



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
January 17, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

– Colossians 3:23-24

A couple of weeks ago we ordained and installed a new class of elders. While the session will begin their work for the year at our retreat this weekend, they have already been assigned to their ministry teams. That is one of the most important roles of a church elder. They help to lead the teams that provide a vision for how we might better honor God and encourage the members of our church and community.

In order for our ministry teams to better serve God and our community, there is one thing that they desperately need. They need your voice. We would welcome you to serve as a member of one of the teams. It does not matter if you are an official member of the church or how often you attend. You are welcomed and encouraged to be a part of any ministry of the church. Whether you choose to serve or not, we still want your thoughts and opinions. If you have suggestions or ideas for any of these groups, we want to hear from you. You are always welcomed and encouraged to reach out to me by phone, text, email, or coming by to see me at the office. Additionally, below you will find a list of our ministry teams and the elders assigned to lead them. We want to hear from you and include your voice as we seek to honor God and encourage one another.

If you have ideas for, questions about, or are interested in serving on these teams, please let us know.

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

NO WEDNESDAY CONNECTION THIS EVENING.

We plan to resume on Wednesday, January 24th.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, January 21st, we will be celebrating the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany. The chancel color will be green. The text that will be used for the sermon is Mark 1:14-20. 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.

Commitment Cards



Remember

To Submit

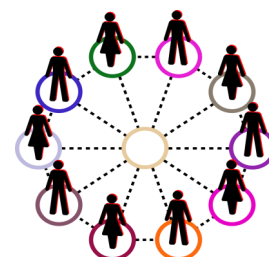
Your Pledge

Thank you to those who have submitted Commitment Cards for 2024. Please note that if you would like our depositing treasurer, Liz Sheets, to keep track of your giving, you are asked to turn in a Commitment Card at your earliest convenience. If you did not receive a stewardship letter/church budget, there are some 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.

Liz is in the process of preparing Statements of Giving for 2023. If you did not turn in a commitment card for 2023 and wish to receive a Statement of Giving, please contact Liz immediately at lizsheets@charter.net.

Wednesday Connection

We hope to resume Wednesday Connection this **NEXT** Wednesday, January 24th. Our Connection program offers members and guests the opportunity to fellowship and learn together. At 5:15 each Wednesday evening, 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 next week is Firehouse Subs. **The Building & Grounds ministry is in charge of setting up, serving and cleaning up.**



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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 14, 2024

Commitments - \$7,465.00 Undesignated - \$3,133.00 Other - \$400.00

This week's offering includes \$400.00 for MLK Youth Retreat attendee fees.

Total Deposit - \$10,998.00



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



Today, our school children are enjoying the day off because schools are 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.

Sunday’s altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in appreciation for Josh Davis and the joy he brings to worship.





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: Ethel James (home); Georgia Hensley (home); Charles Johnston (hospice); 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 Tevult (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).

