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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
January 8, 2019*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

This past Sunday we talked about God's love for us. God has loved us from the beginning and God loves us just the way we are. For the next several weeks, we will continue to show the evidence of God's tremendous love for each and every one of us. We will continue to talk about God's tremendous love, in fact, for all people. Regardless of who they are or what mistakes they might have made, God loves all people. Regardless of what their political or social beliefs might be, God loves all people. Regardless of the ways that we agree with them or do not agree with them, God loves all people. Regardless of whether they live in Cookeville, Tennessee or Tehran, Iran, God loves all people. There is no defining characteristic that we can mention that would separate someone from the love of God. We can be and should be extremely thankful that the things that we have done and continue to do, and the things that we fail to do, do not keep God from loving us. As we live in the light of God's love and grow as Christians and as people, let's not let the worldly lines of division prevent us from showing love to all of the people who were created in the image of our tremendously loving God.

Stewardship Report - January 5, 2020

Sunday School - 90
8:45 Worship - 93
11:00 Worship - 77
Total in Worship - 170

Commitments - \$10,635
Undesignated Giving - \$718.00
Other - \$580.00
Total Offering - \$11,933.00

This week we received \$50.00 for flowers, \$180.00 for the assistance program, \$200.00 camp reimbursement and \$150.00 from Jack Scott Karate for facility usage.

This Week in the Church: January 8 - 14

Jan 8 Connection Dinner (5:15pm)
Children & Youth (6:00pm)
Twisted Stitchers (6:00pm)
Adult Class (6:15pm)

Jan 9 Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)

Jan 12 Worship (8:45am)

Jan 12 Sunday School (9:50am)

Worship (11:00am)

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm)

Vespers (6:00pm)

Jan 13 Love-Joy Circle (10:00am)

Jan 14 Sunshine Circle (11:00am)

JOY Club

You are invited to join the JOY Club on January 23rd for its first gathering of the year! We will have lunch at the Steel Coup in Livingston. The Steel Coup offers daily fresh seafood, steaks, sandwiches, soups & more. We plan to leave the church at 10:45am and return around 2:00pm. The only cost associated with the trip is a dutch treat lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex; the last day to sign up is January 19th.



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In Our Church

We offer our thanks to Christy Huddleston and Nancy VanZant for leading us in special music this week. We also want to thank Cosby King and Stelmo Stepp for assisting with the worship PowerPoint.

Sunday in Worship

Sunday, January 12, will be the first Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color is green. The scripture for this week's sermon is Acts 10:34-43. Please plan to join us as we worship God and remember our baptism.

Volunteers this Week

Acolytes - 8:45 Cosby King

11:00 Callie McCaskey

Nursery - 8:45 Brian Eads

11:00 Vance Gotcher

Greeters - Betty Case, Patty Martin

Service Elders - Steve Boots & Julie Stepp

Sound System - Mike Davidson



Acolytes

Acolyte Training

Acolyte Training will be held for new acolytes on Sunday, January 12, during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary of the church.

Connection

Our Connection program will resume **NEXT** Wednesday evening, January 15th, with dinner at 5:15. Dinner reservations are required, so remember to fill out a reservation card, go to the church website or call the church office for your reservation. The cost of the meal is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and youth. The maximum cost of a meal per family is \$12.00. Children and youth programs start at 6:00pm with the adult class meeting at 6:15pm. The Twisted Stitchers meets in the Session Room at 6:00pm. We hope to see you at Connection!



Shoeboxes

The ladies of the Love-Joy Circle will be collecting shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child event throughout the next year. Please place your empty shoeboxes on the round tables in the Fellowship Hall for pickup by the ladies.

CHURCH MISSION NEWS

WE HAVE A NEED FOR QUARTERS for use in making laundry packs to provide those in need with detergent and quarters to do a load of laundry at a laundromat. We have made and distributed about 150 of these in the last nine months.



LOCAL MISSIONS

Our church is a collection point for the **Jammin' at HIPPIE JACK'S** program. Hippy Jack's delivers food to the poorest regions of the Upper Cumberland. Donations will be accepted from the community Tuesday through Friday of each week at the church. Let your friends and co-workers know.

Twisted Stitcher's goal is to have a couple of finished and tagged **PRAYER SHAWLS** on the desk in the Session Room at all times. Please help our ministry by getting them to anyone who could benefit from prayers and the love of Christ. Please indicate on the list who the blanket went to and help us cover everyone. Thank you.



