

# *Mid-Week Manna*

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

*Wednesday,  
March 10, 2021*

## From Your Minister - Christian Smith

I don't know about you, but I think I am finally beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. With more and more people receiving their COVID vaccine, we are starting to see more and more members of our church return to the sanctuary and return to some sense of normalcy.

Caleb and I received our first dose last week and are anxiously awaiting getting dose number two in about four weeks. We have missed the opportunity to visit with you and spend time with you. We hope that once your ministers have received both shots, more of our members will feel comfortable visiting with us.

We are encouraging you to get the vaccine and we want to help you do so, if needed. If you need help registering or if you need a ride to receive your shot, please let us know. We would be happy to help you through this process.

As we near the celebration of resurrection and the celebration of new life, it is easy to see new life and new hope entering into our society as well. I cannot wait until we can all gather together safely and all of us can worship together.

Blessings, Christian



It is time to reserve your Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. The cost for each Lily is \$15.00. You may make your reservations by completing a form found on the narthex table or calling Sandra in the church office. Payment may be made by including your check or cash in your form on Sunday, dropped by the church office or mailed to the church. Orders will be taken through March 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sandra in the church office if you have any questions.

## **Food to the Rescue Packing Day This Evening**

**\*\*\*5:30-7:30pm\*\*\***

### **New Location**

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

Roots Salon in the front

Food to the Rescue in the back

**TIME CHANGE - Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00am - Move clocks UP one hour**

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
565 E. 10th Street - Cookeville, TN 38501

931-526-6585  
[www.cookevillecpcchurch.org](http://www.cookevillecpcchurch.org)



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 Steve Boots for his work with the camera system.

### Worship Information

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. The chancel color is purple. Our text for the sermon will be John 3:14-21. Please plan to join us online or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

Due to the Food to the Rescue event, Christian’s Wednesday evening Bible study will not take place.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 7, 2021

Commitments - \$11,305.00 Undesignated - \$2,134.00 Other - \$535.00

Sunday’s offering included \$200.00 for assistance, \$20.00 for facility use, \$100.00 for the Winona Project, \$70.00 for laundry packets and \$145.00 for healthcare workers’ lunch.

Total Deposits - \$13,974.00

### Help With the COVID Vaccine Registration

The Missions Ministry is offering to help anyone in the church who needs assistance in registering for the COVID vaccine. Call Sandra in the church office (526-6585) for more information.



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.

### Sunday School Classes Meeting!

We will be having Sunday School classes for all of our school-aged children, youth and adult classes this Sunday. Classes begin at 9:50am. 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 you all on Sunday mornings!



We are now having two services on Sundays - one at 8:45am (broadcast online) and one at 11:00. Both services will take place in the sanctuary. It is the session’s hope that this change will allow more seating space in the sanctuary and allow people to spread out more as we continue to strive to provide a safe place to worship God.





### Community Needs

The Putnam County Advisory Board (a group that ensures each child in Putnam County has the basic necessities of food, clothing and shelter) is in need of the following newborn items:

- Pack n Plays (for newborns removed and going to foster care)
- bottles
- diapers
- crib sheets
- burp cloths
- blankets
- twin mattresses and frames

Please bring donations to the church. Thank you in advance for your help!

### Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study for men resumed yesterday with Tim Fournet leading the discussion. All men are encouraged to attend. The study will take place in the FLC. Feel free to bring your lunch!



### GIVING



#### Remember Your Offerings

It is our hope that, during this world health crisis, Cookeville FCPC 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. 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 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.



#### Shawl Ministry

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.





*Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in memory of Dana Davidson and Alice Peek's mother, Doris Hawkins, by the Missions Ministry.*

### *Thank You*

*Dear Church Family,*

*I am on the mend and will be back to the Sunday Worship Service soon. For now, I am enjoying the virtual Services on Sunday, the Tuesday and Thursday Morning Coffee Times with Caleb and the Wednesday Evening Bible Studies with Christian. Thanks to all for your prayers, text, cards, flowers. food and visits.*

*Much Love, Angie Knight*

### *Prayer Requests . . .*

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| Ginny Liebsch (surgery)   | Wanda McCaskey                           |
| Ethel James (surgery)   | Pat Brumfield                            |
| Nancy Byers (Tina Thurman's sister - on hospice care)               | Ella Haynes                              |
| The family of Doris Hawkins (Alice Peek and Dana Davidson's mother) | Euna Hancock Brown                       |
| The family of Jean Bullard (Ann Dyer's sister)                      | Dorothy Nichols                          |
| Angie Knight (surgery)  | Ramona Tilghman                          |
| Rhonda Barlow (surgery)   | Ruth Sapp                                |
| Don Anderson (surgery)  | Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay           |
| Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - leukemia)                                  | Wilma Diemer                             |
| Tim Fournet (surgery)   | Bob Hill                                 |
| Jim Dixon (surgery)   | Jim Lansford                             |
| Coen Malone Chambers (Carolyn Pinkley's great-grandson - testing)   | Levi Rector                              |
| Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families                     | Robert Buck                              |
| Jimmy Stringer (heart procedure)                                    | Johnny Dunn (COPD)                       |
| Ray Spencer (heart repair)  | Cindy Furcean                            |
| Rico Schwartz (17-yr old hit by drunk driver)                       | Clay Vanhooser                           |
| Memory Turner (Rico's mother)                                       | Lynn Twitty (cancer)                     |
| Rev. Blake Stephens   | Evelyn Hyder (cancer)                    |
| Bobby Wallace   | Becky Knight (cancer)                    |
| Kathy Hilton  | Jeremy Germinis (cancer)                 |
| Ginny Liebsch   | Max Atnip (cancer)                       |
| Devonia McGee   | Mel Brown (cancer)                       |
| Kathy Shanks  | Steven Middleton (cancer)                |
| Ginger Trevault (Julie Stepp's mother)                              | Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)        |
| Leighann Morgan and family  | Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)          |
|   | Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare)       |
|   | Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside) |
|   | Unnamed prayer requests                  |

