



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
August 21, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

***O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever! – Psalm 118:1***

In the early days of the city of Cookeville, residents who were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination shared space with members of the Baptist, Methodist, and Disciples of Christ churches. Each week a minister from one of the four denominations traveled to Cookeville and the groups worshipped together until, one by one, the four groups were able to build separate places of worship. The first group to do so was the Cumberland Presbyterians. Their church was officially organized on August 20, 1867.

Over the last 157 years, numerous people have left a lasting impact on this church. There are people like J.K. Landsden and Jesse Hickman, the church's first pastors. There were people like Dr. J.N. Goodpasture and Jesse Pendergrass, the first elders of the church. There were people like Ruth Donner and Edna Hill who were faithful Sunday School teachers. There are names of people who will never be forgotten and, unfortunately, there are those whose names have been lost to history.

Over the last 157 years, countless people have touched lives through their relationship with this congregation. We are here today and growing in our faith because of the people who came before us who were willing to step out in faith and serve. If we were to make a list of the members of this church who have made a difference in our lives, we would all have vastly different lists. Let's give thanks for all of the members of this community of faith who have made a difference for us. .

Anniversary Celebration

We celebrate our church's Anniversary this weekend with worship at 8:45am and 11am.

At 5pm, we will gather in the Family Life Center for a meal and fellowship.

See article inside for more information.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, August 25th, will be the 14th Sunday after Pentecost and our celebration of 157 years of ministry at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 1 Kings 8:22-30. During our 8:45am service we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God together. If you are unable to join us, our 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

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. The church will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and a birthday cake. We hope you will plan to help us with sides or another dessert. Make plans to join us as we remember what this church has meant to Cookeville, to us, and to the Kingdom of God.

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 this 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 Activities



The Fall semester is here and we have resumed our Wednesday night activities. Dinner is served every Wednesday at 5:15pm and we ask that you make your dinner reservations by Tuesday at 10am. Our youth and children's groups 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. We hope you will join us for this evening's activities.

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>

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

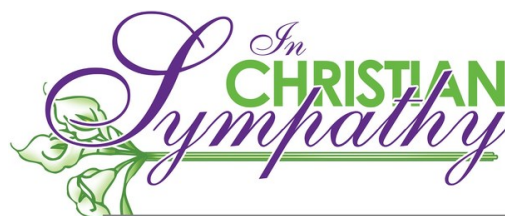


For our smartphone users, we have developed a church app for First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. While we are still learning to use all of its features, I hope you will consider downloading it and using the tools you will find there. It can be downloaded using the QR code at the left. If you need help, 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.





The church family expresses sympathy to the family of Jimmy Stringer. Mr. Stringer passed away this past Sunday in Smithville. He was the brother-in-law of Evon Maggart. Please remember his wife, Linda, as well as Evon and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Jimmy Stringer (Evon Maggart's brother-in-law); Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister, Jimmy Stringer's wife); Steve Boots (surgery); Lois Squires (home); Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder; Leigh Vincent (Jane Randolph's sister-in-law); Martha Clift (home in Cookeville); Sherry Lassiter (transplant list); Ginny Liebsch; Georgia Hensley; 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); Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder's sister - pancreatic cancer).

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 18, 2024

Commitments - \$9,360.00 Undesignated - \$1,507.00 Other - \$37.50

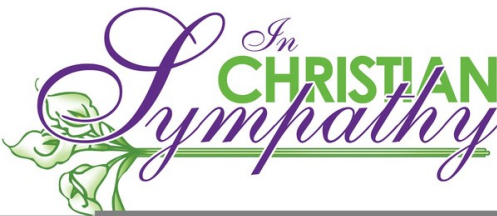
This week's offering includes a \$37.50 reimbursement for devotional guides.

Total Deposit - \$10,904.50

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!





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