



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
October 11, 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

I write this message knowing that when you read it, I will be sitting on the beach. I will be enjoying the opportunity to put away my computer, turn off my cell phone, and listen to the sound of the waves crashing on the shore. My family and I will be taking some time to simply enjoy a moment of peace. We like to use the word peace in the church. We like to talk about the fact that Christ came to offer us peace. We have the peace that we are no longer sentenced to death. We have the peace that the pain of this world is temporary. We have the peace that, through Christ, our life has a purpose and promise. For me, when I am able to enjoy a moment of peace, that promise of the peace of Christ is made more real.

In a world where people are so busy, people need peace. In a world where we are often so demanding of each other, people need peace. In a world where we are often bombarded with negative news, people need peace. The peace of the beach will only last for a time. But the peace that we receive through Christ is an eternal gift from God.

As people who have received that gift, we are called to be good stewards of peace. We are called to be caretakers who seek to share the peace with those who are hurting, tired, oppressed, and neglected. As stewards, we are called to offer the peace of Christ with all of God's creation.

Wednesday Connection



Fall Break is almost over. Please note that Connection **WILL NOT** meet this evening but will resume **NEXT WEEK**, the 18th of October. We will be having Family Game Night on the 18th and invite/encourage you to bring your families for a night of fun and fellowship for all. Dinner will be served at 5:15pm and you will need to make a reservation for that meal by Tuesday, the 17th, at 10am. Meals are \$6.00 per person with no one household paying more than \$20.00. On the menu for the evening is Fun Food Palooza! See you there!

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, October 15th, will be the 20th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be Matthew 22:1-14. 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.

PILLOW DRIVE UPDATE / THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone in this wonderful congregation who has so generously given bedding and pillows to the mission of Sleep In Heavenly Peace. I have just one word for all of you: **WOW!** Our motto at SHP is “No kid sleeps on the floor in our town,” and you all have been a huge part in making that happen. Thanks to the generosity of this community, we have delivered over 300 beds since we started in September of 2022. You will never know the impact your donations have had on the lives of children in Putnam and surrounding counties! If you would like to accompany a team on a bed delivery, please let me know and we’ll make it happen. When you see first-hand what SHP does for these children, you will never look at your own beds in quite the same way. Thank you and God bless you, as He blesses every child who no longer has to sleep on the floor because of donors like the members of this generous congregation.

Jayne Larsen

Operation Christmas Child 2023

The CPWM is in full swing with this year’s Operation Christmas Shoebox 2023 project. This year’s goal is to fill 375 boxes.

If you would like to participate in this year’s Operation Christmas Child program, you will be able to acquire them through the CPWM; you will not have to go out and shop to fill the boxes. We are here to help you save trips to area stores to purchase items to fill boxes. You will be given the opportunity to sponsor already-filled boxes at a price of \$25.00 per box. There will be empty boxes available in the narthex for those who would prefer to shop for their own boxes.



In following weeks (until all boxes are filled), there will be opportunities to join us in placing Love, Hope and Joy in a box! Bring a snack, friends, family and join us for the JOY of giving to children around the world! Contact Belinda Wynne, Drue Ann Huddleston or Peggy Rittenberry for further information.

Missing!



An extra-large, round pewter platter was recently used for refreshments at an event in the Family Life Center. We are unable to locate the platter and need your assistance in finding it. If you have information about where the dish might be, whether borrowed or tucked away somewhere, contact Sandra in the church office at 931-526-6585.



Trunk or Treat

It's Spooky Season again and Trunk or Treat is just around the corner! Dinner will be hot dogs, chili, various sides, and desserts. Don't hesitate to let us know if you can help out in any way!



A festive poster for a Fall Carnival. The background is a light beige color with a green double-line border. It is decorated with several orange pumpkins of different sizes, some with carved faces (smiling, surprised, or spooky), and various autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and purple. A blue vine with small leaves winds through the design. The text is centered and reads: "FALL CARNIVAL @ CPNS! \$10 PER CHILD FOR UNLIMITED GAMES & ACTIVITIES! BOUNCE HOUSE, POPCORN, CARNIVAL GAMES, SNO CONES, FACE PAINTING, A PUMPKIN PATCH & SO MUCH MORE! COME JOIN US FOR ALL THE FALL FUN! October 21st 2pm- 4pm 565 East 10th Street!"

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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>



Pastor Appreciation Month



Happy Fall ya'll! October is Pastor Appreciation month and you can't "beet" our pastors. A tree has been set up in the Fellowship Hall for notes of praise and recognition. Thank Christian and Caleb for the work they do to support us all in our journey of faith and salvation. We will celebrate our pastors at the 5th Sunday lunch on October 29th.

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.



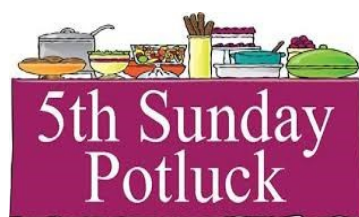
Corby King is the teacher/facilitator for the group. We are looking to build a core group of young adults to participate in the formation of this new group. We would welcome those who are currently attending our church, former members of our church, or new members to be a part of this new group. If you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



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.

5th Sunday Worship & Lunch



Sunday, October 29th, is a fifth Sunday and we will come together to worship as one congregation. Sunday School will start at 9:00am with worship following at 10:00. We will fellowship together with a potluck lunch after the worship service. The church will provide meat, bread and tea, and you are asked to bring a side and/or dessert. Come be with us as we fellowship and worship together!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, October 8, 2023

Commitments - \$2,900.00 Undesignated - \$1,858.00 Other - \$110.00

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers and \$60.00 for facility use.

Total Deposit - \$4,868.00

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.



Individuals: the family of James Lacy; the family of Leo DePriest; Annette Coorts Flanders (home); Susan Sparks (the mother of Chuck Sparks); Amy Gentry (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; 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).

