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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
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The church in which I grew up had the old picture of Jesus knocking at a wood door. If you know the picture, you may also know that the door upon which Jesus knocks, has no doorknob. It was always shared with me that the reason for that is because the door of our heart can only be opened from the inside. Jesus will not force himself upon us. This was always a reference to salvation. While, I believe that to be the case, I also believe the imagery does not end with salvation. Perhaps you have been a Christian for many years, but Jesus still stands knocking at the door of your heart. Jesus still wants us to open the door of our hearts to His guidance. Jesus still wants us to open the door of our hearts to His love for all people. Jesus still wants us to open the door of our hearts to new insights and new understandings. Once we have allowed Jesus to enter the door of our hearts to be our Redeemer, we cannot close the door of our hearts and not allow Christ to also be the Lord of our lives. Christ is knocking. Will you let Him in?

Stewardship Report - August 25, 2019

Sunday School - 92
8:45 Worship - 85
11:00 Worship - 91
Total in Worship - 176

Commitments - \$4,880.00
Undesignated Giving - \$648.00
Other - \$712.89
Total Offering - \$6,240.80

This week we received \$179.00 for Connection meals, \$100 for flowers, \$200 for assistance, and \$ 233.89 in reimbursement from the CPWM.

This Week in the Church: August 28 - September 3

Aug 28 Connection Dinner (5:15pm)
Children & Youth (6:00pm)
Twisted Stitches (6:00pm)
Adult Class (6:15pm)
Aug 29 Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)

Sep 1 Worship (8:45am)
Sunday School (9:50am)
Worship (11:00am)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm)
Sep 3 Community Assistance (1-3pm)

Presbyterian Student Association Meals

September is our church's month to provide meals for Bible Study at the PSA House. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex for items needed each week. We ask that food be brought to the house or the church (ready to serve) no later than 5:00pm each Tuesday. If you have not been helping with these meals, this would be a wonderful time to get involved. The students really appreciate your generosity.



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In the Church

We offer our thanks to Carroll Gotcher for leading us in special music this week. We thank Jim Putz and Stelmo Stepp for assisting with the worship PowerPoint.

SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Sunday, September 1st, will be the 12th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our scripture will be Hebrews 13:1-6. Please plan to join us as we worship God and celebrate the victory that is ours through Christ and celebrate the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism.

Volunteers this Week

Acolytes - 8:45 Callie McCaskey

11:00 Cosby King

Nursery - 8:45 Robin Boutelette

11:00 Kathie Chapman

Greeters - Betty Case / Patty Martin

Service Elders - Bob Myracle, Shane Welch

Sound System - Mike Davidson

Worship Bags

As always, we invite kids of all ages to take a worship bag located in the narthex. New items are placed weekly in these bags to help kids follow along with worship. Please return bags after the service.

JOY Club Calendar Now Available

A JOY Club Calendar for the remainder of the year is now available on the narthex table. We hope you will consider going with us on some of our adventures. Remember, folks of ALL ages are invited to attend!



JOY Club to CCPH

If you are going to the Cumberland County Playhouse to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat TOMORROW, cost for the event will be \$30.00 and a dutch treat lunch at the 5th Street Marketplace Café in Crossville. We will meet at the church at 11:30am and return around 6:00pm.

CHURCH MISSION NEWS



LOCAL MISSIONS

Our church is a collection point for the **Jammin' at HIPPIE JACK'S** program. Hippy 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.

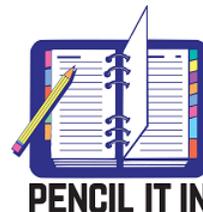
We continue to collect **QUARTERS** for use in making laundry packs to provide those in need with detergent and quarters to do a load of laundry at a laundromat. We have made and distributed about 100 of these in the last nine months.

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.



Looking Ahead...

On Tuesday, October 15th, the JOY Club will gather with fellow Cumberland Presbyterians for a day of worship and lunch at Montgomery Bell State Park, the birthplace of the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination. During the day we will experience worship in the historic chapel, eat lunch at the Inn Restaurant at the park and have time to tour the grounds. The cost is \$10.00 plus a dutch treat lunch. We will leave the church at 7:30am and return around 3:30pm.



