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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
March 11, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

The events of the last week were catastrophic. I know that many in our church and in our community are still in shock. For the last week we have done what we could as a church to lift up and support the people of Cookeville and especially those from our church who have experienced such great loss. While the lights of the media will likely begin to fade soon, we cannot forget that recovery will take months. Now is the time to make a commitment. For some of you that will mean a financial commitment. Putnam County and the city of Cookeville have a fund that has been established at Bank of Putnam County to assist all of the victims in our region. Here at the church we have established a fund that will be used to assist the families from our church. For others the commitment will be physical labor. We have families in our congregation and in the community who need hands to help them to recover. For others it may be a commitment to planning and organizing. I know that we have groups from around our denomination who would like to come and assist. I need help planning those trips. Perhaps your commitment should be to offer a listening ear to those who are hurting. All of our talents and abilities differ, but each of us has the opportunity to make a difference. Let's all find how we can make a commitment to better our church and our community.

Stewardship Report - March 8, 2020

Sunday School - Reception	Commitments - \$9,080.00
8:45 Worship - 120	Undesignated Giving - \$760.00
11:00 Worship - 91	Other - \$749.76
Total in Worship - 211	Total Offering - \$10,589.76

We received \$250.00 for Disaster Relief, \$150.00 in Assistance donations, \$169.76 reimbursement for Winona and \$180.00 from Weight Watchers.

This Week in the Church: March 11 - 17

Mar 11 Food to the Rescue (5:00pm) Washington Ave Baptist Church gym	Mar 15 Sunday School (9:50am) Worship (11:00pm) Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm)
Mar 12 Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)	Mar 17 Community Assistance (1:00-3:00pm)
Mar 15 Worship (8:45am)	

Mary Kay Party to Fulfill Jessica's Dream

There will be a special Mary Kay drop-in book party on Saturday, March 14, from 10:00am-? in the Upper Commons of the church, hosted by Belinda Wynne. The goal is to sell as many products as possible so that the diamond ring Jessica had so looked forward to getting, can be attained. The ring will serve as a keepsake for Jessica's mother, Nancy. Income from the sale will go to Jessica's husband, Mike. Everyone is invited to attend the party and purchase items to help reach this goal. Note that since this is a drop-in party, you can show up anytime 10:00am or after. Please enter the building through the side or back doors of the Upper Commons area.

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We offer our thanks to the Joyful Noise Handbell Choir for leading us in special music this week. I also want to thank all of those who have offered help in ANY way to the people of our church and the people of our community. That is what it means to be the church.



Sunday in Worship

Sunday, March 15th, will be the third Sunday of Lent. The chancel color is purple. Our scripture for the sermon on Sunday is John 4:4-30. Please plan to join us as we begin the season of Lent and continue our journey through the wilderness.

Volunteers this Week

Acolytes - 8:45 Nakoa Mendez

11:00 Emily Hudson

Nursery - 8:45 Maggie Wharton

11:00 Tracy Sparks

Greeters - Dave & Ethel James

Service Elders - Carroll Gotcher & Matt Wynne

Sound System - Mike Davidson

Food to the Rescue Packing Party TONIGHT!



Our next FTTR packing party will be held at **5pm TONIGHT, at Washington Avenue Baptist gym** (1621 N Washington Avenue). This will be in place of our regular Connection activities. There will be pizza for those who made reservations. Please plan to come help us!

Also, we will be collecting snacks to give out to area school teachers to share in classrooms. Items needed include: Nutri-grain bars/bites, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers and chocolate chip chewy granola bars. There is a box in the Fellowship Hall for collections.

Love-Joy Circle Activities

We are inviting the congregation to assist us in our ministries by saving 'Education Box Tops' and aluminum can pop tops. We are collecting children's tennis shoes size 10 kids to size 4 girls/boys (new or slightly used) for Park View School. As we share hope with those with cancer, we are collecting scarves for Hope Scarves, a non-profit organization, that recycles used scarves for cancer patients. Containers have been placed in the Fellowship Hall for all collections.

CHURCH MISSION NEWS

WE HAVE A NEED FOR QUARTERS for use in making laundry packs to provide those in need with detergent and quarters to do a load of laundry at a laundromat. We have made and distributed about 150 of these in the last nine months.



LOCAL MISSIONS

Our church is a collection point for the **Jammin' at HIPPIE JACK'S** program. Hippiie Jack's delivers food to the poorest regions of the Upper Cumberland. Donations will be accepted from the community Tuesday through Friday of each week at the church. Let your friends and co-workers know.

Twisted Stitcher's goal is to have a couple of finished and tagged **PRAYER SHAWLS** on the desk in the Session Room at all times. Please help our ministry by getting them to anyone who could benefit from prayers and the love of Christ. Please indicate on the list who the blanket went to and help us cover everyone. Thank you.



