



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
March 8, 2023*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

***“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for everyone” – 1 Timothy 2:1***

On Saturday afternoon, 12 people from this church will be leaving to go to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the week. We will spend time in worship with our host church. We will spend time serving in a ministry that offers assistance to people in that community. We will spend time fellowshiping together. We will spend the week seeking to assist others.

I hope that we also will spend the week discovering that just as we are seeking to serve people and make a difference for people in Pittsburgh, there are people seeking to serve us and make a difference in our lives as well. Perhaps it is a family member or friend who is there with a word of encouragement or an ear to listen. Perhaps it is a teacher, mentor, or pastor who shares a lesson that you need to hear. Perhaps it is someone you may not even know who is praying for you.

We have not met our Pittsburgh trip leaders, but they have assured us that we are already in their prayers. They are seeking to make a difference for us and the work that we do through the time they spend with God. As the 12 of us prepare to leave, we hope that you will seek to make a difference for us by joining us in prayer. We hope that you will seek to serve the people to whom we will minister by praying for them. Finally, I hope you will think about those who serve you and offer them your thanks and prayers.

Wednesday Night Connection



We will be packing boxes for **FOOD TO THE RESCUE** this evening from 5:30 to 7:30. Please see the notice in this edition of Mid-Week Manna for details. With 200 extra boxes to pack, we need lots of extra hands on board so please plan to join us.

We will not be meeting next week as the Putnam County schools will be on Spring Break. We will resume our regularly scheduled Connection activities on March 22nd.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, March 12th, will be the Third Sunday of Lent. The chancel color will be purple. The scripture for the sermon will be Romans 5:1-11. LeighAnn Morgan will be here to deliver the message. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God together.



Food to the Rescue Packing Day

EXTRA HELP NEEDED

*** **TONIGHT - 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!!!**

Food Delivery Help Needed

Our Missions Ministry Team is beginning an exciting new ministry for our church. We are now 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. We will be delivering meals on Thursday, March 23rd and Thursday, March 30th. Contact Christian if you are able serve for an hour or so on one or both these dates to assist the members of your church.



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>

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.



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.



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.

Your Ministry Team Members

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

This Week In the Church

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| <u>TONIGHT</u> | 5:30pm | Food to the Rescue Packing Party | <u>Sunday</u> | 8:45am | Sunday Worship |
| | | | | 9:50am | Sunday School |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 8:30am | Coffee & Conversation (online) | | 11:00am | Sunday Worship |
| | | | | 5:30pm | Sanctuary Choir |
| | | | <u>Tuesday</u> | 12:00pm | Men's Bible Study |
| | | | | 1:00pm | Community Assistance |

Recovery Kitchen

Recovery Kitchen is a program that helps provide hot meals for the homeless in our community. We are still 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, March 10th, at noon.

20 hot dogs 10 15-oz cans hot dog chili 30 individually wrapped desserts

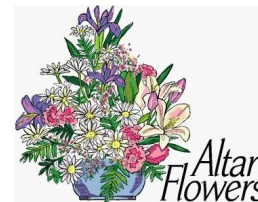
Thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.





Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Jessica Rector Clark. Forever in our hearts from Nancy Rector and family.

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.



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.



Remember!
Time Changes this Sunday!

DON'T FORGET TO PUSH YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD AN HOUR ON SATURDAY EVENING. WE MOVE TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ON SUNDAY MORNING!

Men's Bible Study

All men in the church are invited/encouraged to attend he 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.



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>

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!



Circles to Meet

The Love-Joy Circle will be meeting tomorrow at 10am in the Session Room of the church and the Sonshine Circle will be meeting on Tuesday at 10am in the Family Life Center. Members are encouraged to attend their respective Circles and, as always, all ladies of the church are invited to attend any of the church's circles.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 5, 2023

Commitments - \$11,515.00 Undesignated - \$4,968.00 Other - \$2,283.00

This week's offering includes \$250.00 given for Tuesday Assistance, \$100.00 for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, \$50.00 for flowers, \$860.00 in Mission Trip donations, a \$200.00 Mission Trip deposit, \$100.00 for the youth program, a \$475.00 reimbursement from CPNS and \$248.00 in proceeds from Connection meals.

Total Deposit - \$18,766.00

On April 2nd, 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 14 people. Tickets are free and we still have a limited number of spots open. You may reserve your ticket(s) using the following link:

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

or reserve your ticket on the signup sheet in the narthex.



Our Women Gather

All women in the church are invited to attend a special gathering this 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!



MARCH 13-17



The church expresses sympathy to the family of Lynn Twitty. Lynn passed away this past weekend in Cookeville. A Celebration of Life will held sometime in April. Please remember the Twitty family in your thoughts and prayers.



We would like to thank our church family for prayers, your love and all acts of kindness during my aunt and uncle Robert and Louise Burton-Buck's illnesses and passing. We love and appreciate each and all! Blessings, James Maggart & family

Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Lynn Twitty; Cody Liddle (boating accident); Amy Baggett; Jim Baggett; Georgia Hensley; Ginny Liebsch; Ginger Tevault (chemo); Sherrie Smith; Wanda McCaskey; Pete & Regina Weber; 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).

