

# Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Wednesday,  
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Every year, on Maundy Thursday, I tell a story about my paternal grandfather. Any time you hear me say, "if the good Lord's willing and the creek don't rise" or some other such *southernism*, it makes me think of my maternal grandparents who said those things all of the time. Unfortunately, my grandparents have passed away and I miss them tremendously. But I think about them all of the time. I live the lessons they taught me. I strive to follow the example that they gave me. The memories of our times together are bringing a smile to my face even as I type this message. Though I do not get to sit at their dining room tables with them, they are still a vital part of my life.



This Sunday we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. People will naturally experience a wide range of emotions. For some this is a difficult moment to remember the losses they have experienced. This service is not likely to remove the pain of loss. But it is our hope that it will help you to remember that loss is not the end of the story. Loss does not take away the memories. Loss does not take away the lessons. Loss does not take away the love. This Sunday, we will celebrate the memories and stories of those who have passed and take joy in the promise of the resurrection and reunion that will take place thanks to the love and power of God. I hope that you will allow yourself to experience those emotions as you celebrate the memories of those you love.



**REMEMBER** to move your clocks **BACK**  
an hour on Saturday night/Sunday morning!

The youth's annual **Turkey Project** is now underway and, as always, we hope you will join us in helping to fill boxes. We set aside a couple of items for you to bring each week and **this Sunday we are collecting instant potatoes & dressing**. If you would prefer to donate money to the project, the cost of sponsoring a box is \$20.00 and you may sponsor as many as you would like. Donations in any amount are welcome. Make checks payable to FCPC. Following is a list of items we will be looking for as we draw closer to time to assemble boxes. Please contact Caleb with any questions about the project.

**Sunday, November 13 - cranberry sauce & macaroni/cheese**  
**Sunday, November 20 - green beans & corn**



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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, will be All Saints Sunday. The chancel color will be white. Our scripture for the service will be Matthew 5:1-12. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God together and remember those who have passed away, but continue to live in our hearts.

## Save the Date: Christmas Play

The children and youth of the church will be presenting a Christmas play on Sunday, December 11. We will be practicing during the Sunday School hour on Sundays through that time. We welcome children and youth of all ages to participate! If you have any questions please reach out to Mel Presley at 931-260-4200.

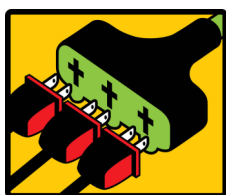


## All Saints Sunday

On this Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the lives of loved ones gone on before us. There is a notepad and ribbons next to the All Saints banner on the credenza in the narthex. Please feel free to add the names of your departed loved ones.

## Baby Girl Thurman

*It is time to welcome baby girl Thurman. The first grandchild of Ron and Tina Thurman - daughter of Blake and Alyssia - is due November 18<sup>th</sup>. They are registered at babylist.com. Also, the couple would be very happy to receive some size 2 or 3 diapers and, of course, wipes. We will place a table in the Fellowship Hall to accept gifts for them.*



## CONNECTION

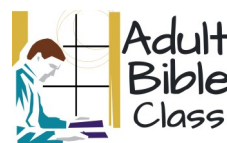
## Wednesday Night Connection

Our Connection continues this evening with dinner at 5:15. On the menu for next week, the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, is Chicken/Rice casserole, tossed salad and cobbler. You do need a reservation to eat so remember to make your weekly reservation by Tuesday at 10am. The cost for each meal is \$6.00 with a maximum per family of \$20.00. You may fill out a card (on the narthex table) or contact us in the church office.

Our evening activities will include classes for children/youth at 6, Twisted Stitchers at 6, and an adult class study with Christian at 6:15. Join us for any/all of our Wednesday night program; we would love to see you!

## Connection Adult Bible Study

For the next few weeks, our adult class will be discussing "The Controversial Issues Facing the Church Today." We will attempt to hear all sides of the debates as we seek to understand scripture together. Tonight we will discuss how the Bible was formed, the different versions of the Bible and interpretation of the Bible.





## Children's Sunday

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, is Children's Sunday. During both services, we hope to honor and appreciate the amazing young people of our church family as they assist in the leadership of our worship. The kids are already hard at work practicing for their roles in collecting the offering, singing a special piece of music, and giving the children's sermon rather than receiving it! We hope you can be here to celebrate our children on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Circle to Meet

Members of the Sonshine Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in the Session Room of the church. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. If you have not already submitted dues for this year, please plan to do that. Also, remember to bring your Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday!

### *Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes*



Christmas shoeboxes are now available in the Fellowship Hall! You may take a shoebox to fill for a child (include \$10.00 shipping), or donate \$25.00 to the Love-Joy Circle to sponsor an already-filled shoebox. Our goal this year is to contribute 250 shoeboxes to the Samaritan's Purse program. We will soon be passing along information for purchasing a shoebox online. We encourage you to take one or more boxes for this year's drive. Contact Belinda Wynne at 931-979-7816 with any questions.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, October 30, 2022

Commitments - \$3,395.00      Undesignated - \$518.00      Other - \$722.00

This past week, \$200.00 was given for Assistance, \$137.00 was collected for the Connection meal, Samaritan's Purse received \$100.00, \$150.00 was given for facility use and \$135.00 was collected for t-shirts.

Total Deposit - \$4,635.00

### Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study is now meeting with a study on the book of Revelation. Tim Fournet is leading the discussion and all men in the church are invited to attend.



### Volunteer Opportunities

We invite you to share your 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.

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>







# TRUNK OR TREAT 2022

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS.





## **Help Needed for Connection Meal**

We are in need of folks to help prepare, serve and clean up for Wednesday evening's Connection meal. Following is a link to a site where you can sign up to lend a hand in these areas. Please consider giving a bit of your time.

### **November 9:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5AA28A4FDC25-connection10>

There is also a signup sheet in the narthex if you would prefer to sign up that way.



<b>November 6</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Children's Sunday</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>Last Connection for the semester</b>
<b>November 20</b>	<b>Christ the King Sunday</b> <b>Samaritan's Purse Christmas</b> <b>Shoebox submission deadline</b>
<b>November 21</b>	<b>Distribution of Turkey Project boxes</b>
<b>November 27</b>	<b>1st Sunday in Advent /</b> <b>Hanging of the Greens</b>
<b>December 11</b>	<b>Children/Youth Christmas presentation</b>
<b>December 18</b>	<b>Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6pm)</b>
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Sunday Worship (10am - no SS)</b>

## *Prayer Requests*

**Individuals:** Madie King (knee injury); Evelyn Hyder (broken hip); Wanda McCaskey (home); the family of Max Atnip; the family of Jack Johnson; Dan Hilton (Blue Roof); Shelby Bennett (Max & Patti's granddaughter - ATV accident); the family of Gus House; Pete & Regina Weber (Regina at Life Care in Sparta); Ron Hensley; Kendall Fogleman (3-yr-old with leukemia - Christy Huddleston's family); Hayden Lytle (Evon Maggart's nephew); Don Holloway (home); Carol Burgess (NHC); Cindy Furcean.

**Cancer Treatment:** Lynn Twitty; Susie Hyder (Evelyn's daughter - breast cancer); Steven Middleton.

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

