



COOKEVILLE FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From Your Minister

“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” — 1 John 3:18

There are many reasons I love our annual outdoor worship service. I love that I get to wear shorts instead of a robe. I love that we have tried to schedule the service on a fifth Sunday, when we get to share a meal together. I love that the day feels a little more informal and gives us the freedom to worship in some different ways. There is something special about singing, praying, and hearing the Word of God and knowing that it can be done anywhere.

But I also love the physical reminder that the church is not restricted to a building. Our sanctuary is a beautiful and sacred place. Generations of faithful people have worshiped there, prayed there, celebrated there, and grieved there. But the church has never been the building. My favorite thing about our outdoor worship service is that, while we are outside, we are reminded that the world is exactly where the church is called to be. It is easy to think of our faith primarily in terms of what we believe, say, and do while we are inside the church building. But what we truly believe becomes visible in the way we live when we leave. It is found in the mercy we offer, the burdens we help carry, the people we welcome, the forgiveness we extend, and the love we show in our homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and community.

What we believe matters. But those beliefs are meant to shape the way we live. We are not the church simply because we gather in a particular place on Sunday morning. We are the church because, after gathering in the name of Christ, we go into the world to embody the mercy and love of Christ.

For 159 years, this congregation has gathered to worship. This Sunday, as we worship beneath the open sky, I pray that we will remember that the church is not confined to the place where we gather. The church takes shape wherever the people of God offer mercy, carry burdens, welcome others, and live out the love of Christ. We gather as the church on Sunday so that we can be the church in the world every day.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, August 30, we will gather for a special One Service Sunday as we celebrate 159 years of ministry at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Charles McCaskey, will be preaching as we give thanks for God's faithfulness throughout the life of our congregation and look with hope toward the ministry that still lies ahead.

Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. outside near the Family Life Center. We will be joined by a brass band to help lead our music, and we will hear from members of our congregation as they share some of the ways they have seen God at work through our church. Everyone is encouraged to dress comfortably and bring a lawn chair. We will do our best to stream the service live on YouTube for those who are unable to join us in person.

Everyone is welcome!



The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study continues 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.



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.

Our Twisted Stitchers 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.



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.



HELP NEEDED!

PACK Or DELIVER

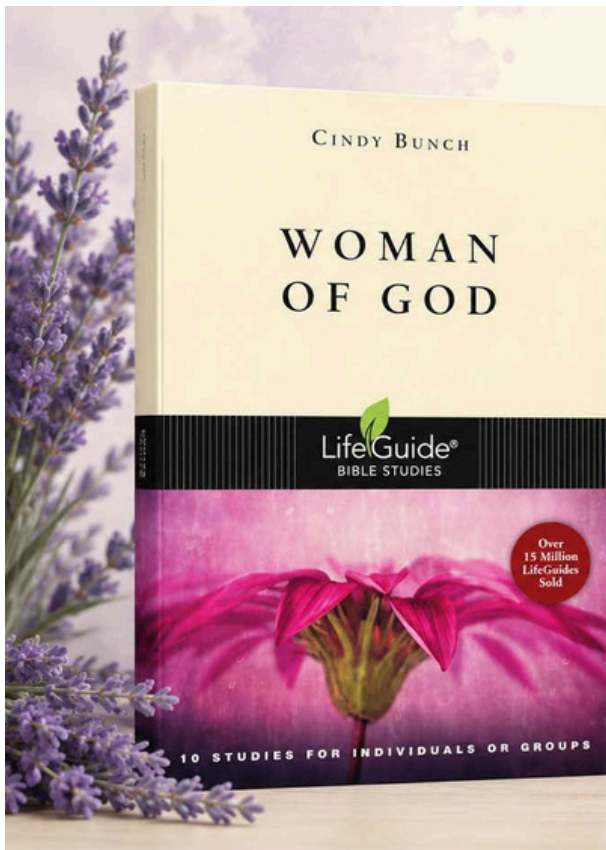
NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY FOOD BAGS



Your time makes a difference
for local students and families.



If interested, see Jodi Smith.



WOMEN'S

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Bible Study

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Join us at noon on Tuesdays
in the Foundations classroom.

Wednesday Connection



FREE DINNER
5:15 PM



CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES
6:00 PM



TWISTED STITCHERS CRAFTING GROUP
6:00 PM



ADULT BIBLE STUDY
6:15 PM

One-Service Sunday & Church Anniversary Celebration

Join us on Sunday, August 30, for a special One-Service Sunday as we celebrate the anniversary of the founding of our church!

We will gather for worship at 10:00 a.m. outdoors near the Family Life Center. Dress casually, bring a lawn chair, and enjoy a morning of worship and celebration with your church family.

Following the service, we will continue the celebration with a church-wide cookout. The main course will be provided, and everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Come worship, eat, celebrate, and enjoy time together as we give thanks for our church's history and look forward to all that God still has in store for us!



