



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 24, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. – Ephesians 4:29

As I write this message, we are in the middle of our Tuesday Assistance program. Each week we open the doors to the community, and we offer grocery store vouchers to those in need. For others, we help with their utility bills. Today we have a large crowd of people, and their conversation has turned to politics.

As I listen, there are people in the crowd on both sides of the aisle. They have begun to debate one another about what the condition of the country was under certain presidents and what their life was like under the various presidents. However, they are not sharing about how their life was “better” under any president. They are, instead, telling one another how their lives have been “worse” under other presidents. They are doing much of the same thing that we do and that politicians do. Instead of proclaiming the merits of their candidate of choice, they are sharing the faults of their candidate’s opposition.

When we were young, many of us were taught, “If we can’t say anything nice, don’t say anything at all.” Scripture shares that same lesson numerous times. However, too often, we feel that when it comes to politicians or other people with whom we disagree, we ought to be able to say whatever comes to our minds. As the people of God, we are called to remember that all people were created in the image of God. We are called to remember that when people hear us constantly speaking evil of others, then we appear to be people filled with distrust and hatred. Instead, let’s seek to build one another up and offer grace to those with whom we disagree so that we can show that we are filled with God’s love.

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.



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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 28th, will be the 10th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 2 Samuel 11:1-15. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God together. If you are unable to join us in person, our 8:45 service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

Blessing of the Backpacks



On August 4th, we invite our school students, teachers, administrators, and staff to bring their backpacks, briefcases, or laptop bags to church for our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks." As they return to the classroom for another school year, we want to surround them with our prayers for a safe and productive year.

Several of the youth of our church will depart this Sunday morning for Indianapolis, IN to serve in a poverty-stricken area of the city. The youth will be a part of group called Youth Works and they will be working in shelters, food pantries and with needy children in the area, striving to offer relief to those less fortunate than themselves. One of the things they hope to share with kids is school supplies for the coming year. If you would like to help, please feel free to bring pencils, pens, glue, paper, etc. to the church by 2:00pm on Friday. The youth in this mission group will be leaving the church at 8:45am this coming Sunday morning. They ask that you remember them in your prayers as they travel and minister to those in need in the coming week.



The **Sanctuary Choir** will be returning to the choir loft for rehearsal on Sunday evening, August 4th, at 5:30pm. This will be our first rehearsal since our summer break and we invite all who are interested in singing to join us. The group rehearses each Sunday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 and presents an anthem

every other week during church worship services. You do not have to read music or be an accomplished singer to be a part of the ensemble. If you have questions about singing with us, contact Sandra at 931-526-6585 or sandra@cookevillecpchurch.org. We would love to have you join us!

THIS SATURDAY!!!

Family Life Center

Kiana Gentry is our Church Nursery Attendant





Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Reid Kurtis Hughey. Reid was born June 25th in Texas to Molly & Rhen Hughey. He is the grandson of Mike and Dana Davidson and great-nephew to Jeff & Alice Peek.

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.



Men's Tuesday Bible Study

The **Tuesday Noon** Men's Bible Study has begun meeting again. Tim Fournet is leading 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!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 21, 2024

Commitments - \$1,295.00 Undesignated - \$2,635.03 Other - \$100.00

This week's offerings includes a \$100.00 donation to Food to the Rescue.

Total Deposit - \$4,030.03

Wanted: Pictures

We would love to have snapshots of various groups and special events, candid photos of church events for use in the Mid-Week Manna, website or our Facebook page. These pics don't have to be professional grade - just snap them with your phone and send them to Christian!



For Our Visitors AND Members



We are always excited to have the opportunity to worship with you on Sundays. Whether 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 left. If you need help, please feel free to see one of the ministers of the church.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: Martha Clift (home in GA); Judy Robbins and family (car accident); Sherry Lassiter (transplant list); Georgia Hensley; Bill Grogan (home); Anthony Manis (Kathy Hilton's nephew); Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder's sister - pancreatic cancer); Ginny Liebsch; 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.



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

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

