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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
February 19, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Over the last several weeks, we have talked about the love of God and the multitude of ways that God has shown that love to us. A week from today we will gather together for our annual Ash Wednesday service. We will have the sign of the cross placed on our foreheads as we remember our humanity and our total reliance upon the love of God. As we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, we are asking everyone who is able to join together in a day of prayer and fasting. The Cumberland Presbyterian denomination is joining together in this effort to renew and revitalize us to bear witness to God's mighty act of reconciling love accomplished in Jesus Christ by which the sins of the world are forgiven. At Cookeville First Cumberland we are asking all who are able to fast from dinner on Tuesday until we break the fast together Wednesday evening. We are also asking you to spend time during each hour of the day in prayer. You may pray for anything, but we will be sending you specific suggestions soon. As we prepare for the season of Lent, I hope you will all consider taking this opportunity to spend time practicing the ancient disciplines of the church and remembering your humanity and reliance upon the love of God.

Stewardship Report - February 16, 2020

Sunday School - 96
8:45 Worship - 100
11:00 Worship - 72
Total in Worship - 172

Commitments - N/A
Undesignated Giving - N/A
Other - N/A
Total Offering - N/A

This Week in the Church: February 19 - 25

Feb 19 Connection Dinner (5:15pm)
Children & Youth (6:00pm)
Twisted Stitchers (6:00pm)
Adult Class (6:15pm)

Feb 20 Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)

Feb 13 Worship (8:45am)

Feb 23 Sunday School (9:50am)
Worship (11:00am)

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm)

Vespers (6:00pm)

Session Meeting (7:00pm)

Feb 25 Community Assistance (1:00-3:00pm)

Food to the Rescue Packing Party!



Our next FTTR packing party will be held at 5pm on Wednesday, March 11th, at Washington Avenue Baptist gym (1621 N Washington Avenue). This will be in place of our regular Connection activities for that night. Pizza will be provided for dinner. We need 50 people to help pack food boxes; there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please plan to come help us!

Also, we will be collecting snacks to give out to area school teachers to share in classrooms. Items needed include: Nutri-grain bars/bites, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers and chocolate chip chewy granola bars. There is a box in the Fellowship Hall for collections.

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We offer our thanks to David Huddleston, Carroll Gotcher, Jodi Smith, and Julie Stepp for all of their assistance in making sure that we had a wonderful worship experience in the absence of our pastor. We also thank Rev. Vance Johnson for being with us to bring the message for the day.

Sunday in Worship

Sunday, February 23rd, will be the Seventh Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color is green. The scripture for this week's sermon is Matthew 5:43-48. Please plan to join us as we worship God and celebrate all of our blessings.

Volunteers this Week

Acolytes - 8:45 Callie McCaskey
Nursery - 8:45 Eva Sparks
Greeter - Brenda Johnson
Sound System - Mike Davidson

11:00 Cosby King
11:00 Mel Presley
Service Elders - Alice Peek & Tracy Sparks

Farewell Reception



On Sunday, March 1st, we will be having a reception during the Sunday School hour to say goodbye to Leanne Kerner and to offer her our prayer and support as she makes the next step in her ministry. We will have a basket available for cards or any donations you might like to make to support her future endeavors.

Connection

Our Connection program continues this evening with dinner at 5:15. On the menu for tonight is baked ham, macaroni & cheese, black-eyed peas, cornbread and cherry cobbler. The **Foundations Sunday School Class** is in charge of setup and serving. 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. Reservations must be made by 10am on Tuesday. 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!



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. Hippiie 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.



WINONA MEAL

There is a signup sheet on the narthex table for food needed for Tuesday evening's Winona Motel monthly meal. Please stop by to see if there is anything you can help with.



Habitat for Humanity

Soul Sisters' drive for Habitat for Humanity has reached its goal of \$2500.00! A huge THANK YOU to all who have participated in our fundraising efforts. We are still accepting donations through next Sunday, March 1.

Love-Joy Circle Activities

We are inviting the congregation to assist us in our ministries by saving 'Education Box Tops' and aluminum can pop tops. We are collecting children's tennis shoes size 10 kids to size 4 girls/boys (new or slightly used) for Park View School. As we share hope with those with cancer, we are collecting scarves for Hope Scarves, a non-profit organization, that recycles used scarves for cancer patients. Containers have been placed in the Fellowship Hall for all collections.

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).

On Wednesday, February 26th, we will be having our annual Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm. Please plan to join us as we begin the season of Lent and our march toward Easter with worship and the Imposition of Ashes. We will be having dinner beginning at 5:30pm. If you plan to attend dinner please call or email someone in the office by **TUESDAY MORNING**.



In the wilderness our faith is born, nurtured, challenged, and resurrected. This Lent, journey through the wilderness with our devotional booklet. Beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Easter Sunday, this devotional includes art, poetry, prompts, and reflections inspired by this season's scripture. Devotion books will be available in the narthex starting Sunday. Please pick one up and join us as we journey together this season.

Have young kids or not sure you want to commit to a daily devotion book? Pick up a set of Devotion Cards. Contemplate the word you select each day, trusting that it is exactly what you need for that day. Then read the short scripture verse and prayer on the back of the card.

Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in memory of my father, Frank Treuter, by Patty Martin.



Prayer Requests . . .

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| Tom Kelly (back surgery) | Pat Brumfield (eyesight failing) |
| Dorothy Nichols (NHC) | Rita Pickard (Bethesda) |
| Ruth Ann Henry (knee surgery) | Levi Rector |
| Ramona Tilghman (Life Care in Sparta) | Robert Buck |
| Wanda McCaskey (CRMC) | Johnny Dunn (COPD) |
| Tim Stump (surgery) | Walter Plyter (Assisted Living) |
| Ann Clark (home) | Cindy Furcean |
| Milda Jackson (cancer - friend of Vetta Eads) | Clay Vanhooser |
| Chuck Galemore (home) | Nancy Biss (Tracy Sparks' mom - breast cancer) |
| Ruth Sapp | Niki Work (cancer) |
| Tyler Verble | Becky Knight (cancer) |
| Tim Fournet | Cindy Bilbrey (Jerry Samon's sister - cancer) |
| Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's father) | Jeremy Germinis (cancer) |
| Dave James | Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer) |
| John Joyce (Sarah Joyce's son) | Melissa Daniel Crannigan (cancer) |
| Tammy Tucker (Tyler Brown's mother-in-law) | Max Atnip (cancer) |
| Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay | Mel Brown (cancer) |
| Jerry Hill (assisted living) | Steven Middleton (cancer) |
| Kathy Shanks | Anne McDonald, Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills) |
| Devonia McGee | Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside) |
| Bob Hill | Rita Pickard (Bethesda) |
| Jim Lansford | Unnamed prayer requests |
| Wilma Diemer | Those in the military and their families |

