

# *Mid-Week Manna*

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

*Wednesday,  
March 31, 2021*

## **Joining the Church...**

Every Sunday is a great opportunity to worship God. The last two weeks have seen extra blessings during the service. This past Sunday we gathered to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and it was great to see people that we have not seen in quite some time. We hope that you will all continue to worship with us in person.

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, we had the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of baptism and welcome Lesta Kocher as a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.



## **Sunday School Classes Meeting!**

We are now having Sunday School classes for all of our school-aged children, youth and adult classes. 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!



## **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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### Save the Date!

A wedding shower to honor Alyssa Westmoreland, the fiancé of Blake Thurman, will be held on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### Circles to Meet

Ladies of the Love-Joy Circle are scheduled to meet on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in the Family Life Center. Ladies of the Sonshine Circle will meet Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in the Family Life Center. All ladies of the church are invited to attend either of these Circles. Please remember to bring your masks.



### 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)

### 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.





We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins, Judy Sullivan, Carroll Gotcher and the Joyful Noise Ringers for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Bill Byers and Steve Boots for their work with the camera system.

## Worship Information

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, will be the Second Sunday of Easter. The chancel color is white. Our text for the sermon will be John 20:19-31. Please plan to join us online (8:45am) or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

## Camera Persons Needed

The church needs another person or two to learn to run our new camera system for the 8:45am service on Sundays. The new system is not difficult, but will require some training and Steve Boots or Bill Byers, 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.

### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, April 4, 2021**

Commitments - \$15,270.00    Undesignated - \$3,093.51    Other - \$2,370.00

Sunday's offering included \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$200.00 for assistance, \$20.00 for laundry assistance, \$100.00 for the youth room project and \$2,000.00 from the Nursery School.

Total Deposits - \$20,733.51

## Worship

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.

## **CPWM News**

- The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's **Spring Regional Meeting** will be held at the McMinnville church on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. There will not be a meal. During the break there will be coffee and snacks. I hope we will have several ladies to attend!
- The **Cumberland Presbyterian Convention** will be held in Louisville, KY June 27-July 2.
- The **CPWM Yard Sale** will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> all day and June 26<sup>th</sup> till 1pm. Please start collecting your items for this year's sale. We will start taking items on the Monday after Father's Day. The yard sale helps the community by giving people the opportunity to buy good clean items at a very economical price, We donate all items left over to other charities in the community. We use our profits for missions work in the CPC and items needed for the ministry of our church.
- The Annual CPWM Picnic will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> to kick off the 2021-2022 year. Our theme will be "RISE UP" based on Isaiah 40:31. We welcome all women of the church to join one of our three circles. For more information contact Belinda at 931-979-7816.

# Prayer Requests . . .

Jerry Martin Huddleston (Tim's brother - cancer)

Carlene Galemore (NHC in Sparta)

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

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

