



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

*Wednesday,  
November 16, 2022*

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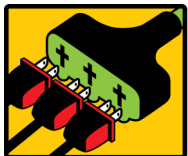
*“Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.”-Revelation 1:5-6*

Where has the year 2022 gone? It is hard for me to believe that we are a week away from Thanksgiving. In a week and a half, we will gather for worship and we will decorate our sanctuary in preparation for the season of Advent as we begin our walk toward the Christmas season.

Advent is the beginning of the Christian year. That means that this Sunday is the last week of the year for the church. We always end the year with Christ the King Sunday. But, in the United States, that Sunday always conflicts with the Sunday before or after Thanksgiving. Sometimes, as a pastor, I struggle with whether to focus on the secular holiday of Thanksgiving or on the church holiday of Christ the King.

But is there nothing for which we ought to be more thankful than the kingship of Christ? I can think of a lot of things for which I am thankful. But the only thing that cannot be taken from me is the relationship that I have with the Savior and the Lord of my life. This Sunday when we gather for worship, we will celebrate the gifts that we have been given and we will focus on why we should be thankful. As we do so, I hope we will strive to remember that the best way to express our thankfulness is by allowing Christ to be our King and guide us to a life where we truly appreciate all that is ours.

The youth's annual **Turkey Project** will be wrapping up this Sunday and we encourage you to bring in your donations as soon as possible. On Sunday, we will be collecting green beans and corn. If you would prefer to donate money to the project, the cost of sponsoring a box is \$20.00. Donations in any amount are welcome; make checks payable to FCPC. The youth will be putting together 150 boxes this year for families in our schools and community. Please contact Caleb with any questions about the project.



**CONNECTION**

## **Wednesday Night Connection**

This evening will mark the conclusion of our Connection program for this semester. You are invited to join us for activities/classes tonight. Included are 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!

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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, will be Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday. The chancel color will be white. Our scripture for the service will be Psalm 100. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God together.

## 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.

CHRISTMAS



PLAY

## Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes



Christmas shoeboxes are still available in the narthex! The deadline for filling/purchasing shoeboxes is this Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 encourage you to take one or more boxes for this year's drive. The deadline for submitting/purchasing boxes is Sunday. Contact Belinda Wynne at 931-979-7816 with any questions.



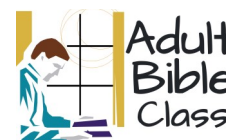
You may also use the QR code provided to purchase a shoebox. Using the camera on your phone, center on the code and tap the link provided. You may choose what you would like to put in your box at a cost of \$25.00. Contact Sandra in the church office with questions about the process.



On Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate Thanksgiving and the Reign of Christ, we will provide the opportunity for you and your family to make your financial pledge to the church for 2023. You should receive a letter and a copy of the church budget very soon. As always, if you have questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

## Connection Adult Bible Study

Tonight, our adult class concludes its discussion of "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 views of homosexuality within the church.



## Meal Train



We continue a Meal Train for Charles & Wanda McCaskey. If you are willing to deliver a hot meal to them, go to the following link for details and to sign up for a day/time. They are much appreciative of your love and support.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/egeekl>





*We would like to thank you for honoring us with a "table of gifts" for our upcoming baby girl! She is due this week and can't wait for her to get here and meet everyone! Thank you for all your love and kindness that you have always shown our entire family for many years!*

*Love,*

*Blake, Alyssa and Baby Girl Thurman*

## **Avery Trace Middle School Christmas Store**

ATMS students will have the opportunity for students to shop at a school Christmas Store. This will allow them to surprise a parent, sibling, grandparent, or loved one with a gift at no cost to them. Clean out your closets/cabinets/drawers and gather gently used items that could be given as a gift. This might include:



candles  
body wash  
lotions  
jewelry

t-shirts  
sweatshirts  
coffee mugs  
silly/comfy socks

gift bags  
perfume  
small toys

Bring your donations by the church Monday-Thursday from 8-4, Friday from 8-2 or on Sundays. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Church Session Class of 2025 Elections**

Prior to each of the morning worship services on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing five members to serve on the church session for the next three years. The current session, acting as a nominating committee, will place in nomination the following individuals: Gary Alspaugh, Nathan Fletcher, Chris Langford, Al Middleton, and Shane Welch. During the meeting, members of the church will have the opportunity to make any other nominations that they wish to make. The only thing that we ask is that you make sure those individuals are members of the church and make sure they are willing to serve, if elected.



