



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
August 23, 2023*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“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

There is a lot going on in the church office right now. Between funerals, premarital counseling, preparing for Wednesday Connection, preparing for Sunday morning worship, and the other emergencies that are happening, it can be a lot. I know that many of you deal with the same kind of issues. Your jobs and your families demand a great deal from you, and we only have so much energy that we can give.

Each of us has great demands on our time and energy. Therefore, it becomes necessary for each of us to determine how we can best be good stewards of the limited resources with which we have been provided. Being a good steward means that we are not wasteful with our opportunities. Our energy needs to be used on those things that give life and purpose to others and ourselves. Just as we are called to use our money and talents to make a difference in the world, our energy needs to be used to serve others and to point people to the one who gives life and strength.

This sounds like a daunting task. When life gets busy and our energy feels depleted, it is hard to focus on much more than ourselves. That is when we need to remember the words of Paul, who was assured that by God, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” Then we need to respond like Paul who says, “So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.”

CPWM Regional Meeting

All circle members are invited and encouraged to attend the Cumberland Presbyterian Women’s Ministry Regional Meeting to take place this Saturday, August 26th, at the Smithville Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The meeting starts at 9am and carpooling will be an option. We would love to have a good turnout for this meeting. Call Belinda at 979-7816 for more information.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, August 27th, will be the 13th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 1 Peter 4:7-11 We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God.

Wednesday Connection

Wednesday Connection has resumed! As usual, we begin our evening with a meal. We would love to have you and your family join us for this fellowship opportunity. Meals cost \$6.00/person and no one household is expected to pay more than \$20.00. You do need to make a reservation 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. The meal for tonight is Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti and the **Worship & Music Ministry** is in charge of preparing, serving and cleaning up after the meal. Next week's meal will include Meatloaf and the **Stewardship & Finance Ministry** will be in charge of that meal.



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. We encourage you to come and be a part of our Wednesday Connection program!



Online Bible Study

Join Caleb live in a study presentation on Minor Prophets in the Bible. The study is streamed live on Facebook on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30am. Make a cup of coffee and join Caleb for Coffee and Conversation! All studies are recorded on our Facebook page and can be viewed at any time.



Open House

JESSE & HALEY CHAPMAN

*Join us for food and fellowship at
Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian
Church Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, September 3, 2023
from 12:15 to 3:00pm

RSVP: 931-260-7011

*No Gifts Please
Hosted by the ladies of the church
and the Chapman family*



FCPC Sanctuary Choir



Our church Sanctuary Choir is an ensemble that provides anthems and special music for worship. We would love to have you as a member of our group and it is never too late to join us. We invite you to join us on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 in the choir loft. We welcome all voices! We have an exciting lineup of music for the fall semester and just presented our first anthem in our special Homecoming services this past Sunday. We are excited for a semester of not only great music, but for the community and fellowship that this opportunity affords our choir members. Come join us!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 20, 2023

Commitments - \$5,750.00 Undesignated - \$1,923.38 Other - \$656.09

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$141.09 reimbursement from CPWM, \$270.00 reimbursement from CPNS and \$195.00 in revenue from Connection meals.

Total Deposit - \$8,329.47



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>





The church expresses sympathy to Don Haynes (husband) and Barbara Greeson (daughter) on the death of loved one, Ella Haynes. Ella passed away on Friday of this past week. Funeral services were held yesterday. Please remember Don, Barbara and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

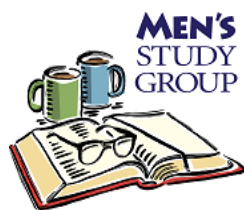
Individuals: the family of Ella Haynes (Don’s wife and Barbara Greeson’s mother); Frankie Dickerson (CRMC); the family of Jeff Comer: the family of Lucille Ford (Freeman Smith’s sister); Martha Clift (broken shoulder); Dick & Pat Brumfield; Lorene Holland (Willene Gentry’s sister - NHC); Ramona Tilghman (hospice); Don Holloway (NHC); Wesley Sanders - Kiana Gentry’s brother-in-law in car accident); Georgia Hensley (home); Amelia Kate Moore (premature daughter of Liz & Ryan Moore); Rand & Allison McDonald; James Lacy (Bailey Manor); Reagan Bacgi (tumor); Jim Baggett (surgery); Cody Liddle (boating accident); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.



Cancer Treatment: Bill Snyder (Virginia Lovellette’s brother); 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).

Men’s Bible Study



The Tuesday Noon Men’s Bible Study continues 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.

