



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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From Your Minister - Christian Smith

**“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run
with perseverance the race that is set before us” – Hebrews 12:1**

This weekend we will be celebrating All Saints’ Sunday. During the service, through prayer and liturgy, and with the use of banners and candles, we will celebrate the memories of our loved ones who have left this life. This Sunday brings about a wide range of emotions. For some, this service is a difficult reminder of their loss. For others, they love this opportunity to formally honor their loved ones together with their church family. This service seeks to be a moment of hope for all of these groups.

All Saints’ Sunday does not seek to bring pain, but it is meant to provide hope and comfort. We celebrate our loved ones in an effort to remind us that death is not the end of the story. While we can take hope in the promise of a future Heavenly reunion, we can also take comfort that since our loved ones are part of a “great cloud of witnesses,” their stories of faith and love are not over. While we know that we can never forget the loved ones we have lost, All Saints’ Sunday seeks to remind us that our loved ones have made a lasting impact on the world and their impact will change the world forever. Their lessons and examples continue to live on in us, in our families, and in our church.

This Sunday, we invite you to remember and honor those loved ones who continue to mean so much to us. We invite you to celebrate the memories of those you love and find comfort in the assurance that our loved ones live on through all of us. We invite you to take joy in the promise of resurrection and that one day we will all worship God together again.

All Saints’ Banner

This Sunday, November 5th, we will be celebrating All Saints’ Sunday and celebrating the lives of the loved ones we have lost over the last year. The All Saints’ banner will be available on the narthex credenza if you wish to add a name to the banner. If you are unable to be at the church and would like a name added to the banner, please email christian@cookevillecpchurch.org.



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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, November 5th, will be All Saints' Sunday. The chancel color will be white. Our scripture for the sermon will be 1 John 1:1-3. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we celebrate the lives of the loved ones who have passed away, and worship God together.

We are coming upon one of the busiest times of the church year and we want to keep you informed on upcoming events. Please see the following schedule and contact Christian, Caleb or Sandra with any questions.



This Sunday	DST ends - clocks back one hour
	All Saints' Sunday
November 12	Family Movie Night
November 19	Feast of Ingathering
November 26	Christ the King Sunday
November 29	Hanging of the Greens

Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child



NOW is the time for you to sponsor or fill a Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child box! The CPWM has boxes already made up for the project and you are encouraged to sponsor one or more boxes for a child for the Christmas season! The ladies have over 400 boxes available for sponsorship at a cost of \$25.00 each; you won't have to invest precious time to go out and purchase items this year!

Just take an envelope from the table in the Fellowship Hall, include your money (checks to CPWM) and put it in the offering plate or return it to the FH table. There are sample boxes on the table and the ladies will be there to answer any questions you may have. Your envelope will be returned to you with a tracking number so you can keep up with where your boxes are in transit.

You certainly do have the option of making up your own box(es)! Empty boxes are located in the narthex at the front entrance to the church or they may be picked up at the doors by the church office. Filled boxes need to be returned to the narthex no later than Sunday, November 12. There is a place marked in the narthex for return of your boxes.

Note that you may submit money for sponsorship until further notice. Please help us continue this operation into next year by sponsoring your box(es) today!





TURKEY BOX PROJECT

The youth continue collecting items for the annual Turkey Box Project. Our goal is to provide Thanksgiving meals for some of the less fortunate families in our community. The youth will continue gathering items for their project through Sunday, November 19th. A collection schedule follows:

THIS SUNDAY

November 12th
November 19th

Dressing

Cranberries
Green beans

Gravy

Pie filling
Corn

Please bring your food donations to the Fellowship Hall; there is a collection tote set up just inside the doors. We will be purchasing a turkey breast for each box and you are invited to sponsor one or more boxes at \$10.00 each. Help us make a difference for a local families at Thanksgiving!

Young Adult Sunday School Class

The church now has a Sunday School class offering for young adults. This 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 various fellowship activities.



Corby King is the teacher/facilitator for the group and welcomes 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 or Christian Smith know so that we can provide more details.

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 29, 2023

Commitments - \$2,215.00 Undesignated - \$626.00 Other - \$270.00

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for the Tuesday Assistance program, \$100.00 for the Turkey Project and \$120.00 for the 10/25/23 Connection meal.

Total Deposit - \$3,111.00



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/CookevilleCPCChurch>

Sympathy



Our condolences to Charles McCaskey and family on the passing of his sister, Robin Hughes. A Celebration of Life is being held this week. Please remember Charles and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Celebration of Life

On Tuesday, November 7th, we will be having a Celebration of Life for Lynn Dunham, Steve Dunham's mother. The Dunham family will accept guests from 1:00pm until the time of the service at 2:00pm. Please be in prayer for the Dunham family.

Individuals: the family of Robin Hughes (Charles McCaskey's sister); Ed Smith (Bob Myracle's son-in-law - hospital in Baltimore); Jimmy Stringer; Annette Coorts Flanders (home); Amy Gentry (broken hip); 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; 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.

