

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,
February 2, 2022

From Your Minister - Christian Smith



This Friday the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination will celebrate 212 years of ministry. On February 4, 1810, in a cabin just outside of Dickson, Tennessee, Samuel McA Dow, Finis Ewing, and Samuel King met together and formed what they would call Cumberland Presbytery. Throughout its history, our denomination has experienced its share of setbacks and disappointments. The founders never wanted to form a new denomination. Their dream was always to return to ministry in their previous denomination. Yet, due to differences in theology, that was never allowed to happen. During its history, the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination would see further splits over theology and splits due to race following the Civil War. Despite numerous efforts, we have seen those splits healed. Even when we thought that we might find reunification with the Presbyterian Church, that effort ended in court battles.

Yet, despite all of that, for 212 years the church has done ministry throughout much of the United States. We have also seen the church grow to numerous countries around the world. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has helped people to find relationship with God and with each other. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has helped people to find salvation and hope, not just for eternity, but for every day. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has helped people through preaching, pastoral care, missions, education, love, and grace.

On Friday, we will celebrate 212 years of Christian ministry through the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. Despite the things that stood in their way, the church has not given up. They have continued to move forward and look at the possibilities that are before them. As Cumberland Presbyterians and as Christians, I hope that we will always strive to follow that example.

Blessings, Christian

Help for the Recovery Kitchen

The church missions team is supporting a community effort called the **Recovery Kitchen**. This program prepares and delivers food to homeless camps in Cookeville. We will be collecting items to make Blessing Bags for these homeless individuals and need your help with donations of the following items. Sandra will be collecting these items in her office.



travel size hygiene items
snacks
flashlights

single packets of drink mix
batteries (AA, AAA)
hot hands (hand warmers)

sanitizing wipes
propane

Many of you have already responded and we look forward to continued support for this project!

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Worship Information

Sunday, February 6th, will be Denomination Sunday. The chancel color is green. The text for Sunday's sermon is Luke 5:1-11. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God and celebrate the founding of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 30, 2022

Commitments - \$11,685.00 Undesignated - \$2,644.00 Other - \$212.00

\$162.00 was collected for Wednesday's Connection meal and \$50.00 was given for the assistance program.

\$300.00 was given for memorials.

Total Deposit - \$14,541.00

Connection Activities!



Our Connection program continues 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, February 9th, we will be having salad with Ranch dressing, bake ziti, green beans and garlic breadsticks with chocolate cake for dessert.

We offer classes for all ages, including children, youth and adults. Christian is hosting a discussion with the adult class on the Beatitudes. We invite you to come enjoy us for our Wednesday evening activities!



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.

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>



Changes Coming Soon

The church newsletter has always served to keep the congregation informed about what is happening in the church. In recent years, we have added social media and the church website as different ways to share information. Your church staff and session are discussing how we might use those tools more effectively. If there are things that you want to see in the Manna or on social media, please let Christian know.

Circle News

The **Love-Joy Circle** will meet in the Session Room on February 14th at 10:00 a.m. Members are asked to bring St. Patrick’s Day Cards for our shut-ins. All ladies of the Church are invited to attend.

The **Sonshine Circle** will meet in the Family Life Center on Tuesday, February 15th, at 10:00 a.m. In the event of snow and/or the dismissal of schools, the Circle will **NOT** meet.

2021 Statements of Giving



If you turned in a Commitment Card for year 2021, your Statement of Giving is now available to you on the narthex table. The statements will be in the narthex through Sunday, February 13th. You may also come by the office during the week to pick up your information. On February 14th, statements not yet picked up will be mailed. Call Sandra in the church office if you wish to have your statement mailed to you now. Any questions you may have about your statement should be directed to Liz Sheets, our depositing treasurer. Her email address is: lizsheets@charter.net. She will be happy to assist you and make necessary adjustments.

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.

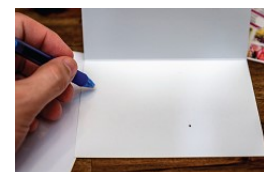


Commitment Cards

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.

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

Aaron Casey (Janice Cox's son - heart attack)
 Leo DePriest (Covid)
 Molly Phillips (heart attack)
 The family of Luke Fansler
 The family of Chrissa Williams
 The family of Perry Rowe Harris (Maggie Wharton's
 Ron & Georgia Hensley brother)
 Dan Hilton
 Pat Brumfield (broken hip)
 Perry Green (Evon Maggart's nephew)
 Susie Hyder (breast cancer)
 Cindy Furcean
 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
 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

