



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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*Wednesday,
June 4, 2025*

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From Your Minister - Christian Smith

***“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.” – Acts 2:1-2***

Over the past few weeks, we’ve journeyed together through the first chapter of Acts. We followed the disciples as they moved from the resurrection joy of Easter to the awe of the Ascension and then into the uncertainty of waiting for the promised Holy Spirit.

In that time of waiting, we’ve seen them pray, prepare, and lean into God’s promises. Their example reminds us that waiting on God is never passive. Like those first believers, we’re called to pray with unity, prepare for the mission ahead, and believe in God’s promises.

Now, Pentecost Sunday is just a few days away. The journey we’ve been on is about to end. We will have the chance to see the disciples receive the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We’ll see how the Spirit fills the disciples, transforms them, and gives them courage to do great things for God and God’s Kingdom.

Pentecost isn’t just a story to remember. It’s a calling to respond. This moment in the Church calendar reminds us to open ourselves to the Spirit’s movement today. What God did in that upper room wasn’t just a moment in history. It was the beginning of a new pattern and a promise. When people gather in obedience, live in prayer, and prepare in faith, Heaven responds.

As we move from waiting to receiving, let’s carry the lessons of Acts 1 into Acts 2. Let our homes, our hearts, and our church become places where the Spirit isn’t just welcomed, but expected.

So as we prepare for Pentecost, don’t just observe the day. Instead, let’s be prepared to encounter the Spirit in our lives. Come ready. Come praying. Come prepared. Come expecting to be filled, to be changed, and to be sent.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, June 8th will be Pentecost Sunday. The chancel color will be red and we encourage you to wear red also. Our pastor, Rev. Christian Smith, will deliver the sermon using Acts 2:1-15 as the scripture. The sermon's title is "From Fear to Boldness." Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 and 11:00am as we worship God and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. During our 8:45am service, we will also commission 2 of our members who will be going to the Dominican Republic next week. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.



Vacation **B**ible **S**chool

Vacation Bible School will take place July 14-17, and preparations are now underway. We are very excited about what's ahead! Leadership roles have been filled, but we could still use more helping hands in several key areas to make this ministry a success.

Want to help out in some way? Scan the QR code above or click the link below to see areas of need and to sign up where you feel led to serve. Thank you for supporting this meaningful ministry to our children and families!



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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.



New Summer Bible Study Opportunity



This evening, Christian will begin a 4-week class that will discuss the history and beliefs of our local church and the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. Everyone is invited to bring their dinner, if they wish, and join in this discussion.

It does not matter if you are new to the church, have been here all your life, plan to join the church at the end of the study, or never plan to join the church; you are welcome to join us as we seek to learn more about who we are as a church.



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 our 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, June 13th**.



DONATE AND HELP

(8) jars marinara/spaghetti sauce
(96) hoagie buns (Aldi is best price)
(10) lbs shredded mozzarella
(4) 100 oz green beans

(50) individual chips
(96) bananas or oranges
(48) p/b crackers
(96) individual desserts

Please let Alice know if you would prefer to donate the funds for an item or items. She is happy to pick them up for you! You can get your money to Alice or Sandra in the church office. Thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Every Thursday, from
7:30am-9:30am, Christian will be
enjoying coffee at The Exceptional
Bean (55 N Walnut Ave.).

You are invited and encouraged to
join him for a cup of coffee and a
chance to get to know each other
better, share your thoughts
and ideas for the church, or
just enjoy a morning cup
of coffee together.



Troop 20 News

Scouts from Troop 20 helped place flags at Crestlawn for our annual Memorial Day Flag placement.



Also - big news from Scout Troop 20! After ten years of faithful service, longtime Scoutmaster Daniel Buckner has stepped down. Thank you, Mr. Daniel, for your dedication and leadership - we're grateful for all you've done! Stepping into the role of Scoutmaster is David Rogers, and we look forward to the adventures ahead under his guidance.

This summer, Troop 20 is heading out on its annual week-long trip to Boxwell Scout Reservation, with 14 scouts attending. It promises to be a week full of learning, fun, and outdoor adventure!

Troop 20 is always welcoming new members. If you're a boy between the ages of 11 and 17 and enjoy camping, hiking, canoeing, and the great outdoors, come check us out! We meet Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the classrooms downstairs at the church.

Email and Texting Update

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/CpXSyEIwwvCizY7cA>

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!

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 sessions; 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!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, June 1, 2025

Commitments - \$11,475.00 Undesignated - \$4,787.00 Other - \$129.00

Included in this week's offering was \$129.00 in coke money reimbursement.

Total Deposit - \$16,391.00



CPNS YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

**JUNE 21ST
9AM-12PM**

Come sell your stuff and support our school! Spots are \$20/piece and you can purchase as many as you need to fit your stuff! You earn the money off selling your unwanted items and the money for your spot(s) goes towards CPNS! If you would like to donate your stuff for the school to sell, that is appreciated as well. Please see Madison or Ashlyn to pay for your spot or for more information.

Money for spots is due by June 16th and if you would like to donate items for the daycare to sell, please bring those in no later than June 18th.

Circles to Meet

The Love-Joy Circle will meet on Monday, June 9th, at 10am in the Session Room of the Church. This will be a regular meeting with their usual time of business and devotion. Members of the group are encouraged to attend and all ladies of the church are invited to come join the group for a time of meeting,, greeting, and fellowship.

The Sonshine Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 10th, at 10am in the Family Life Center next to the church. We will continue our study of hymns in the church and invite everyone to come to that study. As always, we invite all ladies to join us for a time of fun and fellowship.





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.



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

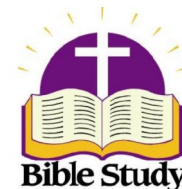


Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in appreciation for Crystal Springs and the camp experience it allows so many of our youth.

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.



Sympathy

The church expresses condolences to the family of Georgia Hensley. Georgia passed away on Sunday morning of this past week. Visitation will take place on Saturday, June 8th, from 1pm to 3pm at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. A Celebration of Life will follow at 3pm. Please remember Gary and the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Georgia Hensley; Kaye Powell; Regina Weber; Bill Byers; Mike Sheets; Bob Myracle; Kathy Hilton; Geraldine Smith; James Maggart; Dan Hilton (home); Kaye O'Brien; Ken Soleck (Wendy Dewberry's father); Carlene Byrne; 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); Allen Kolath; Niki Work; Heidi Blessing; Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder's sister - pancreatic cancer).

Assisted Living: Jo Gentry (Willow Spring at The Arbors in Spring Hill, TN); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe).

