



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
October 4, 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***

I just finished writing the sermon that I will preach at the funeral for Leo DePriest. I often have people inquire about how difficult it is to write a sermon for a funeral. The truth is, all of those sermons are difficult. Some are difficult because I may not have known the person well, and I always strive to personalize those sermons for the person whose life we are celebrating. Others are difficult because I know the person very well, and as I prepare the message, there is a flood of memories that come to me and I do not have time to share everything that comes to mind.

Leo certainly fell in the second category. I have witnessed and I have heard the stories of Leo’s love and compassion and sacrifice for others. I have witnessed and have heard the stories of Leo’s joy for life. Those memories are special and are certainly memories and lessons that I will not forget. The time that we have with our loved ones and the lessons that we learn from them are gifts from God.

As people who are called to be stewards of all of God’s gifts, we need to be caretakers of those memories. We are not caretakers if we keep those memories to ourselves. We are good stewards of those memories when we allow ourselves to learn from them and grow because of them. We are good stewards when we take the memories of the good that we saw in others, and we emulate that in our lives. When we are good stewards of the memories of our loved ones, those people live on in the world through us.

Recovery Kitchen

Recovery Kitchen is a program that helps provide hot meals for the homeless in our community. We are in need of the following items for this week’s meal. Contact Tracy at 261-1029 if you are able to give to the project. Please have items to the church by **THURSDAY**, October 12, at noon.

80 hamburger buns

80 bottles water

80 oranges

80 slices Swiss cheese

80 individual bags of chips

80 bananas

40 individually wrapped desserts

Sonshine Circle

Members of the Sonshine Circle will be meeting on Monday, October 9th, (instead of Tuesday). The ladies will meet in the Family Life Center at 10am. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, October 8th, will be the 19th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be Philippians 3:4-14. Rev. Caleb Norris will be preaching. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God together. The 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

Love-Joy Circle

The Love-Joy Circle will meet on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 10am in the Session Room. Members are asked to bring Halloween and Thanksgiving cards for our shut-ins. All ladies of the Church are invited to attend the meeting.

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 in progress and we 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 18th of October. We invite you to join us at that time.

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 1 & 2 Peter.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, October 1, 2023

Commitments - \$7,465.00 Undesignated - \$4,231.00 Other - \$250.00
This week's offering includes \$250.00 for the Tuesday Assistance program.
Total Deposit - \$11,946.00



A festive poster for a Fall Carnival. The background is a light beige color. The title "FALL CARNIVAL" is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, "@ CPNS!" is written in a smaller, bold, orange font. The text "\$10 PER CHILD FOR UNLIMITED GAMES & ACTIVITIES!" is centered below the title. Further down, the activities "BOUNCE HOUSE, POPCORN, CARNIVAL GAMES, SNO CONES, FACE PAINTING, A PUMPKIN PATCH & SO MUCH MORE! COME JOIN US FOR ALL THE FALL FUN!" are listed in a smaller, orange font. At the bottom, the date and time "October 21st 2pm- 4pm" and the location "565 East 10th Street!" are displayed in orange. The poster is decorated with several cartoon pumpkins with different faces (happy, sad, surprised) and various autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. A green vine with leaves is also visible on the right side.

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The church expresses sympathy to the family of Leo DePriest. Leo passed away on Sunday of this week. He was a long-time member of our congregation and his presence in this church and community will be missed. Visitation will take place today from 1-3pm at the Crest Lawn Funeral Home with a Celebration of Life following at 3pm. Please keep John David and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Individuals: the family of Leo DePriest; Annette Coorts Flanders (home); 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).



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.

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>

