



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
January 11, 2023*

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. – 1 Peter 4:10

There are some words that we just do not like to hear. There are some words that your preacher does not want to say. One of those words is “stewardship.” Most of the time, when we hear that word, we think about our tithes and our offerings. When we hear the preacher bring up that term, we hold on to our wallets a little tighter. However, stewardship is about so much more than our finances.

The term stewardship is defined by Merriam Webster as “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” Too often, we limit the definition of what it means to be a good steward. Stewardship involves taking care of all that God has given us. As good Christians, we believe that all we have and all we are is a gift from a loving God. If that is the case, we have a responsibility to be constantly mindful of the fact that stewardship must be at the center of all that we do.

This year we will be focusing more on what it means to be a good steward of life. On Wednesday, January 18th, we will begin a new series of studies during our Wednesday Connection about the importance of stewardship. I hope you will join us. I promise that your wallets will be safe.

Wednesday Connection Resumes Next Week



We will resume our Wednesday night Connection activities **NEXT WEEK, 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 by Tuesday at 10am. You can reserve your meal(s) online, complete a reservation card (narthex table), or call Sandra in the church office. On the menu for the 18th is Firehouse Subs and soup.

At 6:00pm we will have activities for our children and youth. Our “Twisted Stitches” knitting and crochet group will also meet at that time. At 6:15pm our adults will meet for Bible study. Please join us !

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, January 15th, will be the Second Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be John 1:29-34. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11am as we worship God together.

Study on the Book of Acts

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.

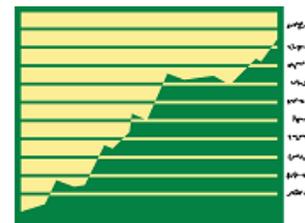


Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in memory of John A. (Jack) Joyce who would celebrate 91 years on earth on January 10th. Praise be to God for giving him almost 70 years before calling him to his heavenly home. Sarah Joyce

Notes from the Depositing Treasurer

- Please send 2023 Pledge Cards/Information ASAP to the church office. As always, Annual Statements of Giving are automatically generated for those who have designated a pledge.
- 2022 Annual Statements of Giving will be ready for pickup on the narthex table by Sunday, January 22nd. Any statements that have not been picked up within two weeks will be mailed to you. This year, any 2022 online donations made on Tithely will be integrated into your 2022 Statement of Giving.
- Please contact me at lizsheets@charter.net if you have any questions about donations, records, or your Statement of Giving (where is my 2022 statement/I need to receive a 2022 statement, please mail my statement, or any discrepancies/general questions). I am happy to work with you to serve our church and our Lord. Thank you! Liz Sheets



Annual Giving Statements

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 8, 2023

Commitments - \$8,405.00 Undesignated - \$3,992.00 Other - \$230.00

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers and \$180.00 toward the Pittsburgh Mission Trip.

Total Deposit - \$12,620.00



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>





Dear church family: Thank you so much for all the calls, food and, especially, your prayers during my recent foot surgery. I am doing well and am back on both feet!

Love, Rhonda Barlow

Celebration of Life

Visitation for the family of Ray Spencer will be held this Saturday, January 14th, from 10am to 12pm at the church. A Celebration of Life will immediately follow visitation. Please keep Esther and the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Ray Spencer (Esther’s husband); Sherrie Smith (surgery); Zach & Jenny Fowler (surgery); Madie King (knee surgery); Wanda McCaskey; Dan Hilton; Pete & Regina Weber; 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; Kendall Fogleman (3-yr-old with leukemia - Christy Huddleston’s great-niece);

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).

