



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
March 1, 2023*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:19-20



The above text is popularly known as “The Great Commission.” It was the final instruction that was given to the disciples before Jesus ascended into Heaven. In this commission, Jesus gives his followers a huge task. He calls upon them to go out and change the world. He calls on his followers to make disciples of ALL nations. He calls on his followers to teach people to obey the teachings that led Jesus to the cross. It is a task that is an enormous responsibility. It is a task that

would seem impossible if not for the phrase, “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

God does not expect us to change the world on our own. However, God does ask that we take advantage of the opportunities that are placed in front of us. God places us in front of people each day and we have the opportunity to offer them God’s love or the world’s indifference.

God places opportunities in front of us each day to serve and assist others. God gives us opportunities to make a difference for others. God gives us opportunities to spread the grace of God around the globe. God gives us the chance to teach people, through words or actions, that when we follow God’s teachings, we can serve a greater purpose.

The task of changing the world is great. The task of helping people see a greater purpose and goal for life seems daunting. But it is a little less intimidating if we see that we are not asked to do it alone. Christ did not ask one person to change the world. He asked all of us. We are called to take advantage of the opportunities that God gives. We are called to work together. If we do those things, we can certainly change the world.

God asks that we be good stewards and take advantage of the opportunities that God puts in our path.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, March 5th, will be the Second Sunday of Lent. The chancel color will be purple. The scripture for the sermon will be Genesis 12:1-9. 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.

Church Mission Trip: Help us get to Pittsburgh!

Sweet Treats! Sweet Treats! Sweet Treats!

This Sunday is your last opportunity to purchase fresh baked goods for our Mission Trip fundraiser!!!
Treats will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Connection



This evening will be our last regular Connection until the 22nd of March. Next week we will be packing boxes for Food to the Rescue and the following week will be Spring Break for the school system.

The **Stewardship Ministry** is in charge of setup, serving and cleanup for the meal this evening. Members of this team, please plan to attend tonight's Connection.

Evening activities include children/youth/Twisted Stitchers at 6 and adult Bible study at 6:15. We invite and encourage you to join us for dinner and an evening of fellowship.



The Cumberland Presbyterian denomination's Discipleship Ministry Team would like to help you examine yourself during this season. They would like to invite you to follow "A Path through Lent" with others in your church community and Cumberland Presbyterians around the world. Through daily scripture, conversation, and prayer, you will journey down a path of self-discovery that will help you to better recognize God's gifts in your life. I hope you will join us and others from around our denomination as we take this "Path through Lent." You can find the devotionals and instructions at the following link: <https://t.e2ma.net/click/yg91fg/qu6qdk/6a6hsjb>

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>



Love Joy Circle Collects "Hope Scarves"

The mission of **Hope Scarves** is to share scarves, stories & hope with women facing 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.



Food to the Rescue Packing Day

EXTRA HELP NEEDED

*** **MARCH 8th - 5:30-7:30 pm*****

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

Roots Salon is in the front; Food to the Rescue is in the back

Part of the outreach program of our church is the packing of boxes for Food to the Rescue. This program helps to feed underprivileged children during the Spring Break. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities. **We have 200 more boxes than usual to pack so we need extra hands for this packing party!!!**

Your Ministry Team Members

Building and Grounds

Al Middleton
Chris Langford
Shane Welch

Christian Education

Cindy Putz
Lanny Knight

Fellowship and Outreach

Elizabeth Fournet
Nathan Fletcher

Mission

Kim Wright
Gary Alspaugh

Stewardship and Finance

Ron Thurman
Steve Boots
Mike Davidson

Worship and Music

Corby King
Jim Gray



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in celebration of Gernt's 16th birthday. Love you! Your family

Recovery Kitchen

Recovery Kitchen is a program that helps provide hot meals for the homeless in our community. We are in need of the following items for this week's meal. Contact Tracy at 261-1029 if you are able to give to the project. Please have items to the church by Friday, February 12th, at noon.

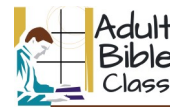
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| 30 hot dogs | 2 32 oz bags shredded cheddar cheese | 30 bottled waters |
| 30 hot dogs | 30 bananas | 30 bottled waters |
| 30 hot dog buns | 30 oranges | 30 single serve bags of chips |
| 30 hot dog buns | 30 individually wrapped desserts | 30 single serve bags of chips |
| 10 15 oz cans hot dog chili | 30 individually wrapped desserts | |

Thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.



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.

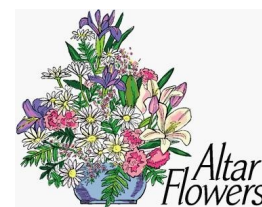


ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



Please join us for 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.

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.



MasterSingers to Present Concert

*MasterSingers presents **Unity in the Community VII: Celebrating Diversity in Faith.** The concert will feature music from Paul Bassler's "Songs of Faith" and includes choirs from churches in our region. The date for the program is **THIS** Sunday, March 5th, at 3pm in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary at 165 E. Broad Street. You can reserve tickets at Mastersingersinc.com.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, February 26, 2023

Commitments - \$3,645.00 Undesignated - \$4,406.00 Other - \$535.00

This week's offering includes a \$50.00 donation for the Mission Trip, \$85.00 in Mission Trip bake sale proceeds, a \$100.00 honorarium to the Music Ministry and a special gift from the Ottis Phillips family.

Total Deposit - \$8,586.00



Our Women Gather

All women in the church are invited to attend a special gathering on Sunday, March 12th, 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

All men in the church are invited/encouraged to attend the Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study which meets in the Session Room of the church. Join us as Tim Fournet leads a discussion on the book of Ephesians.





Children’s Director Needed

Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church is seeking to provide more opportunity for fellowship, fun, learning and growth for our children. We are interested in hiring someone, part-time, who can work with the pastors to help provide leadership in ministry for our children who have begun school but are not old enough for youth group yet. If someone you know might be interested in filling that role, please let Christian know.

Food Delivery Help Needed

Our Missions Ministry Team is beginning an exciting new ministry for our church. Beginning tomorrow morning, we will be delivering meals from Wednesday Connection to some of our sick and shut-in members. Delivering meals will not only provide food, it will also allow those members to see our pastors and other people in the church on a more regular basis. We are seeking your help in this ministry. A schedule for future dates will be forthcoming, but we need your help delivering meals this week. If you can serve for an hour or so tomorrow to assist the members of your church, please contact Christian.



Church Cleanup Day

On Saturday, March 25th, at 8:00am we will be having a church cleanup day. We will be working to clean the grounds of the church in preparation for the arrival of Spring and Easter. Please make plans to be here and bring your tools as we take care of our facility.

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/CookevilleCPChurch>



This Week In the Church

<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00am CPNS Devotion	<u>Sunday</u>	8:45am Sunday Worship
	5:15pm Connection dinner		9:50am Sunday School
	6:00pm Children/Youth activities		11:00am Sunday Worship
	6:00pm Twisted Stitches		5:30pm Sanctuary Choir
	6:15pm Adult Bible Study		6:30pm Youth activities
<u>Thursday</u>	8:30am Coffee & Conversation	<u>Tuesday</u>	8:30am Coffee & Conversation (online)
	(online)		1:00pm Community Assistance

Prayer Requests

Individuals: Lynn Twitty (hospice); Cody Liddle (boating accident); Amy Baggett; Jim Baggett; the family of Robert Buck (James Maggart’s uncle); the family of Carol Burgess; Ginny Liebsch; Justin Davis (emergency appendectomy); the family of Ottis Phillips; the family of Linda Adams (Christian Smith’s aunt); 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).

