



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

*Wednesday,  
March 20, 2024*

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## *The Season of Lent and Easter*

***“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” – Isaiah 55:8-9***



We are just a week and a half away from Easter. A week and a half from now we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ. As we said during our sermon on Sunday, the arrival of Easter does not bring with it the end of our problems.

This Sunday we are reminded that even when God addresses our problems, they are not always addressed in the way that we might hope. The people of Israel wanted a Savior. They wanted someone who would bring them freedom from Rome. They wanted someone who would free them from earthly captivity. They wanted someone who would ride in on a war horse and end all of the troubles of this world.

Instead, on Palm Sunday, we see God’s victor riding on a donkey that symbolizes peace and humility. God had a different plan. The victory that the people envisioned would have been wonderful for a moment. But God had a victory in mind that was far greater than anything the Israelites could imagine. Instead of a momentary military victory, God had a victory in mind that would last the people of Israel for an eternity.

Scripture and human experience make it clear that as long as sin exists, pain and problems will be a part of our reality. However, scripture and experience also make it clear that God does not leave us alone in our issues. I am thankful that as God walks with us through our temporary problems, God has an eternal plan for us.

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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, will be Palm Sunday. The chancel color will be purple. The text that will be used for the sermon is Zechariah 9:9-12. 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 26<sup>th</sup>. Lilies may be taken home after the 11am service on Easter Sunday.

**THIS Saturday**, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.



## 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)



# 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>



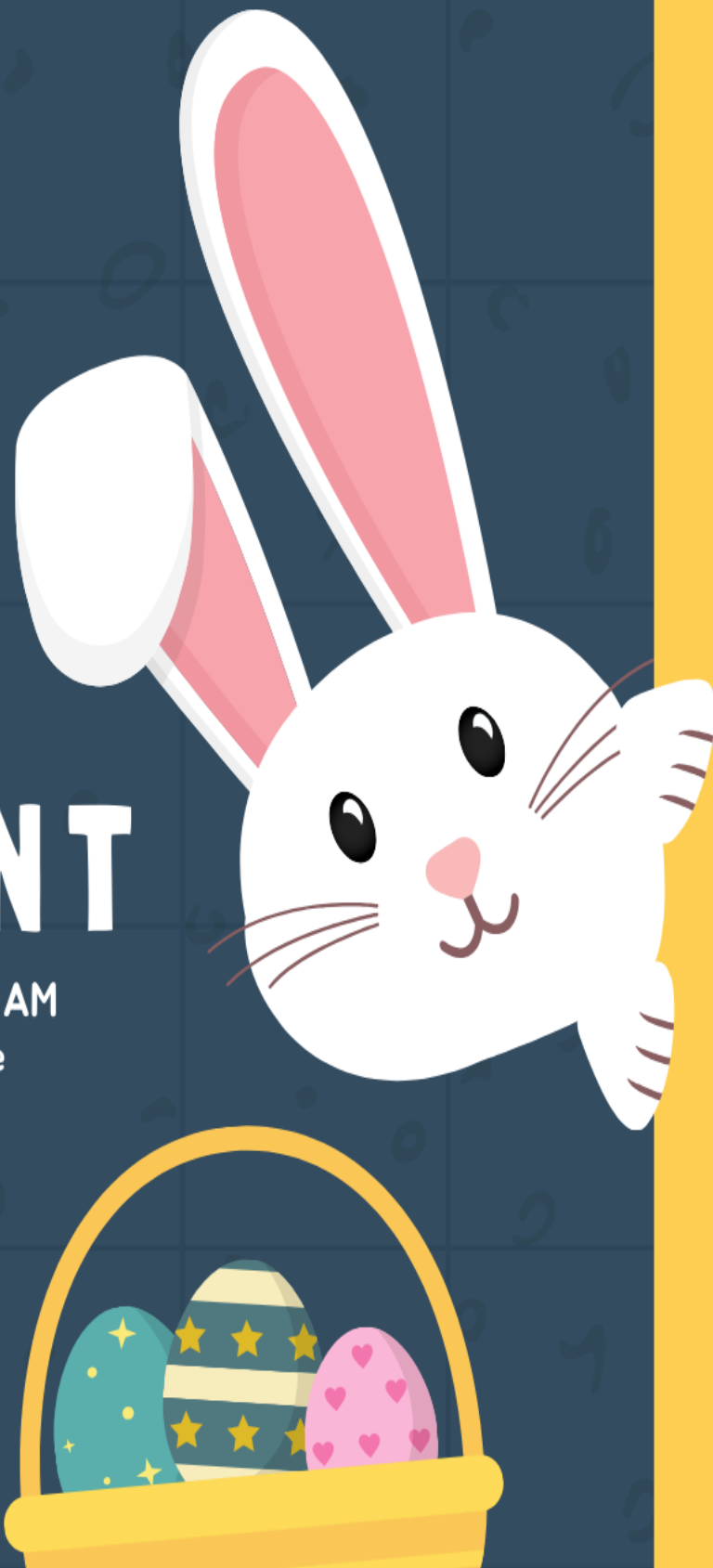


# EASTER EGG HUNT

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

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A Celebration of Life for Catherine Bogran will be held this Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hooper, Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Visitation will take place from 9:30am to 11am. The service will follow at 11am.

**Individuals:** the family of Catherine Bogran; the family of Dorothy Nichols; Greg Hensley (Georgia's son); Christopher Tollett (colon cancer); Georgia Hensley; Leona Bryant (Steve's mother); James Smith and family; 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).

**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

### Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in memory of Margie Johnson (Momma or Nana). She was truly one of a kind and radiated positivity in all she did. The light of the Lord shone through her with her bold personality and her gift of giving. She is remembered as a strong woman who taught her daughter and granddaughter to be the same. We love you and know we will be with you one day. Love, the Stumps



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 17, 2024

Commitments - \$3,945.00    Undesignated - \$1,661.00    Other - \$290.00  
This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers and \$240.00 for Easter Lilies.  
Total Deposit - \$5,896.00

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.



### 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!

