



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
September 11, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." – 3 John 1:4

I, like many of you, watched the presidential debate last night. Afterward, I made a huge mistake. Because once the televised debate was finished, I tuned into the social media debate. "She's just rambling and lying constantly... Do your research!" "He's just rambling and lying constantly... Do your research!" "I am so glad that my candidate is a real, genuine person and not a fraud like the opponent." It is a pretty sad state of affairs to see just how divided we are.

Politics has become a battleground of dishonesty. Social media especially is filled with stories, pictures, and memes that are often false. Yet, because they support the narrative of our chosen candidate, we share them freely with everyone and tell the stories that we bother to verify as truth.

As your pastor, I will never tell you for whom you should or should not vote. I encourage you to vote and to be involved in the political process. However, I encourage you to show your support for your candidate with honesty and truth. Expect your candidate to be honest. As people of faith, we are called to walk in the truth. Honesty and truth ought to guide our religious lives, our daily lives, and our political lives.

Outdoor Service and One Service Sunday



Outdoor
Worship
Service

On September 29th, we will gather outside near the Family Life Center for worship as we enjoy our Annual Outdoor Service. Everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair, dress comfortably, and come celebrate God's goodness outside in God's beautiful creation. As an added bonus, September 29th is also a ONE SERVICE SUNDAY. We will have Sunday School at 9am. Our outdoor worship will take place at 10am. Following the service, we will enjoy lunch and fellowship at the Family Life Center. Lunch will be potluck and the church will be providing meat, rolls and drinks. We hope that you will make plans to join us for a special day at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, September 15th, will be the 17th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. LeighAnn Morgan will be here to lead us in worship. The scripture for the sermon will be Luke 19:1-10. Everyone is invited to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God together. If you are unable to join us in person, our 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

We are excited to welcome Larry and Jo Ann Strainer as the newest members of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They joined the church on September 8th during our 8:45am service.



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>



Food to the Rescue Packing Day

*****Wednesday, October 2nd - 5:30-7:30pm*****

1227 N.Washington Ave. Suite 112

Roots Salon is in the front; Food to the Rescue is in the back

Part of the outreach program of our church is the packing of boxes for Food to the Rescue. This program helps to feed underprivileged children during the Fall Break. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities.

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 2nd annual Fall Festival Fundraiser on Saturday, September 28th, 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 27th, at 3pm. We appreciate any and all donations!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, September 8, 2024

Commitments - \$5,770.00 Undesignated - \$1,232.00 Other - \$217.00

This week's offering includes \$65.00 for altar flowers, \$60.00 for facility use and \$92.00 in donations from the 09/04 Connection evening meal.

Total Deposit - \$7,219.00



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.





Connection Activities

Our Wednesday night activities continue. Dinner is served at 5:15pm and we ask that you make your dinner reservations by Tuesday at 10am. There is no charge for meals but you may help cover the cost of meals with a donation. 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 to the Rescue** as we



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

We appreciate your help!



Scan above QR Code for Venmo payment

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

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

Men's Tuesday Bible Study

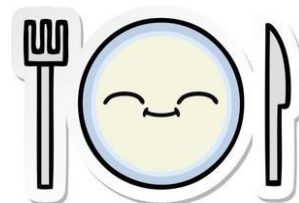
The **Tuesday Noon** Men's Bible Study has begun meeting again. Tim Fournet is leading a study on the book of Matthew. Bring your lunch and enjoy learning and fellowshiping with others in the church. We look forward to seeing you then!





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.



Recovery Kitchen

The Missions Ministry wishes to thank all those who have donated food items to support the Recovery Kitchen program in our community. We are able to provide a monthly meal for 90 people in homeless encampments.

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.



Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in memory of family members who have passed. Larry & Jo Ann Strainer

Prayer Requests



Individuals: the family of Bob Zolg; the family of Lyna Pennycuff (Kaye O'Brien's sister); Bill Grogan (heart bypass); Dave Van der Cook (hospice); the family of Jimmy Stringer (Evon Maggart's brother-in-law); Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister, Jimmy Stringer's wife); Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder; Sherry Lassiter (transplant list); Ginny Liebsch; Georgia Hensley; Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Dick & Pat Brumfield; Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: Jim Ashley (J.B. Rittenberry's brother-in-law - cancer); 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).

