



# *Mid-Week Manna*

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

*Wednesday,  
January 18, 2023*

**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

***The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.- Psalm 24:1-2***

Last week I announced that we will be spending more time focusing on stewardship of life. The word "stewardship" might be one of the most misused words in the church. When we use that word, most often we think that it has something to do with our finances or what we give to the church. We have used the word stewardship to talk about capital campaigns that raise money for the building. We have used the word stewardship to urge people to make or increase their financial pledges to the church. We have used the word stewardship to make sure that people understand the church's reliance on the giving of her members. While capital campaigns, pledges, and offerings are vital to the life of the congregation, that is a very narrow view of what it means to be a good steward.

Stewardship is about how we live our life. Much of the time we focus on finances, but stewardship includes our time, talents, and everything else we can use for God. While we like to think of stewardship as what we choose to give to God, perhaps we need to focus more on what we retain. Perhaps being a better steward means that we think more about why we hold back the things we do.

For the next several weeks, during our Wednesday night Bible studies, we will be talking about living a life of stewardship and examining what we choose to give to God and what we prefer to keep for ourselves. I hope you will join us as we seek to offer more of ourselves to God. Again, I promise your wallets are safe.

## **Wednesday Connection Resumes Tonight**



We resume our Wednesday night Connection activities **THIS EVENING**. Dinner will be served from 5:15-6:00pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, but you do need a reservation for dinner. We ask that you make your reservation by Tuesdays 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 tonight is Firehouse Subs and soup.

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. Please join us!

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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be the Third Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 1 Corinthians 1:10-18. Rev. Caleb Norris will be preaching. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11am as we worship God together.

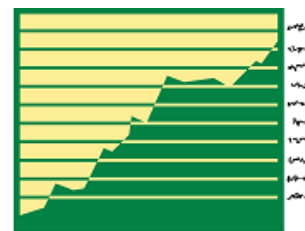
## Study on the Book of Acts



We resumed our Coffee and Conversation Bible Study Series yesterday morning. 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.

## 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 this Sunday. 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](mailto: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 15, 2023

Commitments - \$8,270.00      Undesignated - \$2,544.00      Other - \$1,790.00

This week's offering includes a \$30.00 reimbursement for Recovery Kitchen, \$60.00 from Weight Watchers for facility use, a \$750.00 reimbursement for Grace Convocation and \$950.00 given for the Pittsburgh Mission trip. Total Deposit - \$12,604.00



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>

## Connection Study

In the new year, the church will be focusing on what it means to be a good steward of more than just our finances. Tonight, we begin a new series of studies during Connection about the importance of good stewardship of all God's gifts. Please join us at 6:15.





One-Service Sunday

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Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, will be the fifth Sunday of the month and we will be having only one worship service. Sunday School is scheduled for 9am with worship following at 10am. We will have a congregational meal following worship. The church will be providing meat and bread; members are asked to bring sides and desserts. We hope you will join us on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.



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.

### This Week in the Church

<b>Sunday</b>	8:45am	Worship	<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	CPNS Devotion
	9:50am	Sunday School		5:15pm	Connection meal (reservation required)
	11:00am	Worship		6:00pm	Children & Youth Activities
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30am	Coffee & Conversation (online)	6:00pm	Twisted Stitchers	
	12:00pm	Men's Bible Study	6:15pm	Adult Bible Study	
	1:00pm	Community Assistance	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30am	Coffee & Conversation (online)
			10:00am	Pastor's Roundtable	

## *Prayer Requests*

**Individuals:** the family of Ray Spencer (Esther's husband); Sherrie Smith; 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).



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Our youth had a great time in Gatlinburg this weekend worshipping, learning, and fellowshiping with hundreds of other Cumberland Presbyterian youth. We appreciate Caleb Norris and Tina Thurman traveling with them and we are always thankful for your support of our church youth.