

# Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Wednesday,  
May 17, 2023

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." – Psalm 119:105*



This past Sunday we celebrated the four high school graduates from Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Ross King, Coe Vanhooser, Maggie Wallace, and Spencer Welch will be graduating this weekend. Please continue to offer them your prayers as they prepare for college and the journey of life.

## Soul Sisters Auction and Fellowship Dinner



Everyone is invited to attend a special church gathering on this Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Family Life Center. We will be having a church picnic and the Soul Sisters will sponsor their annual silent auction during the event. The ladies will continue to accept donations for the auction through Sunday.

Evening activities start at **5pm** with snow cones, a bounce house and corn hole games. At **5:30pm**, we will be having dinner with hotdogs and all the fixings. We ask that you help us with desserts for the meal. This is a great opportunity for us to come together for a time of fun and fellowship. Make plans to join us!



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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, will be the Ascension Sunday. Services will be held outdoors near the McCaskey Family Life Center. Our scripture for the sermon will be Luke 24:44-53. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am when we will worship God together.



## Food to the Rescue Packing Day

\*\*\* **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. Please join us in preparing food boxes for our school children!

## Outdoor Worship Service

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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!



## Diaper Drive

## Soul Sisters Diaper Challenge

The Soul Sisters Circle is collecting diapers for local non-profits during the month of May. For every pack of diapers that the congregation donates, Soul Sisters will match donations, up to 50 packs. A collection box is available in the Fellowship Hall and will also be at the Auction/Cookout on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Joy Club Outing

On Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 by calling Sandra in the church office or by using the following link:

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



## 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.



## This Week In the Church

<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	10:00am	CPNS devotion	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	5:00pm	Silent Auction bidding begins
	5:00pm	Beginner Handbells			snow cones, bounce house
	6:00pm	Youth activities			corn hole games
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	8:30am	Coffee & Conversation (online)		5:30pm	Picnic Dinner
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	8:45am	Worship Service (Outdoor)	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	8:30am	Coffee & Conversation
	9:50am	Sunday School			(online)
	11:00am	Worship Service (Outdoor)		1:00pm	Community Assistance

## Beginner Handbells Class



HANDBELL  
CLASSES

If you have an interest in learning to play handbells but have no experience in reading music we have just the thing for you! 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](mailto:lynnwengland@yahoo.com). Anyone interested in ringing bells is invited to attend! Just show up!

## Do You Have a Song Request?

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.



## 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.

## 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.





**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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**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.



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>





## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, May 14, 2023**

Commitments - \$4,635.00      Undesignated - \$6,712.00      Other - \$59.19

This week's offering includes a \$59.19 reimbursement for IVC purchase made by CPWM.

Total Deposit - \$11,406.19

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm (beginners at 4:30). 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.

## **Communion Preparation Opportunity**

We are looking for families to assist in the church by preparing communion elements for church services. We have just October and Christmas Eve left unfilled and would appreciate your consideration in taking on this role for the church. Preparation for communion entails coming in on the day prior to communion to fill the trays with cups/juice and bread. These are placed on the sanctuary table. 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>

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).

