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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,

June 17, 2020

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

As many of you read this, my family and I will be finishing up worship during our few days away at a Pastors' Sabbath Retreat. An anonymous donor from the denomination offers this opportunity for pastors from across our denomination each month. It is a great opportunity to get away with my family for a few days and just relax.

Many of you know that I take Mondays off and most of the time you are very diligent in trying to protect that for me. Monday is typically my day of Sabbath rest. I believe that it is important that we all take a day to stop and reflect on where we are in life, our relationships with others, and our relationship with God.

God needed a day of rest after creation. It was so important that we take a Sabbath, that it was included in the ten commandments. Then Jesus reminds us that Sabbath is not about rules, it is about care for self when he tells us in Mark, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath."

I hope that each of you will give yourself the opportunity to relax, reflect, and renew. Then I hope that we will all have a renewed energy to share with the world the Good News of the God of the Sabbath and the God of every day.

Food to the Rescue Packing Day



TODAY! 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>

Nursery Attendant Needed

Once we are able to offer nursery services 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.

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It was great to see people back in worship on Sunday! We offer our thanks to Sandra Robbins, Christy Huddleston, and Jim Gray for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank David Huddleston for helping with the PowerPoint and Steve Boots for his work with the camera system. Finally, we thank Caleb Norris for delivering a wonderful sermon.



Worship Information

Sunday, June 21st, will be the third Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Numbers 14:1-9. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God and celebrate the guidance, care and compassion that God has always offered to each of us.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of June 14, 2020

Commitments - \$12,970.00 Undesignated - \$798.19 Other - \$12,435.00
Assistance donations were \$100.00, Wednesday evening dinners \$105.00, PEO \$100.00,
Altar flowers \$100.00 and Campus Ministries \$12,000
Total Deposit - \$26,203.19



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!

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)

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 for more info.



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.



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

