



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
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“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.”– Psalm 24:1

It always makes me nervous to teach our children. Whether it is in our nursery school during the week or on Sunday mornings in church, I am scared of the answers that they might give when they are asked questions. While I have heard horror stories from other ministers, I have not experienced many of those. Instead, when I ask a question, I tend to get the very simple answer of, “God.” From the very beginning we know that we are supposed to acknowledge that God is at the center of everything and that, more often than not, God is supposed to be the answer to our questions.

Yet, sometimes, it is easier to say that everything belongs to God than it is for us to actually live it. We are reminded throughout scripture that God is the creator of all things. If we believe that fact, it should shape the way that we use all that we have been given. If we believe that God is the maker of all things, then it should change how we view life.

If God is the maker of all, then it means that those people who bother us were created by God. Those things in life that we don’t understand are still a part of God’s creation. When we look at ourselves and wish we were better, we need to remember that we are still a part of God’s creation.

We may not always understand the gifts of God, but we do need to strive to remember that God’s creation is made for the benefit all people. As good stewards of God’s gifts, let us strive to see the beauty of all of God’s creation.



*Matt Wynne and Kelsi Roberts are having a boy! The church is hosting a drive-through baby shower for Matt and Kelsi **THIS SUNDAY** from 2:00-3:30pm in the Family Life Center and you are invited to drop by. They are registered at Wal-Mart and on Amazon. Kelsi is due in early September.*

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, August 13th, will be the 11th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be James 1:2-4. Rev. Caleb Norris will be preaching. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 and 11:00am when we will worship God.

CPWM “Tea-rific” Picnic



The CPWM will be hosting a picnic for all ladies in the church on Monday evening, August 14th, at 5pm in the Family Life Center. The theme for the event is “Our Tea-rific Story.” The Women’s Ministry will provide teas and BBQ, and ladies in the circles are asked to bring sides and desserts for the covered dish event. We welcome and look forward to seeing all of you at the picnic!

Wednesday Connection - This Evening!

We are excited to announce that our fall semester of Wednesday Connection will be resuming **THIS EVENING** at **5:15pm**. As always, we will begin our evening with a meal. We would love for you and your family to join us for this fellowship opportunity. 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.



At 6:00pm, our youth and children will meet downstairs for Bible Study and recreation. Our Twisted Stitchers Group meets in the Session Room to crochet and knit together as they work on projects for various service organizations in the community.

At 6:15pm, our adults meet in the Upper Commons for Bible Study. This semester, Christian will be leading the group in a study about the history and meaning of the Apostles’ Creed. The group will also look at some other creeds the Church has used throughout its history. We encourage you to come and be a part of our Wednesday Connection program!

Church Anniversary Celebration



On August 20th, Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be celebrating the anniversary of the founding of this church. We will celebrate 154 years of service to this community during our morning worship services. That evening, at 5pm, we will gather to celebrate our church family with a barbeque dinner. The church will provide the main course, beans, buns, and drinks. We invite you to bring desserts as we enjoy an evening of fellowship.



FCPC Sanctuary Choir



The church's Sanctuary Choir rehearsals have resumed and we invite you to join us on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 in the choir loft. While we welcome all voices, we are sending out a call for sopranos in particular.

We have an exciting lineup of music for the fall semester and will be presenting the anthem for Homecoming services on the 20th. We are excited for a semester of not only great music, but for the community and fellowship that this opportunity affords our members. Come join us!





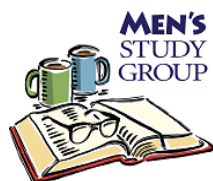
Members of the Love-Joy Circle are asked to meet briefly after Monday evening's picnic to take care of some business matters. Please plan to stay for just a few minutes after the event.

Thank You

Recovery Kitchen is a program that provides hot meals for the homeless in our community. The FCPC Mission Ministry puts together a meal for the program once a month and asks that you donate items to complete the meal. We are very grateful for your generous giving and thank you for your response to this month's call for food. Thanks to you, we have everything covered!



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 James.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 6, 2023

Commitments - \$8,615.00 Undesignated - \$4,721.80 Other - \$704.00

This week's offering includes a \$100.00 donation to Recovery Kitchen, a \$250.00 donation to the Tuesday Assistance program, \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$50.00 in reimbursement for music and \$254.00 in donations for facility use.

Total Deposit - \$14,040.80



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>



Individuals: Martha Clift (broken shoulder); Dick & Pat Brumfield; Lorene Holland (Willene Gentry's sister - Blue Roof); Len & Julie Edelstein (multiple health issues - friends of Brenda Johnson); Don Holloway (NHC); Ramona Tilghman (hospice); Wesley Sanders - Kiana Gentry's brother-in-law - car accident); Ella Haynes (Bailey Manor); Jeff Comer (brain tumor); Georgia Hensley (home); Amelia Kate Moore (premature daughter of Liz & Ryan Moore); Rand & Allison McDonald; James Lacy (Signature Healthcare); Reagan Bacgi (tumor); Jim Baggett (surgery); Cody Liddle (boating accident); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.



Cancer Treatment: 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: Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare); Jo Gentry (Charter Senior Living); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe); Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living); Bob Zolg (Heritage Pointe).

