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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
February 26, 2020*



Today is Ash Wednesday. I hope that many of you are beginning this season with a time of fasting and prayer. If you are, then perhaps you are hungry this morning. When the hunger pains hit today, I hope that you will take that as a reminder of your need for God in your life. I hope those pains will remind you to take a few moments to pray. I also hope that when you experience hunger, you will remember that there are people around you every day who are experiencing hunger as well. Some of those individuals are hungering for food. Others are hungering for justice. Others are hungering for hope. Others are hungering for love. Some are hungering for relief from the pains of depression or anxiety. People around us are hungering for help every day. Normally, when we are hungry, we seek to find ways to alleviate the problem. I hope that as you

fast and pray today, you will think about the pains that others experience and think of ways that you can help others to solve their various hungers as well.

Stewardship Report - February 23, 2020

Sunday School - 93
8:45 Worship - 107
11:00 Worship - 77
Total in Worship - 184

Commitments - \$3,725.00
Undesignated Giving - \$1,189.21
Other - \$150.00
Total Offering - \$5,164.21

We received \$150.00 for flowers and \$100.00 for the Cookeville Rescue Mission.

This Week in the Church: February 26 - March 3

Feb 26 Connection Dinner (5:30pm)
Ash Wednesday Service (6:30pm)
Feb 27 Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)
Mar 1 Worship (8:45am)
Reception for Leanne (9:50am)

Mar 1 Sunday School (9:50am)
Worship (11:00am)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm)
Vespers (6:00pm)
Mar 3 Community Assistance (1:00-3:00pm)



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.

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Service Tonight at 6:30PM

We will have our annual Ash Wednesday this evening 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. Dinner will begin at 5:30 for those who made a reservation.

We offer our thanks to Christy Huddleston and the Hallelujah Handbells for leading us in special music this week. We also want to thank Maggie Smith and Eva Sparks for controlling the PowerPoint for the service.



Sunday in Worship

Sunday, March 1st, will be the first Sunday of Lent. The chancel color is purple. The scripture for this week's sermon is 4:1-11. Please plan to join us as we begin the season of Lent and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Volunteers this Week

- Acolytes - 8:45 Maggie Smith
- Nursery - 8:45 Robin Boutelette
- Greeters - Freeman & Geraldine Smith
- Sound System - Mike Davidson
- 11:00 Brody Byers
- 11:00 Kathie Chapman
- Service Elders - Carroll Gotcher & Matt Wynne

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 signup 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.

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. 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.



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.



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 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.

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.

Altar Flowers



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in celebration of Gernt Martin's 13th birthday. Happy birthday from Mom and Dad!

The narthex flowers were placed to the glory of God in loving celebration of 17 wedding anniversaries and 68 wonderful years of marriage by Pete and Regina Weber.

NEXT Wednesday's Connection meal menu (March 4) will consist of chicken and rice casserole, strawberry salad, steamed broccoli, rolls and dessert. You must make a reservation by Tuesday at 10am in order to join us for dinner. The cost of the meal is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children/youth. Families will pay no more than a total of \$12.00 for a meal.



PSA Meal Signup

Our church is responsible for Tuesday evening meals for the Presbyterian Student Association young people during the month of March. Please take a moment to check the narthex table for food items you can bring. There are sheets already available for each of the three Tuesdays we are providing meals. Thanks for your help!

JOY Club to See Clue

Based on the Hasbro board game and adapted from the Paramount Pictures screenplay, who can resist a hysterical comedy and a thrilling murder mystery rolled up into one terrific play? On a dark and stormy night, six unique guests, plus a butler and a maid, assemble for a dinner party at the home of Mr. Boddy. When their host turns up dead, it is clear that no one is safe! Soon the guests are racing to find the killer and keep the body count from stacking up. Clue is the comedic whodunit that will keep you guessing (and laughing) to the very end. This event will take place on March 24th, and the group will enjoy lunch at the 5th Street Market Place Café and then travel to the Cumberland County Playhouse. We will leave the church at 10:30am and return around 4pm. The cost of the trip is \$28 plus a dutch treat lunch. The deadline to sign up is March 15th.



Prayer Requests . . .

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

