



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
June 25, 2025*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” – Ephesians 4:4-6

This Sunday will be a special day and a truly unique and meaningful opportunity for our congregation. We will welcome Rev. Jhony Montaña, who is the moderator of our denomination’s General Assembly and a faithful pastor in Colombia, South America. On top of that, we will also have the opportunity to gather as one church family for a one-service Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

With two services each week, it’s easy for members of our congregation to miss truly knowing one another. Some may sit in the same pew of the same sanctuary, but because they are on different worship services, they are unaware that they are part of the same church family. But on 5th Sundays, we get to worship side by side as one congregation that is united in love and service to God.

But Christian unity does not stop at the doors of the church building. Rev. Montaña’s presence with us is a reminder that we belong to something even bigger than our local church. His visit comes during the 100th anniversary of our denomination’s mission work in Colombia. Our denomination and our church have long celebrated the fact that God has been breaking down barriers. We are part of a global denomination and a worldwide body of believers. Though we may be separated by languages and borders, we are bound together by a shared faith and a common mission.

This Sunday is a chance to experience that unity between the members of our congregation and with people from across the world. I hope that you will come and be a part of it. Let’s come together, as one unified body of believers, from around the world, to worship as the family of Christ.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, June 29th, will be the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost and a one-service Sunday. The chancel color will be green. We will have a guest preacher. Rev. Jhony Montaña, the senior pastor of the "Jesucristo es las Solución" Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Popayán, Cauca, Colombia, and the current moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly will deliver the sermon. Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 10:00am as we all worship God together. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.



ON JUNE 22ND, DURING OUR 8:45AM SERVICE, WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE BAPTISMS OF

**REX AND
LILYJO
HITCHCOCK**



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND PLEDGE TO SURROUND THEM AND THEIR FAMILY WITH OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT.

guest
speaker

This Sunday, 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 the elected Moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly. 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Unity (Working Together)



14-17 JULY
2025

COOKEVILLE
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ACTIVITIES

- Bible Stories
- Singing & Dancing
- Playing
- Arts & Craft
- Games
- Carnival Day (last day)

JOIN US ON OUR FUN ACTIVITIES!

Register your kids at:
<https://shorturl.at/1Hec0>





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/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!

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.



Summer Bible Study Opportunity



This evening, 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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, June 22, 2025

Commitments - \$2,950.00 Undesignated - \$1,674.00 Other - \$175.00

Included in this week's offering was \$50.00 for altar flowers and
\$125.00 in camp fee reimbursements.

Total Deposit - \$4,799.00

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!

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.



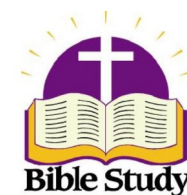
5th Sunday Worship & Lunch



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!

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.



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



Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in celebration of Roger Presley's birthday from Jan.



Prayer Requests

Individuals: Maggie Wharton (CRMC); Carolyn Pinkley; Kaye Powell; Regina Weber (home); Bill Byers; Mike Sheets; Dan & Kathy Hilton; James Maggart; Geraldine Smith; Kaye O'Brien; Ken Soleck (Wendy Dewberry's father); Allison McDonald; Doris Baggett (Signature Healthcare); Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder; Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister); Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: Allen Kolath; Niki Work; 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).

