



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 3, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." – John 18:36

Tomorrow is a big day for many of us and a big day for our country. We will be celebrating the 248th birthday of our great nation. We all have different traditions for how we celebrate that day. As for me, I will spend the day on my patio smoking pork for a get-together that night. We will dress up in red, white, and blue. Then, we will host friends for dinner before we walk up to see the annual Cookeville fireworks show. I love the opportunity we have to celebrate this great country in which we live. It is not enough, however, to celebrate Independence Day with fireworks and barbeque. Instead, we ought to celebrate this nation each day by offering others the freedom and opportunities on which this country was built.

Yet, regardless of how much we love this country, it ought not be our primary allegiance. We are part of a kingdom far greater than even the United States of America because we are part of a "kingdom not of this world." We reside in a "house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1). As Charles reminded us on Sunday, being a part of the kingdom of God is our number one honor and responsibility. As such, instead of simply celebrating on Sunday morning, we ought to celebrate the kingdom every day by offering others the same love, mercy, and compassion upon which the Kingdom of God was built.



CPWM Summer Picnic

The CP Women's Ministry will host its annual Summer Picnic on Monday, July 8th, at 5pm in the FLC. 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 and all ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to attend!

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We want to offer a big thank you to all of those who helped to provide lunch for our church family this past Sunday. We had a great crowd and plenty of food and good fellowship

5th Sunday Dinner

Love- Joy Circle



Joan Erick, a member of LoveJoy Women's Circle, receives the Diamond Perpetual Endowment Award for 10 years of service to the mission of CPWM.



Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 7th, will be the 7th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 2 Corinthians 12:2-10. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 and 11:00am as we worship God and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion together. The 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

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 meal. Contact Alice at 239-5513 if you are able to give to the project. Please have items to the church by Friday, July 12th, at noon.

96 hot dog buns	50 individual bags chips	90 individual desserts
117 oz baked beans	45 servings coleslaw	90 Nutri-grain bars
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50 individual bags chips	4 lbs shredded cheese	

Thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.

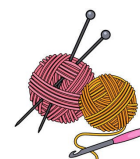
Sleep in Heavenly Peace



The CP Women's Ministry is sponsoring a pillow drive for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project for the Upper Cumberland area. The program is in dire need of pillows for the beds they build for families and they ask that you consider giving to this important ministry. Pillows will be collected **THIS SUNDAY** in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Your donations are much appreciated!

Twisted Stitches Knitting/Crochet Ministry

This evening, the Twisted Stitches invite you to join them in the Session Room of the church to knit/crochet items for the community. You may be a beginner or experienced in the art; all are welcomed. We will be meeting at 6:00pm.



Thursday Night Bible Study



This summer, we are offering a Thursday night Bible study at FCPC. The study will not meet this week due to the July 4th holiday, but will convene on the 11th. That lesson will be the final in the series and will be based on the gospel of Luke, chapter 10, verses 25-37. The topic for study is "Being a Good Neighbor" and Jim Greeson will be leading the class. Everyone is invited to attend.

***The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday,
July 4th and 5th in observance of the July 4th holiday.***



VBS—Just around the Corner!

***VBS planning meeting this Sunday, July 7th at 3:00pm.**

***VBS informational meeting for ALL VBS volunteers Sunday, July 14th at 3:00pm.**

We will also decorate if you can stay after the meeting to assist.

***Contact Kathy Elbert with any VBS questions at 815-258-8667.**



Use the following link to register you child(ren) for VBS:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DzRqr6FNiGEoB8bra6dVPgp0v436DMznmAICJyC6s3A/edit>

Men's Tuesday Bible Study Resumes

The **Tuesday Noon** Men's Bible Study **will reconvene this next Tuesday, July 9th**. Tim Fournet will lead a study on the book of Matthew. Bring your lunch and enjoy learning and fellowshiping with others in the church. We look forward to seeing you then!

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!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, June 30, 2024

Commitments - \$3,450.00 Undesignated - \$1,082.00 Other - \$345.00

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$100.00 for Recovery Kitchen and a \$195.00 reimbursement from CPNS.

Total Deposit - \$4,877.00

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.

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.





I would like to thank everyone for the calls, visits, cards, food and prayers during the recovery of my surgery. I love and appreciate my church family.

Bill Grogan

Prayer Requests

Individuals: Martha Clift (surgery); Sherry Lassiter (transplant list); Georgia Hensley; Bill Grogan (back surgery); Don Haynes; Anthony Manis (Kathy Hilton's nephew); Margaret 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.



**REQUESTS
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PRAYER**

Cancer Treatment: 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).

