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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
January 15, 2019*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Over the last couple of months, we have had the opportunity to see several people join the church. It is always great to see people who are ready to make a commitment to Christ and those who are ready to make a commitment to our particular part of the body of Christ. I love the fact that several of those who have joined have shared with me just how much they feel at home in this church and just how much they have been treated like family by the other members of this congregation. We certainly are a family at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. However, just like our biological families, you will only enjoy that relationship if you strive to remain connected. If you do not give sufficient time to your parents or spouse or children, then the relationships suffer. If you do not give sufficient time to your church family, then you will not find yourself as connected as you possibly could. So, I urge you to participate. Take advantage of all that this church has to offer, whether it is Wednesday Connection, Sunday Vespers, Women's Circles, one of our choirs, Twisted Stitchers, or any of the other groups that meet at the church. We love having you in our family and hope you will each look for new ways to build relationships and strengthen each other in our walks with Christ.

Stewardship Report - January 12, 2020

Sunday School - 97
8:45 Worship - 110
11:00 Worship - 71
Total in Worship - 181

Commitments - \$9,865.00
Undesignated Giving - \$636.50
Other - \$530.00
Total Offering - \$11,031.50

This week we received \$30.00 for the assistance program and \$500.00 in camp reimbursements. There were \$50.00 in memorial gifts.

This Week in the Church: January 15 - 21

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

Jan 19 Sunday School (9:50am)
Worship (11:00am)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm)
Vespers (6:00pm)

Jan 16 Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)

Jan 21 Community Assistance (1:00-3:00pm)

Jan 19 Worship (8:45am)

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 Ed and Faith Winston for leading us in special music this week. We also want to thank Jim Putz and Ashley Wharton for assisting with the worship PowerPoint.

Sunday in Worship

Sunday, January 19th, will be the second Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color is green. The scripture for this week's sermon is I Corinthians 1:1-9. Please plan to join us as we worship God and celebrate the love God shares with us all.

Volunteers this Week

Acolytes - 8:45 Brody Byers

11:00 Simon Presley

Nursery - 8:45 Stacey Byers

11:00 Julie & Stelmo Stepp

Greeters - Freeman & Geraldine Smith

Service Elders - Steve Boots & Julie Stepp

Sound System - Mike Davidson

Special Valentine Activity

The youth will be delivering valentines to 25 residents at NHC who do not have families or regular visitors. We ask that the congregation help by placing valentines in the bags set up in the narthex. The last day to bring valentines is February 9th.



Love-Joy Circle Activities

Mission of the Scarves - this will be an ongoing mission to meet the needs of cancer patients everywhere. There are brochures in the narthex about this program and how it helps cancer patients with hair loss. There is a box in the Fellowship Hall for you to place scarves. To find out more, go to hopescarves.org/partner or contact Nancy Miller.

Tennis Shoe/Sneaker Drive - there is an immediate need for tennis shoes/sneakers at Parkview Elementary School. The Love-Joy Circle will be collecting new and gently used shoes, children sizes 4-10, effective Sunday. A box has been placed in the Fellowship Hall for these shoes. We thank you in advance for your response to this need.

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.

Youth Super Bowl Party



The youth group will gather in the youth room at 5pm on February 2nd to watch the Super Bowl. The church will provide wings and drinks. The youth are asked to bring appetizer style dishes to share.



New Members

This week we were honored to witness the baptism of Brian Soop and welcome the entire Soop family, Meghan, Jaylyn and Nolan as members of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.



Connection

Our Connection program resumes this evening 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. On the menu for tonight is meat loaf, green peas, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls and banana pudding. 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!

Shoebboxes

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.

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.



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.



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.



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.

Prayer Requests . . .

- The family of Florence Boone (Regina Weber's sister)
- Debbie West (husband, Al, passed away)
- Ramona Tilghman (hip surgery)
- Wanda McCaskey (broken hip)
- Sarah Sheets (emergency appendectomy)
- Ethel James (surgery)
- Tim Stump (surgery)
- The family of Bob Fowler (Tina Thurman's dad)
- Ann Clark (home)
- 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
- Jerry Hill (assisted living)
- Kathy Shanks
- Devonia McGee
- Bob Hill
- 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

