



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
September 25, 2024*

***“The Church is not the building, it's the people, it's not just the gathering,
it's also the scattering.” — John Wimber***

Every Sunday, I feel sad for the rest of the congregation. Those of us who sit on the platform at the church and who stand behind the pulpit or the lectern get a very different worship experience than the rest of the congregation. Yes, we are the “leaders” of the service, and we have different responsibilities, but we also have a very different view. While the congregation looks toward the front of our sanctuary, which is certainly beautiful, I look out and see your faces, and I see through the narthex windows. I see leaves waving, squirrels running through the branches of the trees, and birds flying through the air. During worship, I witness the activity of the world around us. For me, it is meaningful to be reminded that while we worship, there is also life outside of the walls of this sanctuary. We are worshipping One who is God of a large and grand world.

That is one reason that I love the outdoor service. As we sit in the sanctuary, it is easy to feel separated from the rest of the world. It is easy to see this building as God’s home and forget that it is just a small part of God’s creation. Inside the sanctuary, it is easy to forget that the church was never meant to be restricted to a building. When we gather outside, we are reminded that the church exists in a great big world that was created by a loving God. This Sunday, I look forward to you having the same view that I normally have during worship. Witnessing God’s creation at play during worship is a great way to be reminded that we are a church that is called to go outside the building and make a difference in God’s glorious creation.

Nursery Help Needed



Our nursery attendant, Kiana Gentry, will soon be taking maternity leave and the church will need some help in the nursery. Kiana’s last day before the baby is born will be October 13th so we will need volunteers beginning on the 20th. There is a nursery volunteer signup sheet on the narthex table. Please take a moment to find a date(s) that you will be able to give some time to the program. Please contact Sandra in the church office with questions or a time you are available.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, September 29th, will be our Outdoor Worship Service. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be Matthew 6:25-34. Everyone is invited to join us outside the Family Life Center at 10:00am as we worship God together outdoors. If you are unable to join us, the service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

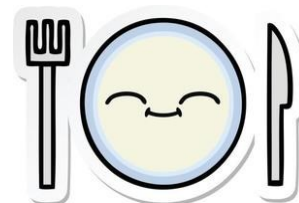
Outdoor Service, One Service Sunday, Potluck



THIS SUNDAY, 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 Sunday service. 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.

Meal Delivery Help

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.



CPNS Fall Festival Fundraiser



The **Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School** will be holding its 2nd annual Fall Festival Fundraiser THIS 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! 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!

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**



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

Our Wednesday night activities continue. Dinner is served at 5:15pm and we ask that you make your dinner reservations or cancelations 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 are 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>



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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, September 22, 2024

Commitments - \$4,030.00 Undesignated - \$10,984.00 Other - \$281.00

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$100.00 for Recovery Kitchen, \$10.00 office supplies reimbursement, and \$121.00 in donations for Connection meals.

Total Deposit - \$15,295.00

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.

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!



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!

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.





Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in memory of my mother, Virginia Wynne, on her birthday. Jan Presley



The church expresses sympathy to the family of Jackie Van der Cook, David's wife. Jackie passed away on Friday of this past week. A Celebration of Life will be held this Sunday at 3pm in the sanctuary of the church. Please remember David and the family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Jackie Van der Cook; the family of Jo Rogers (Ashton Hitchcock's grandmother); Chloe Staggs (cheerleading accident); Don Anderson (recovering from fall); Jeff Palmer (Belinda Wynne's brother-in-law); the family of Bob Zolg; Bill Grogan (heart bypass); Dave Van der Cook (hospice); 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).