Adopt-a-College Student Program

Summer is almost over and it is time to head back to school. A huge thank you to everyone that participated last semester by adopting a student. We know our students were blessed and hope you were too. We would love for each adopter to continue with their student this year, but we also need new adopters. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you'd like to participate. We invite everyone to take part by simply praying for all our students. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Peek 239-5513 or Cindy Putz 261-4597.

The Connection!

On tonight's Connection menu is Caesar salad, baked ziti, green beans, French bread and chocolate cake. Please let us know if you are interested in a standing reservations for our meals or remember to respond weekly via the church website, fill out a card for the offering plate or call Sandra in the office by Tuesday at 10:00am. The cost for dinner is \$4 for adults and \$3 for youth/children; no family pays more than \$12.00 per meal. The Fellowship Class is responsible for helping to serve tonight. Children and Youth will meet at 6:00pm with the adult studies meeting at 6:15pm. Julie Stepp will be leading a four-week class called **Anxious for Nothing**. It invites us to delve into Philippians 4:6-7 (one of most highlighted passages of any book on the planet) and to stop letting anxiety rule the day. Join us on a journey to experience more joy, clarity, physical renewal, and contentment by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Twisted Stitchers will meet at 6:00pm in the Session Room. We look forward to having you with us.



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in honor of my wife, Jodi, and in celebration of our 20th wedding anniversary. Thank you for your love and support. Christian

Food to the Rescue

Food to the Rescue is a grassroots organization comprised of individuals, nonprofit organizations, and local businesses partnering together to feed the children in our community. Their non-profit organization was formed by a local citizen who saw the significant need for children to have access to meals while school is not in session during the seasonal breaks. Their goal is to make the most significant impact possible on children in Putnam County through Christ-like servant hood. During the month of September the youth group will be collecting 16oz jars of peanut butter for Food to the Rescue. Food the to Rescue's goal is to collect enough peanut butter during the month of September to meet their needs for all of 2020. Peanut butter can dropped off in the bin in the Fellowship Hall.

Service Opportunity

On October 2, instead of having our regular Connection dinner and Bible study, the church will meet at Central City Church (in the old Cookeville Mall) to sort and pack items for Food to the Rescue to distribute for Fall Break. They will be meeting the needs of 600 children in Putnam County over Fall Break. We will pack from 5:00pm - 7:30 with people being able to come and go as needed. Pizza and bottled water will be provided for dinner. Our goal is to have 50 people serving so that we can pack as much as possible for the kids in our county. All ages are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Love-Joy Circle

The Love-Joy Circle will meet Monday, September 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sessions Room. We invite all ladies to join us.

Note: Items needed for the Child Advocacy Center include: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags, deodorant, soap, foam coffee cups, and plastic silverware.

Prayer Requests . . .

The family of James Baggett (Cindy Gray's father)
 Earl Nichols (cancer treatment)
 Chuck Galemore (cancer treatment)
 Blake Weber (Pete & Regina's grandson)
 Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
 Bob Hill
 Jerry Hill (assisted living)
 Becky Knight (cancer)
 Kathy Shanks
 Esther Spencer's aunt, Jean
 Nancy Biss (Tracy Sparks' mom - breast cancer)
 Jim Lansford
 Dave James
 Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's father)
 Joe Mullins (stroke)
 Hendricks Pippin (3-yr-old diagnosed with cancer -
 friend of Steven & Amanda Jones)
 Cindy Bilbrey (Jerry Samon's sister - cancer)
 Don Shockley
 Brenda Savage (friend of Liz Fournet)
 Frankie Dickerson
 Kathy Hilton

Joyce Greenwell (Sandy Byrne's mother)
 Devonia McGee
 Wilma Diemer
 Pat Brumfield (eyesight failing)
 Levi Rector
 Ethan Morgan
 Robert Buck
 Johnny Dunn (COPD)
 Walter Plyter (Assisted Living)
 Cindy Furcean
 Clay Vanhooser
 Jeremy Germinis (cancer)
 Byron Fournet (cancer)
 Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer)
 Melissa Daniel Crannigan (cancer)
 Max Atnip (cancer)
 Mel Brown (cancer)
 Steven Middleton (cancer)
 Bob Fowler (Bailey Manor)
 Anne McDonald, Rita Pickard, Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)
 Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)
 Unnamed prayer requests
 Those in the military and their families

