



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
January 4, 2023*

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.- Matthew 2:9-10

During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we have been examining the fact that it is not hard to see Jesus around us, if we will simply have eyes to see. Jesus seeks to reveal himself to us and wants us to know that we are never left alone during any season of life.

On Friday we will move to a new season in the church. The season of Epiphany begins with the story of the Magi. As they follow the star to visit Christ, we are reminded that Jesus continues to reveal himself to all who would seek to follow him. When the Magi find Jesus, Matthew says that they were overjoyed. They then offered gifts to Christ and worshipped him.

The season of Epiphany begins with a reminder that Jesus seeks to reveal himself to us during all seasons of our life. That ought to fill us with joy and it ought to make us desire to worship him more.

In worship this Sunday, we will begin the new year and the season of Epiphany with the opportunity to remember our baptism. Jesus seeks to reveal himself to anyone with eyes to see him. The place where Christ most desires to be seen is in the people who worship him and live out their baptism. This Sunday, and every day, let's allow ourselves to be overjoyed by the gift of Christ and be reminded that we have the opportunity and the responsibility to let Christ be revealed through us.

The **2023 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 for which the flowers are ordered.



Men's Bible Study

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

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, January 8th, will be Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. The chancel color will be white. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11am as we worship God together. During our service you will have the opportunity to come forward and “remember your baptism.” We will also ordain and install our new class of elders.



Studies Resume

On Tuesday, January 17th, we will be resuming our Coffee and Conversation Bible Study Series. These studies take place on Facebook at 8:30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you cannot join us live, you are welcome to watch them any time. For our new study, Christian will be leading us through the book of Acts.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 1, 2023

Commitments - \$15,610.00 Undesignated - \$1,408.00 Other - \$1,244.00

This week's offering includes \$250.00 for Tuesday assistance, \$494.00 for the Mission trip fundraiser and \$500.00 for the Christmas Eve offering.

Total Deposit - \$18,262.00

Mission Trip Fundraiser

On March 11-17, members of our church will be taking a mission trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Missions Ministry Team has initiated a 1-100 fundraiser to help finance that trip. We have a display with “gift” boxes in the narthex with the numbers 1 through 100 on the boxes. We are encouraging people to take a box (or 2) with a number and donate that amount to the mission trip. You may place that amount in the offering or bring it to the church office. Please be sure to note on any checks that the money should be used for the mission trip.



Wednesday Connection Resumes

We will be resuming our Wednesday Night Connection activities on January 18th. Dinner will be available from 5:15-6:00pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, but we do ask that you make a reservation. Our menu will be available soon. At 6:00pm we will have activities for our children and youth. Our “Twisted Stitchers” knitting and crochet group will also meet at that time. At 6:15pm our adults will meet for Bible study.



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/CookevilleCPCChurch>





Sonshine Circle to Meet

The Sunshine Circle's first meeting of the new year will take place at The Garden Café in Rickman at 11am on Tuesday, January 10th. The Café is just off Hwy 111 at the edge of Rickman. Please call Rhonda Barlow at 537-9661 if you would like more detailed directions. Members are encouraged to attend and all ladies of the church are welcome to come.



Sympathy

The church expresses condolences to the family of Ray Spencer (Esther's husband). Ray passed away this past Sunday at his home. Visitation will take place at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church from 10am to 12pm on Saturday, January 14th. A Celebration of Life will immediately follow visitation. Please remember Esther and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Ray Spencer (Esther's husband); Sherrie Smith (surgery); Zach & Jenny Fowler (surgery); Larry Taylor (Tracy Sparks' brother-in-law - open heart surgery); Rhonda Barlow (surgery); Denise Joyce (surgery); Madie King (knee surgery); Evelyn Hyder (home); Wanda McCaskey (home); Dan Hilton (home); Pete & Regina Weber (Regina at home); 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).

