

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
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The Season of Lent and Easter

“Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.” – Luke 10:41-42

Holy Week is finally here! After wandering through the wilderness of Lent, we are about to reach the promised land of Easter. However, there is still so much to see and to do. In the church, this is the busiest week of the year. Between church cleanup day, Palm Sunday, five community Holy week services, Maundy Thursday communion service, Good Friday Tenebrae Service, an Easter Egg hunt, and Easter Sunday morning worship, the church, its staff, its volunteers, and its members are asked to do a great deal this week. With all of the activity and all of the “busyness” of the church, it can be easy to miss out on the purpose and meaning of this most holy of weeks.

Holy Week seeks to remind us that we have always been a part of God’s plan. God has always had a plan for our redemption and our future. That plan, however, required a great deal of sacrifice and pain from our Messiah. This week seeks to remind us that the celebration of Easter came with a great price. As we continue through this week of activity it can be easy to let a full schedule get in the way of the contemplation and celebration of Holy Week. I urge you to allow yourselves to make the time to remember what this week means to you, your family, and your church.

“The Great Easter Vigil”



St. Michael’s Episcopal Church invites her friends at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church to take part in “The Great Easter Vigil” at 8:00 pm on Saturday, March 30th, at St. Michaels (640 N. Washington St.). For a second year, your pastors, The Rev. Christian Smith and The Rev. Caleb Norris, will join in presenting the prayers and music of this ancient service, lasting about 90 minutes, that moves us from Good Friday to Easter, from darkness to light, from death to life. We hope to see you there!

Bring a bell to ring at the announcement of Easter!

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, March 31st, will be Easter Sunday. The chancel color will be white. The text that will be used for the sermon is John 20:1-18. 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.

PSA MEALS

One of the ministries of our church is to provide home-cooked meals to Tech students that attend the Presbyterian Student Association, every other month. April is our month and we are looking for Sunday School classes, individuals or friends who would like to provide a meal on one of the following dates: April 2, 9 and 16. You would need to prepare for seven individuals. This does not need to be fancy, just filling. The students love home-cooked meals! If you are able to help with this ministry, please contact Kim Wright at 931-267-6981.



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 at the following link. (<https://tithely.app.link/cookeville-cpchurch>). If you need help, please feel free to see one of the ministers of the church.

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.

Today through Friday	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)
Saturday, March 30	The Great Easter Vigil (8pm) - St. Michael's Episcopal Church
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>



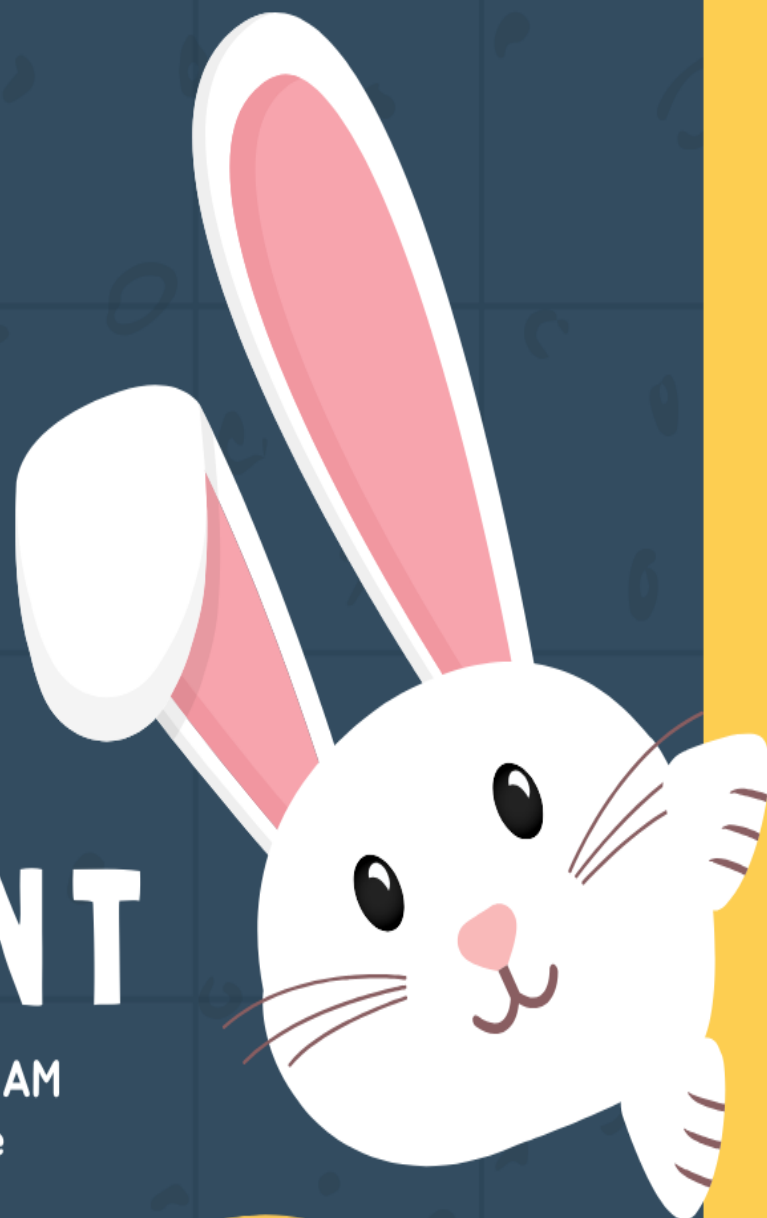


EASTER EGG HUNT

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

1st CP Church
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Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in thankfulness for the care and commitment of Dr. Jane Anne Gotcher.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 24, 2024

Commitments - \$11,700.00 Undesignated - \$1,356.00 Other - \$489.00

This week's offering includes a \$100.00 Building & Grounds donation,
\$204.00 for Easter Lilies and \$185.00 in Connection meal donations.

Total Deposit - \$13,545.00

Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study will resume studies on April 2nd. Tim Fournet is leading a discussion of Warren Wiersbe's book on Proverbs. Join us!



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 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!

Individuals: Shelby Dunham (Vanderbilt - pre-term bedrest); the family of Kenneth King (Liz Fournet's stepfather); the family of Catherine Bogran; Ginny Liebsch; Carrie Brown (broken leg); Denise Newberry (surgery); Greg Hensley (Georgia's son); Leona Bryant (Steve's mother); James Smith and family (Freeman's brother); Christopher Tollett (colon cancer); Georgia Hensley; Jimmy Stringer; Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Dick & Pat Brumfield; 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).

