



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
November 8, 2023*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing." – Deuteronomy 10:18

This time of year, I get concerned with how much we ask of our congregation. This past Sunday, as I stood to make announcements, I asked for your help with collecting items for our annual Turkey Box Project. I asked for your help with our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection. I also asked for your help with our Loaves and Fishes offering for Venezuelan Refugees in Columbia. I know that in a month, we will begin asking for your help with our Food to the Rescue ministry. All of these ministries involve giving time and finances that are especially important to us during this time of year. So, I have always been concerned that, at some point, someone is going to tell me that "enough is enough."

Thankfully, that has never happened. It seems that no matter how much we ask, you always come through to help others. I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate this church's commitment to offering assistance to those who may not have the same resources that we do.

The closer we get to Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, the more this congregation seems to realize just how much we have and just how much we have the opportunity to make a difference for someone else. Thank you for your sincere desire to follow scripture's pleas to love and care for all of those created in God's image.

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.



November 12	Family Movie Night
November 19	Feast of Ingathering
November 26	Christ the King Sunday
November 29	Hanging of the Greens
December 3	First Sunday in Advent

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, November 12th, will be the 24th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Rev. Caleb Norris will be preaching the sermon. 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 live via our YouTube channel.

Ladies Circles to Meet

The Love-Joy and Sonshine Circles will both be meeting on Monday, November 13th, at 10:00am. The Love-Joy Circle will be meeting in the Session Room of the church and the Sonshine Circle will be meeting in the Family Life Center. Members of the Sonshine Circle are asked to bring any OCC shoeboxes they may have. All ladies of the church are invited to attend a circle.

Turkey Box Project

The youth of the church continue collecting items for the annual Turkey Box Project. The 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 19th

Cranberries

Green beans

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.

If you would like to bring in items we have been collecting over the past couple of weeks, you may include mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, macaroni & cheese and dressing. Please have all food in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 19th. Thank you for helping us make a difference for local families during the Thanksgiving season!



OCC SHOEBOX UPDATE



If you made your own shoeboxes this year, they **MUST** be returned to the narthex by **THIS** Sunday, November 12th, to be taken to Livingston for shipping to distribution centers.

We still need for ready-made shoeboxes. The cost is \$25.00 for a box which is filled with a WOW item (soccer ball, a pump/needles, baby doll, Barbie doll or stuffed animal), school supplies (coloring book, scribble pads, coloring pencils or crayons, pencils, notebooks, scissors, erasers, pencil cases and sharpeners, book bags), personal items (soap, washcloth, toothbrush/cover, bandana, comb, brush, spoon and cup). Our boxes are filled with more than \$25.00 worth of items. There is no additional charge to you for shipping.

The CPWM was able to make up 300 boxes this year with \$2,000.00 in monies from the 2022 Yard Sale and Christmas Sale (projects we are not able to do again). School supplies were bought in bulk at Back to School sales and we had donations of dolls, stuffed animals with other toys being bought at Goodwill. One-hundred twenty toothbrushes were donated from a local dentist and \$500.00 worth of items for boxes.

With your help, we would love to pack 300 boxes again in 2024. Envelopes for donations will be available during the next month on the table in the narthex. We will accept cash or checks (make checks payable to CPWM). You can drop envelopes in the offering plate. We are happy to give you a donation slip for your gift of shoe boxes or cash. Thank you for your donations and the boxes you have made!

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, November 5, 2023

Commitments - \$13,330.00 Undesignated - \$2,728.36 Other - \$1,020.00

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$590.00 for the Turkey Project, \$50.00 for the Loaves & Fishes ministry, \$250.00 for OCC shoeboxes and \$80.00 reimbursement for Fall Retreat.

Total Deposit - \$17,078.36





CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES





COOKEVILLE CP CHURCH

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

12 NOV
6:30 PM

RSVP AT 931-526-6585



OCC Christmas Child 2024

The CPWM invites you to help prepare for OCC 2024 over the next few weeks. Consider donating items as you clean out your child's toy box to make room for this next year's toys. We would love to have items that your child has outgrown (soccer balls, small baby dolls, Barbie dolls, rubber balls, stuffed animals, etc.) These items would need to fit in a shoebox. A box will be soon be available for your donations. Call Belinda at 931-979-7816 if you need help transporting items.

Please donate to the CPWM OCC Shoebox project for 2024!



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.

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.



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>