



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
February 16, 2022*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Some of you have had the opportunity to meet the Rev. Lisa Cook. Some have even taken the opportunity to donate to her ministry, Sacred Sparks. For years, Lisa has done ministry in Nashville with those who are experiencing homelessness. Sacred Sparks has continued to grow and serve more people. Rev. Cook recently announced an expansion of the laundry ministry and how she will be able to serve even more effectively.

Rev. Cook is a great example of how one person can make a difference. Through offering laundry services, food, clothes, transportation, Rev. Cook has changed lives and changed hearts. She has touched the lives of those experiencing homelessness and has touched the lives of Cumberland Presbyterians around the globe who have taken the opportunity to hear about and help her with her ministry.

Each of us has the opportunity to make a difference. You do not have to be a minister to change lives. While laundry and other items were a tool that she used to reach people, it was love and compassion that kept them coming back and changed people's hearts. Her ministry has continued to grow because the passion she has for ministry is contagious. When people see that we genuinely care, we will find that others will want to join in and help us as we seek to offer the love of God to others.

I have loved watching the ministry of Sacred Sparks grow. I have loved watching Lisa share love, compassion, and care to the people who are often neglected or abused by others. I have loved seeing her make a difference. We can each change lives if we are courageous enough to answer God's call.

Blessings, Christian

Tonight's Adult Bible Study

***"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."* -Matthew 5:4**

It is one of the most precious expressions of love and it is unfortunately quite rare in today's hard, competitive world. Yet, humility remains a powerful tool for attracting and opening hearts. How can we live more humbly and what does it mean to possess the earth? We will discuss these items tonight at 6:15pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us.

- JOIN US -



Holy Moly is the new curriculum for children K-4 on Wednesday evening during Connection. Come for dinner beginning at 5:15pm, come for our Children's Connection Lesson (6-7) **OR** come for both! Just Come! Tonight's study is based on The Widow's Mite. Our theme will be "the rich men gave to get, but the widow gave to give." The key verse will be Mark 12:43. Our lessons are divided into four parts: 1) discover, 2) relate, 3) connect and 4) create. This week's creative adventure will be treasure boxes. Come join us!!!

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Worship Information

Sunday, February 20th, will be the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany. The chancel color is green. The text for Sunday's sermon is Luke 6:27-36. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship and celebrate the love of God.

Missions Projects

The church missions team is supporting a couple of community effort projects and would like to ask for your help in giving to these projects. The first is called the **Recovery Kitchen**. This program prepares and delivers food to homeless camps in Cookeville. We are collecting items to make Blessing Bags for these homeless individuals and need your help with donations of the following items. Note that the list of things needed has narrowed. Sandra will be collecting these items in her office.



snacks

hot hands (hand warmers)

batteries (AA, AAA)

socks

A second project is support for the **Priority House**, a halfway house for young men seeking to establish a better life for themselves. They are in need of **new or gently-used twin-size sheet sets and twin-size comforters**. You may bring those to Sandra's office as well.

We express much appreciation for all the donations given to date and encourage you to continue your support of these efforts. Thank you!



Food to the Rescue Packing Day

MARCH 9th - 5:30-7:30 pm

(In place of Connection)

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

Roots Salon is in the front; Food to the Rescue is in the back

Part of the outreach program of our church is the packing of boxes for Food to the Rescue. This program helps to feed underprivileged children during Spring Break. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities. Masks are optional. We hope you will be able to join us!

Changes Coming Soon

The church newsletter has always served to keep the congregation informed about what is happening in the church. In recent years, we have added social media and the church website as different ways to share information. Your church staff and session are discussing how we might use those tools more effectively. If there are things that you want to see in the Manna or on social media, please let Christian know.



Ash Wednesday Service

On March 2nd, we will mark the beginning of the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service. This service includes the imposition of ashes and begins our walk toward Holy Week and Easter. The service begins at 6:30pm.

Prior to the meal, we will be having our Wednesday evening dinner beginning at 5:15pm. Everyone one is invited to dinner; we do ask that you make reservations ahead of time. The cost of the meal is \$4/adult and \$3/child.



Seeking Church Volunteers

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.



Connection Activities!



We invite you to join us for our Wednesday evening Connection program which starts with dinner at 5:15. We ask that you make a reservation if you are not already on our standing list. Likewise, let us know if you have a reservation and will not be joining us. Dinner is \$3.00 for children and youth and \$4.00 for adults. A household will not pay more than \$12.00 for dinner. You can complete a dinner reservation online, complete a reservation card found in the narthex or give Sandra a call in the church office. Reservations must be made by Tuesday morning. **NEXT** Wednesday evening, February

23rd, we will be having BBQ chicken, coleslaw, hashbrown casserole, rolls and banana cake.

We offer classes for all ages, including children, youth and adults. Christian is hosting a discussion with the adult class on the Beatitudes. We hope to see you tonight!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, February 13, 2022

Commitments - \$5,490.00 Undesignated - \$6,316.00 Other - \$193.00

\$148.00 was collected for Wednesday's Connection meal and \$45.00 was contributed by Weight Watchers.

Total Deposit - \$11,999.00

MasterSingers Celebrates Women Composers

MasterSingers of Cookeville presents "Unity in the Community VI", a choral concert focusing on the works of women composers. The event will take place on Sunday, March 6th, at 3:00pm in TTU's Wattenbarger Auditorium. The concert will feature the TTU Chorale, TTU Concert Choir and the White County High School Advance Choir. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for those 18 & under; tickets will be available at the door. Included in the Mastersingers group are members from our congregation, Brenda Johnson, Jim Gray and Sophie Norris. Please come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful, quality music!



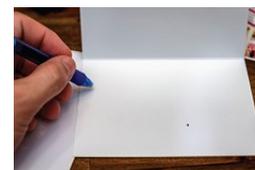


Men's Bible Study

The Men's Noon Bible Study meets on Tuesdays in the Family Life Center. Tim Fournet leads the study and all men in the church are invited/encouraged to attend.

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/CookevilleCPChurch>



Prayer List Update

Some of you will notice that many names have been removed from our prayer list. Prayer is an important part of our life as a Christian community. We want to be able to pray for those we love and have people pray for us when needed.

However, at times it seems that people are added to the prayer list and rarely removed. While we want to offer prayer for those in need, we are trying to come up with a more effective system that removes people from the prayer list after a reasonable amount of time. If your loved one is removed and you would like them to be placed back on the list, please simply let us know and we will be happy to do so.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: Kathy Shanks (hospice); the family of Brenda Nash (Geraldine Smith’s sister-in-law); the family of Arnold Flottman (Lynn Twitty’s father); the family of Keith Schweikert (Brenna’s father); the family of Helen Knight (Lanny’s aunt); the family of Joe Nash (Geraldine Smith’s brother); Joe Thompson (Chuck Sparks’ brother - surgery); Ed Fowler (heart procedure); Jenni Fowler (tests); Colleen Campbell (Angie Knight’s mom - biopsy); Pat Brumfield; Don Holloway (broken hip); Wayne Sullivan (Teresa Smith’s father - Covid); Cindy Furcean; Aaron Casey (son of Janice Cox - heart attack); Molly Phillips (heart attack).

Cancer Treatment: Carter Apple; Lynn Twitty; Evelyn Hyder; Susie Hyder (Evelyn’s daughter - breast cancer); Max Atnip; Steven Middleton.

Assisted Living: Jo Gentry (Charter Senior Living); Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe); Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare); Charlene Huddleston (Mike’s mother - Heritage Pointe); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe); Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living).

