



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
April 17, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' – John 11:25-26

It is that time of year when the activities of the church seem to slow down some. Tonight, we will have our last Wednesday Connection until August. Before long, school classes will come to an end for the summer. Families will be taking vacations. Our kids will be going to camps. Aside from Pentecost, there are few church holidays in the church.

As we approach that time of year, it is easy to forget that just a few weeks ago we gathered with our biggest crowd of the year to celebrate the fact that CHRIST IS RISEN! No matter how busy life may get during the summer months, I hope that we will seek to remember that the victory of the resurrection is not just a one-day-per-year event.

As activities around the church slow down, Christ is still risen. As we travel on vacations, Christ is still risen. As we go to camps, Christ is still risen. Whether school classes are happening or not, Christ is still risen. Each Sunday during the Easter season I am seeking to include that proclamation during the sermon. Easter is not over. Easter will never be over. Christ is still risen, and the world can never be the same again.

New Members Sunday School Class



Beginning April 28th, Christian will be 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 plan to attend, please contact Christian.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, April 21st, will be the 4th Sunday of Easter. The chancel color will be white. The text that will be used for the sermon is 1 John 3:16-24. 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.

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!

Wednesday Connection

This evening marks the end of Wednesday Connection for this semester. We hope that you will take the time to join us tonight for our wrap-up studies and activities.

At 6:00pm, we offer lessons and fun for both our children and youth. At 6:15pm, our adults will gather in the Upper Commons for Bible Study. Christian will complete his study on "The Lord's Prayer."



The Twisted Stitchers group meets on Wednesdays at 6pm and everyone is welcome. We are working on blankets for children in emergency situations. You may text Liz at 931-260-8494 for more information.

We hope to see you tonight!

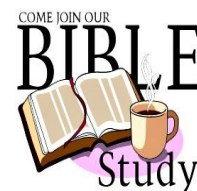
New Smartphone App



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.

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.





MASTER& SINGERS CONCERT



Mastersingers Incorporated will present a concert on April 28th at 3:00pm in the Wattenbarger Auditorium of the Bryan Fine Arts Building on the TTU campus. This concert will feature Carl Orff's ***Carmina Burana***. Ann Clark and Brenda Johnson will be performing with the group and Josh Davis will serve as an accompanist for the program. To purchase tickets, you may see Brenda Johnson or visit the Mastersingers website at <https://mastersingersinc.com>.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, April 14, 2024

Commitments - \$6,995.00 Undesignated - \$2,411.00 Other - \$638.00

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers, a \$50.00 donation to Recovery Kitchen, \$170.00 reimbursement from Soul Sisters, \$75.00 from Weight Watchers, \$125.00 in donations for the Wednesday Connection meal and a \$168.00 coke money deposit.

Total Deposit - \$10,044.00



Regional CPWM Meeting

There will be a regional meeting of the CPWM on Saturday, April 27, at the Rocky Glade CP Church. Registration starts at 9am and we invite all of our ladies to attend. You may contact Belinda Wynne at 931-979-7816 if you are interested in attending or would like more information about the event.

Thanks

Many, many thanks to my loving church family for thinking of me and praying for me during my recent hospitalization. The many cards, calls and visits are sincerely appreciated. You folks are the best! Ginny Liebsch

Special Invitation

We invite you to join us as Anabel Rosario Fermin shares her story of faith and trust in God through tragedy and loss. She received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox when young and learned that God is always there, taking care of those He loves.

Anabel will be speaking on Friday, April 26th, at 8:30am in the Family Life Center of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We hope you will come celebrate her faith in God as she shares her story.

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.

Individuals: Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder's Sister – pancreatic cancer); Shelby Dunham (new baby); Steve Varney (Lori's brother - thoracic surgery); Ginny Liebsch; Carrie Brown (broken leg); Greg Hensley (Georgia's son); Leona Bryant (Steve's mother); James Smith and family (Freeman's brother); 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).