



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
February 21, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose.”

– 1 Corinthians 1:10

Each Tuesday and Thursday morning during Lent, Caleb or I are offering a time of devotion and prayer. We are using the book of 1 Corinthians as a basis for these online devotionals. When Paul begins his letter to the Corinthian church, the first concern that he has for them is that they are not living in the unity that God desires. Instead of finding connection in their love for God, they have found division by focusing on their beliefs and their teachers.

Tonight, during our Wednesday Connection Bible study, we will be focusing on The Lord’s Prayer. We will look at the phrase, “Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.” Whenever we worship, we begin the service with this unison prayer. When we join together to pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, we seek to find that unity that God desires for us. We find that unity by praying together, and by being reminded that we are praying to OUR Father. While the world offers us numerous opportunities to separate, OUR Father offers us the opportunity to see past our divisions and to find unity in our love for Him and His love for us.

Needed - Individuals/Families to Prepare Communion

Please let us know if you or your family is willing to volunteer for the preparation of communion elements for the first Sunday of each month and for special services throughout the year. Directions for the preparing of communion will be made available to you the week prior to the preparation process. If this is something you are interested in and able to do, there is a signup sheet on the narthex table or you may call Sandra in the church office. Please let us know if you have questions.



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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, February 25th, will be the 2nd Sunday in Lent. The chancel color will be purple. The text that will be used for the sermon is Mark 8:31-38. Rev. Caleb Norris will be preaching the sermon. 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.

Food to the Rescue Packing Day

*****WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th - 5:30-7:30 pm*****

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.

Willing to Meet and Greet?

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!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, February 18, 2024

Commitments - \$6,365.00 Undesignated - \$1,489.00 Other - \$395.00

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers and a \$345.00 reimbursement from CPNS.

Total Deposit - \$8,249.00

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.



LENTEN

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION SERIES

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30am throughout the season of Lent.

Beginning February 15, you are invited to join us on Facebook as Rev. Christian Smith and Rev. Caleb Norris lead us in a time of devotion and prayer. If you cannot join us live, devotions will remain available throughout the season.

<https://www.facebook.com/CookevilleCPC>



MASTER SINGERS CONCERT



Mastersingers, Incorporated will present their **8th Unity in the Community** concert on March 3rd at 3:00pm in the Wattenbarger Auditorium of the Bryan Fine Arts Building on the TTU campus. This concert seeks to celebrating the **Heritage of Gospel Music**. To purchase tickets, you may visit the Mastersingers website at <https://mastersingersinc.com>. Please bring a non-perishable food pantry item to benefit the FUMC Food Pantry.



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 Warren Wiersbe's book on Proverbs.



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

Individuals: Christopher Tollett (colon cancer); Frankie Dickerson (hospice); Georgia Hensley (home); Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Dick & Pat Brumfield; Jimmy Stringer; Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: Wayne Shanks (no visitors); Niki Work; Heidi Blessing; Kim Daniels; Ginger Tevault (Julie Stepp's mother - chemo); Susie Hyder (Evelyn's daughter - breast cancer; brain tumor).

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



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