



# *Mid-Week Manna*

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

*Wednesday,  
December 1, 2021*

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This past Sunday was an eventful morning in our church. A few minutes before our 8:45 service, some members of the church smelled and then began to see smoke in the sanctuary. It was discovered that we had a short in the ballast to some of our fluorescent lights. Thankfully there was no damage to the building, and everyone was safe. The problem has been corrected as all of the fluorescent tubes in the sanctuary were replaced yesterday.

Due to the smoke and the work being done in the sanctuary to solve the problem, we did not have our 8:45 service in the sanctuary. Instead, we moved to the Family Life Center and had an abbreviated service. Thanks to the work of several members, we were able to take care of the smell and have Sunday School and our 11:00am service in the sanctuary. I want to thank Jeff Peek, Al Beyer, Chris Langford, and the members of the Cookeville Fire Department for their quick work to make sure that there was no damage to the building and that we were able to safely return to the sanctuary. I also want to thank our staff, volunteer musicians, Liz Sheets, and others who I am sure I am forgetting for helping us to offer a shortened worship experience at 8:45. Finally, I want to thank each of you who were here for your patience and flexibility as we faced an unexpected and difficult situation.

Blessings, Christian

As a part of our worship service on December 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Feast of Ingathering. This is your opportunity to share your financial pledge to the church for 2022. There will be a time for you to bring your pledges to the front of the church. You may also place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. We are thankful for your continued support of your church.



## **Church Volunteers Needed**



As we try to get back to some normalcy and the full ministry of the church, we need more people to share their knowledge, talents, and time with the church. This survey offers you the chance to share with us how you would like to serve and help us to better worship and serve together. We are asking you to follow this link (<https://forms.gle/ryVjDiGQLRLcGVXi9>) and discover several ways that you can serve the church.

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We thank Sandra Robbins and Jim Gray for leadership in our music for Sunday services. We also want to thank the Sanctuary Choir, Carroll Gotcher and Autum Winston for leading us in special music. Finally, we thank Jodi Smith for her help with the church PowerPoint.

### Worship Information

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. The chancel color is purple. Rev. Caleb Norris will be delivering the sermon. We will also have our Feast of Ingathering and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship and celebrate the love of God.

We have added one **FINAL DATE** for our directory photos - Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We really want the opportunity to have as many photos as possible in our directory. You can call Christian make an appointment or follow the instructions below.



Whether you are having a photo made or not, if you have not already done so, please take a moment to fill out the following survey in order to make sure that we have updated contact information for the directory.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezFiK397JNrgRJEAT9psSbSApxqU88FXQoa1lwYQ6XSwI5g/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezFiK397JNrgRJEAT9psSbSApxqU88FXQoa1lwYQ6XSwI5g/viewform?usp=sf_link)

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter tn167 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family’s appointment time. If you have six or more in your family please use two consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments are filling quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

### Christmas Eve Service



*The church’s annual Christmas Eve Service features nine lessons and carols and includes a time of open communion. It concludes with the sharing of candlelight while singing the ageless carol “Silent Night”. The service begins at 6:00pm and everyone is invited to attend.*

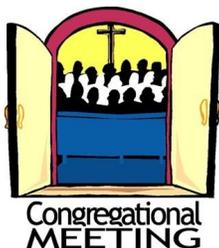
	December 5	-	Second Sunday of Advent Congregational Meeting Feast of Ingathering
	December 12	-	Third Sunday of Advent
	December 19	-	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	December 24	-	Christmas Eve Service - 6pm
	December 25	-	Christmas Day





## Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study will **NOT** meet this next week, December 7.



## Elder Elections

We will have a brief called meeting at the beginning of this Sunday's worship services for the purpose of electing elders. The session, acting as a nominating committee, will place into nomination Steve Boots, Jim Gray, Corby King, Lanny Knight, and Kim Wright. Members are welcome to nominate others for these positions. If you wish to nominate someone, they must be a member of the church and they must be willing to serve if elected.

## *Music to Bring in the Christmas Season!*

The MasterSingers, a community choral group directed by Dr. Craig Zamer, will be presenting their annual Christmas Concert in the month of December. The theme for the concert is **Let There Be Light** and dates/times for the presentation are Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm. Tickets are available at a cost of \$10.00 per adult. Our own Jim Gray, Brenda Johnson and Judy Sullivan will be performing as part of the group. Please come and enjoy a choral introduction to the Christmas season!



## Nursery Help Needed:

We are still looking for someone who can help in our church nursery on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the position, please contact Ron Thurman or Christian Smith. In the meantime, if you would be willing to volunteer your time to assist in this important role, please let Christian know.

## Card Ministry

The Missions Ministry invites you to take a card or cards from the Fellowship Hall and prepare them for special occasions - prayer concerns/sympathy/birthdays/praises - while they are fresh on your minds. Take your card with you or leave it for the Missions/Outreach committee to address, stamp, and mail for you. This is a wonderful way to express care, concern and support for others in our church.



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>



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, November 28, 2021**

Commitments - \$2,105.00      Undesignated - \$646.59      Other - \$2,105.00  
\$105.00 was collected for Christmas Poinsettias and \$2,000.00 was received from the  
Murfreesboro Presbytery for the PSA Campus Ministry.  
Total Deposit - \$4,856.59

*Prayer Requests*

Lynn Twitty (CRMC)  
Joyce Keller (Signature)  
Susie Hyder (breast cancer)  
Cindy Furcean (surgery)  
Georgia Hensley (home)  
Carter Apple (teen diagnosed with cancer)  
Mike Scardina (Don & Ann Dyer's son - lung cancer)  
Tim Fournet  
Don Sundquist (with family in Florida)  
Joan Errick  
June Guzlas  
Holly & Andrew Lawrence (premature birth of twins,  
one taken home; loss of the other)  
Tyler Brown  
Frankie Dickerson  
Wanda McCaskey (home)  
Connie Boots  
Geraldine Dunn  
Bob Zolg  
Kathy Hilton  
Kathy Shanks  
Pat Brumfield  
Ella Haynes  
Dorothy Nichols  
Ramona Tilghman

Jim Lansford  
Levi Rector  
Robert Buck  
Clay Vanhooser  
Dan Sutherland (cancer, heart)  
Ron Hensley  
Don Anderson  
Louise Burton-Buck (James Maggart's aunt)  
Those addicted to drugs/alcohol and their families  
Jimmy Stringer  
Bobby Wallace  
Jim Dixon (cancer)  
Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder (cancer)  
Becky Knight (cancer)  
Jeremy Germinis (cancer)  
Max Atnip (cancer)  
Steven Middleton (cancer)  
Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)  
Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)  
Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe)  
Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare)  
Jo Gentry (Morningside)  
Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)  
Unnamed prayer requests  
Those in the military and their families

