



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
July 22, 2020*

On Sunday, August 23rd, we will be celebrating the 153rd anniversary of the founding of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. That Sunday, our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Charles McCaskey will be preaching at the church for the first time since his retirement.

Every year in August we celebrate the founding of our local church. Every year, on the first Sunday of February we celebrate the founding of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. Every year at the end of October we remember the birth of the protestant church on Reformation Sunday. Our history is important to us.

So beginning tonight, we will be discussing the history of our local church and our denomination. We will remember the events that have formed us. Following our discussion of history, we will look at our *Confession of Faith* and discuss the beliefs and the government of our denomination. Whether you are new to our church or have been here all of your life, we would love to add your voice to the discussion.

The Bible study will begin at 6:00pm tonight. Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to join us in the pavilion of the Family Life Center. Because we will be outside, no masks will be required, but you are welcomed to wear one. You are welcome to come and sit on the benches or bring your own chairs.

For those who are more comfortable joining us online, check your email for the Zoom link. If you do not have it, please let me know and I will make sure that you receive it.

- Winona Meal Next Week -

Our next meal for Winona Motel folks is Tuesday, July 28th. Anyone that would like to help provide food can call Alice Peek at 239-5513.

We need: (40) apples or oranges (40) bananas
 (40) individual wrapped desserts (40) servings salad mix

We appreciate your help and generosity!

The **Pathfinders Sunday School** class will meet at 10:00 on Sunday morning in the outside area of the Pavilion.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of July 19, 2020

Commitments - \$10,720 Undesignated - \$1,412.00 Other - \$300.00

This week's giving included \$150.00 for Assistance and \$150.00 for altar flowers.

Total Deposit - \$12,432.00

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We offer our thanks to Sandra Robbins and Jim Gray for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Jodi Smith for helping with the PowerPoint and Bill Byers for his work with the camera system.



Worship Information

Sunday, July 26th, will be the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Caleb Norris will be preaching this week. Our text for the sermon will be Matthew 13:31-33. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God.



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in celebration of Zach and Jenni's first wedding anniversary by Ed and Janet Fowler.

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 fully 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.



Camera Persons Needed

The church needs one or more persons to learn to run our new camera system for the 8:45am service on Sundays. The new system supports many views of the church and works to highlight various viewpoints, including a wide view of the church, the pulpit, lectern and music instruments. The new system is not difficult, but will require some training and Steve Boots, who currently runs the system, would be available for that purpose. We would like to have at least a couple of people become proficient at running the system and would like to have you express your interest to Steve or Christian. We would love to begin training you immediately.

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 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.

Acolytes Needed

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 for more info.





Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Mildred Doner, Frankie Dickerson's aunt. Ms. Doner passed away on the 16th of this month. Her family and friends were part of a graveside service held on Monday. Please keep Frankie and her family in your prayers.

Prayer Requests . . .

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| The family of Mildred Doner
(Frankie Dickerson's aunt) | Wilma Diemer |
| Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - cancer treatment) | Bob Hill |
| The family of Bob Ross (Joan's husband) | Jim Lansford |
| The family of IV Byers (Bill's aunt) | Levi Rector |
| The family of Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's
Pete Weber (home) father) | Robert Buck |
| Ann Clark (surgery) | Johnny Dunn (COPD) |
| Wanda McCaskey (home) | Cindy Furcean |
| Ella Haynes | Clay Vanhooser |
| Jean Webb (hip replacement) | Niki Work (cancer) |
| Pat Brumfield (broken leg) | Becky Knight (cancer) |
| Don Dyer (home) | Cindy Bilbrey (Jerry Samon's sister - cancer) |
| Martha Clift (surgery) | Jeremy Germinis (cancer) |
| Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister) | Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer) |
| Dorothy Nichols | Melissa Daniel Crannigan (cancer) |
| Ruth Ann Henry | Max Atnip (cancer) |
| Ramona Tilghman | Mel Brown (cancer) |
| Ruth Sapp | Steven Middleton (cancer) |
| Tim Fournet | Walter Plyter (assisted living) |
| Dave James | Jerry Hill (assisted living in Cleveland, TN) |
| Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay | Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills) |
| Kathy Shanks | Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside) |
| Devonia McGee | Rita Pickard (Bethesda) |
| | Unnamed prayer requests |
| | Those in the military and their families |