Connection

This evening's Connection will be a Food to the Rescue packing event to be held at the Washington Avenue Baptist Church gym. See the Food to the Rescue article in today's newsletter for more information.



Next week is Spring Break for the school system and we will not be having our usual Connection activities. Please plan to join us when we resume Connection on the 25th of this month.



In the wilderness our faith is born, nurtured, challenged, and resurrected. This Lent, journey through the wilderness with our devotional booklet. Beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Easter Sunday, this devotional includes art, poetry, prompts, and reflections inspired by this season's scripture. Devotional books are available on the credenza in the narthex. Please pick one up and join us as we journey together this season.

Have young kids or not sure you want to commit to a daily devotion book? Pick up a set a set of Devotion Cards. Contemplate the word you select each day, trusting that it is exactly what you need for that day. Then read the short scripture verse and prayer on the back of the card.

Community Opportunities



The Missions Ministry is working with several different bodies in the community and the following listing presents opportunities for you to help. Please look over the list and contact Alice Peek or Liz Fournet with questions.

UC Habitat for Humanity is in need of volunteers in their ReStore. The ReStore is 75% volunteer run, and we use volunteers Tuesdays-Saturdays. The volunteers help us sort donations, clean items to be sold, and many other things. We could also use weekday volunteers in our construction department. Contact Tisha @ 931-528-1711 ext. 2 or Tisha@uchabitat.org for more info.

Putnam County's RAM (Rural Area Medical) Clinic event will take place on March 20-22 at Cookeville High School. Volunteers are needed; if you are interested in helping out, you can sign up at www.ramusa.org.

JOY Club to See Clue

Based on the Hasbro board game and adapted from the Paramount Pictures screenplay, who can resist a hysterical comedy and a thrilling murder mystery rolled up into one terrific play? On a dark and stormy night, six unique guests, plus a butler and a maid, assemble for a dinner party at the home of Mr. Boddy. When their host turns up dead, it is clear that no one is safe! Soon the guests are racing to find the killer and keep the body count from stacking up. Clue is the comedic whodunit that will keep you guessing (and laughing) to the very end. This event will take place on March 24th, and the group will enjoy lunch at the 5th Street Market Place Café and then travel to the Cumberland County Playhouse. We will leave the church at 10:30am and return around 4pm. The cost of the trip is \$28 plus a dutch treat lunch. The deadline to sign up is **THIS SUNDAY, March 15th**.



5th Sunday Service and Lunch

March has a 5th Sunday on the 29th and that means we will have one collective service at 10:00am with a meal following the service. Sunday School will start at 9:00am. The church will provide meat and drinks for the meal and the congregation is asked to bring a side dishes and/or desserts. Please join us as we worship and partake of a meal together.

PSA Meal Signup

Our church is responsible for Tuesday evening meals for the Presbyterian Student Association young people during the month of March. Please take a moment to check the narthex table for food items you can bring. There is a sheet available for the last Tuesday of March. This next week is Spring Break for TTU. Thanks for your help!



Prayer Requests . . .

Chuck Sparks (back surgery)
 Euna Hancock Brown (surgery - Sarah Joyce's sister)
 The family and friends of Jessica Rector Clark
 The family and friends of Todd & Sue Kohler
 Pete & Regina Weber (lost home in storms)
 Tom & Kay Lane (lost home in storms)
 The family and friends of Milda Jackson
 Linda Romans (cancer)
 Janice Cox (surgery)
 Tom Kelly (back surgery)
 Dorothy Nichols (NHC)
 Ruth Ann Henry (broken knee cap)
 Ramona Tilghman (Life Care in Sparta)
 Wanda McCaskey (CRMC)
 Ann Clark (home)
 Chuck Galemore (home)
 Ruth Sapp
 Tyler Verble
 Tim Fournet
 Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's father)
 Dave James
 Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
 Jerry Hill (assisted living)
 Kathy Shanks
 Devonia McGee

Bob Hill
 Jim Lansford
 Wilma Diemer
 Pat Brumfield (eyesight failing)
 Rita Pickard (Bethesda)
 Levi Rector
 Robert Buck
 Johnny Dunn (COPD)
 Walter Plyter (Assisted Living)
 Cindy Furcean
 Clay Vanhooser
 Nancy Biss (Tracy Sparks' mom - breast cancer)
 Niki Work (cancer)
 Becky Knight (cancer)
 Cindy Bilbrey (Jerry Samon's sister - cancer)
 Jeremy Germinis (cancer)
 Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer)
 Melissa Daniel Crannigan (cancer)
 Max Atnip (cancer)
 Mel Brown (cancer)
 Steven Middleton (cancer)
 Anne McDonald, Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)
 Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)
 Rita Pickard (Bethesda)
 Unnamed prayer requests
 Those in the military and their families