Commitment Cards



If you have not yet submitted your pledge for year 2020, please take a moment to complete a Commitment Card and place it in the offering on Sunday. Our expenses for 2020 will be going up and we would like to know that we can cover those expenses. There is a copy of the 2020 Budget on the narthex table if you would like to see how the church disburses its money. Commitment Cards are available on the narthex table.

Circles to Meet Next Week

The Love-Joy Circle is scheduled to meet next Monday, January 13, at 10:00am in the Session Room. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. The Sunshine Circle will meet Tuesday, January 14, at 11:00am in the Family Life Center. Members are asked to bring a small wrapped gift. The group will be going to lunch at This is Living Ministries following the meeting.



2020 Flower Calendar Available



The 2020 Flower Calendar signup sheet is now in the narthex. Please write in your name next to the date(s) for which you are interested. The cost for placing flowers is \$50.00 and Linda Welch will call you for a dedication the week before the flowers are placed.

Cookeville Rescue Mission

The Cookeville Rescue Mission is looking to grow. They are expanding their space in an effort to provide more beds for those in need. But they need help furnishing that space. They also need financial help to fix their furnace. We will be using our Christmas Eve offering on this project, but some things cannot wait. You may give directly to the Cookeville Rescue Mission or give to them through the church.



Community Opportunities

The Missions Ministry is working with several different bodies in the community and the following listing presents opportunities for you to help. Please look over the list and contact Alice Peek or Liz Fournet with questions.



Aging Services for the Upper Cumberland, Inc. is looking for people who are empathetic, caring, compassionate, and looking to give back to their community by delivering meals to people in need. As a meal delivery volunteer, you will be delivering meals in your community to frail, elderly and disabled individuals. If you have time to give and transportation to deliver meals, we need your help! If you would like more information, please call Kay Lane at 931-260-8851.

UC Habitat for Humanity is in need of volunteers in their ReStore. The ReStore is 75% volunteer run, and we use volunteers Tuesdays-Saturdays. The volunteers help us sort donations, clean items to be sold, and many other things. We could also use weekday volunteers in our construction department. Contact Tisha @ 931-528-1711 ext. 2 or Tisha@uchabitat.org for more info.



Sympathy



Our condolences to the family of Bob Fowler, who passed away on December 27th. The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 11th, from 10:00am to 12:00pm at our church. Services start at 12:00. Please remember Tina Thurman and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Prayer Requests . . .

- Wanda McCaskey (broken hip)
- Ethel James (surgery)
- Tim Stump (surgery)
- The family of Bob Fowler (Tina Thurman’s dad)
- Ann Clark (CRMC)
- Milda Jackson (aggressive type cancer - friend of Vetta Eads)
- Ed Fowler family (upcoming surgeries)
- Chuck Galemore
- Ruth Sapp
- Tyler Verble
- Brent Dickerson
- Mike Lemmons
- Tim Fournet
- Catherine Bogran
- Florence Boone (Regina Weber’s sister - stroke)
- Terry & Sheila Julian (motorcycle accident)
- Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson’s father)
- Dave James
- John Joyce (Sarah Joyce’s son)
- Tammy Tucker (Tyler Brown’s mother-in-law)
- Junior Dickerson’s sister, Fay
- Bob Hill
- Jerry Hill (assisted living)
- Kathy Shanks
- Devonia McGee
- Jim Lansford
- Rita Pickard (Bethesda)
- Wilma Diemer
- Pat Brumfield (eyesight failing)
- Levi Rector
- Robert Buck
- Johnny Dunn (COPD)
- Walter Plyter (Assisted Living)
- Cindy Furcean
- Clay Vanhooser
- Nancy Biss (Tracy Sparks’ mom - breast cancer)
- Niki Work (cancer)
- Becky Knight (cancer)
- Cindy Bilbrey (Jerry Samon’s sister - cancer)
- Jeremy Germinis (cancer)
- Byron Fournet (cancer)
- Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer)
- Melissa Daniel Crannigan (cancer)
- Max Atnip (cancer)
- Mel Brown (cancer)
- Steven Middleton (cancer)
- Anne McDonald, Rita Pickard, Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)
- Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)
- Unnamed prayer requests
- Those in the military and their families

