

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
January 19, 2022*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

This year I am trying to remind people through my sermons and through my Bible studies that we have far more hope and opportunities than we might recognize. For the last couple of years, we have been surrounded by bad news and it has become really easy to feel distressed. However, that is not God's desire for us. God desires for us to enjoy the gift of life.

In the book of Matthew, when Jesus began his public ministry, one of the first things that he did was deliver the Sermon on the Mount. In Jesus' most famous sermon, the first thing that he wanted people to know was that they were "blessed." It is so easy to look at the things that are happening around us and to be upset. However, it is God's desire for us to remember all the gifts that we have and to feel "blessed."

"Blessed" is a word that we use often. But what does it mean for us to be blessed by God? We will be examining that question in our adult Bible study during our Wednesday Connection as we study the Beatitudes for the next six weeks. I hope that you will join us tonight as we think about all that we have and realize that the circumstances of life can never take away our blessings.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 16, 2022

Commitments - \$3,000.00 Undesignated - \$535.00 Other - \$250.00

\$50.00 was collected for altar flowers and \$200.00 was given for the Tuesday Assistance Program.

Total Deposit - \$3,785.00

Connection Resumes THIS EVENING



Our Connection program will resume tonight with dinner at 5:15. We ask that you make a reservation for dinner if you do not already have a standing reservation. Likewise, let us know if you have a reservation and will not be joining us. Dinner is \$3.00 for children and youth and \$4.00 for adults. A household will not pay more than \$12.00 for dinner. You can complete a dinner reservation online, complete a reservation card found in the narthex or give Sandra a call in the church office. Reservations must be made by Tuesday morning. NEXT Wednesday evening, we will be having boneless pork chops, glazed carrots, roasted potatoes, corn muffins and red velvet cake.

We offer classes for all ages, including children, youth and adults. We invite you to come enjoy us for our Wednesday evening activities!

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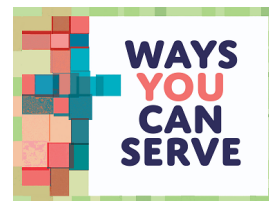
We thank Sandra Robbins and Jim Gray for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank the ladies of the Sanctuary Choir for leading us in special music. We thank Sophie Norris for serving as our liturgist. We thank Jim Putz for helping with the church PowerPoint. Finally, we want to thank the session and all of those who attended and participated in the service on Saturday evening and for being flexible as we tried to anticipate the possibility of inclement weather.

Worship Information

Sunday, January 23rd, will be the Third Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color is green. Rev. Caleb Norris will be preaching the sermon from I Corinthians 12:12-27. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship and celebrate God.

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.



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.

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.



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>



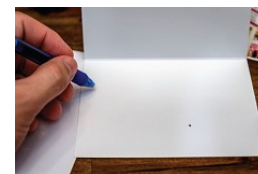


Men's Bible Study

The Men's Noon Bible Study meets on Tuesdays in the Family Life Center. Tim Fournet leads the study and all men in the church are invited/encouraged to attend.

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.



Prayer Requests

- The family of Perry Rowe Harris (Maggie Wharton's brother)
- The family of Joe Henry Nash (Geraldine Smith's brother)
- Ron & Georgia Hensley
- The family of Lilah Clack
- Dan Hilton (hip replacement)
- Pat Brumfield (broken hip)
- Mike Sheets (back surgery)
- Perry Green (Evon Maggart's nephew)
- Susie Hyder (breast cancer)
- Cindy Furcean (surgery)
- 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
- Frankie Dickerson
- Wanda McCaskey
- Connie Boots
- Geraldine Dunn
- Bob Zolg
- Kathy Hilton
- Kathy Shanks
- Ella Haynes
- Jim Lansford
- Dorothy Nichols
- Ramona Tilghman
- Levi Rector
- Robert Buck
- Clay Vanhooser
- Dan Sutherland (cancer, heart problems)
- 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 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

