



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
February 1, 2023*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose.- 1 Corinthians 1:10

On Saturday, we will celebrate the 213th anniversary of the founding of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. Since February 4, 1810, people have gathered to worship, study, fellowship, and grow together as a unified community of faith. I love my denomination. I love the history of my denomination. I love the traditions of my denomination. I love the *Confession of Faith* and the beliefs of my denomination. As much as I love all of the things that make us Cumberland Presbyterian, one of the things that I love the most is the fact that we know Cumberland Presbyterians are only a part of the kingdom of God.

This morning, Caleb and I had the chance to sit down and speak with another minister in our community about doing a joint worship service. Last week, I had the chance to meet with several other ministers in our community about resuming our annual Holy Week services. I have spoken this week with other churches about service projects that may be possible in the near future. There are certainly points of theology and government about which we may disagree. But while there are things that make us different from other denominations, like Caleb reminded us a couple of weeks ago, there is no division that is greater than the unity we can find in Christ.

I love my denomination and I love celebrating its history and its future. While I hope that we will celebrate our church and our denomination, I hope we will always remember that just because other churches and other denominations look different, it does not mean one is better than the other. Whatever the denominational name, we should all be seeking to “be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose.”

Inclement Weather Policy



The church policy regarding inclement weather states that if the public school system is dismissed, church activities are canceled. You may call the church office if you have a question regarding church activities when we have bad weather. Christian will also keep you informed through text and email.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM HAS BEEN DISMISSED FOR TODAY AND PER OUR INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY, OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING CONNECTION ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELED FOR THIS EVENING, FEBRUARY 1ST.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, February 5th, will be the Fifth Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be John 3:16-21. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God together and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

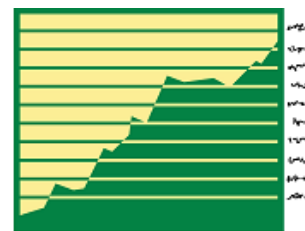
Study on the Book of Acts



We have resumed 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.

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 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 29, 2023

Commitments - \$7,400.00 Undesignated - \$3,431.00 Other - \$559.00

This week's offering includes a \$100.00 donation for Recovery Kitchen, a \$50.00 donation for the Pittsburgh Mission trip, a \$100.00 reimbursement for Grace Convocation, \$100.00 for altar flowers, a \$29.00 donation to Samaritan's Purse and \$180.00 collected for Connection meals.

Total Deposit - \$11,390.00

Wednesday Connection



Our Wednesday night Connection activities take place with dinner 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 **NEXT** Wednesday evening is meatloaf, mashed potatoes and green beans.


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!



Attention Stitchers!

If you knit, crochet or sew, we are calling for 4x3 blankets to go to children in crisis. There is plenty of yarn available to you in the Session Room. Blankets may be brought by the office Monday through Thursday from 8am to 4pm, on Fridays from 8 to 2, and on Sundays. Your time, talents and donations are appreciated!





Our Women Gather

All women in the church are invited to attend a special gathering on Sunday, February 19th, at 2pm in the Family Life Center. We will start the afternoon with a business meeting and then move to a time of fellowship with Bingo, coffee and dessert. This is an opportunity for ladies of all ages to come together as one group. Please plan to join us!

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.

In the Church

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



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>



Sympathy



The church expresses sympathy to the family of Sara Gotcher, Mike Gotcher's wife. Sara passed away on Monday of this week. Her cast party (celebration of life) will be held at The Tanglewood House, 1601 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN on February 4th. Visitation is at 2:00pm with the service at 3:00pm. A reception will follow at 3:30pm. Please remember Mike and the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Sara Gotcher (Mike's wife); the family of Louise Burton-Buck; Linda Adams (stroke - Christian Smith's aunt); Ginger Tevault (chemo); the family of Ray Spencer (Esther's husband); Sherrie Smith; Zach & Jenny Fowler (surgery); Madie King (knee surgery); Wanda McCaskey; Pete & Regina Weber; Hayden Lytle (Evon Maggart's nephew); Don Holloway; 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).

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. We have begun a new series of studies during Connection about the importance of good stewardship of all God's gifts. Please join us at 6:15.

