



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
June 11, 2025*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." – Revelation 7:9



I am excited to officially announce that we are preparing for a very special Sunday in the life of our congregation. On June 29th, we will have a special guest preacher joining us from Colombia, South America. The Rev. Jhony Montaña serves as the senior pastor of the "Jesucristo es la Solución" Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Popayán, Cauca, Colombia. Rev. Montaña is also a candidate for Moderator

at the upcoming Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly, which gathers next week in Knoxville.

In 2025, the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination is marking 100 years of mission work in Colombia. That is a century of partnership, evangelism, education, and faithful witness to the Gospel in South America. Rev. Montaña's presence with us is a reminder that we are part of a global body of believers. This is more than just a Sunday with a guest preacher, this is a moment to celebrate our shared calling, our deep connection, and our shared history as Cumberland Presbyterians and children of God

I want to strongly encourage each of you to be here on June 29th. Let's come together to worship, to listen, to learn, and to celebrate what God has done, and is still doing, through the work of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Colombia and around the world.

Your presence matters. Let's show our love and support for our brothers and sisters in Colombia by showing up in full force. I believe you will be inspired, challenged, and blessed by what God brings to us through the Rev. Jhony Montaña.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, June 15th, will be the 1st Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Our pastor, Rev. Christian Smith, will deliver the sermon using Acts 2:42-47 as the scripture. The sermon's title is "Living in the Wake of Pentecost." 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.



We are excited to welcome Jay and Jackie Duncan as the newest members of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They joined the church on June 8th during our 8:45am service.



Vacation Bible School

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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Summer Bible Study Opportunity



Next Tuesday evening (the 17th) at 6pm, Christian will continue a discussion on the history and beliefs of our local church and the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. You are invited to bring your dinner, if you 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

Want to help with this month's Recovery Kitchen? We have just a couple items left on our "NEEDED" list. They include **six large jars marinara/spaghetti sauce and 96 hoagie buns** (Aldi has the best price). 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**.

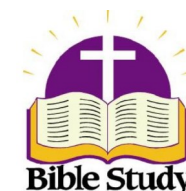


DONATE AND HELP

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.

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.



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.

Twisted Stitches



Connection has concluded for the semester but the Twisted Stitches 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!

No Coffee with the Pastor this Week

Due to conflicts with his schedule, Christian is not available for coffee tomorrow or next Thursday. He looks forward to seeing you at the Exceptional Bean on June 26th.



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!

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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, June 8, 2025

Commitments - \$3,940.00

Undesignated - \$3,658.00

Other - \$180.00

Included in this week's offering was \$30.00 for Recovery Kitchen, \$75.00 for facility use and \$75.00 for funeral meal reimbursement.

Total Deposit - \$7,778.00





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

There are a number of ways in which you can become involved in serving your church. You can always contact our pastor, Christian, or any elder of the church regarding how you might become a participant in the church. Below are just a couple of ways that offer you opportunities to become involved in church life. Please feel free to call the church office at any time for more information.

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

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

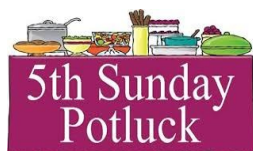
Worship and Music

Angie Knight
Dan Elbert

Presbyterian Student Association/

UKirk - Gary Alspaugh

5th Sunday Worship & Lunch



Sunday, June 29th, is a fifth Sunday and we will come together to worship as one congregation. Sunday School will start at 9:00am with worship following at 10:00. We will fellowship together with a potluck lunch after the worship service. The church will provide meat, bread and tea, and you are asked to bring a side and/or dessert. Come be with us as we worship and fellowship together!

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.



We would like to thank our church family with humble hearts of appreciation for all the love and prayers that have been poured over our family during James' heart issues. A thank you for all the texts, food, cards and thoughts that we have been blessed with during this time. Words cannot even come close enough to let our wonderful church family know how much we love and appreciate you all. The Maggart family

Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of our fathers, Glenn Greeson and Donald Haynes from Jim and Barbara Greeson.



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).

