



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

*Wednesday,  
August 28, 2024*

**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

***“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland. – Isaiah 43:18-19***

This past Sunday we celebrated the 157<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the church. We took the time to remember the men and the women who have walked through the doors and have made a difference in the life of this congregation. We remembered some of the significant events that have happened to this church and some of the ways that this church has made a difference in the community, denomination, and the world. We took the time to celebrate all that God has done for this church.

Now, as we enter our 158<sup>th</sup> year, we need to celebrate who we have been as a church while focusing more on who we can be in the future. While we need to remember those who have been a part of our congregation, we also need to focus on those who might be a part of our congregation in the future. Our church has done great things for others, but we cannot rest in that knowledge.

For 157 years, God has led this congregation. As we move into the future, God promises continued guidance. It is our responsibility as people of faith and as members of this church, to continue to pray for and seek God’s guidance as we honor God by remembering our past, but focusing on our future.

## **Meal Delivery Help Needed**

Each week we try to take a few meals from our Wednesday Connection to some of those from our church who are not able to be here in person. This service helps those individuals remain connected to their congregation. If you are willing to help with this ministry by delivering a meal or two and, perhaps, spending a few moments visiting with those members, please let Christian know.

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## **Sunday Worship Information**

Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, will be the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be Psalm 45:1-9. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are unable to join us in person, our 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.



During our 8:45am service on August 25th, we had the privilege of participating in the baptism of Elias Julian Wynne. In doing so, this church made the vow to support this family. We look forward to watching him grow and helping him to understand his faith.



# Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School's 2nd Annual Fall Carnival

\$12 Per Child for Unlimited  
Games, Activities, and a pumpkin  
from our pumpkin patch!

Bounce House, Carnival Games,  
Face Painting, Snow cones,  
Cotton Candy, Popcorn, A  
Pumpkin Patch and so much  
more! Come Out and Join Us for  
all the Fun!!



September 28th

2pm-4pm

565 East 10th Street



\*If your child is not old enough to  
participate in games and you would still  
like them to have a pumpkin there is a  
separate charge of \$2\*

## **CPNS Fall Festival Fundraiser**



The **Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School** will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Festival Fundraiser on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm to 4pm. They extend a hearty welcome to the members of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church to come enjoy the carnival with us this year! If you would like to donate to our carnival fundraiser, we are in need of:

**Hay Bales**  
**Pumpkins (any size!)**  
**Baked Goods for our bake sale table**

If you are interested/able to donate any of these items please contact Madison Savage at 931-644-0034 or Kristi Langford at 931-881-5379. Please have donations dropped off at the Nursery School by Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm. We appreciate any and all donations!

## **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>

## **Download the FCPC Smartphone App**



For our smartphone users, there is a new church app available to you.. 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 Christian for assistance.

## **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.





# 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

## ***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.





Join **FOOD<sup>to the</sup> Rescue** as we



**THIS SEPTEMBER:**  
by collecting 16 oz\* jars of  
Peanut Butter for the  
current school year  
food distributions.

We appreciate your help!

\*jar weight varies by brand: this is a general guideline for size!



Scan above QR Code for Venmo payment

[PayPal.me/foodtotherescue](https://www.paypal.me/foodtotherescue)



*Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and to honor my mother, Wynema Myracle's birthday from Bob.*

## **About Our Church Nursery School**

- ♦ If you heard Christian's message this past Sunday morning, you might have caught that our church opened the first licensed day care in Cookeville - Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School. Our nursery school has been in operation for over 35 years.
- ♦ We currently serve 48 children ranging in age from six weeks to school-age. We are open 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday. We have 12 full-time employees and 8 part-time employees. Children receive breakfast, lunch and one snack each day.
- ♦ We strive to provide a safe, loving environment for children to meet age-appropriate learning goals using a Christian-based curriculum. Think about how many children we have been able to reach over the years. This is truly one of the great ministries of our church. Be on the lookout for more little nuggets of news from the nursery in upcoming editions of the Manna.



## **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, August 25, 2024**

Commitments - \$3,265.00    Undesignated - \$1,956.00    Other - \$208.00

This week's offering includes \$208.00 in donations from the 08/14 and 08/21 Connection meals.

Total Deposit - \$5,380.00





This past weekend Peggy Rittenberry and Belinda Wynne traveled to Banks Cumberland Presbyterian Church to attend the Fall Regional Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry meeting.

## Prayer Requests



### REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

**Individuals:** the family of Lyna Pennycuff (Kaye O'Brien's sister); Jim Ashley (J.B. Rittenberry's brother-in-law - cancer); Bill Grogan (heart bypass); Dave Van der Cook; 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 Furcan.

**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); Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living); Bob Zolg (Heritage Pointe).