



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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*Wednesday,
April 23, 2025*

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From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’” – Acts 1:4-5



Last week was so busy. It was filled with activities, worship services, and responsibilities. By the end of the week, I am always worn out, and I need the resurrection and promise of renewal that comes with Easter morning. Our service on Sunday was filled with Easter joy and celebration. It also included the reminder that resurrection is not the end of the story. Instead, it's the beginning of something new. The week we turn the page from "Discovering Our Next Steps" and we begin a new series, "Walking with the Spirit: A Pentecost Journey." Let's all strive to do so with hearts open to where God is leading next.

This Sunday, we begin with Acts 1:1-5, and we remember that following his resurrection and appearances to the disciples, he tells them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait. He promised them that a gift from God was on its way. They just had to be patient.

The disciples have just experienced the unimaginable. Jesus had risen from the dead, but instead of rushing forward in triumph, they are told to pause and wait for what comes next. It reminds us that the Christian journey is not about sprinting toward Heaven, but walking with God in trust.

As we begin this Pentecost journey together, we are invited to listen for God's instruction and to wait upon God's promised gifts. As we journey through this season, we will strive to remember that we are not just remembering the story of Pentecost, we are still living it. As we journey forward, may we have the courage to wait, the faith to trust, and the hope to believe that God's promises, like the Spirit, always arrive right on time.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, April 27th, will be the 2nd Sunday of Easter. The chancel color will be white. We will be beginning a new sermon series, "Walking with the Spirit: A Pentecost Journey." Our pastor, Rev. Christian Smith, will deliver the sermon using Acts 1:1-5 as the scripture. The sermon's title is "Waiting on the Promise of the Spirit." Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 and 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.



Updating our Email and Texting

We have moved to a new email service which also allows us to send texts to you when necessary. If you are interested in receiving those texts (we promise not to spam your messages), we need you to fill out the form at this link (<https://cookevillecpchurch.flocknote.com>), or contact Christian with your phone number.

Church Directory Update

Our updated church directory is now available online and is accessible from your computer or through an app on your phone!

How to Access the Directory:

On your computer: visit <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

On your phone: download the *Instant Church Directory* app:

Apple devices, click here:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221?ls=1&mt=8>

Android devices, click here:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members>

Logging In:

You'll be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our church directory. If your email isn't listed yet, let Christian know, or fill out the information on this form:

<https://forms.gle/CpXSyeIwwCizY7cA>

Once information is entered, you can follow the on-screen instructions to complete your login.

Update or Add Family Photos:

We will soon begin taking family photos at church for those who need them, but you are also welcome to upload your own! After logging in, you can update your family's info and add a photo. You may also text or email your photo to Christian, and he'll upload it for you.

If you need assistance at any point, Christian is happy to help. Just reach out!



JOY CLUB Outing DEADLINE

The JOY Club (anyone who is young at heart) will be attending Cookeville High School's production of "Mary Poppins" this Sunday, April 27th, at 2pm! We will be meeting in the parking lot of the church at 1pm. Ticket cost is \$20.00 per person.

The DEADLINE FOR SIGNUP is today at 3pm. Please contact Sandra in the church office immediately if you plan to attend the production. That phone number is 931-526-6585.



Altar Flowers



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in honor of our 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Lanny & Angie Knight

Attention Twisted Stitchers!



Connection has concluded for the semester but the Twisted Stitchers group **WILL** continue to meet through the summer. You are, of course, invited to attend any/all the meetings; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are invited! The stitchers meet on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Session Room of the church. Please join us!

Flower Challenge

The Pathfinders Sunday School Class challenges other adult Sunday School Classes and other church groups to recognize a mission, cause, group, or event by providing flowers in the church sanctuary from time to time. There are several open slots for reserving flowers. For details, please contact Barbara Greeson at 931-260-3069.



MASTERSINGERS **CONCERT**

Mastersingers Incorporated presents composer Elaine Hagenberg's **ILLUMINARE: A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS** on Sunday, May 4th, at 3pm in the Wattenbarger Auditorium of the Bryan Fine Arts Building on the TTU campus. Tickets are \$15.00 and may be acquired through their website: mastersingersinc.com. Ann Clark and Brenda Johnson from our congregation will be performing with the group and would love to have you attend.





Walking with the Spirit

A PENTECOST JOURNEY

Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Worship Times: 8:45am & 11:00am
Every Sunday through
June 8th, Pentecost Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, April 20, 2025

Commitments - \$9,945.00 Undesignated - \$4,900.00 Other - \$6,282.50

Included in other giving is \$50.00 for Recovery Kitchen, \$48.00 for Easter Lilies
and \$6,184.50 in donations from the Holy Week services.

Total Deposit - \$21,127.50



Opportunities to Serve in Your Church

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>

Join a Church Ministry Committee

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

Christian Education

Carroll Gotcher
Jodi Smith

Fellowship and Outreach

Nathan Fletcher
Kathie Chapman

Missions

Al Middleton
Tina Thurman

Stewardship and Finance

Tim Fournet
Jim Greeson

Worship and Music

Angie Knight
Dan Elbert

Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School

Jeff Peek

Presbyterian Student Association/

UKirk - Gary Alspaugh

Communion Preparation Signup

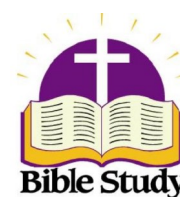
Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. **We are in need of a family or individual to assist us in the preparation of communion for the month of May.** Directions for preparing communion will be made available to you the week prior to the preparation process. If this is something you are 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. Please let us know if you have questions.



www.docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13Mimf7y4LfkeXrrS0PcnhrsLt4xRAjZTYf3mt4GK60/edit#gid=0

Men's Bible Study

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



CPNS Spring Prom!

The Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School would like to invite you to our Spring Prom! It will be held in the Fellowship Hall on April 26th from 4:30pm to 8pm. This event is one of the ways CPNS fundraises to purchase needed items for our center.

The attire will be dressy casual and we will have music, food and door prizes! We will also have corsages/boutonnieres for purchase for the littles as well as a designated photographer to snap a photo for you to purchase.

Tickets will be \$25 for one adult and one child, and \$10 for each additional child. Tickets for church families will be available to purchase from Ms. Sandra's office or the nursery school from Madison or Ashlyn. Tickets go on sale April 1st!

We would ask anyone who is able and would like to, to donate items to help put this event/fundraiser together! Items that would be appreciated include: Baked Goods Fruit Trays Veggie Trays

If you would like to donate financially to sponsor ticket costs for families who may be unable to afford them or for the cost of decorations, that would also be greatly appreciated!

We look forward to having church families join us at this event as well as families from the center! Please join us!





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: Jeff Peek; Dan Hilton (Lifecare in Sparta); Kaye O'Brien (tests); Ginny Liebsch; Randal Risher; Aaron Rutledge (nodular melanoma); Georgia Hensley; Ken Soleck (Wendy Dewberry's father); Carlene Byrne; Bobby Wallace (Evon Maggart's brother-in-law); 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: Terry Frye; Patty Shoulders (Janna Greer's daughter); 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).