



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

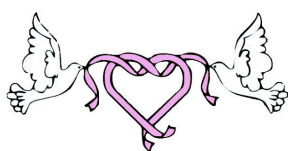
*Wednesday,
May 29, 2024*

I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. – Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Yesterday was a day that was filled with varied emotions. During the day I was faced with dealing with the preparation for a very unexpected funeral. But then I got to watch as people lined up outside the door of the church waiting to honor this person who had meant so much to them. Yesterday, I spent time in the morning dealing with the advertisements for a new youth minister and other issues within the church. However, yesterday, I also had the opportunity to meet with someone from our church and talk about their upcoming baptism. Yesterday afternoon, my family and I scheduled an appointment for later this week to say goodbye to our 15-year-old dog. But we also know that we have the time to say goodbye and we have the memories that we will always cherish.

Life is full of problems. Yet, we are promised that God is still in control. Throughout scripture, we are told that God gave us this life as a gift to be enjoyed. So, while we will face heartbreak and struggle, we ought to also recognize that even in the midst of that pain, God is there offering us hope and the light of life.

It is easy to focus on the difficult events of life. However, when we focus on the negative, it becomes easier to see the struggle, and harder to focus on the good that God is doing in life. Thankfully, the converse of that is true as well. When we focus on the blessings of life, that more easily becomes our focus. Let's choose to see the good that God is doing for us and through us.



Congratulations to Alex Putz and Emma Goerl on their recent marriage in Birmingham, Alabama! There is a table in the narthex should you want to send Alex and Emma a card or gift to help them celebrate their recent union. We want to wish them many happy years together! The table will be in the narthex through this next Sunday.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, June 2nd, will be the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and will be delivered by the Rev. Joy Warren. 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.

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.



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and memory of Dr. Mike Huddleston by Julia Huddleston Brown.

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 right 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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, May 26, 2024

Commitments - \$4,370.00 Undesignated - \$2,225.00 Other - \$395.00

This week's offering includes a \$200.00 facilities donation and a \$195.00 CPNS reimbursement.

Total Deposit - \$6,990.00

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!

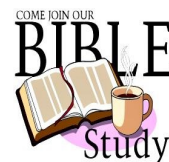




The church congregation expresses sympathy to the family of Mrs. Wanda Shanks, Wayne Shank's mother. Mrs. Shanks passed away on Thursday morning of last week. A Celebration of Life is being held at 1:00pm today in the sanctuary of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be from 11:00am until the time of service. Please keep Wayne and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Men's Bible Study

The **Tuesday Noon** Men's Bible Study will not be meeting for a few weeks. We will resume our program on the 9th of July and, at that time, invite you to join us as we continue our studies. We look forward to seeing you then!



Twisted Stitches Meet Tonight



We invite you, if you are wanting to learn to knit or crochet, to meet us in the Session Room of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church this evening at 6pm. If you are a frequent shopper at Hobby Lobby, we ask that you pick up cotton yarn to donate for community projects. We hope to see you this evening!

Individuals: the family of Wanda Shanks (Wayne's mother); the family of Ginger Tevault (Julie Stepp Howard's mother); the family of Barbara Butcher; Drue Ann Huddleston; Bill Grogan (back surgery); Don Haynes; Tommy Payne (Robbie Huddleston's brother - open heart surgery); Anthony Manis (Kathy Hilton's nephew); Margaret Merril (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).

