



# *Mid-Week Manna*

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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*Wednesday,  
April 5, 2023*

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**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

***“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” – John 11:25-26***

This week we are remembering the events of Holy Week each day as we gather for worship at 12:00pm. It is a tradition that I have missed, and I love that we are resuming those services. It has amused me that as we gather each day, many of the ministers have privately lamented about how tired they are. Pastors spend this week in the time-consuming process of preparing multiple worship services, writing several sermons, and still trying to fulfil their other job responsibilities. It can be stressful. It can be tiring.

Following the worship services during Holy Week, those same ministers tend to gather again. After spending time in a brief worship service, those ministers are smiling and seemingly reinvigorated. After a little time in worship and a brief reminder of God’s presence, they are ready to get back to the important work God has called them to do.

Holy Week reminds all of God’s people that God’s plan is not always easy. We will deal with a world that will cause us pain, frustration, and exhaustion. Yet in the middle of that we have time in worship, time with other Christians, and time alone with God to remind us that we are never left without God’s help or God’s hope. Whatever we might face, we are reminded that we are part of a much larger family and part of a much larger plan that includes the victory of Easter.



Today through Friday, you are invited to join us at 12:00pm 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 tomorrow evening at 7:00pm. 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 we will gradually lower the lights as we remember the sacrificial crucifixion of Christ.

We will come together at Saint Michael’s Episcopal Church at 8pm on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate in a very special Easter Vigil Service.


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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, April 9<sup>nd</sup>, will be Easter Sunday. The chancel color will be white. The scripture for this week is John 20:1-18. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God together and celebrate the victorious resurrection of Christ.



*The People of  
Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
are invited to join Pastors Christian & Caleb,  
in collaboration with Mother TJ Azar,  
for  
The Great Vigil of Easter,  
a very special Easter Eve service  
to be held Saturday, April 8, at 8 PM.  
at  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
640 N. Washington Ave., Cookeville*

### Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study will resume next week, the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. Join us as Tim Fournet continues a discussion on the book of Ephesians.



We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 1pm. Children of all ages are invited to participate in our egg-hunting competition, which will begin at 10:15. Pre-school children and below will have a hunting location of their own; the large playground will serve as the main hunting location for older kids (K-5).

Following the hunt, children are invited to count their eggs for a chance to win a prize. Hard-boiled eggs will be available for dyeing in the Family Life Center pavilion with lunch to follow at 11:30am. If you would like to bring a covered dish or dessert, or if you can help pack eggs with candy, please contact Caleb at [caleb@cookevillecpchurch.org](mailto:caleb@cookevillecpchurch.org) or call the church office.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, April 2, 2023

Commitments - \$10,275.00    Undesignated - \$3,775.00    Other - \$542.00

This week's offering includes a \$100.00 donation to the Recovery Kitchen project, a \$25.00 donation to the Music program, \$25.00 to the Nursery School, \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$171.00 in Connection meal revenue, a \$75.00 reimbursement from the Nursery School and \$96.00 for Easter Lilies.

Total Deposit - \$14,592.00



### Circles to Meet

The Love-Joy Circle will meet on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in the Session Room of the church. The Sonshine Circle will meet in the Family Life Center at 10am on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Circles meet monthly and all ladies are invited to attend either of these meetings.

### Call for Handbell Ringers



We are still seeking folks who might be interested in ringing handbells with a handbell choir. If you are new to handbells, our new director, Lynn England will be working with beginners this spring to get a head start on the fall semester. A music background is helpful but is certainly not required; beginners as well as seasoned musicians are invited to try us out. If this is something you think you might be interested in pursuing, contact Lynn at 931-743-2245 or [lynnwengland@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnwengland@yahoo.com). You may also contact Sandra Robbins for more information.

### Recovery Kitchen

We so much appreciate your donations for making a meal for the homeless in the Recovery Kitchen program. We had immediate and overwhelming response to the call for items for the meal. Thank you for your continued support of this program!



**Priority House**, one of our mission outreach programs, is in need of twin size sheets and blankets. There will be a collection bin located beside the pastors' offices if you are able to provide new or gently-used sheets and blankets during the remainder of this month and the month of April. For the men who are living at Priority House these two simple items are the start of a new life.

### This Week In the Church

<b>Wednesday</b>	NOON	Holy Week Service	<b>Saturday</b>	8:00pm	Easter Vigil Service (St. Michael's Episcopal Church)
<b>Thursday</b>	NOON	Holy Week Service			
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service			
<b>Friday</b>	NOON	Holy Week Service	<b>Sunday</b>	8:45am	Easter Sunday Worship
	7:00pm	Good Friday Service		9:50am	Sunday School
				11:00am	Easter Sunday Worship

### 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 this study, Christian is leading us through the book of Acts. **Note that we will not have the study this week. We will resume on Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>.**



## Love Joy Circle Continues to Collect “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.



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>

**Individuals:** James Lacy; Dan Verble; Reagan Bacgi (tumor); Ramona Tilghman (broken hip); Kathy Hilton (broken ankle); Jim Gray, Sr.; Kim Daniels (cancer); Jewel Cannon; Freeman Smith; Cody Liddle (boating accident); Amy Baggett; Jim Baggett; Georgia Hensley; 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).

