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# *Mid-Week Manna*

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

*Wednesday,  
June 10, 2020*

## **From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

Finally! After 13 weeks of the doors of the church being locked on Sunday mornings, the church will be reopened for in-person worship this Sunday. On Sunday morning, we will unlock the doors of the church 30 minutes prior to each worship service. We hope that if you are comfortable being around people, that you will join us for the chance to worship together in the sanctuary. If you are not comfortable doing so, please know that we understand and we fully support your decision to continue worshipping online.

Obviously, things will still not be the same. Obviously, there will be precautions that we have to take. Some of these precautions will make some unhappy, but there are several who will not come to church without these precautions. As we have said before, as we reopen the church, we ask that all people consider Coronavirus a threat, simply because we want even the most concerned to feel as comfortable as possible while they are here for worship.

1. We encourage those who are members of vulnerable populations (everyone 65 years and older, people with disabilities, people with serious respiratory or cardiovascular conditions, and people who are immunocompromised) to continue to make use of online worship.
2. We require you to wear masks (we will have masks available for anyone who does not have their own).
3. Every other row in the church will be marked off to allow for social distancing. We ask that you try to sit at least 6 feet away from other families in the church.
4. We are discouraging handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, and other greetings that require contact.
5. The only entry doors that will be opened are the 2 in the front of the church and the door behind the amen corner. At each door you will find a table with an offering plate, a trash can, and hand sanitizer. The restrooms in the office hallway and the outside of the chapel will be open. We ask that you refrain from using other parts of the building. This will make cleaning between services much easier.
6. Hymns WILL be sung. Please do not feel this obligates you to sing.
7. Hymnals and pew Bibles will be removed from the sanctuary temporarily.
8. On communion Sundays, we will offer prepackaged communion as you enter. You are also welcomed to bring elements from home if that makes you feel more comfortable.
9. Children's worship bags will not be available. We invite you to allow your children to bring any toys or activities that would engage your children without being a distraction to those around you.
10. High contact surfaces will be cleaned between services.
11. We strongly encourage you to not congregate in the narthex before or after service. As you enter, please find a seat and remain in that area as much as possible. Following the service please make your way to the exit.

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- 12. Rehearsals and Sunday morning activities of the choir will be temporarily suspended.
- 13. Nursery services will be temporarily suspended.
- 14. If you are ill or feel you may have a fever, we strongly encourage you to take advantage of our online worship service.
- 15. If the number of people attending a service is greater than the social distancing seating capacity of the sanctuary, overflow seating will be available in the church fellowship hall.

We offer our thanks to Sandra Robbins, Jim Gray, Christy Huddleston, Caleb Norris, Steve Boots 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, June 14<sup>th</sup>, will be the second Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or on YouTube as we worship God. This week Caleb Norris will be delivering the sermon. He will be using Matthew 9:35-10:8 for the sermon text.

**Class of 2020**



Since the middle of March, this global pandemic has separated us and has put much of life on hold. While this has been difficult for us all, it has been especially difficult for those who are celebrating once-in-a-lifetime milestones. Today, we honor the class of 2020. While we have not been able to honor them the same way we normally would, we will celebrate our graduates as soon as we are able.

**Upperman High School**

Trinity Mullins  
Stelmo Stepp

**Cookeville High School**

Jack Cunningham  
Ashleyann Mathieson  
Eva Sparks  
Benjamin Winscott

**Tennessee Tech University**

Megan Wharton

**Auburn University**

Abby Putz

**Volunteer State Community College**

Andrew Stephen Bryant

**University of the South**

Izzy Wood

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of June 7, 2020**

Commitments - \$9,219.00    Undesignated - \$960.00    Other - \$704.88  
 Donations for Assistance were \$150.00 and Wednesday evening dinners was \$554.88  
 Total Deposit - \$10,883.88



## Food to the Rescue Packing Day



**Wednesday, June 17 5:30-7:30PM**  
Central City Church (Cookeville Mall)  
Enter on the back side of the mall facing I-40

At least 40 volunteers are needed. There is a large area, so we will be able to spread out. All ages are allowed to help. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities.

Masks will be provided if you don't have your own. Dress in cool clothing - the building is warm!!! Text or email Tracy Sparks to sign up.

**Tracy's contact information:**  
(931)261-1029  
sparkst@pcsstn.com

Drivers are also needed! For more information, go to.....  
<http://ow.ly/65Rs50zuDgw>

### 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.



## 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)

## **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.



If anyone wants to be an acolyte when we start back to church, contact Jane Anne Gotcher at 260-9372. There will be some changes in the way things are done - no robes, acolytes will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer after lighting and extinguishing the candles and they will be sitting with their families, not up front. Thanks!

## Community Opportunities

**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.



# Prayer Requests . . .

Ann Clark (surgery)  
 Ella Haynes  
 Jean Webb (hip replacement)  
 Bob Ross (seizures)  
 Pat Brumfield (broken leg - home)  
 Don Dyer (home)  
 Martha Clift (surgery)  
 Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister)  
 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)  
 Unnamed prayer requests  
 Those in the military and their families

