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# *Mid-Week Manna*

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

*Wednesday,  
March 4, 2020*

## **From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

I am at a loss for words today. I know that I have spent time with several of you who are in the same condition. The loss and the devastation in our community is overwhelming. Words cannot begin to express the sorrow that we are feeling over the events of Tuesday morning. But in the midst of our sorrow, we can also see the hope that is in our community. As I type this message, thousands of people are lining up to do anything they can to volunteer. I am having a difficult time getting this message finished because of the number of people and churches who are calling, texting, and emailing to see what they can do to help. Tonight, we will gather at First United Methodist Church at 6:30pm to remember that we are in the midst of sorrow and hope. I hope that you will all make plans to join us for this time of prayer with your community.

## **Stewardship Report - March 1, 2020**

Sunday School - Reception  
8:45 Worship - 112  
11:00 Worship - 91  
Total in Worship - 203

Commitments - \$11,100.00  
Undesignated Giving - \$1,075.00  
Other - \$132.00  
Total Offering - \$12,307.00

We received \$82.00 in donations for last Wednesday's Ash Wednesday meal and \$50.00 in donations for the Winona Ministry. In addition, there was a property sale of \$550.00 for the Capital Fund.

## **This Week in the Church: March 4 - 10**

**Mar 4** Community Prayer Service  
First United Methodist Church (6:30pm)  
**Mar 5** Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)  
**Mar 8** Worship (8:45am)  
Sunday School (9:50am)  
Worship (11:00am)

**Mar 8** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm)  
Vespers (6:00pm)  
**Mar 9** Love-Joy Circle (10:00am - Session Room)  
**Mar 10** Sonshine Circle (10:00am - FLC)  
Community Assistance (1:00-3:00pm)

## *Sympathy*



Our deepest sympathies to the family of Jessica Rector Clark. Jessica was killed in the storms that took place during Tuesday's early morning hours. Jessica was the primary caregiver in our church nursery and well-known and loved by all. No arrangements have been made at this time; those will be shared as they become known.

Also killed in Tuesday mornings storms were Todd and Sue Kohler. Todd was the son of Ken and Bev Kohler, members of our church family in time past. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of these families.

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We offer our thanks to the Sanctuary Choir for leading us in special music this week. We also want to thank Julie King for leading us in special music during our Ash Wednesday Service.



### Sunday in Worship

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, will be the second Sunday of Lent. The chancel color is purple. Please plan to join us as we continue in observance of the season of Lent and celebrate the love of God.

### Volunteers this Week

Acolytes - 8:45 Kaitlyn Mathieson

11:00 Jalyn Soop

Nursery - 8:45 Spencer Welch

11:00 Heather Aschbrenner

Greeter - Tom Kelly

Service Elders - Carroll Gotcher & Matt Wynne

Sound System - Mike Davidson

### Food to the Rescue Packing Party!



Our next FTTR packing party will be held at **5pm on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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.

### 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. 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.



### Connection

Due to the after effects of Tuesday morning's storms, we WILL NOT be having our regular Connection this week. In lieu of that, there will be a Community Prayer Service at 6:30 this evening at the First United Methodist Church between Broad and Spring Streets by the square. You are welcome to join us as we mourn the loss of life and pray for the families of those whose lives have been changed forever by the storms.



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. Devotional books are available on the credenza 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.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.ramusa.org).

### Altar Flowers

*Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in grateful celebration of the gift He sent us in Leanne, knowing she would change our church and our hearts. We wish her a road filled with adventure and God's grace as she moves forward through life, always in our prayers.*



### Love-Joy Circle Meets

The Love-Joy Circle will meet in the Session Room on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Members are asked to bring St. Patrick's Day and Easter Cards for our shut-ins, along with designated items for the Samaritan Purse shoeboxes. We continue our ministry of sharing hope for cancer patients by donating scarves for the non-profit 'Hope Scarves.' All ladies of the Church are invited to the meeting.



### Thank You

I would like to thank my church for the prayers, food and flowers given me during my recuperation from knee surgery. Thank you for being there for me.

*Love, Ruth Ann Henry*

### Sonshine Circle

The Sonshine Circle will convene for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am in the Family Life Center. All members of the circle are encouraged to be present.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup>, and the group will enjoy lunch at the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>.



