



# *Mid-Week Manna*

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,  
November 25, 2020*

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Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day. For many people, the day will look different than it has in previous years. While we may or may not be able to gather around the table with family and friends, it should not hinder our celebration of the day. We have the opportunity to truly remember the significance of the day. We have the opportunity to

truly focus upon the things for which we are thankful. As I spend the day tomorrow with my wife and child, I will be reminded of just what a blessing they are for me. As I help decorate the house for Christmas and sit down to eat with my family, I will remember how fortunate I am to have a safe home and good food. As I sit and enjoy a movie tomorrow afternoon, I will remember how thankful I am to have the opportunity to rest. I will spend time through the day sending messages to friends and family; I will be thankful for the relationships that I have in my life, including the relationships I have with my church family. Through it all, I will remember that each of these blessings is a gift from God and I will be thankful for God's love. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day. I hope that you have fun with football, family, and food. Most importantly, I hope you remember that in all things, you are loved by God and that gives us plenty of reason to be thankful. Blessings, Christian



## **Sunday School for Children and Youth!**

Beginning this Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having Sunday school classes for all of our school-aged children and youth. Classes will begin at 9:00am. As we strive to make sure that your children and family stay safe, we will be using outdoor spaces when the weather permits and will maintain our distance from one another. When we must be inside the building, masks will be required. We look forward to seeing your children and youth on Sunday mornings!

## **Advent Candles**

Sunday we begin the season of Advent. One of the traditions during Advent is the lighting of candles. This tradition gives us a moment to remember that we are drawing closer to the celebration of the gift of a Savior who can overcome all that life has to throw at us. We welcome you to add this element of Advent to your home. Please feel free to take a set of Advent candles located on the narthex table or come by the church between 9am and 4pm.



## **Poinsettias**



The church has 25 red Poinsettias available to church members at a cost of \$15.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing one or more, you will find forms on the narthex table **OR** you can call Sandra in the church office (526-6585) to make your reservation. The deadline for reserving your Poinsettias is December 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. The flowers will be placed on the altar on December 13<sup>th</sup> and may be picked up after the 8pm Christmas Eve service.

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We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins and Judy Sullivan for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Carroll Gotcher for helping with the PowerPoint and Steve Boots for his work with the camera system.

### Worship Information

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, will be the First Sunday of Advent. The chancel color is purple. Our text for the sermon will be I Corinthians 1:1-9. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online at 10:00am or in the Family Life Center pavilion at 11:00am as we worship God.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, November 22, 2020

Commitments - \$6,545.00    Undesignated - \$1,205.00    Other - \$400.00  
Sunday's offering included \$400.00 for the Turkey Project.  
Total Deposit - \$8,150.00



*There will be an outdoor Wedding Shower for Caleb Norris and Sophie Lively on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2pm till 3:30pm, by the fireplace in the CFPC Pavilion. They are registered on the website:*

[www.zola.com/wedding/sophieandcaleb2021](http://www.zola.com/wedding/sophieandcaleb2021)

*The happy couple will be making their home in Cookeville.*

### 11:00am Worship Service

We thank each of you who attend our outdoor worship service (Family Life Center). We will continue to offer this slightly abbreviated and less formal service each Sunday at 11:00am until we can all be in the building together again.

We ask that people not park in the spaces directly in front of the pavilion. We would like to leave those spaces available as a parking space for families who wish to worship from inside their vehicles.



### 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 collecting them.



### CHURCH MISSION NEWS

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.





This year we will not be able to go Christmas caroling as we have in the past, but we don't want to forget those who are unable to attend church with us. We would ask that you set aside some Christmas cards this year for those folks. We will be providing a link to the names and addresses of these special people within a week or so. Keep in touch with your email and Mid-Week Manna for upcoming information.

### Elder Elections

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a congregational meeting for all of those who attend in-person worship in either service. This meeting will be for the purpose of electing five members to serve on the church session for the next three years. The current session, acting as a nominating committee, will place into nomination the following names: Stacey Byers, Mike Davidson, Liz Fournet, Cindy Putz, and Ron Thurman. You are welcomed to make nominations during the meeting. We simply ask that if you wish to nominate someone that you will make sure they are a member of the church and are willing to serve.



Church Leadership



The **Good News Sunday School** class is now meeting at 9:00am for Sunday School. This class will take place in the Upper Commons. The class will be studying the book of Revelation. Everyone is invited to come and take part in this study.

