



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
September 27, 2023*

“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

When I was younger, my four brothers and I would often sing together at small churches in Rutherford County while my grandmother played the piano for us. One of the songs that we sang was “He’s Still Working on Me.” The lyrics say:

*He's still working on me
To make me what I need to be
It took him just a week to make the moon and stars
The sun and the earth and Jupiter and Mars
How loving and patient He must be
'Cause He's still workin' on me*

I am so thankful that God patiently works on me. I certainly need a lot of work. While I am happy with the opportunity to serve God and I am happy with the person that I am becoming, I am certainly not the person that I want to be. I also know that I am not the person that God desires for me to be. Yet, God has never given up on me. God continues to offer me love and forgiveness as he patiently helps me to grow. God will never give up on me because God loves me and needs me to grow to better serve Him and others.

Just as I need God to be patient with me, people need me to be patient with them. We are all still working to become the people that God wants us to be. Just as God is lovingly and patiently working on us, we need to offer that same loving and patient help to others. If we truly love others, we cannot give up on them. Instead, we must continue to work with them, because we need each other in order to better serve God and humanity. Let’s all strive to be good stewards of the patience that God offers to us.



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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, October 1st, will be World Communion Sunday. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be Philippians 2:1-13. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion along with other congregations around the globe.

Food to the Rescue Packing Day

*** **THIS EVENING - 5:30-7:30 pm*****

227 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 Fall Break. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities.

New Sunday School Class Offering

The church has a new Sunday School class offering for young adults. This new group is designed to allow those who are in their early 20's to mid 30's to have a place to study the scriptures together as they reflect on the issues they are facing in this chapter of life. We plan to provide opportunities for those within this group to further develop new relationships through dinners and fellowship activities.



Corby King is the teacher/facilitator for the group. We are looking to build a core group of young adults to participate in the formation of this new group. We would welcome those who are currently attending our church, former members of our church, or new members to be a part of this new group. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, please let Corby King or Christian Smith know so that we can provide more details.



Wednesday Connection

Fall Break is just about here (runs from October 2nd through the 12th) and we will have a lot of our church members traveling to spend time out of town. Please note that Connection WILL NOT meet during the break but will resume on the 16th of October. We invite you to join us at that time.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, September 24, 2023

Commitments - \$3,690.00

Undesignated - \$764.00

Other - \$494.00


This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers, a \$300.00 camp reimbursement and \$144.00 in revenue for the 09/20/23 Connection meal.

Total Deposit - \$4,948.00



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Everyone is invited to bring your leashed or crated pets to this special service of blessing for all of God's creatures.



OCTOBER 1, 2023
@ 5:30PM

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and
Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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.



Join ^{FOOD to the} Rescue as we



THIS SEPTEMBER:

by collecting 16 oz* jars of
Peanut Butter
for the current school year
food distributions.

We appreciate your help!

*jar weight varies by brand; this is a general guideline for size!

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>





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.



We just recently learned of the passing of Ed Winston. Many of you will remember Ed and Faith as an important part of our church, especially in the music ministry. Ed passed away in Cookeville earlier this month. Please keep Faith and the family in your prayers during this difficult transition.

Individuals: Leo DePriest (CRMC); Annette Coorts Flanders (CRMC); Susan Sparks (the mother of Chuck Sparks - CRMC); Amy Gentry (surgery for broken hip); the family of Lynn Dunham (Steve's mother); Frankie Dickerson (Bethesda); Martha Clift (broken shoulder); Dick & Pat Brumfield; Lorene Holland (Willene Gentry's sister - NHC); Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Don Holloway (NHC); Wesley Sanders - Kiana Gentry's brother-in-law); 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; 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: Jo Gentry (Charter Senior Living); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe); Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living); Bob Zolg (Heritage Pointe).