

# *Mid-Week Manna*

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

*Wednesday,  
February 8, 2023*

**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

***Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.  
1 Thessalonians 5:12***

At the end of 2022, we elected a new class of elders. They joined the church session in January and began their role as leaders in the church who seek to serve God and you. There are many responsibilities for a church elder. One of their most important roles is serving on our church ministry teams.

Our ministry teams met together this past Sunday. Before the meetings I shared with them a devotional. We talked about the fact that our teams ought to be striving to see the work of the church as an opportunity to honor God and encourage the members of our church and community.

In order for our ministry teams to better serve God and our community, there is one thing that they desperately need. They need your voice. We would welcome you to serve as a member of one of the teams. It does not matter if you are an official member of the church or how often you attend. You are welcomed and encouraged to be a part of any ministry of the church. Whether you choose to serve or not, we still want your thoughts and opinions. If you have suggestions or ideas for any of these groups, we want to hear from you. You are always encouraged to reach out to Christian. Additionally, below you will find a list of our ministry teams and the elders assigned to lead them. We want to hear from you and include your voice as we seek to honor God and encourage one another.

**Building and Grounds**

Al Middleton  
Chris Langford  
Shane Welch

**Fellowship and Outreach**

Elizabeth Fournet  
Nathan Fletcher

**Stewardship and Finance**

Ron Thurman  
Steve Boots  
Mike Davidson

**Christian Education**

Cindy Putz  
Lanny Knight

**Mission**

Kim Wright  
Gary Alspaugh

**Worship and Music**

Corby King  
Jim Gray

## **LAST DAY TO ORDER!**



**TODAY** is the last day to place your order for smoked bologna! This sale serves as a fundraiser for the Mission Team traveling to Pittsburgh in March. You can call Sandra in the church office - 526-6585 - to place your order. The cost for a large roll of smoked bologna is \$20.00 and a snack size roll is \$10.00. Orders may be picked up this Sunday or we will deliver your order to you. Call **NOW** to help send the Mission Team to Pittsburgh!

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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, will be the Sixth Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be Matthew 5:21-37. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God together.

## 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 Big Tony’s pizza.

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!

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, February 5, 2023

Commitments - \$11,145.00    Undesignated - \$2,922.50    Other - \$1,080.00

This week’s offering includes \$250.00 for the Tuesday Assistance Program, a \$750.00 donation for the Pittsburgh Mission Team trip, \$30.00 in proceeds for the Mission Trip bake sale and \$50.00 given for flowers.  
Total Deposit - \$15,147.50

The **Love-Joy Circle** will meet on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in the Session Room. The **Sonshine Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in the Family Life Center. Members are encouraged to attend and, as always, all ladies of the church are welcome to join us.

## ONLINE STUDY



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

- It is not too late to submit your 2023 Pledge Cards/Information to the church. Doing so will ensure that you receive an Annual Statement of Giving for 2023.
- 2022 Annual Statements of Giving are ready for pickup on the narthex table. 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 are 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. I am happy to work with you to serve our church and our Lord. Thank you! Liz Sheets




Annual Giving Statements



### 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**HELPING HANDS** is an organization that helps families in our community and they are experiencing a shortage of powdered laundry detergent, deodorant and toilet paper. We are asking for your help during the month of February to assist them with this need. Boxes will be in the narthex of the church for you to bring any of the items you are able.



**"The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." Psalm 9:9**

### In the Church This Week

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



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>



# Church Mission Trip: Help us get to Pittsburgh!

## Sweet Treats! Sweet Treats! Sweet Treats!

Fresh baked goods will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday through March 5<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.

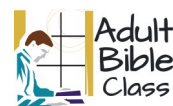


### Recovery Kitchen

Recovery Kitchen is a program that helps provide hot meals for the homeless in our community. We are still in need of 11 12-14 oz boxes of Mac & Cheese shells. Contact Tracy at 261-1029 if you are able to give to the project. Please have items to the church by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

### 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.



On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, the **JOY Club** (Just Older Youth) will be taking a field trip to Cumberland County Playhouse to watch the 2pm Sunday matinee showing of *Things My Mother Taught Me*. We have openings for twelve people. Tickets are \$29.00 per person. The first four to sign up will receive free tickets! All openings are first come, first served. You may reserve your ticket(s) using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5AA28A4FDC25-joyclub>

### For the Youth in the Church...

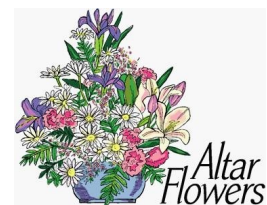
The youth of the church are invited to join together in watching tonight's Super Bowl game. We will meet in the youth room around 5pm and you may bring a finger food if you would like to.





The church expresses sympathy to the family of Ottis Phillips. Ottis was a member of the church and passed away suddenly yesterday at his home. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Please remember Cindy and the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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.



## Prayer Requests

**Individuals:** the family of Ottis Phillips; Robert Buck (surgery); the family of Sara Gotcher (Mike Gotcher's wife); the family of Mary Wallace (Randy Wallace's mother); the family of Louise Burton-Buck (James Maggart's aunt); Linda Adams (stroke - Christian Smith's aunt); Ginger Tevault (chemo); 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).