The **Pathfinders Sunday School** class is meeting at 8:45 on Sunday mornings in the outside area of the Pavilion. Please consider joining us.

### 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)

### 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.





*Sunday's altar flowers were given to the glory of God in celebration of our 72<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on November 26<sup>th</sup>. We have been so blessed and give thanks every morning for another day together. James and Claudine Lacy*

### **Food to the Rescue Deliveries**

Food is needed now more than ever! We need your help getting it to children's homes for Christmas Break. We will deliver the food boxes on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:00. We will continue to send out food boxes until they are gone. We hope to be done around 3:30. We are doing it earlier so you won't be out delivering in the dark. **IF** you cannot deliver at this time, but **CAN** deliver later (in the dark), please sign up and mention it in the note section. We still may need you! Sign up on the following website:

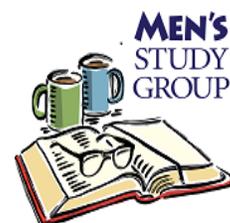
**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094eadae28aafa7-christmas2>**



As with so many other things in 2020, our Christmas Eve services will be conducted differently this year. We will be having two services in our sanctuary, one at 6pm and one at 8pm. Our 6pm service will be broadcast live on Facebook and YouTube. We will be passing along additional information as Christmas Eve draws closer.

### **Men's Bible Study**

Tim Fournet is conducting a Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 12:00pm. The first study is "Ten Men of the Bible" by Max Lucado. This study guide is widely available on multiple sites. If you need help finding or purchasing this guide, please let Christian (931-265-8896) or Tim (931-239-9752) know. Each lesson is a 5-day guide and the study lasts for 10 weeks. We will discuss one lesson each week.



The first class was held yesterday and will continue on November 24<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting in the church pavilion and invite you to bring a lawn chair and your lunch. We provide a Zoom link to the study as well.

Everyone is welcome. We will be following Church Guidelines on Social Distancing. If you have any questions, please let Tim or me know.



### **Shoebox Drive a Success**

The Love-Joy Circle wants to share the good news of Operation Christmas Child 2020!! This year we had a total of 164 shoes boxes donated! The Love-Joy Circle would like to thank everyone that made this possible. We look forward to 2021!





*In Our Prayers*

*Please remember Bill, Stacey, Brody, Nathan, and Bill's step-mother, Glenna, in your prayers. Bill's father, David Byers, passed away Monday of this week. Visitation will take place at Crest Lawn Funeral Home on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am to the time of service at 2:00pm.*

## *Prayer Requests . . .*

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| The family of David Byers (Bill's father)     | Ruth Sapp   |
| The families of Billy Sneed and Alton Sneed   | Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay                        |
| (Betty Benedict's brothers)                   | Tim Fournet   |
| Bobby Wallace (Evon Maggart's brother-in-law) | Dave James  |
| David Byers (Bill's father)                   | Wilma Diemer  |
| Charles Johnston                              | Bob Hill  |
| Ethel James                                   | Jim Lansford  |
| Kathy Hilton (surgery)                        | Levi Rector   |
| The family of Earl Nichols                    | Robert Buck   |
| Evelyn Hyder (tests)                          | Johnny Dunn (COPD)                                    |
| Lynn Dunham (broken hip)                      | Cindy Furcean   |
| Ginny Liebsch                                 | Clay Vanhooser  |
| Don Haynes                                    | Niki Work (cancer)                                    |
| Carolyn Zolg (Parkinson's)                    | Becky Knight (cancer)                                 |
| Devonia McGee                                 | Cindy Bilbrey (Jerry Samon's sister - cancer)         |
| Kathy Shanks                                  | Jeremy Germinis (cancer)                              |
| Julie Stepp's mother (pancreatic surgery)     | Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer)                       |
| Margie Copeland (Freeman Smith's sister)      | Max Atnip (cancer)                                    |
| Don Anderson (serious auto accident)          | Mel Brown (cancer)                                    |
| Leighann Morgan and family                    | Steven Middleton (cancer)                             |
| Lynn Twitty (cancer)                          | Jerry Hill (assisted living in Cleveland, TN)         |
| Wanda McCaskey                                | Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)                     |
| Ella Haynes                                   | Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)                       |
| Pat Brumfield                                 | Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside) |
| Don Dyer                                      | Unnamed prayer requests                               |
| Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister)     | Those in the military and their families              |
| Dorothy Nichols                               |   |

