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Are you new here? Do you have  
 a prayer concern or idea to  
 share? Do you want to be on our  
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## From the Youth and Young Adult Leader Caleb Cashion

“Lately, I have been thinking a lot about prayer and what it actually looks like in our everyday lives. If I’m being real, prayer can sometimes turn into something we just do out of habit. Like before we eat, before we go to bed, or when we want something from God. And those things are important, but prayer is not just meant to be for that.

It is not just something we run to when life gets hard. It is how we stay connected to God every day. Philippians 4:6 says, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” That word “every situation” really stands out to me. Not just the big, serious stuff but the small things. God wants everything from us.

God actually wants to hear from us. Prayer does not have to be complicated. You do not have to use big words or sound super professional. It is just about opening yourself to God. Talking to God like you would talk to someone you trust. Just being with Him

There are going to be times when you do not feel like praying. It feels like nothing is happening, but honestly, those are usually the times when prayer matters the most. It helps remind us that God is still there, even if it does not feel like it.

This week, I want to challenge you to be more intentional about praying. Not just at the normal times of the day, but throughout. In the car, at school, at work, just wherever you are this week.

# Coming Up This Week

## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, April 26, is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, and the chancel color will be white. This week, we begin a new series, "Sent: Living What We Believe." Our Senior Minister, Rev. Christian Smith, will preach from John 20:19–23 in a sermon titled "Sent in Peace."

We invite you to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend in person, the 8:45 a.m. service will be streamed live on our church's YouTube channel. All are welcome as we begin this new series and reflect on what it means to live out our faith as people sent into the world with the peace of Christ.



On Thursday mornings, from 7:30am to 9:30am, Christian enjoys coffee at The Exceptional Bean (55 N. Walnut Avenue.) 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.

## Women's Bible Study Day & Time: Tuesdays @ Noon Location: Foundations Sunday School Classroom

Don't merely age - embrace wisdom! Lori Varney has launched a new daytime Bible study class, welcoming all women (and their friends) to join. Through the book *Growing Older & Wiser*, Lori will facilitate a discussion aimed at enriching your spiritual journey. You can obtain a copy of the book for the class directly from Lori. And it's at lunchtime, so feel free to bring a brown bag lunch.



The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study resumes with a study using Max Lucado's *Life Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew* as the text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited to attend.

## Weekly Mahjong Game

All Mahjong players are invited to open play on Mondays from 3-5.  
Please see Elizabeth Fournet or Angie Knight to sign up.



TWISTED STITCHERS

Our Twisted Stitches group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Session Room of the church. You are invited to attend any or all sessions; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are welcome to come! We are involved in projects that help different agencies in the community.

Our Wednesday evening Connection program begins with dinner at 5:15pm. There is no cost for dinner but donations to help defray costs are appreciated. Please let us know that you are coming by completing a reservation card or contacting Sandra in the church office. You may make a standing reservation if you wish to attend on a regular basis.

We have several learning opportunities in the program including children and youth at 6pm in the Lower Commons area and an adult study at 6:15pm in the Upper Commons. The Twisted Stitches group meets in the Session Room at 6pm.

We hope you will join us for a time of fellowship and learning on Wednesday evenings.

WEDNESDAY  
CONNECTION



## Prayer Walk This Wednesday

This Wednesday, we will gather for a Prayer Walk through our church building. Instead of our usual study, this will be a time to pause, pray, and seek God for the life and ministry of our church.

As you move through different spaces, you will be invited to pray for worship, teaching, our children and youth, our leaders, and our witness in the community. Each station will include a simple prompt and action to guide your prayer.

We will begin in the Fellowship Hall, where you can write a prayer concern and receive one to carry with you throughout the walk. As you leave, you are invited to continue praying for that concern in the days ahead. We hope you will join us for this meaningful time of prayer together.

PRAYER  
Walk



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Join us for a guided time of prayer as we walk through our church and lift up its ministry, people, and mission.



PRAY • LISTEN • BE SENT



*Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.*

COLOSSIANS 4:2

This Sunday, we will begin a new sermon series titled "Sent: Living What We Believe."

Easter reminds us of what we believe. Christ is risen. Death has been defeated. New life is possible. But Easter is not just something we celebrate. It is something we are called to live.

