

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
January 24, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

***"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***



I was looking forward to the snow. I got what I desired. I got enough snow to allow us to sled and have a good time. Yet, it did not take too long for that fun snow to turn into inconvenient ice. As I was stuck at the house, at some point, my joy turned to frustration. For a while, I started focusing on my problems and I allowed myself to forget about the joy that God had provided for me.

God has been good to each of us. God has blessed us with far more than we deserve and given us far more than we acknowledge. Yet, when problems arise, it is often easier to focus on our problems and our future desires than it is to remember all that God has and is doing for us.

When we spend our time focusing on the problems and inconveniences of life, it becomes easier to see those issues and more difficult to recognize your blessings. Likewise, when we spend time focusing on our blessings, it becomes easier to see all that God has done for us. So, we ought to follow the advice of scripture that urges us to give thanks in all circumstances. When we do so, we honor God and lift our spirits.

NOTES:

Wednesday Evening Connection resumes this evening with dinner at 5:15. Classes follow at 6:00 and 6:15. Please remember to make your reservations on Tuesday for the Wednesday meal.

Statements of Giving are now available on the narthex table. Please take a moment to pick up your envelope; let Liz know if you have any questions about your statement.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, January 28th, we will be celebrating the 4th Sunday after Epiphany. The chancel color will be green. Rev. Caleb Norris will be preaching the sermon. The text that will be used for the sermon is Mark 1:21-28. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God. The 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

Statements of Giving



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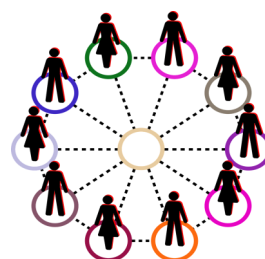
Your Pledge

Statements of Giving are now available on the narthex table. Please take a moment to pick yours up. If you did not turn in a commitment card for 2023 and wish to receive a 2023 Statement of Giving, please contact Liz immediately at lizsheets@charter.net.

Note that if you would like Liz, our depositing treasurer, to keep track of your giving, you are asked to turn in a Commitment Card at your earliest convenience. Stewardship letters and the church budget are available on the narthex table. Your commitment to giving to the church is an important part of our budgeting process and we appreciate your support.

Wednesday Connection

Wednesday Connection resumes **THIS** evening. Our Connection program offers members and guests the opportunity to fellowship and learn together. At 5:15, we enjoy a meal together. Meals cost \$6.00/person and no one household is expected to pay more than \$20.00. You do need to make a reservation on a weekly basis or make a standing reservation by completing a reservation card (located on the narthex table), registering online or by contacting the church office. On the menu for this evening is Firehouse Subs. **The Building & Grounds ministry is in charge of setting up, serving and cleaning up.** Next week's meal will consist of Chicken & Rice with broccoli. The Missions Ministry is in charge of setup, serving cleanup.



At 6:00pm, we offer lessons and fun for both our children and youth. At 6:15pm, our adults will gather in the Upper Commons for Bible Study. This semester, Christian will be leading a study on "The Lord's Prayer."

The Twisted Stitches group will be resuming their activities next Wednesday evening as well. Any level of experience is welcome. We will be working to make blankets for children in emergency situations. If you are interested, please text Liz at 931-260-8494.

From the Missions Committee

Thanks to everyone who provided food, donations and prayers for Recovery Kitchen last week. We helped feed 90 unsheltered friends. We appreciate the congregation's generous, continued support for this mission of the church.



"For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." - Romans 12:4-5



We are excited to welcome Dan, Abby, Johnny, Nicky, and Kathy Elbert as the newest members of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They joined the church during on January 21st.

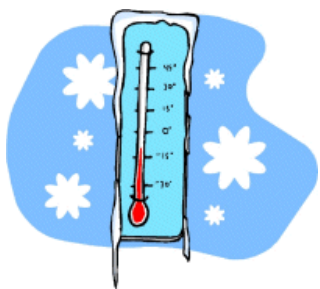
Seeking Greeters

The church is looking for individuals to serve as greeters between the 8:45 and 11:00am worship services. This opportunity would entail being available in the narthex to greet any visitors that might enter our church. You may be asked to direct them to a Sunday School class or simply get them seated for the 11:00 worship service. We most certainly want to make them feel welcome to worship with us.



If you are interested in serving in this capacity, contact Sandra Robbins in the church office (931-526-6585) or by email (sandra@cookevillecpchurch.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

Inclement Weather Policy



Our school children have had several days off because schools closed due to inclement weather. With the promise of more of those in days ahead, it is a good time to review our church's inclement weather policy. It has long been the policy of the church that if the Putnam County School System cancels classes for the day, any activities scheduled by the church for that day are canceled as well. On Sundays, we will always make every effort to have at least one worship service. However, if conditions become especially dangerous and we must close the church, we will offer an online worship option. In all cases our priority is your safety, and we ask that you make the best decisions for the safety of you and your family.

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.



2024 Flower Calendar



If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for 2024, the signup sheet is now posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cost for a flower arrangement is \$50.00 and you may submit payment the week that the flowers are ordered. Sally Beyer will contact you for a dedication (for the bulletin) and for a description of the type of arrangement you would like. Call Sandra in the church office for more information.

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>





The congregation of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church expresses sympathy to the family of Charles (Charlie) Johnson. Charlie was a regular attendee in services and will be missed by all. A Celebration of Life was held this past Sunday at Crest

Lawn Funeral Home. Please keep Jo Ann and the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Individuals: the family of Charles Johnston; Ethel James (home); Georgia Hensley (home); Frankie Dickerson (hospice); Janet Fowler (surgery); Jimmy Stringer; Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.



Cancer Treatment: Niki Work; Heidi Blessing; Kim Daniels; Bill Snyder (Virginia Lovellette's brother); Ginger Tevault (Julie Stepp's mother - chemo); Susie Hyder (Evelyn's daughter - breast cancer; brain tumor).

**REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER**

Assisted Living: Jo Gentry (Charter Senior Living); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe); Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living); Bob Zolg (Heritage Pointe).

Ministries in the Church

Please remember that you are invited to take part in one of our ministry teams at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Committees have been formed and below is a list of elders that have been chosen to work with members of the ministry teams. Please take into consideration which team you would be most interested in. You do not have to be a member of the church to take part on a team. Please see Christian or any team member about your interest in joining a ministry team.

Building and Grounds

Chris Langford
Jeff Peek
Shane Welch

Christian Education

Lanny Knight
Carroll Gotcher

Fellowship and Outreach

Nathan Fletcher
Kathie Chapman

Missions

Kim Wright
Al Middleton

Stewardship and Finance

Steve Boots
Tim Fournet

Worship and Music

Corby King
Jim Gray

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 14, 2024

Commitments - \$2,250.00 Undesignated - \$1,360.00 Other - \$100.00

This week's offering includes \$100.00 for altar flowers.

Total Deposit - \$3,710.00

