



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
April 3, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." – 2 Corinthians 4:6

This past Sunday we celebrated Easter Sunday. Most years, as a part of that celebration, we read the story of Mary Magdalene and her encounter with someone she believed to be a gardener. Of course, we know that the man she was speaking with was Jesus. It wasn't until he said her name that she recognized her messiah. This Sunday, we will read the story of the disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Again, though they had spent a great deal of time with Jesus, they failed to recognize Christ as they walked alongside him. It was not until Jesus broke bread with them that they realized they were in the presence of their friend and savior.

We are promised that we will never be left alone. We are promised that the resurrected Christ will always be with us. Yet, sometimes, it is difficult for us to recognize Him in our lives and the world around us. Mary and the Emmaus disciples were so wrapped up in their grief and their confusion, that they could not see the good news happening in their lives. Often, we get so wrapped up in the bad news of the world or the things that are happening in the lives of others, that we fail to see the good news of Christ that is bursting forth right in front of us. It is still Easter. Jesus is still alive and is still seeking to reveal himself to us. We just have to decide if we are going to allow ourselves to have the eyes to see him.

You are invited to join us tonight as Kenneth and Delight Hopson, our missionaries to Uganda will be here to tell us about the needs of people in Africa and their work the service to the Kingdom of God. Dinner begins at 5:15 and the presentation will take place in the sanctuary at 6:15pm.

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.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, April 7th, will be the Second Sunday of Easter. The chancel color will be white. The text that will be used for the sermon is Luke 24:13-35. We will partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. 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 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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 31, 2024

Commitments - \$3,970.00 Undesignated - \$9,322.00 Other - \$4,377.00

This week's offering includes a \$50.00 donation for Recovery Kitchen, \$24.00 for Easter Lilies and \$4,303.00 in offerings for Holy Week services.

Total Deposit - \$17,669.00

Men's Bible Study

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



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!





Easter Egg Hunt 2024





Circle Meetings



The Love-Joy Circle will meet Monday, April 8th, at 10:00am in the Session Room. All members are asked to bring their items for shoeboxes. We will be having an awards presentation and lunch will be served. All ladies of the Church are invited.

The Sonshine Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, at 10:00am in the Family Life Center. Included in the meeting will be a presentation by Sarah Joyce on the "Woman at the Well." We invite all ladies of the church to join us.

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 Tracy at 261-1029 if you are able to give to the project. Please have items to the church by Friday, April 12th, at noon.

45 sub rolls	90 bottles water	45 soft granola bars
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90 bags individual chips	45 bananas	45 peanut butter crackers
45 slices Swiss cheese	45 oranges	45 peanut butter crackers
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Thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.

Sympathy

Condolences to the family of Ed Milner, Sr. who passed away on Easter Sunday, March 31st, after a brief illness. Services for Mr. Milner will be held on April 27th at 1:00pm at the First Methodist Church in Sparta, TN. For more information, contact Ed Milner, Jr. at 931-310-7857.

Individuals: Shelby Dunham (Vanderbilt - pre-term bedrest); the family of Kenneth King (Liz Fournet's stepfather); 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.



REQUESTS
—FOR—
PRAYER

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).