In the weeks leading up to Pentecost, we will explore what happens next for the disciples after the resurrection, and what it means

for us today. Again and again, we will see that Jesus does not simply comfort His followers. He sends them. And the same is true for us. We are called. We are forgiven. We are empowered. And we are sent. I hope you will join us as we discover together what it looks like to live out our faith in everyday life.



## Other Upcoming Opportunities

Our Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry will host the Spring Regional Meeting at the church on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Sign-in will take place from 8:30-9:00am with the meeting commencing at 9:00. An invitation is issued to ALL women in the church to join in activities. Lunch will be provided. Each lady is encouraged to bring her favorite Spring/Summer recipe on an index card.

CPWM sponsors the Haiti Mission Hospital and is now collecting medications for use in the facility. A list of medications is available on the credenza; donations should be delivered directly to Christian or Sandra.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry has scheduled their annual Yard Sale for May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Family Life Center. They will be accepting donations the week of the sale. Please save your "get rid of" items for the sale, especially those you have gotten together as a result of your Spring Cleaning efforts. We will also be needing clothes hangers. Contact Belinda Wynne at 979-7816 with questions.



### Birthday Cards

You are invited/encouraged to send birthday greetings to Regina Weber, who currently resides at NHC. Her birthday is this Friday and she will be 94 years old. Her home address is 4048 Charlton Square; her husband, Pete, will get those cards to her. We know that she will be much uplifted by your birthday wishes..






## CP Nursery School Prom Fundraiser

# DAYCARE NEWS

It is time again for our annual CPNS Prom fundraiser. We invite you to join us for a night of dancing, fun, door prizes and so much more! The Prom will be held at the Family Life Center on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30-7:00pm. The attire will be dressy casual (think church) and small bouquets of flowers will be available for purchase for the littles.

This event is one of the ways the center fundraises to purchase items needed for our school and teachers. If you would like to donate financially to sponsor ticket costs for a family who may not be able to afford them or to help cover the cost of supplies, food or decor, that is always greatly appreciated!

Tickets will be \$25 (includes one adult ticket & one child ticket) and \$10 for each additional child. Tickets are on sale now and will be so until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are presale only and will NOT be sold at the door. You can see Madison, Ashlyn or Sandra (in the church office) for tickets!



*Join us for our annual*  
**CPNS**  
**PROM NIGHT**  
MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026 | 4:30PM-7PM  
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER ON CHURCH SIDE  
(SMALLER BRICK BUILDING BY PLAYGROUND)

# Stewardship Report

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

Commitments - \$12,920.00    Undesignated - \$1,248.00    Other - \$11,150.00  
This week's offering included \$50.00 for flowers, \$2,600.00 for Recovery Kitchen,  
\$500.00 for facility use, \$4,500.00 for the Tuesday Assistance program,  
\$1,000.00 for the Playground Fund and a \$2,500.00 donation to CPNS.  
Total Deposit - \$25,318.00



Giving is one of the ways we respond to the grace we have received in Jesus Christ. Although we do not pass the offering plates during worship, the ministry of this church continues because of your faithful generosity. Offering boxes are available beside the narthex credenza and by the "Amen Corner." Plates are also available on the table at the front of the sanctuary. You may also give electronically by scanning the QR code shown here. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of this congregation as we seek to love God and love our neighbors.

## Prayer Concerns

### Prayer Concerns:

- Freeman Smith - fall
- Lois Squires - Signature Healthcare
- Regina Weber - NHC
- Willene James - Freeman Smith's sister
- Ray Smith - Freeman Smith's brother
- Margaret Weaver - Evon Maggart's sister
- Unspoken Requests

### Assisted Living:

- Doris Baggett - Signature Healthcare
- Ramona Tilghman - Life Care of Sparta

### Cancer Treatment:

- Kristen Simon - Cindy Putz's Niece
- Brian Beckham - Ellen Beckham's son
- Becky Hull
- Robert Marbury - Jean Webb's brother
- Barbara Spurgeon - colon cancer
- Anne Taylor - Tracy Spark's sister
- Bill Snyder - Virginia Lovellette's brother
- Janet Lapoint - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Linda Stringer - Evon Maggart's sister
- Niki Work - Jodi Smith's cousin