



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

*Wednesday,  
August 2, 2023*

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***“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.”– Psalm 24:1***

We say it all of the time in the church. God loves us tremendously. God loves us so much that we have been provided with an abundance of gifts and blessings. Everything we have been given is a gift. Everything. Your job is a gift. Your house is a gift. Your car is a gift. Your clothes are a gift. Some will say that they have worked hard to earn those things. Yet, they were only able to work hard because they had the time, talent, and energy to work to earn those things. Time, talent, and energy are also gifts from God.

Scripture reminds us that all that we have is a gift from the God who loves us. Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.” 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

God provides us those gifts for a purpose. The gifts that we have been provided are not given so that we can selfishly hold onto them. They are given so that we can use them to show others the glory of God.

Often, when we think about stewardship and what we ought to offer back to God, we limit it to material blessings. Yet, God has given us so much more than just our “stuff.” Over the next several weeks, in our sermons and in our Manna messages, we will focus on the non-material gifts we have been given and how they can better be shared. We will seek to discover how we can better serve God by being better stewards of ALL of God’s gifts.

## *Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Resume*



A reminder for current and future choir members - we resume rehearsals **THIS SUNDAY** at 5:30pm in the choir loft. We have an exciting lineup of music for the fall semester and will soon begin incorporating our anthems into worship. I am excited for a semester of not only great music, but for the community and fellowship that this opportunity affords our members. Please let me know if you have any questions about the fall program and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday! Sandra

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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 and 11:00am when we will worship and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

## Wednesday Connection Resumes

We are excited to announce that our fall semester of Wednesday Connection will be resuming **NEXT WEDNESDAY** evening, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at **5:15pm**. As always, we will begin our evenings with a meal. We would love for you and your family to join us for this fellowship opportunity. Meals cost \$6.00/person and no one household is expected to pay more than \$20.00. You may make a reservation meals on a weekly basis or make a standing reservation by completing a reservation card (located on the narthex table), registering online or by contacting the church office.



At 6:00pm, our youth and children will meet downstairs for Bible Study and recreation. Our Twisted Stitchers Group meets in the Session Room to crochet and knit together as they work on projects for various service organizations in the community.

At 6:15pm, our adults meet in the Upper Commons for Bible Study. This semester, Christian will be leading the group in a study about the history and meaning of the Apostles' Creed. The group will also look at some other creeds the Church has used throughout its history. Join us!

*The First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

## **SANCTUARY CHOIR**

is seeking new members and welcomes **YOU!**

Prior musical training, while helpful, is not  
required to be a member of the Choir.

Join us **THIS SUNDAY** at 5:30pm in the Choir Loft.

Contact Sandra Robbins with interest/questions!  
931-526-6585 or 931-284-6934



Matt Wynne and Kelsi Page are having a boy! The church is hosting a drive-through baby shower for Matt and Kelsi on August 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30pm in the Family Life Center and you are invited to drop by. They are registered at Wal-Mart and on Amazon. Kelsi is due in early September.



Our next series of Bible Studies began yesterday. Please make plans to join us as Rev. Caleb Norris leads us through a study of some of the Minor Prophets.

### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 30, 2023**

Commitments - \$2,840.00      Undesignated - \$1,271.00      Other - \$239.00

This week's offering includes \$200.00 donation from PEO and \$25.00 in birthday donations.

Total Deposit - \$7,080.50



## Church Anniversary Celebration

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be celebrating the anniversary of the founding of this church. We will celebrate 154 years of service to this community during our morning worship services. That evening, at 5pm, we will gather to celebrate our church family with a barbeque dinner. The church will provide the main course, beans, buns, and drinks. We invite you to bring desserts as we enjoy an evening of fellowship.



## 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, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at NOON.

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| 80 cheese slices   | 80 individually wrapped desserts | 80 bananas |
| 80 hamburger buns  | 80 p/b or cheese crackers        | 80 oranges |
| 80 soft granola bars   | 80 bottles water                 |            |
| 400 oz. potato salad - Sam's has 80 oz. size - need 5 of those |                                  |            |

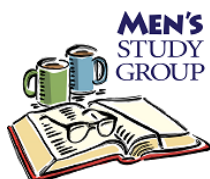
Thank you in advance for your loyal and continued support for this important service to our homeless community.



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>

## Men's Bible Study



The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study has resumed and we invite all the men in the church to attend the study with us each week in the Session Room of the church. Feel free to bring along your lunch. Tim Fournet is leading a discussion of Max Lucado's book on James.



**Individuals:** Dick & Pat Brumfield; Lorene Holland (Willene Gentry's sister - Blue Roof); Len & Julie Edelstein (multiple health issues - friends of Brenda Johnson); Jason Palmer (Belinda Wynne's nephew - heart attack); Ramona Tilghman (hospice); Wesley Sanders - Kiana Gentry's brother-in-law - car accident); Ella Haynes (Bailey Manor); Jeff Comer (brain tumor); Georgia Hensley (Bethesda); Amelia Kate Moore (premature daughter of Liz & Ryan Moore); Rand & Allison McDonald; James Lacy (Signature Healthcare); Reagan Bacgi (tumor); Jim Baggett (surgery); Cody Liddle (boating accident); Sherrie Smith; Don Holloway; Cindy Furcean.



**Cancer Treatment:** Kim Daniels; 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); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe); Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living); Bob Zolg (Heritage Pointe).

