



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
January 13, 2021*

Each week, I attempt to use this small space to share something that might be of value to someone within the congregation. As I sit to write, it is not uncommon for me to struggle to find a place to begin. However, it normally doesn't take long for the words to begin to flow.

This week has been different. After the events of last Wednesday and the response to the events over the last week, I have to admit that I am heartbroken and a bit drained. This week, I have struggled to find the appropriate words to say in just a few paragraphs. Words seem to fail me. I must admit that I don't have all of the answers. This week, I definitely need the strength and guidance of God to get me through. I hope that you will remember it's ok to admit that you don't have it all figured out. When you realize that you don't have all of the answers, I hope you will do the same thing that I plan to do today: Pray.

Blessings, Christian

Commitment Cards

If you have not yet submitted your pledge for year 2021, please take a moment to complete a Commitment Card and place it in Sunday's offering, drop it by the office or mail it to the church address. A copy of the 2021 Budget is on the narthex table if you would like to see how the church disburses its funds. Please call Sandra in the office if you would like a copy of the budget.



The **2021 Flower Calendar** signup sheet is now posted in the narthex. Please place your name next to the date(s) for which you are interested in donating flowers. You may also call in your request for placing flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday. The cost for flowers is \$50.00. Sally Beyer will call you for a dedication the week the flowers are to be ordered.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 10, 2020

Commitments - \$10,185.00 Undesignated - \$1,730.00 Other - \$1480.00
Sunday's offering included \$80.00 for flowers and \$1400.00 for the assistance program.
Total Deposit - \$11,665.00

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We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins and Judy Sullivan 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.

Sunday School for Children and Youth!

This past Sunday, we began having Sunday school classes for all of our school-aged children and youth. Classes 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!



Worship Information

Sunday, January 17th, will be the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be John 1:43-51. 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.

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.



Camera Persons Needed

The church needs another person or two to learn to run our new camera system for the 10am 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.



The Twisted Stitchers' goal is to have a couple of finished and tagged **PRAYER SHAWLS** on the desk in the Session Room at all times. Please support 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.



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.

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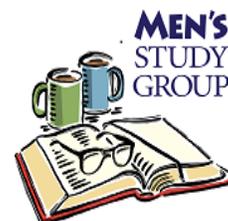


It is our hope that, during this world health crisis, Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church can continue to be the church and offer hope, assistance, and love to our community. However, in order to do that, we need your help. In order to continue with Tuesday Assistance, pay bills and our staff, 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)

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 24th. 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.





Prayer Requests . . .

Al Middleton (motorcycle accident)
Jimmy Stringer (heart procedure)
Ray Spencer (heart repair)
Rico Schwartz (17-yr old hit by drunk driver)
Memory Turner (Rico's mother)
Rev. Blake Stephens
Bobby Wallace (Evon Maggart's brother-in-law)
Kathy Hilton
Ginny Liebsch
Devonia McGee
Kathy Shanks
Julie Stepp's mother
Leighann Morgan and family
Wanda McCaskey
Ella Haynes
Pat Brumfield
Don Dyer
Euna Hancock Brown
Dorothy Nichols
Ramona Tilghman
Ruth Sapp
Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
Tim Fournet

Dave James
Wilma Diemer
Bob Hill
Jim Lansford
Levi Rector
Robert Buck
Johnny Dunn (COPD)
Cindy Furcean
Clay Vanhooser
Lynn Twitty (cancer)
Evelyn Hyder (cancer)
Becky Knight (cancer)
Jeremy Germinis (cancer)
Max Atnip (cancer)
Mel Brown (cancer)
Steven Middleton (cancer)
Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)
Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)
Lynn Dunham, (Signature Healthcare)
Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)
Unnamed prayer requests
Those in the military and their families

