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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
January 22, 2019*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Recently, I may have given the wrong impression to some with my sermons. It seems some may be under the impression that I believe we should not stand in disagreement with others. Especially this week, as we have just celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. and the work that he and so many others did for civil rights, I certainly do not want us to believe that we must stand by and accept the wrongs of government or the wrongs of society. Certainly, if we believe that wrong is being done to others, it is not only our right, it is our responsibility to stand up and to speak out against injustice, inequity, and inequality. However, we must always do so with love and honesty. As we stand against those with whom we disagree, we must always remember those individuals are created by and loved by God. Therefore, while we may disagree, we must strive to avoid being unloving in our disagreement. We must also strive to be honest in our stand against injustice. In our world of social media, there are so many partial truths and complete untruths that get spread easily and quickly. Whether it is done maliciously or inadvertently, mistruths lead to a continuation of injustice. Our ideas of justice may be different. Our ideas of right may be different. We may stand against each other at times. Yet, we must always do so seeking love and honesty.

Stewardship Report - January 19, 2020

Sunday School - 95
8:45 Worship - 77
11:00 Worship - 90
Total in Worship - 167

Commitments - \$4,610.00
Undesignated Giving - \$898.27
Other - \$1,439.00
Total Offering - \$6,947.27

This week we received \$50.00 for flowers, \$100.00 for assistance, \$159.99 for Connection meals, \$30.00 for the Rescue Mission, \$100.00 for the youth program and \$1,000.00 in retreat reimbursements. There were \$225.00 in memorial contributions.

This Week in the Church: January 22 - 28

Jan 22 Connection Dinner (5:15pm)
Children & Youth (6:00pm)
Twisted Stitches (6:00pm)
Adult Class (6:15pm)

Jan 23 JOY Club to Livingston (10:45am)
Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)

Jan 26 Worship (8:45am)
Sunday School (9:50am)
Worship (11:00am)

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm)
Vespers (6:00pm)

Jan 28 Community Assistance (1:00-3:00pm)

Special Valentine Activity

The youth will be delivering valentines to 24 residents at NHC who do not have families or regular visitors. We ask that the congregation help by placing valentines (cards, lotion, candy, etc.) in the bags set up in the narthex. The last day to bring valentines is February 9th.



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In Our Church

We offer our thanks to the Sanctuary Choir for leading us in special music this week. We also want to thank Carroll Gotcher and Ashley Wharton for assisting with the worship PowerPoint.

Sunday in Worship

Sunday, January 26th, will be the Third Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color is green. The scripture for this week's sermon is Matthew 24:36-44. Please plan to join us as we worship God and celebrate the love God shares with us all.

Volunteers this Week

Acolytes - 8:45 Jalyn Soop

Nursery - 8:45 Dana Davidson

Greeter - Tom Kelly

Sound System - Mike Davidson

11:00 Maggie Smith

11:00 Hayden Verble

Service Elders - Steve Boots & Julie Stepp

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.

Putnam County's RAM (Rural Area Medical) Clinic event will take place on March 20-22 at Cookeville High School. Volunteers are needed; if you are interested in helping out, you can sign up at www.ramusa.org.



Soul Sisters is sponsoring a team for the **Habitat for Humanity Women's Build 2020** this spring. This is the 25th Anniversary of Habitat in Putnam County so a great time to support this cause. We are looking for team members and supporters for this exciting opportunity to serve our community. You do not have to be of the female persuasion to work and participate and no experience is required. There is a job for everyone. How can you help?

- Become a team member and help raise funds. \$250 will get you a cool t-shirt.
- Support others with a monetary donation.
- Come to work days as determined (mostly Saturdays).
- Pray for those who will build and those who will occupy the house.
- For information or to make a donation, please contact Dana Davidson (261-1565) or Stacey Byers (265-0715).



Youth Super Bowl Party

The youth group will gather in the youth room at 5pm on Sunday, 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.



Connection



Our Connection program continues this evening with dinner at 5:15. On the menu for tonight is chicken and rice casserole, steamed broccoli, strawberry salad, cheddar biscuits and Butterfinger cake. 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!

Winona Meal Signup

We will be preparing and delivering a meal for the Winona residents on Tuesday, January 28th. If you are able to help with food or delivery, there is a signup sheet on the narthex table. Thanks for your help!

JOY Club February 18 Activity

The JOY Club will meet on Tuesday, February 18, at the Art Jam (111 W 1st Street) to paint a canvas. The Art Jam wants to inspire you (YES, YOU!) to create something amazing! They offer a fun, low-stress, non-judgmental space for you to create your next masterpiece. The class starts at 10am and will run until noon. Light refreshments will be served. The cost is \$25.00. The deadline for signup is Wednesday, February 12.



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. A box has been placed in the Fellowship Hall for these shoes. We thank you in advance for your response to this need.

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.



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.



Our church is a collection point for the **Jammin' at HIPPIE JACK'S** program. Hippie 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.

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.

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 . . .

Ruth Ann Henry (knee surgery)
 The family of Florence Boone (Regina Weber's sister)
 Debbie West (husband, Al, passed away)
 Ramona Tilghman (Life Care in Sparta)
 Wanda McCaskey (Bethesda)
 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)
 Rita Pickard (Bethesda)
 Unnamed prayer requests
 Those in the military and their families

