



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
March 9, 2022*

Later this week, I am planning to take a trip to Knoxville. While I am looking forward to the trip, there is one part of the trip that I dread. I am not looking forward to having to stop at the gas station ahead of time. Due to the conflict that is taking place in the Ukraine, gas prices have risen drastically and are projected to continue to do so. I don't look forward to the prospects of paying for gas. I have friends who have begun making plans to try to work less days per week in order to lower the number of miles that they drive.

Thankfully, as much as it will hurt, I can afford to pay a little extra for gas. Thankfully, the ones who I have talked to about changing their schedule, are able to do so without a loss of income. However, there are others who will have immense difficulty paying for the gas needed to get to work and run necessary errands. Many of those same people will find it difficult to rearrange their schedules and will find themselves getting further and further behind.

It is very easy for us to complain about the things that are happening around us. There are things that justifiably bother and frustrate us. However, as we deal with those frustrations and inconveniences, we need to remember that there are others whose livelihood and lives are affected by those same things. Finally, let's remember that the conflict that is causing much of our financial strain is also causing the people of Ukraine to hide underground, flee from their homes, or take up arms to protect their families. The conflict that is simply causing rising prices for us is causing loss of life for others.

I know that many of you heard this message Sunday morning and I debated sending it again. Yet, I think it is an important message for everyone to hear as we remember all that we have been given and important for us to hear multiple times as we consider the ways that we can offer more care and compassion to others.

Blessings, Christian



Time Change

A reminder that we **"Spring Forward"** this weekend. Be sure to move your clocks one hour ahead so you can attend church on time Sunday morning!

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Worship Information

Sunday, March 13th, will be the 2nd Sunday of Lent. The chancel color is purple. The scripture for the sermon is Luke 13:31-35 . We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God.



Food to the Rescue Packing Event

*****TONIGHT - 5:30-7:30 pm*****

(In place of Connection)

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

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

Part of the outreach program of our church is the packing of boxes for Food to the Rescue. This program helps to feed underprivileged children during Spring Break. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities. Masks are optional. We hope you will be able to join us!

Church Ministry Teams and Leaders

We want your help in the church. Our ministry teams help our church session form the creative vision and direction of our church. We would love to have your help. All of those who attend the church are encouraged to join a team. Additionally, if you have questions or suggestions, you may always direct those to the church staff or the appropriate ministry team chairperson. Below you will find a list of our ministry teams and their chairpersons.

Building and Grounds – Jeff Peek
Fellowship and Outreach – Liz Fournet
Stewardship and Finance – Ron Thurman

Christian Education – Cindy Putz
Missions – Tracy Sparks
Worship and Music – Corby King



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God, in thankfulness for a wonderful church family and in hopes for an early Spring season by Ed & Janet Fowler.

HELP NEEDED: The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to help serve Connection meals. We need at least four people for each of the following Wednesday evenings: March 23, March 30 and April 6. Call Liz Fournet at 931-260-8494 or Sandra Robbins at 931-526-6585 if you are willing to assist. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the narthex on Sunday.



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>





Recovery Kitchen Meals

The church will be providing meals for Recovery House (feeds those in homeless camps) on Friday of this week. We have received many items and are now in need of only the following. Please phone/text Tracy Sparks at 261-1029 if you are able to donate any if these items. Please have all donated items to the church by 10am on Friday. Lasagna and green beans need to be cooked and will be warmed before delivery. Items needed include:

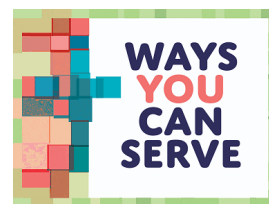
45 Dinner rolls or French bread
40 Granola bars

25 oranges **45 bananas**
45 peanut butter/cheese crackers

We appreciate your generosity in donating food for this mission and project!

Seeking Church Volunteers

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.



	March 14-18	Spring Break for public schools
	March 23	Connection resumes
	April 6	Final Connection for this semester
	April 10	Palm Sunday
	April 14	7pm - Maundy Thursday service
	April 15	7pm - Good Friday service
	April 18	Easter Sunday

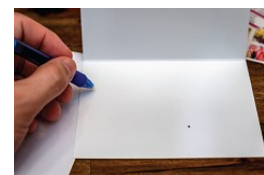


Men's Bible Study

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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 6, 2022

Commitments - \$7,345.00 Undesignated - \$5,861.50 Other - \$250.60

\$200.60 was collect for Wednesday evening's Connection meal and \$50.00 was given for altar flowers.

Total Deposit - \$13,457.10

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT
2022

**WHY
CHRISTIAN?**

APRIL 1-3
COST: \$80

REGISTER AT:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/AUF8XE1C2WOGVMCY7](https://forms.gle/AUF8XE1C2WOGVMCY7)
BY MARCH 21 TO RESERVE
A CAMP T-SHIRT!

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?
EMAIL CALEB@COOKEVILLECPCHURCH.ORG



The church expresses deepest sympathies to the family of Kathy Shanks, Wayne's wife, and a friend to many in our church. Kathy passed away yesterday at her home with family by her side. Visitation will be held Thursday from 4pm to 8pm and Friday from 9am to 11am in the sanctuary of the church. A Celebration of Life will follow visitation, at 11am. Kathy was an active member of our church for many years and will be missed. Please remember Wayne and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Love Joy Circle has declared March as "Hope Scarves Collection Month"

The mission of **Hope Scarves** is to share scarves, stories & hope with women facing cancer. Since our founding in 2012 we have shared over 5,000 scarves & stories with women in every state & 12 countries. The youngest recipient is 5 and the oldest, 92. We serve women facing all types of cancer. In order to meet the increasing interest in Hope Scarves we need to collect many scarves and stories to fulfill the requests. Ideally each scarf comes with a story from someone who has faced cancer. However, we have many stories donated that do not have scarves so we pair a donated community scarf with that story to begin its journey as a Hope Scarf. Scarf & Story drives are an important part of our ability to fulfill our mission.



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) -- The founder of Hope Scarves, a Louisville nonprofit that sends scarves around the world to women with breast cancer, has died. When Lara MacGregor was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007, she was given a box of scarves with a note that said "you can do it." After her treatment, she passed on the scarves to another woman with the same note, and thus the idea of Hope Scarves was born. She died Tuesday, January 18th, at 45 years old, of metastatic breast cancer. Although Lara's time on earth was short, her memory and legacy live on within us," the organization said in a Facebook post. "She taught us how to hold joy and fear in the same hand at the same time, to live a great story, and to always hope. Her wish was always to love your family, love your friends, and live life to the fullest."

Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Kathy Shanks (Wayne's wife); Don Holloway (NHC); the family of Joe Nash (Geraldine Smith's brother); Ed Fowler (heart procedure); Jenni Fowler (tests); Wayne Sullivan (Teresa Smith's father - recovering from Covid); Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: Jim Dixon (radiation treatments); Colleen Campbell (Angie Knight's mom - cancer treatment); Carter Apple; Lynn Twitty; Evelyn Hyder; Susie Hyder (Evelyn's daughter - breast cancer); Max Atnip; Steven Middleton.

Assisted Living: Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe); Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare); Jo Gentry (Charter Senior Living); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe); Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living).

