Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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From Your Minister - Christian Smith

He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.— Hebrews 4:11-13

This week, I am spending time in Evansville, Indiana, at the General Assembly meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Ministers and elders from around the country, and the globe, are gathering to discuss the business and the future of our denomination. I am here simply as an interested observer, but I have the chance to attend meetings, go to educational luncheons, and have important conversations with denominational leaders as I seek to learn more about the ministries within our branch of Christianity.

While I am here to observe, one of our elders, Lanny Knight, is here to serve as an elder delegate. He has the opportunity to serve on the "Higher Education/Cumberland Youth and Family Services Committee" this week and learn what is happening in our college and children's home. He will also have the chance to share his opinions and vote during our large business meeting on Thursday.

One of our youth, Cosby King, is serving as a youth advisory delegate. She has the opportunity to serve on the "Ministry Council Committee" this week. She will learn about the planning that goes into the ministries of our denomination. During our meeting on Thursday, she can share her views on any issue that the General Assembly is discussing.

During our meetings, since I am not an elected member, I will not be allowed to speak. I am glad that the leadership of our church is not simply left in the hands of our ministers. Instead, our elders and our youth are also invited to share in the leadership of the church. I hope that you will join in prayer for our denomination and its leadership, which includes people from numerous age groups and backgrounds.

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CPWM Summer Picnic

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry will host its annual Summer Picnic on Monday, July 8th, at 5pm in the Family Life Center. Stroud's BBQ will be served as the main dish with buns and sauce provided. Ladies in the circles are asked to bring covered dishes of sides and/or desserts. Drinks will be provided. There will be door prizes provided by each of the ladies' circles. All ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to attend!

CPWM Executive Committee Meeting

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry Executive Committee will meet on Sunday, August 4th, at 4pm in the Session Room of the church. The meeting will be held for the purpose of setting the 24-25 budget. All committee members are encouraged to attend this meeting.



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!

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.



Men's Tuesday Bible Study Takes a Break

The <u>Tuesday Noon</u> Men's Bible Study <u>will not</u> 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!



Thursday Night Bible Study

This summer, we are offering a Thursday night Bible study at FCPC. The study will continue on June 27, and July 11 at 6:30pm. **EVERYONE** is invited to join us as we pursue our studies led by Jim Greeson.

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, June 23rd, will be the 5th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be Mark 4:35-41. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God together. The 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

Stitching on the Mountain

This evening, the Twisted Stitchers will be taking a trip to Monterey to knit and crochet on the beautiful patio at Liz Fournet's house. They will be meeting at the church at 4:30 in order to carpool. Everyone, regardless of skill level, is invited to join as the group works on various projects for our community.



General Assembly 2024

This week, Cosby King is serving as a Youth Advisory Delegate to our denomination's General Assembly. Here she is pictured with a display about Rev. Louisa Woosely. Nolin Presbytery ordained Rev. Woosely in 1889, making the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination one of the first to ordain women to the ministry.







5th Sunday Worship & Lunch



Sunday, June 30th, is a fifth Sunday and we will come together to worship as one congregation. Sunday School will start at 9:00am with worship following at 10:00. We will fellowship together with a potluck lunch after the worship service. The church will provide meat, bread and tea, and you are asked to bring a side and/or

dessert. Come be with us as we fellowship and worship together!

CPWM Silent Auction

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry is sponsoring a Silent Auction for eight tickets to the Dollywood theme park in Pigeon Forge, TN. Each ticket is a one-day pass and the starting bid for each ticket is \$45.00. Bidding begins on Sunday, June 23rd, and runs through Sunday, June 30th, in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Make your way to the Fellowship Hall and enter your bid as soon as possible! Questions may be directed to Belinda Wynne at 931-979-7816.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, June 16, 2024

Commitments - \$8,395.00 Undesignated - \$1,390.00 Other - \$712.25

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers \$100.00 for Recovery Kitchen, \$375.00 in camp reimbursements, a \$97.25 keycard reimbursement from CPNS and \$90.00 in coke machine money.

Total Deposit - \$10,497.25



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in remembrance of Jessica Rector Clark's 36^{th} birthday (this week) by her loving family.

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.





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Individuals: Martha Clift (surgery); Sherry Lassiter (transplant list); Georgia Hensley; Bill Grogan (back surgery); Don Haynes; Anthony Manis (Kathy Hilton's nephew); Margarett 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); Jimmy & Linda Stringer; Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Dick & Pat Brumfield; Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.



<u>Cancer Treatment</u>: Wayne Shanks; Niki Work; Heidi Blessing; Kim Daniels; Susie Hyder (Evelyn's daughter - breast cancer).

Assisted Living: Jo Gentry; Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe); Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living); Bob Zolg (Heritage Pointe).