



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
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The last year has been difficult for a lot of people. It has taken normalcy away from all of us. COVID has taken many opportunities from people. For ministers, it has taken away some very important parts of our job. It has taken away the thing that I enjoy the most about ministry. For the last year, the amount of visits that I have gotten to make with you has been minimal. Because I have tried to do everything that I could do to keep people safe, I have missed getting to be a part of your lives.

Thankfully, vaccines have made visiting a bit safer. Your church staff has been vaccinated and we are ready to see you. Whether you would feel better sitting in my office, at your home, or outside somewhere, I would love the opportunity to visit with you.

There are a lot of things that I am sure your staff could have done better over the last year. This has been difficult on all of us. While this pandemic has not ended, we are committed to do all that we can to help keep you connected to your church family. Whenever you are ready to visit with us, please feel free to let us know.

Blessings, Christian

Food to the Rescue Packing Day

*****Wed. May 19th 5:30-7:30 pm*****

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

Roots Salon in front; Food to the Rescue in the back



We need **40** volunteers for this event! There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities. Masks are required. To sign up: Text/Call/Email Tracy Sparks at (931)261-1029/sparkst@pcsstn.com.

Delivery drivers are needed! Sign up at: <http://ow.ly/65Rs50zuDgw>

Friday, May 14th - 7:15 PM

You and your family are invited to enjoy a movie under the church pavilion on Friday, the 14th of May. Popcorn and drinks will be provided! Feel free to bring refreshments, lawn chairs, and blankets. Contact Caleb if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!



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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 Cosby King for their help with the church PowerPoint and Steve Boots for his work with the camera system.

Worship Information

Sunday, May 9th, will be the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The chancel color is white. Our text for the sermon will be Acts 10:44-48. 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.



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 Monday, May 10th.

LOVE-JOY CIRCLE

Members of the Love-Joy Circle will resume monthly meetings on this next 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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, May 2, 2021

Commitments - \$11,445.00 Undesignated - \$2,726.00 Other - \$400.00
Sunday's offering included \$200.00 for the Assistance Program and \$200.00 for the Assistance Program laundry project.
Total Deposits - \$14,571.00

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.



YARN FOR PROJECTS

Twisted Stitches 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 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.



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.



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)



Sunday Worship

We are now having two services on Sundays - one at 8:45am (broadcast online) and one at 11:00am. Both the 8:45 and 11am services will take place in the sanctuary. Masks are required for the 8:45am service; the 11am service is a mask-optional service. Social distancing is encouraged in both services.



Walker Available

If you know of someone who might make use of a barely-used walker, Ellen Beckham has one that she would be happy to donate. The walker rolls and has a seat in addition to an attached basket. If interested, call Ellen at 252-2831.

Prayer Requests . . .

- Shawntelle Mathieson
- Ron Hensley
- Joyce Keller (broken leg - Blue Roof)
- Tracy Sparks (Bell's Palsy)
- Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - leukemia)
- Rhonda Barlow
- Don Anderson
- Louise Burton-Buck (James Maggart's aunt)
- Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families
- Jim Dixon (cancer)
- 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

