



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
August 14, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'
And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' – Isaiah 6:8

For those who may be unaware, the headquarters of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination is just outside of Memphis. Tomorrow morning, I will be traveling there to spend the rest of the week. I have been elected to serve on the Ministry Council for the denomination and, throughout my term, I will travel to Memphis a couple of times per year.

The basic purpose of this council is best described on their website. "The Ministry Council is the denomination's ministry programming division. Together, the Ministry Council and its Ministry Teams create resources to assist individuals on their spiritual journey and congregations in their varied ministries." It is an honor to serve. It is also a huge responsibility. It is a responsibility I am not sure I feel worthy to fulfill.

When asked to serve, my first thought was that others in our denomination are more suited for this position. But the person who asked me to serve is someone I trust and who saw certain skills and values in me that the Council needed.

Sometimes people see things in us that we are unable or unwilling to see. Sometimes we see skills and talents in others that they may not be able to see in themselves. While people are often eager to criticize others and tell them what they should not do, it is so much more rewarding if we encourage people and lift them up. Let's seek to help one another see the abilities that God has given each of us and the ways that we can each make a difference in the Kingdom of God.

Liturgist Sign-up

We would love to include your voice in worship. People of all ages are invited to help lead us in worship as our liturgist. Christian will provide you with instructions, liturgy, and, if you wish, the opening prayer early in the week. Please take a moment and sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5AA28A4FDC25-50583122-liturgist>

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THIS EVENING!

GAME NIGHT

***LET'S BEGIN THE FALL SEMESTER OF
WEDNESDAY CONNECTION WITH
SOME FUN, FOOD, AND GAMES!***

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

GAMES AT 6:00PM

DINNER AT 5:15PM



Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, August 18th, will be the 13th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 1 Kings 3:3-14. 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.



You are cordially invited to attend a bridal shower celebrating the upcoming marriage of Dylan Sparks (son of Chuck and Tracy) and Molly Heard ~~THIS~~ Saturday, August 17th, from 2pm to 4pm. The shower will be held in the Family Life Center. Dylan and Molly are registered at www.theknot.com.

Restoring Hope is a local non-profit that has been helping those in need of food, clothing and household items since 2010. Each week they help hundreds of people with their basic needs. At Christmas, families get to shop for new toys for their children, plus receive a box of food. Check out their FaceBook page.



Our church has helped this ministry in various ways for several years, but now we need your help. The building that houses the clothing/household items has a leak in the metal roof. We are going to add some additional screws and put a sealant on it. If you could donate a few hours of your time on Saturday morning, August 24th, please contact Jeff or Alice Peek.

Jeff 261-1595 Alice 239-5513

If you can't help physically, but would like to donate monetarily to this amazing ministry, please see Alice/Jeff or Sandra. Thank you!

CPWM Fall Meeting



The Fall meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry will take place on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Banks CP Church in Smithville. The address for the church is 2986 Banks Pisgah Rd. The meeting will start at 8:30am with the Rev. Dr. Larry Blackburn (General Assembly Moderator) and Rev. Joy Warren (National Farm Workers Ministry) serving as guest speakers. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00/person. All members of the CPWM are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday Connection Resumes

The Fall semester is here and we are resuming our Wednesday night activities. Dinner is served every Wednesday at 5:15pm. Tonight all of our groups will join together for a fun-filled game night. Beginning Wednesday, August 21st, our youth group and children's group will meet downstairs at 6pm. Our "Twisted Stitchers" crafting group will meet in the Session Room at 6pm. Finally, our Adult Study will meet in the Upper Commons at 6:15pm. This semester our adults will be studying the Psalms. We will think about how they have been used and how they could serve more purpose in our lives.

Wednesday Connection

FUN, FOOD, STUDY, AND FELLOWSHIP

Take some time to CONNECT with your church family.



DINNER
5:15 PM

YOUTH, CHILDREN,
AND TWISTED
STITCHERS
CRAFTING GROUP
6:00 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
6:15 PM

Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church was founded on August 20, 1867. For 157 years this congregation has been doing ministry in this community. We will be celebrating this anniversary on Sunday, August 25th. During our worship service, we will remember the ways that God has blessed this congregation. That evening at 5pm, we will continue our celebration with a cookout and a time for fellowship. We hope that you will all join us as we remember what this church has meant to Cookeville, to us, and to the Kingdom of God.



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!

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.

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 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, August 11, 2024

Commitments - \$7,235.00 Undesignated - \$2,624.00 Other - \$578.00

This week's offering includes \$280.00 for Recovery Kitchen, \$50.00 for the Music Program, \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$65.00 in coffee money donations and \$133.00 for facility use.

Total Deposit - \$10,437.00



Thank You

*I am overwhelmed and humbled by so many of you that have been caring for me. The prayers, cards, calls, and food delivered blew me out of the water. Not having "blood family" near, you have helped to fill that void. **THANK YOU** from my toenails up!*

Lois Squires



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in celebration of Ron & Tina Thurman's 34th Wedding Anniversary.



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.

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!



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



Prayer Requests

Individuals: Steve Boots (surgery); Lois Squires (home); Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder; Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder’s sister - pancreatic cancer); Leigh Vincent (Jane Randolph’s sister-in-law); Martha Clift (home in Cookeville); Sherry Lassiter (transplant list); Ginny Liebsch; 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; 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).

