



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
May 1, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. – Philippians 4:8

This past Sunday we began our “New Members Sunday School Class.” This four-week course normally takes place in my office. However, this past Sunday, we had so many that we had to search for another place to meet. We had 10 people attend this week and the prospect of a couple of others who will attend beginning next week. In my time at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, this is by far the largest number of people we have had attend this particular class. It was a great morning with many reasons to celebrate.

On Sunday morning, I was also informed of a rumor that someone who attended our church a couple of months ago may have had a less-than-pleasurable experience. It turns out that this person had attended activities at our church and thoroughly enjoyed it but had been made to feel unwelcome in another congregation. I know the truth of this situation because, instead of celebrating the good that happened Sunday morning, I spent the afternoon concerned about something that had happened months ago.

Too often, we find it easy to focus on the negative. There are so many good things that are happening around us, but it can be easy to miss that joy when we seem intent on looking at the problems, real or not, of life. While we ought to seek to solve problems and find solutions to the hurts that we and others experience, we cannot neglect the fact that we have great reasons to celebrate. It is still Easter. Jesus is still alive. Victory is still ours. Instead of living as people who are weighed down by the doom and gloom of the world, let’s seek to live as people who are living in the hope and the promise that we have been given by a loving God.

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, May 5th, will be the 6th Sunday of Easter. The chancel color will be white. The text that will be used for the sermon is Acts 10:44-48. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

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[New Members Sunday School Class](#)



This past Sunday, at 10am, Christian began teaching a new Sunday School class for those who are interested in becoming members of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church or those who are simply interested in knowing more about the church. We will talk about the history of our local congregation and our denomination. We will also talk about the beliefs of the denomination. If you have questions or would like to attend, please contact Christian.

Join us for a baby shower honoring Molly & Rhen Hughey on Saturday, May 11th, from 10am-11:30am in the Family Life Center. Reid Kurtis is due to arrive in July; the future grandparents are Mike & Dana Davidson. Molly & Rhen live in San Antonio, TX where Rhen is an officer in US Army Nurse Corp. Registry and shipping info is available at www.babylist.com.



[For Our Visitors AND Members](#)



We are excited to have the opportunity to worship with you on Sundays. If you are visiting with us or are currently attending our church, please take a moment to scan the QR code to the left and help us to get to know you and how we can better serve you. You may also use this form to share prayer concerns, praise reports, or other requests with your pastors.

[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 next week's meal. Contact Sophie at 901-293-4956 if you are able to give to the project. Please have items to the church by Friday, May 10th, at noon.

200 oz green beans
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200 oz corn
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90 rolls

45 bananas
45 bananas
45 oranges
45 oranges

90 p/b and crackers
90 individually wrapped desserts
90 soft granola bars
90 bottles water

[STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, April 28, 2024](#)

Commitments - \$4,675.00 Undesignated - \$1,294.00 Other - \$100.00

This week's offering includes \$100.00 for altar flowers.

Total Deposit - \$6,192.00





If you have a family member graduating this spring, we invite you to submit that person’s name, institution and degree to Caleb as soon as possible. We want to be sure to include all that will be moving to a new station in their lives. You can call (931-526-6585) or email (caleb@cookevillecpchurch.org) Caleb with your information. We look forward to hearing from you!

Twisted Stitches Meet Tonight



Those who participate in the Twisted Stitches group are invited to meet this evening at 6pm at the home of Angie Knight. We will fellowship, enjoy the nice weather and stitch our yarn into items for those in our community. Please feel free to join us! Angie’s address is 324 Avery Place and her phone number is 931-261-3490. Please call her for more information or directions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wanted: 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 or camera and send them to Christian or Caleb!



JOY Club Event/Men’s Bible Study Luncheon

If you are a member of the JOY Club or attend the Tuesday Men’s Bible Study, you are invited to a luncheon at the home of Tim and Liz Fournet on Tuesday, May 20th. Lunch will be served between 11am and 12:30pm. Christian will be driving the church bus to the house and you may ride or drive. The bus will leave the church at 10:30am. If you wish to drive, the address is 310 W. Cleveland Avenue in Monterey. Liz’s phone number is 931-260-8494; call for directions.

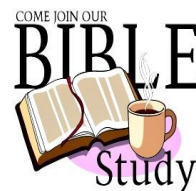


There is a signup sheet on the narthex table and you may let us know if you are going by signing the sheet or giving Sandra a call in the church office. Please let us know ahead of time if you have any food allergies. We look forward to hearing from you!



Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study has resumed. Tim Fournet is leading a discussion on Warren Wiersbe's book on Proverbs. Bring your lunch if you would like, and join us in the Session Room of the church!!! All men in the church are invited to attend.



New Smartphone App



For our smartphone users, we have developed a church app for First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. While we are still learning to use all of its features, I hope you will consider downloading it and using the tools you will find there. It can be downloaded using the QR code at the right. If you need help, please feel free to see one of the ministers of the church.

Individuals: Bill Grogan (back surgery); Don Haynes; Tommy Payne (Robbie Huddleston's brother - open heart surgery); the family of James Smith (Freeman's brother) Anthony Manis (Kathy Hilton's nephew); Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder's sister - pancreatic cancer); Ginny Liebsch; Carrie Brown (broken leg); Greg Hensley (Georgia's son); Leona Bryant (Steve's mother); Christopher Tollett (colon cancer); Georgia Hensley; Jimmy & Linda Stringer; Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Dick & Pat Brumfield; Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.



Cancer Treatment: Wayne Shanks; 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).

