



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
December 29, 2021*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Sunday afternoon Maggie and I were taking a walk and I saw something that hurt my heart. Just over twenty-four hours after Santa made his appearance, there was a man on the roof of his house taking down Christmas lights. Today is just the fifth day of Christmas. I love the fact that this season lasts for 12 days. I love the fact that this season lasts much longer than most people are aware. The length of this season reminds us that even though we have returned to “normalcy,” with the arrival of Christ, things can never be normal again.

I know that it is unrealistic to keep our Christmas light or our trees up throughout the year. I know that at some point the Christmas season must end and we must return to our schools and our jobs. However, continuing this celebration of Christmas for another week will remind us that nothing should be able to steal the true spirit of Christmas away from us.

The songs may be growing softer, and the decorations may be disappearing, but the hope, peace, joy, and love that comes to us through Christ never has to fade away.

Blessings,
Christian

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.



Commitment Cards

If you have not yet submitted your pledge for year 2022, please take a moment to complete a **Commitment Card** and place it in Sunday's offering. A copy of the 2022 Budget is on the narthex table if you would like to see how the church disburses its funds. Commitment Cards are also available on the narthex table.

Church Volunteers Needed

As we try to get back to some normalcy and the full ministry of the church, we need more people to share their knowledge, talents, and time with the church. This survey offers you the chance to share with us how you would like to serve and help us to better worship and serve together. We are asking you to follow this link (<https://forms.gle/ryVjDiGQLRLcGVXi9>) and discover several ways that you can serve the church.



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We thank Sandra Robbins and Jim Gray for leadership in our music for Sunday services. We also want to thank Sandra for leading us in special music. Finally, we thank Jodi Smith and Maggie Smith for helping with the church PowerPoint.

We also want to thank our staff, the Sanctuary Choir, the Gotcher family, Julie King, Janet Fowler, Joanna Humberd, our ushers, our greeters, our communion servers, and anyone else I may have forgotten for their assistance with the Christmas Eve service.

Worship Information

Sunday, January 2nd, will be the 2nd Sunday of Christmas. The chancel color is white. Sunday's sermon text will be Matthew 2:1-12. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11am as we worship, celebrate God and partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion.

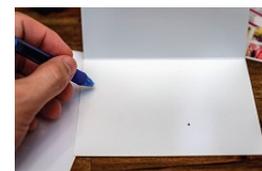


Men's Bible Study

Men in the Noon Bible Study will be contacted by Tim about the schedule for next week. Please be on the lookout for a message.

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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, December 26, 2021

Commitments - \$2,050.00 Undesignated - \$2,475.00 Other - \$2,930.50

\$100.00 was collected for narthex flowers, \$2,255.50 was given for the Christmas Eve tornado victim fund, \$275.00 was given for the Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund and \$300.00 was received for family assistance.

Total Deposit - \$7,455.50



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- <https://www.facebook.com/cookevillecpc/>
- YouTube- <https://www.youtube.com/c/CookevilleCPChurch>



Prayer Requests

The family of Joyce Keller
 The family of Lilah Clack
 Pat Brumfield (broken hip)
 Dan Hilton (hip surgery)
 Mike Sheets (back surgery)
 Joe Henry Nash (cancer) - Geraldine Smith's brother
 Tom Kelly (home)
 Perry Green (Evon Maggart's nephew)
 Dan Hilton (hip replacement)
 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 and baby
 Tyler Brown
 Frankie Dickerson
 Wanda McCaskey
 Connie Boots
 Geraldine Dunn
 Bob Zolg
 Kathy Hilton
 Kathy Shanks
 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

