



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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*Wednesday,
March 17, 2021*

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From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Four weeks ago today, those who were able, came into the sanctuary for the Imposition of Ashes. Four weeks ago today, we began the season of Lent. This season is often seen as a time for self-reflection. It is also seen as a more somber time. For many traditions, the word “alleluia” is not allowed to be spoken or sung during this season. It is saved so that it means even more on Easter Sunday.

During this week and this entire Lenten season, we have seen more loss. We have several within our church who have lost family and friends. We have also marked the anniversary of loss and destruction during this season. Sometimes it seems that all the reasons to say “alleluia” have disappeared.

Well, we are just two and a half weeks away. In just two and a half weeks we will remember that the losses and the hurts of this life are temporary. We will remember that there is reason to sing and shout “alleluia.” Unfortunately, pain is a part of this life. But, in two and a half weeks, we will remember that pain and suffering cannot have the victory.

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 30th. Contact Sandra in the church office if you have any questions.

FCPC will have a church work day on Saturday, March 27th at 8:30 am. We plan to work mostly outside on the yard, gutters etc. Anything inside would great as well! If the weather is not conducive to working outside or that day is not good for you, we will work some the week before in the afternoons. Please call Jeff Peek or the church office if you have any questions.



Many thanks to those that helped pack boxes for Food to the Rescue. We packed **500 boxes!**

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.

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We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins and Judy Sullivan for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Bill Byers for his work with the camera system.

Worship Information

Sunday, March 21st, will be the 5th Sunday of Lent. The chancel color is purple. Our text for the sermon will be Jeremiah 31:31-34. Caleb Norris will be preaching. Please plan to join us online (8:45am) or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Christian has resumed Wednesday night Bible Studies. The Study takes place tonight at 6pm and will be conducted on Zoom. We encourage you to join us as we discuss a variety of topics this semester. Tonight, we will talk about David and Goliath.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 14, 2021

Commitments - \$4,665.00 Undesignated - \$1,084.00 Other - \$180.00
Sunday's offering included \$135.00 for Easter Lilies and \$45.00 for facility use.
Total Deposits - \$5,929.00

Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study for men has resumed 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!



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

burp cloths

diapers

blankets

crib sheets

twin mattresses and frames

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

Uganda Project

Around the world, a woman's menstrual cycle can stop her from living her everyday life--including going to school or work. This often is due to women not having access to necessary feminine hygiene products. To help overcome this barrier, several members of our church are working on cutting and sewing washable cloth menstrual pads for 100 girls in Uganda. As part of this project, we are collecting packs of new panties in sizes women's small, medium, and large to send along with the pads. To donate, please see Jodi Smith.

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.



The Twisted Stitches' 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.





Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Nancy Byers, sister of Tina Thurman. Mrs. Byers passed away on March 12th. Funeral services were held yesterday. Please keep Tina and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

We received word on Tuesday that Linda Welch's mother, Bettye Bussell, has passed away. A Celebration of Life service has been tentatively scheduled for March 29th. We will keep you updated about the details. Please remember Shane, Linda, Spencer and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Yee Yee (Barbara) by the Charles Johnston family.



Prayer Requests . . .

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

