



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

*Wednesday,  
March 15, 2023*

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## *Holy Week*



Easter will be here before you know it. We have numerous opportunities for you to worship and remember the works of Christ during Holy Week.

We are excited to announce that the Community Holy Week Services will be returning this week and that we will be hosting them at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. April 3-7, you are invited to join us at 12:00pm each day for a 30-minute worship service that will be led by different ministers from our community. A sack lunch will be available each day.

Additionally, we will have a Maundy Thursday service at 7:00pm on April 6<sup>th</sup>. During the service we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

We will also gather at 7:00pm on April 7<sup>th</sup> for our Good Friday Tenebrae Service. During the service will gradually lower the lights as we remember the sacrificial crucifixion of Christ.

Finally, this year we will also have the opportunity to join in worship with Saint Michael's Episcopal Church on the evening of Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the Easter Vigil. We will provide more details about this service soon.

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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/yg9lfg/qu6qdk/6a6hsjb>



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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, will be the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The chancel color will be purple. The scripture for the sermon will be 1 Samuel 16:1-13. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God together.



**Our Spring Break Mission Team arrived safely in Pittsburgh on Sunday and are busy providing help in that community. Everything is going well. Please keep these folks in your prayers this week. They will return home on Friday morning.**



## Family Game Night

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, is the final night of Connection for the semester. We will have dinner at 5:15 followed by a time of games, fun and fellowship for the whole family at 6. We hope all of you will join us for a variety of special activities. We had a game night last fall and it was a big hit with children, youth and adults alike. We look forward to seeing you on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to make your dinner reservations ahead of time so that you can join us for the evening meal!



## 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.

## 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.



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 12, 2023

Commitments - \$4,080.00      Undesignated - \$3,457.00      Other - \$1,581.28

This week’s offering includes \$600.00 in Mission Trip donations, \$97.00 from the Mission Trip Bake Sale, \$60.00 from Weight Watchers and a check from the U.S. Treasury for \$824.28.

Total Deposit - \$9,118.28



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>

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## 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!





*Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and to welcome LeighAnn Morgan to our church by the Gotcher family.*

## Church Cleanup Day

On **THIS** Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.



On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 14 people. Tickets are free and we still have a few spots open. You may reserve your ticket(s) using the following link:

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

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



## This Week In the Church

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	8:45am	Sunday Worship	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	8:30am	Coffee & Conversation (online)
	9:50am	Sunday School		12:00pm	Men's Bible Study
	11:00am	Sunday Worship		1:00pm	Community Assistance
	5:30pm	Sanctuary Choir			



## 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.





from Restoring Hope...

Dear Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church,

We want to take this time to thank you for all your donations to Restoring Hope this past year. It’s an awesome feeling to look back and see how much people like you care about helping our community. People like you, that make sacrifices both big (however big or small it may seem), help us to make big impacts in our neighbors’ lives.

Hebrews 13:1-2 says, “Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”



Thank you again for your donations this past year. We are grateful for your support as we continue to help others in our community.  
*In Christian Love, the Restoring Hope staff*

Prayer Requests

**Individuals:** Freeman Smith; 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).

