

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
November 6, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

***Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another,
a tender heart, and a humble mind.— 1 Peter 3:8***

During October and November, we have the opportunity to celebrate several special days in the church. World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, and All Saints Sunday all seek to give us a sense of unity and remind us that God works with people across the world in unique and different ways. During those celebrations, God provides us with a visible example of messages of unity. Though we may be different, God works through each of us.

This past Sunday, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church used their new All Saints Banner for the first time in worship. Though Pastor Phil and I have never met, their banner is modeled after ours. Members of this Lutheran Church in Loudon, Tennessee, visited with us in Cookeville. Even though we come from different denominational backgrounds, they saw God working in this place. When they asked permission to use the idea, I knew that God was not restricted to this place.

Thanks be to God that despite our differences, we can see God working in our respective places of worship and we can still call ourselves family. What a world it would be if we all lived out the lessons of World Communion, Reformation, and All Saints Sundays.



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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, November 10th, will be the 26th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 1 Kings 17:8-16. Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God together. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

Boy Scout Troop 20 Trash Cleanup



CLEAN UP

This coming Saturday, Scouts from Troop 20 will be picking up trash along Maple Street and in front of the church on 10th Street. Gloves, trash bags and safety vests will be provided by the Keep Putnam County Beautiful - Clean Commission. Any adults or youth who would like to participate are welcome to join us at 9:00am on Saturday, November 9. Bring water and closed-toe shoes. We will meet in the lower parking lot on the southwest corner of the church campus. Contact Carolina Barnes with any questions: carolina@beroza.com.

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.



Advent Candle Lighters



The season of Advent is quickly approaching. One very special tradition in the church is the lighting of the Advent candles. The combination of candle lighting and readings is a time-honored part of our worship during this time and considered an honor.

We are now seeking those from our congregation who would be willing to participate in this capacity. You do not have to be a member of our congregation and may have served in this role in the past. We would invite/encourage all families/groups to contact Christian or Sandra if this is something you would like to do.



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in memory of my beloved husband, Wesley Henry, on his birthday. Ruth Ann Henry

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
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.



Children/Youth Christmas Play

Mark your calendars for this year's Christmas play on Dec. 22 (8:45 & 11am services). The play is open to children & youth of all ages! Practices will be during the Sunday School hour from November 24th through December 15th. There are speaking and non-speaking parts available! If you have questions or can't attend the first practice but would like to be a part of the program contact Mel Presley at 931-260-4200.

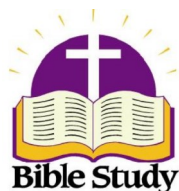
STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, November 4, 2024

Commitments - \$19,225.00 Undesignated - \$9,184.35 Other - \$1,480.00

This week's offerings include \$250.00 for the Tuesday Assistance Program, \$570.00 for the Turkey Project, \$100.00 for altar flowers, \$80.00 in camp reimbursements, \$260.00 for facility usage and \$220.00 in office supply reimbursements.

Total Deposit - \$29,889.35

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.



Circles to Meet

The Love-Joy Women's Circle will meet on Monday, November 11th, at 10am in the Session Room of the church. Lois Squires will have our lesson from *Women of the Bible*. All ladies are invited to attend.

The Sonshine Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 12th, at 10am in the Family Life Center. We will continue our study on hymns in the church.

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.



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

(96) oranges or bananas
(96) individual bags of chips
(96) individually wrapped desserts

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.



We are now collecting food items for our Turkey Project! Collection bins are in the Fellowship Hall.

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!



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.



SHOEBOX PACKING

Members of the church gathered last Friday and packed over 300 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. There are boxes available in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to fill your own or you may sponsor one that will be filled at the church.



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.





Sympathy



The church family expresses condolences to Nathan Fletcher on the passing of his mother, Dianne Fletcher, on Monday of last week. Services were held on Wednesday. Please remember Nathan and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

A Celebration of Life

Also in our thoughts are the family of David Van der Cook, who passed away on Tuesday of this past week. A Celebration of Life will be held this Sunday, November 10th, at 2pm at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Please remember this family in your prayers.



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).

