

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,
April 28, 2021

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

The last two Sundays have been difficult. I know that it is never easy to show up at church and unexpectedly see Sheriff's deputies present at worship. Thankfully, it would seem that, at least for the time being, the situation is over. I promise you that the session of the church is concerned for your safety. We are continuing to work to make sure that you are always safe when you or your family are at the church.

Security was a major topic of conversation at our session meeting this past Sunday. We are in the process of forming a team that is assigned with designing a plan for the church to make sure that we are covered in the event of any other security threats. In the meantime, we will continue to keep all doors of the church locked on Sunday morning except for the two front doors.

I know that the last two weeks have been difficult and I apologize for any inconvenience that these concerns have caused. Please know that the church session is working to make sure you have the opportunity to worship God in the safest atmosphere possible. If you have concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out to me or any session member.

Blessings, Christian



May 16th is **SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY**. Tables will be set up in the Fellowship Hall before and after both worship services for viewing and for giving of gifts. If you have questions, or if you would like to have a graduating senior recognized, please contact Caleb before May 10th.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, April 25, 2021

Commitments - \$6,685.00 Undesignated - \$864.00 Other - \$250.00
Sunday's offering included \$100.00 for the Assistance Program and
\$150.00 in memorials for the Music Program.
Total Deposits - \$7,799.00

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.



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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 and Jim Putz for their help with the church PowerPoint and Bill Byers for his work with the camera system.

Worship Information

Sunday, May 2nd, will be the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The chancel color is white. Our text for the sermon will be 1 John 4:7-21. 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. We will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion.

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.



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.

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 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!

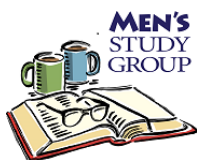
Community Needs

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.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)





Dear Church Members:

The family of Miss Carlene would like to thank you for the delicious meal that was prepared by many loving hands. What a wonderful way for the family to enjoy a meal together. Also, thank you for being with us at the visitation and funeral. We are so blessed!

The Family of Carlene Galemore

Prayer Requests . . .

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| Shawntelle Mathieson (CRMC) | Ramona Tilghman |
| Ron Hensley | Ruth Sapp |
| Joyce Keller (broken leg - Blue Roof) | Wilma Diemer |
| The family of Jerry Martin Huddleston (Tim's brother) | Bob Hill |
| The family of Carlene Galemore (Gary Alspaugh's mother) | Jim Lansford |
| The family of Faye Dickerson (Junior's sister-in-law) | Levi Rector |
| Tracy Sparks (Bell's Palsy) | Robert Buck |
| Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - leukemia) | Johnny Dunn (COPD) |
| Rhonda Barlow | Cindy Furcean |
| Don Anderson | Clay Vanhooser |
| Louise Burton-Buck (James Maggart's aunt) | Ginger Trevault (cancer treatment) |
| Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families | Lynn Twitty (cancer) |
| Jim Dixon (cancer) | Evelyn Hyder (cancer) |
| Jimmy Stringer | Becky Knight (cancer) |
| Bobby Wallace | Jeremy Germinis (cancer) |
| Kathy Hilton | Max Atnip (cancer) |
| Devonia McGee | Mel Brown (cancer) |
| Kathy Shanks | Steven Middleton (cancer) |
| Wanda McCaskey | Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills) |
| Pat Brumfield | Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe) |
| Ella Haynes | Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare) |
| Dorothy Nichols | Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside) |
| | Unnamed prayer requests |
| | Those in the military and their families |

