



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
May 24, 2023*

“No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.” – 1 Corinthians 12:3-6

For the last several weeks we have been talking about transitions. We have talked a lot about the transitions that happen at the end of the school year. Then this past Sunday, we talked about the major transition that took place as Jesus ascended into Heaven. The disciples were going to have to continue sharing the good news, but now they were going to have to do it with the leadership of a physically present Jesus.

That had to be an enormously intimidating assignment. Thankfully, God knew that people would need help and God had a plan. As Jesus ascended, he had one last instruction for his disciples, as he told them in Luke 24, “And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”



We know that what was being sent to the disciples was the gift of the Holy Spirit. The disciples received a Spirit who gave them the guidance that was needed to spread the Good News. The disciples received a spirit who gave them the power needed to overcome any obstacle that stood in their way. The disciples received a Spirit who gave them the courage needed to face persecution and trial and still celebrate the glory of God.

This Sunday we will celebrate that while we do not live with the physical presence of Christ, we have transitioned to a world where the Holy Spirit has been poured out on all of us. The same Spirit that gave the disciples the guidance, power, and courage they needed to change the world and spread the Gospel of Christ across the globe is the same Spirit that we have received. The disciples did great things with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have everything we need to do the same.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, May 28th, will be Pentecost Sunday. The chancel color will be red. Our scripture for the sermon will be Acts 2:1-21. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am when we will worship God together. You are encouraged to wear the color red for this service.

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 by calling Sandra in the church office or by using the following link:

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

There is also a signup sheet on the narthex table.

This Week In the Church

Wednesday	10:00am	CPNS devotion	Sunday	5:30pm	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (tentative)
	5:00pm	Beginner Handbells	Monday	Memorial Day - offices closed	
	6:00pm	Youth activities	Tuesday	8:30am	Coffee & Conversation (online)
Thursday	8:30am	Coffee & Conversation (online)		1:00pm	Community Assistance
Sunday	8:45am	Worship Service			
	9:50am	Sunday School			
	11:00am	Worship Service			



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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, May 21, 2023

Commitments - \$1,900.00 Undesignated - \$3,145.00 Other - \$50.00

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers.

Total Deposit - \$5,095.00





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
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 CPCMC.ORG/CHILDRENFEST



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>

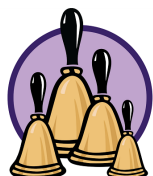




Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in celebration of Willene Gentry's 91st birthday from her loving family.

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. Anyone interested in ringing bells is invited to attend! Just show up!

Do You Have a Song Request?

There are cards available 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.



Song Requests

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.

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 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.





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.

Individuals: James Maggart (surgery); Eldridge Eads (CRMC); Wanda McCaskey (broken hip - Signature Healthcare); Ella Haynes (Bailey Manor); Dorothy Nichols; Jeff Comer (brain tumor); Georgia Hensley (Bethesda); Ron Hensley (Bethesda); Amelia Kate Moore (premature daughter of Liz & Ryan Moore); Rand & Allison McDonald; James Lacy (Signature Healthcare); Reagan Bacgi (tumor); Jim Baggett (surgery); Ramona Tilghman (broken hip); Kathy Hilton (broken ankle); Jim Gray, Sr.; Kim Daniels (cancer); Jewel Cannon; Cody Liddle (boating accident); Sherrie Smith; 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).