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>



## Advent Readers/Candle Lighters

We are looking for folks to serve as a part of worship in the next few weeks. You (friends/family) would be asked to read a short liturgy and light the candle(s) on the Advent wreath. Please contact Sandra in the church office if this is something that you would be willing to help us with.

## Recovery Kitchen Event



**Homeless  
MINISTRY**

Recovery Kitchen is sponsoring a Winter Festival of Compassion for our friends who are homeless on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at Collegieside Church of Christ. The church Missions team is asking for donations of the following new/gently used items for the event:

coats	hats	gloves	Hot Hands hand warmers
scarves	socks	blankets	

Missions will also be preparing sweet potato and green bean casseroles to feed 100 people on the day of the event. Any and all donations are welcome and appreciated.

## 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.



## PSA Meal

We need help on November 29<sup>th</sup> with providing a meal for TTU's Presbyterian Student Association. If you are able to contribute, you can go to the following meal train link to sign up for that meal. Contact Tracy at 261-1029 with questions. [www.mealtrain.com/egvz6l](http://www.mealtrain.com/egvz6l)

## 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.



**TONIGHT**  
**November 20**

**Last Connection for the semester**  
**Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**Samaritan's Purse Christmas**  
**Shoebox submission deadline**  
**Feast of Ingathering**

**November 21**  
**November 27**

**Distribution of Turkey Project boxes**  
**1st Sunday in Advent /**  
**Hanging of the Greens**

**December 4**  
**December 11**  
**December 18**  
**December 24**  
**December 25**

**Congregational Meeting/Elder Elections**  
**Children/Youth Christmas presentation**  
**Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata**  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6pm)**  
**Sunday Worship (10am - no SS)**

# MEET YOUR SESSION

## Matt Wynne



**CFCPC MEMBER SINCE 1979**

**What is your favorite memory from your time at CFCPC?** Most of the significant events in my life have happened between the pulpit and the baptismal font of our sanctuary.

**What is your hope for the future of our church?** Having grown up in the church, that my children will make life long commitments to God and that our church will grow and produce followers of the Word.

**What is your profession and how are you able to use your faith there?** I am a medical office administrator. I have a chance to interact with patients and health care providers that I pray for daily. I hope that the faith that I have is visible to my staff and colleagues.



**BUILDING AND GROUNDS  
MINISTRY**

### FAVORITES

**Scripture** - Matthew 6:25-34

**Hymn** - In the Garden

**Movie** - Forrest Gump

**TV Show** - Tennessee Football

**Author** - JD Salinger

**Book** - The Cather in the Rye

**Vacation** - St. George Island





## Advent Candles

On November 27<sup>th</sup> we will begin the season of Advent. As we do each year, we will light a candle in our wreath each week. If needed, the church would be happy to provide you with a set of Advent candles to help you worship from home. These candles will be available in the office next week. If you needed them delivered, please call the office and we will be happy to make those arrangements.

COOKEVILLE CP MISSION TRIP

# Pittsburgh, PA

DEADLINE TO JOIN IS NOVEMBER 30TH!!!



For More Info :  
Text or Call Caleb  
931-691-0408





**\$100 Deposit Required**  
**MAJORITY OF TRIP COSTS**  
**WILL BE FUNDRAISED**  
**AS A GROUP!**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, November 13, 2022

Commitments - \$3,735.00      Undesignated - \$2,771.25      Other - \$2,136.00

This past week, \$121.00 was collected for Connection meals, Samaritan's Purse received \$65.00 and \$600.00 was given for the turkey project. In addition, \$120.00 was received for Recovery Kitchen, \$170.00 was given for PSA house meals, \$980.00 was given for the Richard Morgan fund and an \$80.00 reimbursement was made for the Fall Youth Retreat.

Total Deposit - \$8,642.25



# Prayer Requests

**Individuals:** Tom Lane (Kay’s husband); the family of Richard Morgan (Heather’s husband); Madie King (upcoming knee surgery); Evelyn Hyder (broken hip); Wanda McCaskey (home); the family of Max Atnip; the family of Jack Johnson; Dan Hilton (Blue Roof); Shelby Bennett (Patti Atnip’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).

