



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
February 26, 2025*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“Then I turned to the Lord God, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.” – Daniel 9:3

One week from today we will begin the season of Lent. Typically, during this 40-day season, we remember that Jesus was in the desert for 40 days and was able to overcome the temptations of the devil. We use this season to examine ourselves and think about what we need to do in order to overcome temptation, grow personally, and draw closer to God’s will. As an added bonus, if we spend this time focusing on who we are and who God is leading us to be, then we will find an even greater appreciation for the sacrifices that Christ made during Holy Week and for the victory that was won for us on Easter Sunday.

During the season of Lent, many people will choose to sacrifice something meaningful to them as a spiritual act that might draw them closer to God. However, there are others who will choose to add a spiritual discipline to their lives instead. This Lenten season, we are offering you the chance to add some dedicated prayer time to your schedule. During Lent, we will be opening the church chapel on Sunday evenings to offer you a time and a place away from the distractions of the outside world so that you can speak to God and, more importantly, listen for God’s instruction and love for you. If you do not know what to pray for, we will have some suggestions available for you.

This Lenten season, as you seek to repent and reflect, we hope you will make an effort to draw closer to the God who is always seeking to draw closer to you.

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.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, March 2nd, will be Transfiguration Sunday. The chancel color will be white. Our pastor, Rev. Christian Smith, will deliver the sermon using I Corinthians 11:27-32 as the scripture. The sermon's title is "Where Am I?" 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.

Discover Your Next Steps

Join us for a 7-week sermon series that will lead us through Lent and Easter Sunday as we work together to discover our next steps in our service to God's Kingdom.

Beginning Sunday, March 2

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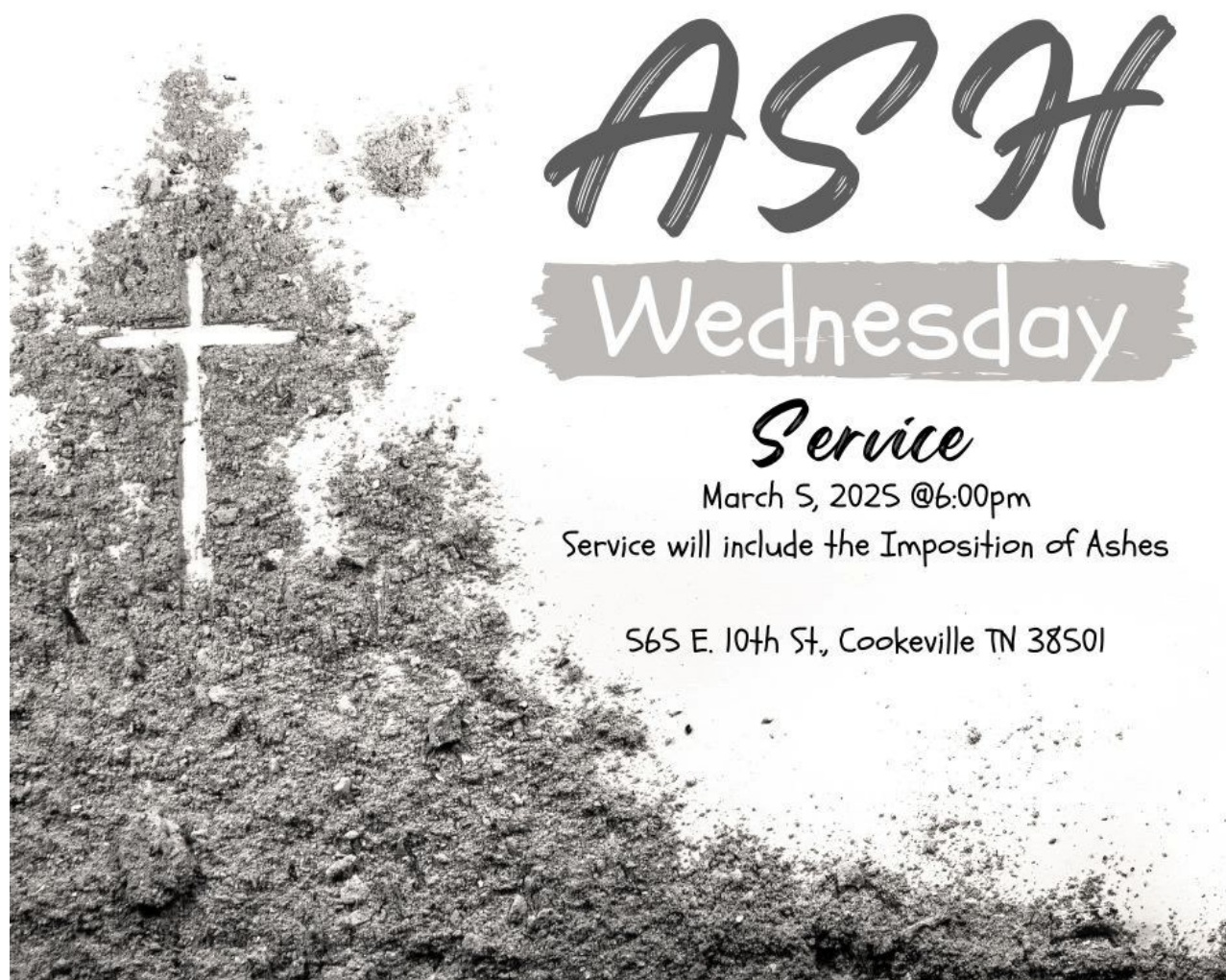


Wednesday Connection

Our Wednesday Connection program continues! As always, we begin with dinner at 5:15p.m. Dinner is free for everyone, and our Fellowship and Outreach Ministry Team does a great job of providing us with a wonderful meal. To ensure we have plenty of food, we do ask that you make either a one-time or a standing reservation by contacting the church office. On the menu for this evening is Lasagna (with and without meat), salad, cheese bread and dessert.

At 6:00pm, our youth group, children's group and our Twisted Stitchers crafting group meet. At 6:15pm, our adult class meets in the Upper Commons. This semester, Christian is teaching a class about the parables of Jesus.

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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>



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

Needed: 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 still looking for families/individuals to assist us in the preparation of communion elements for services. Communion is served the first Sunday of each month as well as for a couple of special services in the year. 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 willing to participate in, you can 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/13Mimf7y4LfkeXrrS0PcnhrsrLt4xRAjZTYf3mt4GK60/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**





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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, February 23, 2024

Commitments - \$5,390.00 Undesignated - \$1,505.00 Other - \$672.50

Included in other giving was \$100.00 for Recovery Kitchen, \$100.00 in memorials for the Music Fund, a \$250.00 memorial for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and a reimbursement from CPNS for \$222.50.

Total Deposit - \$7,567.50



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.



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.



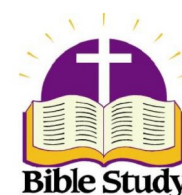
Mastersingers: Unity in the Community XI



Mastersingers, Incorporated will be presenting their annual Unity in the Community: Franz Joseph Haydn's *The Creation* this Sunday, March 2nd, at 3pm in the Wattenbarger Auditorium of the Bryan Fine Arts Building on the TTU campus. You can acquire your tickets at mastersingersinc.com. Several members of our church congregation are involved in the concert, including Ann Clark, Brenda Johnson and Sydney Pasternack.

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.



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.





Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Jim Lansford; David Huddleston; Jackson Wigtil (juvenile diabetes); Nate Byers (broken foot); Mike Clift; 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).

