

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
June 1, 2022*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith



This Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday is easily one of my favorite weeks of the year. We get to celebrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on God's people. Certainly, as a minister who is scared to speak in front of people, I appreciate and want to celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit which gives us all power, guidance, comfort, encouragement, and assurance. We get to celebrate the birthday of the universal church. With the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples had the power and the guidance to share the message of salvation.

They would then work diligently and courageously to share the Good News. It was the beginning of something new and exciting.

There are many great reasons to celebrate on Pentecost Sunday. There are also a variety of ways to celebrate. I have seen churches celebrate the birthday of the church with cakes and balloons. I have seen others who have used fans to help people to feel the winds from that day or make decorations made to look like fire of the Spirit.

Perhaps the most popular thing that people do to celebrate Pentecost is to wear red. Pentecost is the only Sunday that most ministers wear their red stoles as a part of Sunday morning worship. It has become tradition in many places for the congregation to join in that tradition and wear red themselves. There is no theological reason for the tradition, but it is a fun reminder that Pentecost is special and ought to be celebrated. I invite you to join in the fun and wear your red on Sunday as we celebrate the universal church and the gift of the Holy Spirit who seeks to unite us all in Christ's love.

Jodi Smith is having a workshop for the Uganda Pad Project on Thursday, June 2nd, from 9 am-noon and from 4pm-6pm. There are tasks for all skill levels and snacks will be available. See Jodi for details.



Summer is here and that means it is time for summer church camps and Vacation Bible School! If you have a child who is interested in one of these activities, contact Caleb immediately for more information. Following are dates for our various activities.

Sr. High Camp - June 5-10
Jr. High Camp - June 12-17

CPYC - June 26-July 1
VBS - July 12-15

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Sunday Worship Information

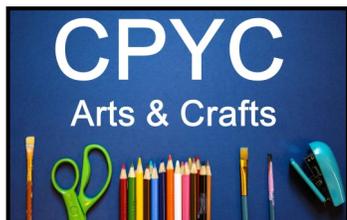
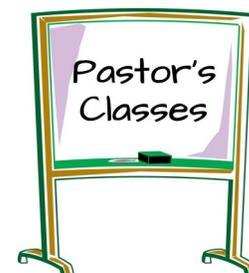
Sunday, June 5th, will be Pentecost Sunday. The chancel color is red. The scripture for the sermon is John 14:15-27. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we celebrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all who served our country, Johnie Wright, Jr. and Jack McGee by Allen and Kim Wright.



New Member Classes for All Ages

We are now offering two classes for those who may be interested in becoming members of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church or who are interested in knowing more about this church and this denomination. Rev. Caleb Norris will lead a class for our children. He will share more information about who we are and why we do the things we do. Rev. Christian Smith will lead the class for adults. He will focus on the history, government, and beliefs of our church. Both classes will take place during the Sunday School hour, and anyone is invited to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of our ministers.



We are looking for help with our ARTS & CRAFTS program for CPYC. Please contact Julie Stepp at 931-267-8899 if you have any of the following and are willing to donate. We will be in touch about collection of donations.

- Embroidery thread
- Alphabet beads (for making bracelets)
- "Adult" coloring books (age appropriate for teens)
- Scrapbooking supplies (die cuts, pic holders, glue tabs, etc.)

PRAYER CARDS

The Mission ministry has placed "prayer postcards" in the sanctuary pews. Please feel free to fill out a postcard for someone in need of prayer. Drop it in the offering plate and we will address and mail it for you!



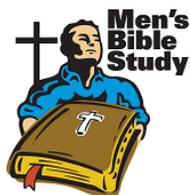
Seeking Church Volunteers

We invite you to share their knowledge, talents, and time with the church. The following link leads to a survey that offers you the chance to share with us how you might like to serve and help us worship together. The link is (<https://forms.gle/ryVjDiGQLRLcGVXi9>). Take a moment to check it out.

Note about Donations for Fall Yard Sale

Dates for the CPW's Fall Yard Sale have been set for Friday and Saturday, September 16th and 17th. As you clean and re-organize over the next few months, hang on to things that you might deem appropriate for the sale. Contact Belinda Wynne at 931-979-7816 with any questions.





Men's Bible Study

Our Men's Bible Study will be taking a break during month of June. We will return on July 5th to begin a study of the book of Daniel. This will be a great opportunity to examine the prophecies about the end-times and prepare us for a study on the book of Revelation. We will use "Daniel: A 12-Week Study" by Todd Wilson as our guide for study. As always, all men of the church are welcomed to join the discussion.

Card Ministry

The Missions Ministry invites you to take a card or cards from the narthex and prepare them for special occasions - prayer concerns/sympathy/birthdays/praises. 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>

Prayer Requests

Individuals: Ron Cherette (Tracy Sparks' uncle - surgery); Diane Alsop (Tracy Sparks' sister - surgery); Ed Fowler (heart); Zach & Jenny Fowler (moving to TX); Carol Burgess (NHC); Don Holloway (home); Wayne Sullivan (Teresa Smith's father - recovering from Covid); Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: Paul Stephenson (Anita's husband); Jim Dixon (radiation treatments); Carter Apple; Lynn Twitty; Evelyn Hyder; Susie Hyder (Evelyn's daughter - breast cancer); Max Atnip; Steven Middleton.

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



PSMS TEACHER/ STAFF APPRECIATION



Many thanks to those who provided money for Chick-fil-A sandwiches, fruit and baked goodies for the Prescott South Middle School faculty & staff breakfast. It was a really nice “end of the school year” treat and they were so very appreciative of the support shown by the church.