

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
May 3, 2023*

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." – Jeremiah 29:11

This past Sunday, we had the opportunity to celebrate Katie Ory's ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Katie has worked for several years to reach this point. She was also installed as the new campus minister for the Tennessee Technological University Presbyterian Student Association. I hope that we will all support her and pray for her as she continues this journey of ministry.



Shareholders Dinner

If you have not already done so, please **RSVP TODAY** if you plan to attend the Pittsburgh Mission Trip Shareholders Dinner at 6:30pm on Sunday, May 7th. You may contact Caleb via email (caleb@cookevillecpchurch.org) or Sandra (931-526-6585) in the church office. Again, please let us know **TODAY** of your plans to attend. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, May 7th, will be the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The chancel color is white. The scripture for the sermon will be John 14:1-14 We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am when we worship God together and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Recovery Kitchen

Recovery Kitchen is a program that provides hot meals for the homeless in our community. We ask that members of the church assist us in preparing a meal by donating any of the following items. Please contact Alice at 239-5513 if you are able to donate items to the project. Please have all food to the church by Friday, May 12th, at NOON.

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| (3) 24 pcs pre-cooked chicken breast | (80) rolls | (80) soft granola bars |
| (3) 36 servings instant potatoes | (80) bananas | (48) p/b crackers |
| (4) 100 oz. green beans | (80) apples or oranges | 1-gallon BBQ sauce |
| (2) family size frozen lasagna | (80) individually wrapped desserts | |

Thank you in advance for your loyal and continued support for this important service to our homeless community.

Ladies' Circles to Meet

The Love-Joy Circle will meet on Monday, May 8th, at 10am in the Session Room of the church. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

The Sonshine Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 9th, at 10am in the Family Life Center. The group will continue its study of Women of the Bible. Circle activities are open to all women in the church.

CALLING ALL HANDBELL ALUMNI!



Are you a former "Handbell Ringer"? If so, we would love to have you return and ring with us. We are planning on a Kickoff/Welcome Back Luncheon on August 12th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall for new and returning ringers. Afterwards, we will get organized and plan for the coming church year. Our first rehearsal will be August 17th at 6:30pm (beginners at 5:30). We hope you will be able to join us for all events. Please let Lynn England (lynnwengland@yahoo.com or 931-743-2245) or Sandra Robbins know that you would like to attend and if you would prefer to play certain bells.

Song Requests

There are cards available in the pews and on the narthex table for you to note those songs you would like to have included in the church services here at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. These songs do not have to be limited to those in our hymnal, but can be old-time gospel hymns or contemporary songs performed on the Christian music scene. Please let us know what your hymn/song preferences are and we will work to incorporate those into worship.



Seeking Greeters for Sunday School Hour

Greeters



We still have room for you on the greeter team at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church! As a greeter, you would be available, during the Sunday School hour, to welcome any newcomers to our church and show them the way to a Sunday School class. Depending on the number of greeters we have, you would need to serve once every four to six weeks. If this is something you would be willing to do to help serve the church, contact Sandra in the church office. There is also a sign up sheet in the narthex of the church.

Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study has concluded for this semester. We invite you to stay tuned for information on the next series of study.



Handbells 101



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 5pm 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!

Outdoor Worship Service

On May 21st, during both of our morning services, we will be gathering outside near the Family Life Center for worship. Everyone is encouraged to dress comfortably. You may bring a lawn chair or use one of the church's folding chairs as we celebrate Ascension Sunday. We will have a brass ensemble to lead our music for the services. Come join us for worship!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, April 30, 2023

Commitments - \$2,835.00 Undesignated - \$897.00 Other - \$375.00

This week's offering includes a \$175.00 donation to the Priority House project, \$50.00 toward Community Assistance and \$150.00 for altar flowers.

Total Deposit - \$4,107.00

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.



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>

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.

