

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Wednesday,
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I know that a few people have noticed, but we have used the same PowerPoint Background in worship for the last three weeks. It is not laziness that keeps me from changing it. I have left it the same because I want us to be reminded that Easter is not just a day. In the church Easter is a season. It will last until May 23rd when we celebrate the Day of Pentecost. Yet, Easter does not have to and should not end there, because, as we affirmed during a recent Call to Worship, **“Christ is still risen! Alleluia!”**



While it was only two and a half weeks ago that we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord, it seems like years ago. So much has happened in our lives since that moment. The trials and tribulations of our lives have crept back in and tried to chip away from the joy that we get when we make the proclamation, “Christ is risen!” Today, I am thankful that the victory of Easter is not for one day. It reminds me each day that, no matter what the world throws at me, Christ has already won my victory. Let’s keep celebrating Easter through Pentecost and beyond. No matter what happens around us, let’s remember what we affirmed during a recent Call to Worship, **“Christ is still risen! Alleluia!”**

Blessings, Christian



This Weekend!

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.

Food for Winona/PSA

The next meal to be prepared for Winona/PSA will be Tuesday, April 27th. Please plan to have food to the church by 3:45 on that day. Call or text Tracy Sparks at 261-1029 to sign up for any of the following:

- Frozen sausage and biscuits for 40 (individually wrapped)
- Green Beans for 40 (cooked) Oranges for 40
- Rolls for 40 Bananas for 40

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 this week. We also want to thank Jodi Smith for her help with the church PowerPoint and Steve Boots for his work with the camera system.

Worship Information

Sunday, April 25th, will be the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The chancel color is white. Our text for the sermon will be Acts 4:5-12. 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 run the system, would be available for that purpose. We would like to have at least a couple of additional people become proficient at running the system and would invite you to express your interest to Steve, Bill or Christian. We would love to begin training you immediately.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, April 18, 2021

Commitments - \$4,285.00 Undesignated - \$1,301.00 Other - \$2,190.00
Sunday's offering included \$2,000 from Murfreesboro Presbytery for PSA
and \$190.00 in memorials for the music program.
Total Deposits - \$7,776.00

Sunday Worship

We are now having two services on Sundays - one at 8:45am (broadcast online) and one at 11:00. Both the 8:45 and 11am 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 THIS Saturday, April 24th, 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 25th all day and June 26th 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 13th 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.



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!

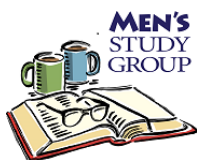
Community Needs

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.



Love-Joy Circle

Members of the Love-Joy Circle will resume monthly meetings on Monday, **May 10th**. This first meeting will be held in the Family Life Center and will be a meeting in which we can visit with one another and bring our ideas together as we plan our activities for the remainder of the year. **Please bring 'Thinking of You' cards.** We will social distance, and we ask that you please wear a mask.



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.cookevillecpcchurch.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.

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.



Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Jerry Martin Huddleston, Tim Huddleston's brother. Mr. Huddleston passed away on the 9th of April. Funeral services were held this past week. Please keep Tim and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Faye Dickerson, Junior Dickerson's sister-in-law. Mrs. Dickerson passed away last Wednesday in Doyle, TN. Funeral services were held yesterday in Sparta. Please keep Junior and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Requests . . .

- Shawntelle Mathieson (CRMC)
- Ron Hensley
- Joyce Keller (broken leg - Blue Roof)
- The family of Jerry Martin Huddleston (Tim's brother)
- The family of Carlene Galemore (Gary Alspaugh's mother)
- The family of Faye Dickerson (Junior's sister-in-law)
- Tracy Sparks (Bell's Palsy)
- Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - leukemia)
- Rhonda Barlow
- Don Anderson
- Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families
- Jimmy Stringer
- Bobby Wallace
- Kathy Hilton
- Devonia McGee
- Kathy Shanks
- Wanda McCaskey
- Pat Brumfield
- Ella Haynes
- Dorothy Nichols
- Ramona Tilghman

- Ruth Sapp
- 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

