

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
October 2, 2024*

“Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others.” — 1 Corinthians 10:24



I have been counting down the days until this Friday afternoon. In just two days, my family and I will be leaving to spend a week on the Gulf Coast for our family vacation. That week is a great time for us to rest, relax, and reconnect with each other. All of the other distractions of life are put away for those few days as we get to concentrate on being a family.

However, I have to admit that, for the last several days, I have had some concerns as to whether we were going to be able to make our trip. This past weekend, forecasters started talking about another storm possibly forming in the Gulf over the next week. They speculated that it could turn into another named hurricane.

As I looked at that storm, I had concerns. However, my focus was not on the people whose homes, schools, businesses, or even lives could be changed forever if a new hurricane were to form. I did not focus on those who have already been through the longest week of their lives as a result of Hurricane Helene. My concern was how this storm was going to affect me and my ability to put my toes in the sand.

Vacations are important. God set the example of taking a break and time to rest. However, it is so easy to get wrapped up in our schedules and desires. God desires for us to remember that we are called to have compassion and put others first at all times. It is so easy to become self-centered and to focus on yourself. Let's strive to look outward and focus instead on the ways that we can make a difference, not for ourselves, but for those who need our love and service.

Food to the Rescue Packing Day

*****THIS EVENING - 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.

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A poster for hurricane donations. At the top left is the logo for 'Freddy Duncan & Sons Moving & Storage' featuring a house icon. To the right is a blue oval with 'DONATE NOW!' in white. The main title 'HURRICANE DONATION' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, on the left, is the text 'Together, we can make an impact. Join our open donation efforts now!'. In the center, under the heading 'DUNCAN TRUCK LOCATIONS:', are three locations: 'ALL WEEK LIFE CHURCH COOKEVILLE', 'WED. OCT 2ND 2-5PM LESLIE TOWN CENTER', and 'SAT. OCT. 5 9AM-1PM TENNESSEE TECH TUCKER STADIUM'. On the right, there is an illustration of a person in a blue shirt and dark pants stacking blue boxes. One box has the 'Atlas' logo. The background is dark blue with a grid pattern. There are decorative sunburst icons in the top left and bottom left corners, and a red swirl in the top right corner.

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A dark blue rectangular box containing a list of needed supplies. The title 'What is needed' is written in a large, white, cursive font at the top. Below it, a list of items is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a red line of text states '** NO CLOTHING ACCEPTED **'.

What is needed

**FLASHLIGHTS
BATTERIES
TRASH BAGS
MEDICAL AND WORK GLOVES
SHAMPOO/ BODY WASH/HAND SOAP
DEODERANT (MENS AND WOMENS)
BANDAIDS
NEW BOTTLES TYLENOL
WET WIPES
CLEANING SUPPLIES**

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Collections for Hurricane Relief



In addition to the local opportunities to donate items that will be sent to hurricane victims and relief workers, the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination is facilitating the collection of monetary donations. 100% of donations will be used in affected areas. Those gifts can be sent to the denomination in four different ways:

1. Drop off your gift at the church office.
2. Send a check to:
Missions Ministry Team
c/o Hurricane Helene
8207 Traditional Place
Cordova, TN 38016
3. Go to www.cpcmc.org and click on the yellow "Donate" button.
4. Call 901-276-4572 and ask for Jinger, who can take a donation over the phone.

SONSHINE CIRCLE



Members of the Sonshine Circle will gather on Tuesday of this next week (October 8th) at 10am in the Family Life Center. The topic of discussion for the next few months will be "Christian Hymns." The Circle invites all ladies in the church to join them for a time of fellowship.

Recovery Kitchen

Recovery Kitchen is a program that helps provide hot meals for the homeless in our community. We are in need of the following items for this next meal. Contact Alice at 239-5513 if you are able to give to the project. Please have items to the church by NOON on Friday, October 11th.

(200) bread slices
(96) servings baked beans
(12) tomatoes
(5) heads lettuce

(96) slices hot pepper cheese
(96) individual bags of chips
(96) individual fruit cups
(96) Nutri-grain bars

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 church office. Thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, October 6th, 2024 will be World Communion Sunday. The chancel color will be green. Dr. Charles McCaskey will be preaching for the service. The scripture for the sermon will be 1 Corinthians 11:23-28. Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God, partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and celebrate our connection with all of the Kingdom of God. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

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.

Men's Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study will be taking a break for a few weeks. We will let you know when the study resumes. The next topic of study will be the book of Galatians, with Tim Fournet leading the discussion.

CPNS Fall Festival Fundraiser Rescheduled



Due to inclement weather, the Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School chose to reschedule the September 28th 2nd annual **Fall Festival Fundraiser to THIS WEEKEND, October 5th**. As originally planned, the Fundraiser will be held from 2pm to 4pm. They extend a hearty welcome to the members of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church to come enjoy the carnival! We are still in need of:

Hay Bales

Pumpkins (any size!)

Baked Goods for our bake sale table

If you are interested in or are 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 6th, 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!!*



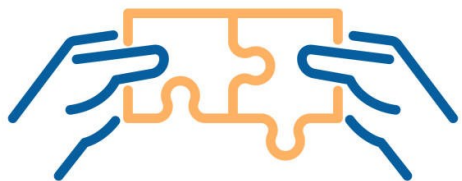
October 5th

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**

Connection Activities



THIS EVENING, we will meet to put together food boxes for Food to the Rescue (see article regarding the program in this edition of the Mid-Week Manna). We hope you will join us for this vital community service for school-aged children in the Putnam County school system.

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>



Belinda Wynne, Nancy Rector, Peggy Rittenberry, Paula Lafever, and Beverly Halfacre, along with Janna Greer and Mary Beth (Peggy's daughter) recently assembled 356 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We will announce work days for filling shoeboxes next month.



Sympathy

The church family expresses condolences to the family of Suzie Hyder, Evelyn Hyder's daughter. Suzie passed away on Friday, the 27th of September, in California. Please remember Evelyn and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: Grayson Gentry (premature son of Erika Gentry and husband, Trent - Vanderbilt); the family of Suzie Hyder (Evelyn Hyder's daughter); the family of Jackie Van der Cook; Chloe Staggs (cheerleading accident); Don Anderson (recovering from fall); 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); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.



Cancer Treatment: Jim Ashley (J.B. Rittenberry's brother-in-law - cancer); Niki Work; Heidi Blessing; Kim Daniels; Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder's sister - pancreatic cancer).

Assisted Living: Jo Gentry (Heritage Pointe); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe).

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.



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 29, 2024

Commitments - \$3,695.00 Undesignated - \$618.00 Other - \$225.00

This week's offering includes \$150.00 for Recovery Kitchen,
and \$75.00 in donations for Connection meals.

Total Deposit - \$4,538.00