Soul Sisters Auction and Fellowship Dinner

Everyone is encouraged to mark their calendars for May 21st. We will be having dinner with hotdogs and all the fixings. We are asking that you help us with the desserts for the meal. There will be snow cones, a bounce house, and corn hole games.

The Soul Sisters will also be having their annual silent auction during this event. They will begin taking items on May 7th and will continue until the 21st. We will have more details soon.



ONE HEART ONE MIND

JULY 15
9:00AM-3:30PM
BETHEL UNIVERSITY

WHO: CHILDREN K-6TH GRADE
COST: \$40 BEFORE JUNE 12, \$50 AFTER
LODGING IS AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$20

2023

**PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN ABOUT THE
DAY OF PENTECOST AND THE COMMUNITY
OF NEW BELIEVERS THROUGH WORSHIP,
STUDY, AND PLAY.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: JODI RUSH
JHR@CUMBERLAND.ORG
CPCMC.ORG/CHILDRENSFEST

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One Heart One Mind

**THE COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS WAS ONE IN HEART AND MIND. -
ACTS 4: 32**

Contact Caleb if you would like to enroll your child(ren) in this event or would like more information about activities associated with the event.



Joy Club Outing

On Tuesday, June 6th, the Joy Club will be enjoying a picnic lunch in Monterey at the Fournet House. We will take the bus so 13 can ride. You are welcome to drive up or carpool. Meet at the church at 11:15am. Bring a \$10 gift (or a hand-me-down gift) for a white elephant swap. Lunch will be provided.



The address is 310 West Cleveland Ave. Monterey, TN 38574 . There are a few steps (3) to be negotiated. If there is need of a wheelchair ramp, we will try to accommodate. Lunch will be served indoors but you can choose to eat inside or out. We should be back to the church around 2:30 .

Please RSVP for the trip using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5AA28A4FDC25-joyclub1>

This Week In the Church

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| <u>Wednesday</u> | 10:00am CPNS devotion | <u>Sunday</u> | 5:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal |
| | 5:00pm Beginner Handbells | | 6:30pm Pittsburgh Mission Trip |
| | 6:00pm Youth activities | | Shareholders' Dinner |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 8:30am Coffee & Conversation (online) | <u>Tuesday</u> | 8:30am Coffee & Conversation |
| <u>Sunday</u> | 8:45am Worship Service | | (online) |
| | 9:50am Sunday School | | 1:00pm Community Assistance |
| | 11:00am Worship Service | | |

Communion Preparation Opportunity



We are looking for families to assist in the church by preparing elements for communion on the first Sunday of the month. This would entail coming in on the Saturday prior to Communion Sunday to fill the communion trays with cups/juice and bread. These are placed on the sanctuary table for use in Sunday's services. A letter explaining the process will be sent to you the week for which you are to prepare communion and it will outline all the duties associated with preparation. There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex or you may go to the following link to sign up for communion prep:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13Mimf7y4LfkeXrrS0PcnhrsrLt4xRAjZTYf3mt4GK60/edit#gid=0>

We have several Sundays left unfilled at this time and would appreciate your consideration in taking on this role for the church. Please call Sandra in the church office if you have any questions - 931-526-6585.





Individuals: James Maggart; Nancy Miller; Wanda McCaskey (broken hip - Signature Healthcare); Ella Haynes (Bailey Manor); Liz Fournet; Patti Atnip (knee surgery - home); Dorothy Nichols; Jeff Comer (brain tumor); Georgia Hensley (CRMC); Ron Hensley (CRMC); Amelia Kate Moore (premature daughter of Liz & Ryan Moore); Rand & Allison McDonald; James Lacy (Signature Healthcare); Dan Verble; Reagan Bacgi (tumor); Jim Baggett (surgery); Joe Herman (heart bypass surgery); Ramona Tilghman (broken hip); Kathy Hilton (broken ankle); Jim Gray, Sr.; Kim Daniels (cancer); Jewel Cannon; Cody Liddle (boating accident); Amy Baggett; Sherrie Smith; 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).

