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# Mid-Week Manna

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

*Wednesday,  
May 13, 2020*

## From Your Minister - Christian Smith

As many of you are aware, the church session has decided that, barring any significant change in the coronavirus outbreak, we will be opening the doors of the church for worship on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will have both our 8:45am and our 11:00am worship services. For those who would feel more comfortable remaining at home, please know that we will continue to email you an Order of Worship on Saturday and we will continue to stream our worship services on Sunday. However, instead of streaming at 10:00am, beginning on May 31, we will stream the service at 8:45am.

The church session has decided that streaming our worship service is an important part of our ministry that should continue well into the future. Therefore, we have approved the installation of permanent cameras in the church. While we wait to have those high-definition cameras installed, we will continue making-do with what is available to us.

I know that many of you have been told all of your life that if the doors of the church are opened, it is your responsibility to be there. I think the church has done you a disservice. While you ought to want to gather with the family of God, do so only when you are able and feel safe doing so. Especially during these times, there is no judgment for those who would feel safer remaining at home. Those who are sick should stay home. Those who are in the at-risk categories should stay home. We will still love you. We will still strive to make you feel as connected as we can. We will look forward to the day that we can ALL gather again. Until then, do what you must to remain safe and let us know what we can do to make you feel safer and more connected to your church.

## Church Activities Canceled

**We want to advise you that the Church Session has made the decision to cancel all church activities through May 30<sup>st</sup>. The church building is closed to the public.**

## GIVING

It is our hope that, during this world health crisis, Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church can continue to be the church and offer hope, assistance, and love to our community. However, in order to do that, we need your help. In order to continue with Tuesday Assistance, pay bills and our staff, we need you to prayerfully consider your ability to continue your regular giving. We know that it is a scary time for a lot of people. If you are able, please consider helping us to help some of the others that are being hurt during this time.

1. mail an offering to the church at 565 E. 10th St., Cookeville, TN 38501
2. give using a debit card through the church website. <http://www.cookevillecpchurch.org/give/>
3. instruct your financial institution to make a contribution from your account (each institution may have different rules/instructions for how to do this)

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We offer our thanks to Sandra Robbins, Jim Gray, Christy Huddleston, Caleb Norris and Carroll Gotcher for their continued help with our online worship experience. Their assistance and willingness to help however possible makes the worship experience much easier for the pastor.



### Worship Information

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, will be the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The chancel color is white. Our scripture for the sermon on Sunday is I Peter 3:13-22. Please plan to join us on Facebook Live as we worship God.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of May 10, 2020

Commitments - \$7,290.00    Undesignated - \$422.00    Other - \$150.00  
There was \$150.00 in assistance donations.  
Deposit - \$7,862.00

### Mission Efforts Ongoing

The missions that make up a part of the church are very important to the community at large. For the mission efforts listed below, we ask that you hold on to items you have collected until the church is able to open again. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

### *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. Hold on to your saved items and contributions until we are once again in church. 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 200 of these in the last year.



**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.



### It's Graduation Time!

In the face of a changing society, we have to wonder what graduation will look like this year. One thing is sure - we most definitely want to recognize the Class of 2020. If you or someone you know in the church is graduating this Spring, we want to know! Please email or call Christian or Caleb with names, schools, degrees, etc. This includes college graduates! We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating this milestone in your life.



### Nursery Attendant Needed

Once we are able to meet in the church building again, we will be in need of an attendant for our nursery. This is a paid position. If you are interested, or you know of someone who would be interested in this position, please share that information with Steve Boots or Christian.

### Food to the Rescue Change

Hello everyone. There has been a change in our Food to the Rescue plan. We hope that you will help us with this mission of the church.

Blessings, Christian



Food to the Rescue Preparing and Packing Day

\*\*\*\* Mon. May 18 5:30-7:00pm \*\*\*\*

Central City Church (Cookeville Mall)

Enter on the back side of the mall facing I-40

Text or Email Tracy Sparks to sign up. Only ages

16 and up will be allowed to help this time.

Bring your own gloves and mask.

Tracy's contact information:

(931)261-1029

sparkst@pcsstn.com

Drivers are also needed! For more information,

go to

<http://ow.ly/65Rs50zuDgw>



### Thank You Note

The family of Jessica Rector Clark wishes to express the deep appreciation and sincere thanks to everyone for the love and support given to this family in our time of bereavement. We thank you Christian for all of the support given to this family during very difficult days. We want to thank everyone for the flowers, food, memorials, and cards that we received. We also want to thank everyone for the many donations of monetary gifts and the many prayers that have been said and are continuing to be said in the loss of our loved one. We want to thank everyone who came and assisted with the cleanup and donated totes and boxes as well as everyone who was there for us during the days of her visitation and her service.

Jessica's love for this church was truly shown to this family during the time of our need and in the coming days that love will be needed as we adjust to our lives without our sweet Jessica.

Much love,  
Nancy, Jackie and Levi Rector  
Michael Clark and family  
Willene Gentry and family

### Prayer Requests . . .

Ella Haynes  
Jean Webb (hip replacement)  
Bob Ross (seizures)  
Pat Brumfield (broken leg - home)  
Don Dyer (home)  
Brenda Robbins (broken hip - home)  
Martha Clift (surgery)  
Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister)  
Janice Cox (surgery)  
Dorothy Nichols (home)  
Ruth Ann Henry (broken knee cap)  
Ramona Tilghman (home)  
Wanda McCaskey (home)  
Ruth Sapp  
Tim Fournet  
Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's father)  
Dave James  
Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay  
Kathy Shanks  
Devonia McGee  
Bob Hill  
Wilma Diemer

Jim Lansford  
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)  
Jerry Hill (assisted living in Cleveland, TN)  
Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)  
Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)  
Rita Pickard (Bethesda)



## Community Opportunities

### **Putnam County Volunteer Organization Re-opening**

The Putnam County Volunteer Organization is re-opening on Tuesday, April 14, at 8am. The address is 155 Fairground St., Cookeville.

There are many ways you can help: Donating heavy equipment for you (or them) to use, renting equipment at Sunbelt for them, making phone calls, data entry, organizing inside office, food drop off at fairground headquarters (lunch items, desserts, coffee products, drinks/ice - they have plenty of water) picking up already filled trash bags in the field & bringing them to fairgrounds, delivering “goodie bags” etc. Please contact them at 931-529-1100 if interested in helping.



**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](mailto:Tisha@uchabitat.org) for more info.

