men's Bible Study**

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study will meet this week in the Session Room. The study topic is the book of Acts. Feel welcome to come join us.

Church members are helping pack boxes for Food to the Rescue. Please join us if you can.



## **Food to the Rescue Packing Day**

**\*\*\*December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm\*\*\***

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

Roots Salon is in the front; Food to the Rescue is in the back

There will a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities.

Masks are optional. We hope you will be able to join us!

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We thank Sandra Robbins and Jim Gray for leadership in our music for Sunday services. We also want to thank Aniza Moore and Sandra for leading us in special music. We thank the Welch family for lighting our Advent candles this week and the Webb family for doing so last Sunday. Finally, we thank Jodi Smith for helping with the church PowerPoint.

### Worship Information

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent. The chancel color is purple. The sermon text will be Luke 1:39-45. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we celebrate the love of God.



December 12	-	Third Sunday of Advent
December 19	-	Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24	-	Christmas Eve Service - 6pm
December 25	-	Christmas Day

### Christmas Eve Service



The church's annual Christmas Eve Service features nine lessons and carols and includes a time of open communion. It concludes with the sharing of candlelight while singing the ageless carol "Silent Night". The service begins at 6:00pm and everyone is invited to attend.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 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!



### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Commitments - \$10,035.00    Undesignated - \$1,624.00    Other - \$490.00

\$90.00 was collected for Christmas Poinsettias, \$150.00 was given for the Assistance program, \$150.00 was given for the Music program and \$100.00 was received for the Turkey Project.

Total Deposit - \$12,149.00

### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Many thanks to all those that contributed shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project. There were 133 boxes collected for the giving of gifts for children in underprivileged regions. Your generosity is so much appreciated!





Christmas Poinsettia reservations are now being taken. The cost of a Poinsettia plant is \$15.00 and reservation forms are available on the narthex table. Complete the form, including your check or cash, and place it in the offering or give Sandra a call during the week. Poinsettias will be placed on the altar on December 19<sup>th</sup>; reservations should be made by Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The **LOVE-JOY CIRCLE** will meet on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Session room for their regular monthly meeting; following will be a Dutch treat luncheon at O'Charley's restaurant. All ladies of the Church are invited to attend.



The **SONSHINE CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Family Life Center. Jean Webb will be the guest speaker and refreshments will be served.

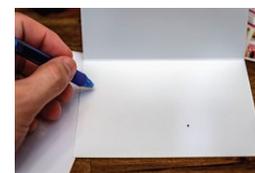
### Nursery Help Needed:



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/CookevilleCPChurch>



The **2022 Flower Calendar** signup sheet is now posted in the narthex. Please place your name next to the date(s) for which you are interested. You may also call in your request for placing flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday. The cost for placing flowers is \$50.00. Sally Beyer will call you for a dedication the week the flowers are ordered.

- Connection Will Resume in January -



# Prayer Requests

Mike Sheets (back surgery)  
 Tom Kelly (CRMC - Covid)  
 Perry Green (Evon Maggart's nephew)  
 Dan Hilton (hip replacement)  
 Joyce Keller (Signature)  
 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  
 Connie Boots  
 Geraldine Dunn  
 Bob Zolg  
 Kathy Hilton  
 Kathy Shanks  
 Pat Brumfield  
 Ella Haynes  
 Dorothy Nichols

Jim Lansford  
 Ramona Tilghman  
 Levi Rector  
 Robert Buck  
 Clay Vanhooser  
 Dan Sutherland (cancer, heart problems)  
 Ron Hensley  
 Don Anderson  
 Louise Burton-Buck (James Maggart's aunt)  
 Those addicted to drugs/alcohol and their families  
 Jimmy Stringer  
 Bobby Wallace  
 Lynn Twitty (cancer)  
 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

