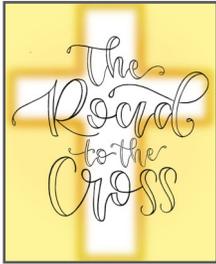


Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Wednesday,
March 31, 2021



This Sunday we will gather for our celebration of Christ's victory over death. This Sunday we will get to say those wonderful words, "Christ is risen!" I have heard from some who have been waiting for this Sunday to return to church. If you are comfortable doing so, I hope that you will plan to join us as we celebrate the empty tomb and the assurance that we, too, will conquer death and be raised victorious.

That being said, we are still in the midst of Holy Week. The victory that takes place on Sunday can only happen because of the sacrifice that was made earlier in the week. We will gather tomorrow night to remember Christ's last meal with his disciples and his lessons of love and compassion that were shared that night. Then we will gather on Friday to remember the sacrifice and death of Christ. We will remember the part that we played in Jesus' death on the cross. If we remember the depth of pain and agony that took place during that last week of Christ's life, it makes the celebration of Easter so much greater. Let's not neglect the painful road that Christ walked for us and then let's celebrate the victory of Easter Sunday.

Blessings, Christian

Holy Week Services

Tomorrow evening, April 1st, at 7:00pm, we will celebrate **Maundy Thursday**, and remember the last meal that Christ would eat and the institution of the Lord's Supper.



On Friday, April 2nd, at 7:00pm, we will observe **Good Friday** and remember the great sacrifice that Christ made for us. Easter is a special day, but it can be even more special if we remember and worship God for all of the events that led us to the empty tomb.

Community Needs

The Pregnancy Center of Cookeville is sponsoring a diaper/baby item drive and you are invited to participate. The following are needed: diapers (sizes newborn, 4, 5, 6), newborn Onesie Sleepers (new), gently used high chairs, activity seats, rattles and toys for babies age one-year and under. Please bring your donations to Sandra in the church office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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 Jodi Smith and Carroll Gotcher for their help with the PowerPoint and Steve Boots for his work with the camera system.

Worship Information

Sunday, April 4th, will be Easter Sunday. The chancel color is white. Our text for the sermon will be John 20:1-18. Please plan to join us online (8:45am) or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the sacrament of Holy Communion.



Save the Date!

A wedding shower to honor Alyssa Westmoreland, the fiancé of Blake Thurman, will be held on Sunday, April 25th from 1-3pm in the Family Life Center. This will be a come-and-go event, and Covid protocols will be in place. The bridal couple is registered at Amazon, Target, and the Painted House.

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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 28, 2021

Commitments - \$5,460.00 Undesignated - \$900.13 Other - \$590.00
Sunday's offering included \$90.00 for Easter Lilies, \$200.00 for assistance and \$300.00 for the youth room project. There were \$50.00 in memorials.
Total Deposits - \$6,950.13

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 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.



PSA/Winona Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped with the PSA/Winona meals this month! We included breakfast items and an Easter goodie along with their meals. *Missions and Outreach Ministry*



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!

GIVING

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 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.



YARN FOR PROJECTS



Twisted Stitchers are not currently meeting but we have a large supply of yarn available. Please come into the church to pick up yarn for any project you are working on. Also, special thanks to those of you who have brought yarn to us. We are still providing hats, Knitted Knockers, prayer shawls and baby blankets for many who need a virtual hug.



Prayer Requests . . .

- Jerry Martin Huddleston (Tim’s brother - cancer)
- Carlene Galemore (stroke)
- Tracy Sparks (Bell’s Palsy)
- The family of Bettye Bussell
- The family of Nancy Byers
- Angie Knight
- Rhonda Barlow
- Don Anderson
- Jim Dixon
- Jerry Peek (Jeff’s dad - leukemia)
- Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families
- Jimmy Stringer (heart procedure)
- Ray Spencer (heart procedure)
- Rico Schwartz (17-yr old hit by drunk driver)
- Memory Turner (Rico’s mother)
- Rev. Blake Stephens
- Bobby Wallace
- Kathy Hilton
- Devonia McGee
- Kathy Shanks
- Leighann Morgan and family
- Wanda McCaskey
- Pat Brumfield
- Ella Haynes
- Euna Hancock Brown
- Dorothy Nichols
- Ramona Tilghman
- Ruth Sapp
- Junior Dickerson’s sister, Fay
- Wilma Diemer
- Bob Hill
- Jim Lansford
- Levi Rector
- Robert Buck
- Johnny Dunn (COPD)
- Cindy Furcean
- Clay Vanhooser
- Ginger Trevault (cancer treatment)
- 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

