



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
February 19, 2025*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

***"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example
in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." – 1 Timothy 4:12***



This Sunday, during both services, the youth of our church will be leading the service. The youth, with the help of their leader, Ashley Wharton, developed the theme for the day. They have planned and prepared for this moment. They will be leading us in every aspect of worship for the day.

Following the service, I have no doubt that I will hear the statement that has been made to me after every Youth Sunday I have attended as a pastor. At least one person will say, "You better watch out, Christian; they are coming for your job." Almost any time that statement is made, it is followed up with a chuckle.

The truth is, while I want to keep my job, we need to hear from our youth more often. Our youth have a unique view of the church and the world that the rest of us seldom possess. They can see what the world could look like. They can see what the church could be. While the rest of us see and reside in the realities of "the way it has always been," our youth can often see the possibilities in front of them.

I would love for the vision and the wisdom of the youth of our church to be seen as more than a cute service once a year. I would love for us to have the chance to look through their eyes more often and see the potential that lies ahead of us.



***Annual
Giving
Statements***

Statements of Giving are now available on the narthex table. Please take a moment to pick yours up. If you did not turn in a commitment card for 2024 and wish to receive a 2024 Statement of Giving, please contact Liz immediately at lizsheets@charter.net. Also, let Liz know if you have any questions about your Statement of Giving.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, February 23rd, will be Youth Sunday. The chancel color will be green. The youth of our church will be leading us in our service and Cosby King will deliver the sermon using 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 as the scripture. Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

We are excited to welcome Pete Findley as the newest member of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Pete joined the church on February 16th during our 8:45am service.



Liturgists for Sunday Services

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>

A Bridal Tea



Please join us for a Tea to celebrate and meet Katherine Neusner, the bride-to-be of William Hitchcock. The Tea will take place this Saturday, February 22nd, from 2-4pm at the home of Liz Fournet. The address is 310 W. Cleveland Avenue - Monterey, TN - 38574. Please RSVP to Ashton Hitchcock at 931-644-2778. William and Katherine are registered at:

withjoy.com/willandkaty/registry

JOY Club Outing



The JOY Club will be going to the Soard Properties Museum on Thursday, March 6th, at 10am. Prior to that, at 9am, we will be going to Grandma's Pancake House on South Willow for breakfast (dutch treat). We will meet at the museum for a tour at 10am. We hope all the "youthful older folks" in our church will join us for this adventure. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex.

CPWM Spring Yard Sale

You read it right! The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry is once again sponsoring a yard sale - this time in the Spring of the year!!! Many of you will be "spring-cleaning" soon and the Women's Ministry would love to have you donate items that you no longer need or use. The Spring Yard Sale is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 5th, at 7am in the area of the Family Life Center. We will begin collecting items on the 31st of March and encourage you to bring in your items early in the week if possible.



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.

Opportunities to Serve in Your Church

The Role of Greeters in the Church

An important part of what we do in our church is greeting those that come into the church for the first time. They sometimes come in during the Sunday School hour and we like to have someone available to meet and greet them. We are in need of folks to take on this duty.



With a number of greeters signed up, you would be responsible for serving once every four to six weeks. We would love to have several people serve in this role. Please contact Sandra in the church office if this is something you are interested in and would be willing to do. Thank you!

Communion Preparation Signup

We are seeking families to sign up for the preparation of communion elements for the first Sunday of the month and special services. Directions for preparing communion will be made available to you the week prior to the preparation process. If this is something you are interested in and able to do, you may call Sandra in the church office or click on the following link to add your name to the list. Let us know if you have questions.



www.docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13Mimf7y4LfkeXrrS0PcnhrrsLt4xRAjZTYf3mt4GK60/edit#gid=0

Our Church Ministries

Below, you will find a list of the ministries to which our church elders have been assigned. We invite and encourage you to contact these representatives with any ideas or questions you might have regarding the church. While our church elders are continuing to reach out to find people to serve with them, please do not wait for a call. Feel free to contact them and let them know that you would be excited to serve.

Building and Grounds

Chris Langford
Shane Welch

Missions

Al Middleton
Tina Thurman

Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School

Jeff Peek

Christian Education

Carroll Gotcher
Jodi Smith

Stewardship and Finance

Tim Fournet
Jim Greeson

Fellowship and Outreach

Nathan Fletcher
Kathie Chapman

Worship and Music

Angie Knight
Dan Elbert

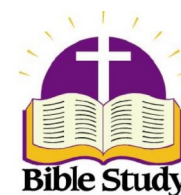
Presbyterian Student Association/

UKirk - Gary Alspaugh



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.



Wednesday Night Connection Canceled Due to Inclement Weather

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, February 16, 2024

Commitments - \$2,680.00 Undesignated - \$2,103.00 Other - \$221.00

Included in other giving was \$50.00 for altar flowers and \$171.00 in Connection meal donations.

Total Deposit - \$5,004.00

2025 Flower Calendar



If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for 2025, the signup sheet is now posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cost for a flower arrangement is \$50.00 and you may submit payment the week that the flowers are ordered. Sally Beyer will contact you for a dedication (for the bulletin) and for a description of the type of arrangement you would like. Call Sandra in the church office for more information.

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.





Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Jim Lansford; David Huddleston; the family of John Joyce (Sarah Joyce’s son); Nate Byers (broken foot); Mike Clift (Rome, GA); Carlene Byrne; Georgia Hensley; Bobby Wallace (Evon Maggart’s brother-in-law); Claude Ann Burton (home); Jere Gentry; Eddie Smith (Christian’s father); Allison McDonald; Doris Baggett (Signature Healthcare); Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart’s sister); Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder; Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: Patty Shoulders (Janna Greer’s daughter - cancer treatment;); Caleb Reese; Allen Kolath; Niki Work; Heidi Blessing; Kim Daniels; Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder’s sister - pancreatic cancer).

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

