



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,
March 13, 2024

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.” – Matthew 5:17-18

This past Sunday, I used a scripture from the Book of Numbers for my sermon. Like I said Sunday, I have preached over 1,500 sermons in my career, and I don't think I have ever used that passage before. But the truth is, there are a lot of scriptures that I have not used for a sermon and most of them come from the Old Testament. While the Old Testament makes up 66% of our Bible, I am guessing that I have used it for less than 10% of my sermons.

The church loves the New Testament, and we should. It is the story of our Messiah and the story of our redemption. It tells us the story of God's love and God's forgiveness. However, we need to remember that during the ministry of Jesus, the only biblical text that he had to use was the Old Testament. In fact, within the gospels, Jesus quoted the Old Testament over 100 times.

As we continue the season of Lent and examine ourselves and God's plan for our lives, it is important to remember ALL of the tools that God has provided to help us understand God's Kingdom and our place in it. We have the New Testament and the Old Testament. God has provided us with prayer, the Holy Spirit, relationships with others, the Church and so much more that can help point us to Him.

Jesus used all of the tools that he was given to share God's love with others. We are called to do the same. While Lent seeks to remind us of our humanity, it also reminds us that God has gifted us with all that we need to be what God has called us to be and to help others grow in their love of the God who created us all.

Spring Break/Connection



Please note that our children are on Spring Break this week. Due to this, our Connection program **WILL NOT** be taking place this evening. Next week, we will meet followed by another week off as we observe Holy Week. Please note that we will need your reservations for next week. Meals are free to everyone and we would love to have you join us.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, March 17th, will be the 5th Sunday in Lent. The chancel color will be purple. The text that will be used for the sermon is Jeremiah 31:31-34. 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.



The church has 25 Easter Lilies available to the congregation for purchase in memory or honor of loved ones. The cost of each Lily will be \$12.00. Order forms will be included in this Sunday's bulletin. Please make your check payable to FCPC and fold it into the form provided. You may also place your order by calling the church office. Lilies are available on a first-come first-served basis. Orders may be placed through Tuesday, March 26th. Lilies may be taken home after the 11am service on Easter Sunday.

Holy Week Activities



Following is a schedule of services to be held during Holy Week. We hope that you will attend as many services as possible as we go through this important time before the celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday Worship (8:45 and 11am)
Monday-Friday, March 25-29	Midday Holy Week Services (12pm)
Thursday, March 28	Maundy Thursday Worship Service (7pm)
Friday, March 29	Good Friday Tenebrae Service (7pm)
Saturday, March 30	Easter Egg Hunt (10:30am)
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday Worship (8:45 and 11am)

All services will take place at FCPC.

Recovery Kitchen Thanks You

Recovery Kitchen is a program that helps provide hot meals for the homeless in our community. Once a month we ask members to bring in items for this meal. Please know that we so much appreciate your willingness to give to this program. We thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.



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>





EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30 - 10:30 AM
Lunch to Follow in Family Life
Center
Open to All Ages!

1st CP Church
565 E 10th St. 38501

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Saturday, March 23rd, we will be having a church clean-up day beginning at 9am. We will be working to clean up the building and grounds. We will be trimming shrubs, raking leaves, washing windows, and anything else that we can do to make sure our church is as beautiful as it can be. Please bring any equipment that you have to use and plan to give some time to the church on Saturday.



Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped pack food boxes for Food To The Rescue. We packed 600 boxes. Thanks for continuing to support this important ministry.

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!

Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study will not meet again until after Easter. The group's discussion of Warren Wiersbe's book on Proverbs will resume on April 2nd.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 10, 2024

Commitments - \$4,635.00 Undesignated - \$1,620.00 Other - \$10,000.00
This week's offering includes a \$10,000.00 donation for the Assistance Program.
Total Deposit - 16,255.00

Communion Preparation

Please let us know if you or your family would be willing to volunteer for the preparation of communion elements on **June 2nd** or **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.





Funeral services for Frankie Dickerson will be held at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church on this 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); 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).

REQUESTS
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PRAYER

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

2024 Flower Calendar

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for 2024, a signup 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.

