

# Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,  
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From Your Minister - Christian Smith



The church session met this past Sunday, and we have quite a bit of exciting news. While the COVID pandemic is not over, and things may change again, the session has made plans to move toward a new sense of normalcy for the church.

Effective immediately, the session has decided that all church activities will be mask optional. We welcome people to continue wearing masks if they wish. Please make the decision that is best for you and your family. We will continue to sit on every other pew for a little longer to promote social distancing.

This Sunday, our worship services will start to return to normal. The hymnals and Bibles will be in the pews and we will resume singing all verses of our hymns. Also, arrangements are being made to have special music as a part of the service once again.

We will continue to keep the offering plates and the communion elements in the narthex until July. More details on other communion changes to come.

We appreciate your patience as we have tried to make the best possible decisions for the church over the last 14 months. We are excited to return to a sense of normalcy and hope that your patience and support will continue.

Blessings, Christian

We will be having a **CHURCH PICNIC** in the Family Life Center on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and ice cream. We hope that you will come join us in celebration of the beginning of summer and enjoy some time with your church family.



## Oh Baby!!!

Please join us to shower Mommy-To-Be Amanda Dunham Jones on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm in the Family Life Center Pavilion. Steven and Amanda are expecting Baby Jones in early July. They are registered at [Babylist.com](http://Babylist.com) and Walmart.

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We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins, and Judy Sullivan for their leadership in our music this week.

### Worship Information

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, is Trinity Sunday. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Romans 8:12-17. Please plan to join us online (8:45am) or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we celebrate God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, May 23, 2021

Commitments - \$4,865.00    Undesignated - \$1,518.17    Other - \$6,150.00  
Sunday's offering included \$50.00 for flowers, \$100.00 from PEO and \$6,000.00 for the PSA Campus Ministry.  
Total Deposit - \$12,533.17

### CPWM Yard Sale



The FCPC Women's Ministry yard sale is coming up with plans for the sale 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.

### Grief Share

The Missions Ministry is now sponsoring a six-week session of grief support. Meetings have begun and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Family Life Center. We invite anyone who has lost a loved one to come join us for these meetings. Please see Frankie Dickerson or Nancy Miller if you have questions.



### Youth Mission Trip

The youth group of the church will be embarking on a mission trip to West Virginia from July 17-23. Adult volunteers are needed! If you would like to register, please contact Caleb. The deadline for registration is June 13<sup>th</sup>.



### 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.



## CPWM News

- The **Cumberland Presbyterian Convention** will be held in Louisville, KY June 27-July 2.
- 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.



*Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in celebration of our mother and grandmother, Willene Gentry, by your loving family.*



## Sunday Worship



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

## 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.



## Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study for men will be taking a break for the next few weeks. Studies will resume on June 22nd with Tim Fournet leading the discussion. Please plan to join us then.

## 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)





Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Dave James, husband of Ethel James. Dave passed away on Sunday morning, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. A memorial service will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the church. Please remember Ethel and the family in your prayers.

### Prayer Requests . . .

The family of Dave James (Ethel's husband)  
 Junior Dickerson (cancer)  
 Stanley Hawkins (Ann Wynne Hawkins' father-in-law);  
 Don Southerland (cancer, heart)  
 Ginny Liebsch (pacemaker)  
 Ron Hensley  
 Joyce Keller (NHC)  
 Tracy Sparks (Bell's Palsy)  
 Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - leukemia)  
 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

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 (Bonnie) 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)  
 Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe)  
 Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare)  
 Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)  
 Unnamed prayer requests  
 Those in the military and their families

