



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 31, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

***Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. – 1 Peter 4:10***

One of the lessons that I was taught in seminary is that there are two things each sermon ought to include. First, every sermon should strive to challenge those who will hear it. I think I accomplished that this past Sunday as I sought to remind us that our sins have repercussions. Our sins hurt us. They hurt the people we love. They hurt people that we will never meet. I challenged us to remember that sin should never be taken lightly.

The other thing that each sermon ought to include is grace. In each sermon, we should be reminded that we are loved by God. Though it was not the main theme of the sermon on Sunday, I did seek to remind people that no matter what our sins might be, we are offered the chance for redemption and restoration. While David would face the consequences of his sin, God still loved him and offered him forgiveness.

I finished the sermon Sunday knowing that the message of grace might not have been as evident. There are times in life when the grace of God is not seen as easily. Certainly, in the text for Sunday, Bathsheba, Joab, and the families of Uriah and the other soldiers who were killed would have had a difficult time recognizing God's grace in that moment. That is why it is so important that we never allow ourselves to take sin lightly. Additionally, when people are hurt by our sin or the sin of others, we need to remember that we have the opportunity and the responsibility to show others the love, grace, and hope of the God who loves us all.

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, August 4th, will be the 11th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God together and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are unable to join us in person, our 8:45 service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

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We are excited to welcome Marty Donnelly, Jim Greeson, and Barbara Greeson as the newest members of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They joined the church on July 28th during our 8:45 am service.



Blessing of the Backpacks



THIS SUNDAY, 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.



The First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
SANCTUARY CHOIR

is seeking new members and welcomes **YOU!**

Prior musical training, while helpful, is not
 required to be a member of the Choir.

Join us **THIS SUNDAY** at 5:30pm in the Choir Loft.

Contact Sandra Robbins with interest/questions!
 931-526-6585 or 931-284-6934

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 next meal. Contact Alice at 239-5513 if you are able to give to the project. Please have items to the church by NOON on Friday, August 9th.

90 sub sandwich rolls

90 Swiss cheese slices

90 pcs pre-cooked bacon

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45 individual chips

45 individual chips

90 individual desserts

90 bananas or oranges

90 Nutri-grain bars

90 peanut butter crackers

If you would like to donate money, it will be used to purchase items for the program. You may give money to Alice, or to Sandra in the office. Thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.



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.

Several of the youth of our church are spending the week in Indianapolis, IN serving in a poverty-stricken area of the city. The youth is part of a group called Youth Works and they are working in shelters, food pantries and with needy children in the area, striving to offer relief to those less fortunate than themselves. They ask that you remember them in your prayers as they minister to those in need during this week.



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!

CPWM Executive Committee Meeting

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry Executive Committee will meet **THIS SUNDAY** 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.



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.

Wanted: Pictures

We would love to have snapshots of various groups and special events, candids 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!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 28, 2024

Commitments - \$5,355.00 Undesignated - \$1,051.00 Other - \$884.23

This week's offerings includes \$150.00 for altar flowers and a \$734.23

reimbursement for General Assembly expense..

Total Deposit - \$7,290.23

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.



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and to celebrate the birthday of our daughter, Wynne. We love you from mom and dad, Jan and Roger Presley.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: Lois Squires (home); Martha Clift (home in GA); Sherry Lassiter (transplant list); Georgia Hensley; Ginny Liebsch; 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).

REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

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



August 5th!

