



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
February 15, 2023*

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” – Matthew 5:4

Last week, during Ottis Phillips’ funeral, Charles made that statement that he was tired of funerals. I could not agree with him more. I had the honor of leading two funeral services last week and I will have the privilege of leading another this weekend. I am tired of funerals. I am tired of saying goodbye to the people we love. I am tired of shedding tears and mourning our losses.

However, the older I get and the more I deal with loss, the more I understand what a blessing it is to mourn. We mourn out of our love for someone else. We mourn because we cared so deeply for another individual. We mourn because a person made a difference in our lives. When we experience loss, we mourn out of our thankfulness for the time that we got to spend with someone special to us.

I will greatly miss those who we mourn. Life is not the same without them. However, I am comforted by the fact that God gave me the gift of time with such special people. I am comforted by the fact that I have lessons I have learned from them and I have memories of great times with my loved ones.

Mourning hurts. Tears are painful. However, I hope we will celebrate the fact that we loved these individuals so much. That ought to bring us comfort.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 22nd, marks the beginning of the season of Lent and a special service will be held at 6pm on that evening. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes; we encourage you to join us as we go into the Lenten season. There will be no evening meal on the night of the service.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, February 19th, will be the Seventh Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 1 Corinthians 3:16-23. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God together.

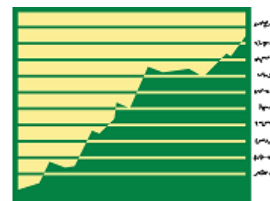
Church Mission Trip: Help us get to Pittsburgh!

Sweet Treats! Sweet Treats! Sweet Treats!

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

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.
- Remaining 2022 Annual Statements of Giving have been mailed.
- Please contact me at 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

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.

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

Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study **WILL NOT** meet on the 21st of this month. The study on Ephesians will resume the following week, February 28th.



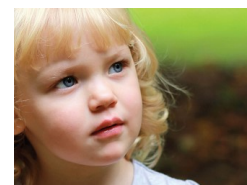


Women's Meeting Postponed

The women's meeting scheduled for this Sunday, February 19th, has been postponed to a later date. A new date will be announced soon and we hope you will be able to join us for a time of business and fellowship!

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!



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>

In the Church This Week

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



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and to honor our first granddaughter, Mila. She has captured our hearts! Ron & Tina Thurman

On April 2nd, 2023, the **JOY Club** (Just **O**lder **Y**outh) 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>



Your Ministry Team Session Members

Building and Grounds

Al Middleton
Chris Langford
Shane Welch

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Elizabeth Fournet
Nathan Fletcher

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Steve Boots
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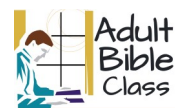
Kim Wright
Gary Alspaugh

Worship and Music

Corby King
Jim Gray

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.



Love Joy Circle Collects "Hope Scarves"

The mission of **Hope Scarves** is to share scarves, stories & hope with women facing cancer. Since our founding in 2012 we have shared over 5,000 scarves & stories with women in every state & 12 countries. The youngest recipient is 5 and the oldest, 92. We serve women facing all types of cancer. In order to meet the increasing interest in Hope Scarves we need to collect many scarves and stories to fulfill the requests. Ideally each scarf comes with a story from someone who has faced cancer. However, we have many stories donated that do not have scarves so we pair a donated community scarf with that story to begin its journey as a Hope Scarf. Scarf & Story drives are an important part of our ability to fulfill our mission. Please bring your unused scarves by the church office or see Nancy Miller with your donations.

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.





The church expresses sympathy to the family of Carol Burgess (Amy Crooks' mother). Carol passed away early this morning at NHC. Visitation is tentatively scheduled for 1pm on Sunday with a Celebration of Life following at 3pm. Both will take place at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Please remember Amy and the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Carol Burgess; Lynn Twitty (hospice); Ginny Liebsch; Justin Davis (emergency appendectomy); the family of Ottis Phillips; the family of Linda Adams (Christian Smith's aunt); Robert Buck (surgery); Ginger Tevault (chemo); Sherrie Smith; Wanda McCaskey; Pete & Regina Weber; Hayden Lytle (Evon Maggart's nephew); Don Holloway; Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: 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).

