



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
October 30, 2024*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. — Romans 12:1

As an ordained minister, I am expected to serve on one of the committees in our presbytery. As a member of Murfreesboro Presbytery, I have served on the “Committee on Ministry” for several years. That committee has several tasks, including helping train and support ministers. However, the biggest responsibility of the Committee on Ministry is to aid, mentor, and examine those who feel they are called to the ministry.

As a member of that committee for at least 12 years, I have heard numerous people share the story of how God revealed that call to ministry. I have had the chance, at least from afar, to see several people grow in their call, their faith, and their service to the kingdom of God. Having the opportunity to witness people grow and answer the call to ministry is a great honor and a huge responsibility.



Though I am no longer on the Committee, during our session meeting this past Sunday, I got to hear a call story again. Cosby King came before the session to share her call story and to ask for our recommendation to become a candidate for the ministry in Murfreesboro Presbytery. Of course, that request was approved unanimously and enthusiastically. We have had the chance to watch as Cosby has grown in her faith and her service. Now we have the chance to watch as she grows in her call to ministry and her understanding of what God desires for and from her. I have pledged to her my prayers and my support. I will support her in this journey in any way that I am able. I urge each of you to commit to doing the same for Cosby. We have had the honor of watching her grow in her faith. Now we have the responsibility to help her grow in her call to God’s service.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, November 3rd, will be All Saints Sunday. The chancel color will be white. The scripture for the sermon will be Hebrews 12:1-3. Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God, celebrate the lives of the loved ones we have lost, and partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

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:



We are excited to welcome Cindy Furcean as the newest member of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She joined the church on October 27th during our 8:45am service.



SIGNUP SHEET FOR NURSERY HELP

Our nursery attendant, Kiana Gentry, is now on maternity leave and the church needs some help in the nursery. 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.



JOY CLUB TRIP

Last week members of our Joy Club traveled to Chattanooga for a fall leaves tour. We enjoyed lunch together in Dunlap and toured a couple of churches together. If you have trips that you would like us to take please let Kathie Chapman or Christian know.



Collections for Hurricane Relief



The Cumberland Presbyterian denomination continues the collection of monetary donations to go toward the devastation brought about by Hurricane Helene. 100% of donations given will be used to help those 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.

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, November 8th.

(96) pre-sliced hoagie rolls (Aldi)
(96) servings marinara sauce
10 lbs shredded Mozzarella cheese
(4) 100 oz cans green beans

(96) oranges or bananas
(96) individual bags of chips
(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.

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.



Join Us For This Evening's Connection Activities

Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Decorate your trunk and bring your kids for
an evening of food, treats, and costumes!

October 30, 2024

Dinner - 5pm, Trunk-or-Treating - 6pm

565 East 10th St.

JOIN US FOR
A SPOOKY
NIGHT!

We need your help with soup or chili
for dinner. If you would be willing to
help, or if you have any questions,
please contact Christian.





All Saints Sunday

On November 3rd, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday and celebrating the lives of the loved ones we have lost over the last year. The All Saints banner and instructions are available on the narthex credenza if you wish to add a name to the banner. If you are unable to be at church and would like a name added to the banner, please email christian@cookevillecpchurch.org.

We begin collecting donations/food for this year's Turkey Project THIS Sunday!

THANKSGIVING TURKEY PROJECT

This year we will be collecting items to provide 85 families in our community with a Thanksgiving meal. The youth will work to deliver those meals on Monday, November 25th. We will be collecting the following items on the following schedule:

Nov. 3 - Mashed Potatoes	Mac & Cheese
Nov. 10 - Dressing	Gravy
Nov. 17 - Cranberries	Pie Filling
Nov. 24 - Green Beans	Corn

There will be a tote in the Fellowship Hall for these items. Additionally, we will be purchasing a turkey breast for each box and you are invited to sponsor one or more boxes at \$10.00 each. Help us make a difference for local families at Thanksgiving!



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry has begun its 2024 Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive. The Ministry offers empty shoeboxes for you to pick up and fill yourself, **OR** you can sponsor a box at a cost of \$25.00. Envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall and should be placed in the offering. Your donations will be used for next year's shoebox project. Filled boxes will be due by November 18th.



Packing Party

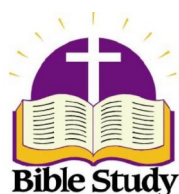


Packing Shoeboxes

TOMORROW, October 31st, the Shoebox Committee will meet at 10am in the Lower Commons in preparation for packing boxes on **FRIDAY, November 1st**. Everyone is invited to come pack boxes on Friday from 10am to 2pm in the Lower Commons. Lunch will be provided.

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.



Men's Bible Study

The **Tuesday Noon** Men's Bible Study continues with a study on the book of Galatians. We are using Max Lucado's **Life Lessons from Galatians** as our text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, October 27, 2024

Commitments - \$3,810.00 Undesignated - \$2,085.00 Other - \$2,103.00

This week's offerings include \$400.00 for hurricane relief, \$120.00 for the Turkey Project, a \$475.00 reimbursement from CPNS, a \$1,000.00 donation to the Music Program, and \$108.00 in Connection meal donations.

Total Deposit - \$7,998.00

TN TECH HOMECOMING PSA TAILGATE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2024

WELCOME BACK ALUMNI

Come by the PSA house to catch up with old pals,
meet the current students, and see the house!
feel free to drop in as you are able

**OPEN HOUSE FOLLOWING THE
PARADE FROM 11-1 BEFORE THE
GAME**

629 North Cedar Ave Cookeville, TN 38501





Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Dianne Fletcher (Nathan's mother); the family of David Van der Cook; Allison McDonald (surgery); Wanda McCaskey; Doris Baggett; Mary Broussard (friend of Tim & Liz Fournet); Grayson Gentry (premature son of Erica Gentry and husband, Trent); the family of Suzie Hyder (Evelyn Hyder's daughter); Don Anderson (recovering from fall); Dave Van der Cook (hospice); Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister); Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder; Sherry Lassiter (transplant list); 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).

