



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
April 12, 2023*

***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” – Proverbs 3:5-6***

Life is about choices. Matthew’s account of the resurrection says that Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. After seeing the empty tomb and hearing the message of the angels, they left the tomb afraid, but filled with joy. They had all of the reason in the world to be scared in that moment, but they chose to focus on joy in that moment.

This Sunday, in our sermon, we will look at the choices of Thomas. He was not there when Jesus revealed himself to the other disciples. Afterward, despite their pleas, Thomas chose to verbally doubt that they had seen Jesus. He was given the opportunity to choose the normal or the unbelievable. While he made the understandable choice in that moment, he did not allow that choice to define him. When Jesus presented him with new evidence, he made a new choice.

Every day we have the opportunity to make choices. We can choose joy or fear. We can choose doubt or belief. We can choose to put Christ first or we can choose to make everything else more important. We can choose to be hurt by the actions and opinions of others or we can choose to learn and to grow from them. Sometimes we will choose wisely. Unfortunately, sometimes we will choose the wrong path. We do not have to let those choices define us. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not upon your understanding, and never be embarrassed to make a new choice about how you see the world, your God, your neighbor, or yourself.

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.



Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study will resume next week, the 18th of April. Join us as Tim Fournet continues a discussion on the book of Ephesians.

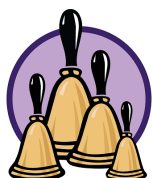
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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, April 16th, will be the Second Sunday of Easter. The chancel color is white. The scripture for the sermon will be John 20:19-31. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God together and continue to celebrate the victorious resurrection of Christ.

Handbells 101



HANDBELL CLASSES

If you have an interest in joining the handbell choir but have no experience in reading music or playing handbells, you are in luck! Our Handbell Director, Lynn England, has an extensive background in music education and lots of experience and patience to go with it. He is offering a class for beginners on Wednesdays at 4pm in the Pathfinders Sunday School classroom. You can enter downstairs at the back of the church building. Questions may be directed to Lynn at 931-743-2245 or lynnwengland@yahoo.com. Anyone interested in ringing bells is invited to attend! Just show up!

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



CP Women's Regional Meeting



All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend the Regional Meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry, to be held on Saturday, April 22nd, at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Registration begins at 8:30am with the meeting starting at 9. Coffee and doughnuts will be served during registration.

Ladies of our church are hosting this meeting and we ask that you consider volunteering to serve as a hostess, prepare something for our lunch salad/dessert bar or serve in some other capacity. We would love to have you join us for a time of fellowship with ladies from our region. For more information on how you can help, contact Belinda Wynne at 931-979-7816. We look forward to hearing from you!

This Week In the Church

Wednesday	10:00am CPNS devotion	Sunday	5:30pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
	6:00pm Youth activities		6:30pm Youth activities
Thursday	8:30am Coffee & Conversation (online)	Tuesday	8:30am Coffee & Conversation (online)
	10:00am Pastor's Roundtable		NOON Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:45am Worship Service		1:00pm Community Assistance
	9:50am Sunday School		
	11:00am Worship Service		



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, April 9, 2023

Commitments - \$8,330.00 Undesignated - \$15,068.55 Other - \$3011.25

This week’s offering includes \$250.00 donated for the Assistance Program, \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$60.00 from Weight Watchers for facility use, \$36.00 for Easter Lilies and \$2,615.25 for Food to the Rescue (Holy Week Services donations).

Total Deposit - \$26,409.80

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: Amelia Kate Moore (premature daughter of Liz & Ryan Moore); Rand & Allison McDonald; James Lacy; Dan Verble; Reagan Bacgi (tumor); Jim Baggett (surgery); Joe Herman (bypass surgery); Ramona Tilghman (broken hip); Kathy Hilton (broken ankle); Jim Gray, Sr.; Kim Daniels (cancer); Jewel Cannon; Cody Liddle (boating accident); Amy Baggett; Georgia Hensley; Sherrie Smith; Wanda McCaskey; Pete & Regina Weber; Don Holloway; Cindy Furcean.



Cancer Treatment: Ginger Tevault (Julie Stepp’s mother - chemo); Susie Hyder (Evelyn’s daughter - breast cancer; brain tumor surgery); 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 (Bailey Manor); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe); Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living).

