



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
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***“Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?
Or how can you say to your neighbour, “Let me take the speck out of your eye”,
while the log is in your own eye?” – Matthew 7:3-5***

“Do as I say, not as I do.” We have all heard the phrase. There are many of us have used that phrase. The person who utters that phrase admits that they are, in fact, a hypocrite. The word hypocrite ultimately came into English from the Greek word *hypokrites*, which means “an actor” or “a stage player.” Hypocrites are those who pretend to be someone who they are not.

Often, it is easy for us to look at others and see their hypocrisy. It is easy for us to look at others and see when they are not who they claim to be. However, if someone dares to point out our own hypocrisy, we often become defensive. We either cannot see or do not want to see our own shortcomings.

We are in the middle of the season of Lent. We are being called to examine ourselves and to see, as the above scripture reminds us, the log that is in our own eye. It is tempting to look at the mistakes of others in an attempt to feel better about who we are. Yet, Jesus reminds us that we each have plenty of issues. Lent seeks to remind us that we are all sinners and that none of us can claim to be better than another. Instead, we are called to seek forgiveness and guidance from the one who created us and loves us. Let’s stop acting like we have it all together and rely on the God who offers us true wholeness.

Food to the Rescue Packing Day

*****THIS EVENING - 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.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, March 10th, will be the 4th Sunday in Lent. The chancel color will be purple. The text that will be used for the sermon is Numbers 21:4-9. 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.

Time Change

Don't forget to change you clocks this weekend!
We will be **SPRINGING FORWARD**.



Pictures, Pictures, Pictures!



We would love to have you snap pictures of various groups and special events - just candid shots of church events for use in the Mid-Week Manna, website and Facebook page. These pics don't have to be professional grade - just snap them with your phone and send them to Christian or Caleb. We would love to have all of you participate in this activity and look forward to receiving your photos!

Recovery Kitchen

Recovery Kitchen is a program that helps provide hot meals for the homeless in our community. We are in need of the following items for this week's meal. Contact Tracy at 261-1029 if you are able to give to the project. Please have items to the church by Friday, March 8th, at noon.

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| 45 individual bags of chips | 45 soft granola bars | 45 individually wrapped desserts |
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| 45 oranges | 45 bananas | 45 peanut butter crackers |
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| 90 bottles water | | |

Thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.

Communion Preparation

Please let us know if you or your family would be willing to volunteer for the preparation of communion elements on the following dates:

May 5th **June 2nd** **July 7th** **August 4th**

You would need to prepare communion on Saturday and set it up on the communion table on Sunday morning. Directions for the preparation of communion will be sent to you the week prior to the preparation process. If this is something you are interested in doing, 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.



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>





Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jessica Rector Clark from your family. We miss you!

New Baby!

Dixon Lee Zent arrived at 5:30 on Monday of this week at 8lbs. 3 oz. and 19 in. long. Sarah Jo and Justin Zent are the proud parents, Debbie and Jim Dixon, the grandparents, and Sarah Joyce, great grandma.



Love-Joy Circle

The Love-Joy Circle will meet on Monday, March 11th, at 10am in the Session Room of the church. All members are asked to bring St. Patrick's Day and Easter cards for our shut-ins. All ladies of the Church are invited to attend.

Sonshine Circle

The Sonshine Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 12th, at 10am in the Family Life Center. Jodi Smith will be presenting the program. We invite all ladies in the church to attend the meeting.

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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 3, 2024

Commitments - \$12,355.00 Undesignated - \$7,538.00 Other - \$640.00

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$250.00 for Tuesday Assistance, \$50.00 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, \$60.00 from Weight Watchers and \$220.00 in Connection meal donations.

Total Deposit - \$20,533.00

2024 Flower Calendar

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for 2024, a sign-up sheet is 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.





Thank You

I want to thank all my church family for your prayers, cards, food and expressions of love and caring during my hospital stay and recovering at home.

Sarah Joyce

Thank You

To my church family: I would like to thank all of you for your acts of kindness shown me since my recent fall. There were so many and I want to thank each of you for what you did. I'm always amazed at how you are there, ready to help somehow or in prayer. God Bless you and I love you all.

Ethel James



Funeral services for Frankie Dickerson will be held at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 15, 2024 at 1:00pm. The family will accept visitors from 11:00am until the time of the service.

Individuals: the family of Dorothy Nichols; Christopher Tollett (colon cancer); the family of Frankie Dickerson; 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).



**REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER**