Other Opportunities

Holy Land 2027 Trip

In September 2027, members of our church will join First United Methodist Church for a tour of the Holy Land. If you have ever dreamed of visiting many of the places where Jesus lived and ministered, we invite you to learn more about this exciting opportunity. You can also learn more by speaking with Christian and/or visiting the following link: <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl27091527p59093>

CPNS Annual Fundraising

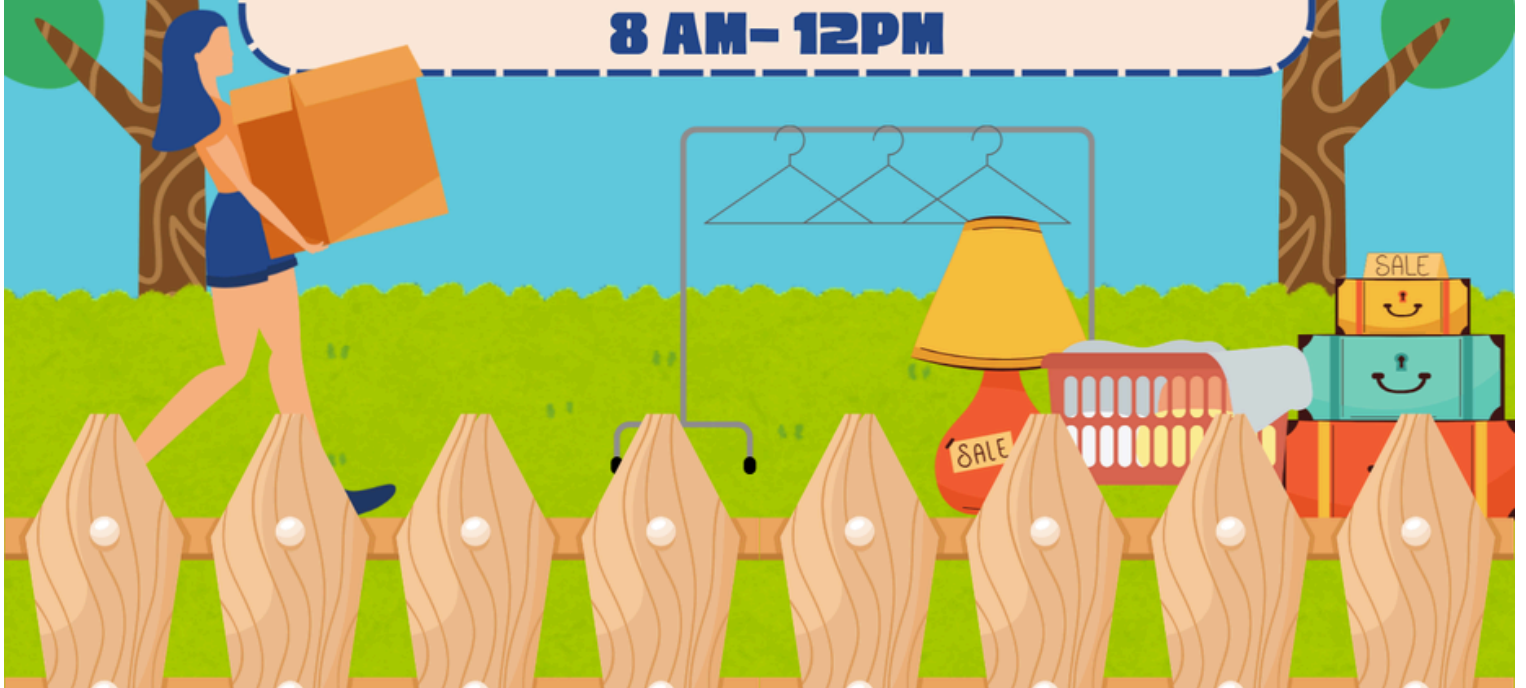
YARD SALE

It is time for our annual CPNS Fundraising Yard Sale! We are doing it a little different this year! We will be taking donations for this sale and all proceeds will go directly back into our school! We will begin accepting donations for the yard sale beginning August 31st! Please ensure any donations are in good, used condition and all parts are together. We will not be accepting electronics or car seats.

Please reach out to Madison with any questions!

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2026

8 AM- 12PM



Stewardship Report

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Commitments - \$9,230.00

Undesignated - \$1,690.00

Other - \$200.00

This week's offering included \$150.00 for CFCPC t-shirts and \$50.00 in Connection meal donations.

Total contributions - \$11,120.00



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

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- The family of Annie Leona Hinton Bryant - Stephen Bryant's mother
- The family of Anne Taylor - Tracy Sparks' sister
- The family of Betty Richardson - Caleb Cashion's grandmother
- Abby Putz - hip surgery
- Peggy Rittenberry - surgery
- Lois Squires - home
- Mike Clift - back surgery
- Janet LaPoint - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Nancy Bunnell - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Allen Mackrill - Lataine Perry's brother - stroke
- Jason Lingerfelt - bypass surgery
- Lee Webb - Alzheimers
- Willene James - Freeman Smith's sister
- Ray Smith - Freeman Smith's brother
- Unspoken Requests

Cancer Treatment:

- Nancy Rector - breast cancer
- Bailee Brown - Caleb Cashion's sister
- Kristen Simon - Cindy Putz's niece
- Jim Dixon
- Robert Marbury - Jean Webb's brother
- Barbara Spurgeon - colon cancer
- Bill Snyder - Virginia Lovellette's brother
- Linda Stringer - Evon Maggart's sister
- Niki Work - Jodi Smith's cousin

Assisted Living:

- Doris Baggett - Signature Healthcare
- Roberta Ross - Standing Stone
- Ramona Tilghman - Life Care of Sparta
- Regina Weber - NHC

