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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
March 25, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

What a weird time in which we are living. We are all being asked to stay at home as much as possible. We are all being asked to stay as far away from each other as much as we can. We are all being asked to change our idea of community on a temporary basis.

For some of us, we may not have been aware of just how important community was to us. I have heard from several members that, after just a week, they miss the community that they find as a part of this congregation. I assure you that deciding to close the doors of the church was by far the most heart-wrenching recommendation that I have ever had to make.

I know that there are other churches who have made the decision to keep their doors open and are quoting scriptures as the reason for doing so. While I do not want to demean any other group or their understanding of scripture, my view of scripture leads me understand that we are still the church no matter where we are. I hope we will remember that whether we are sitting in the pews on Sunday morning or sitting in our PJs at home, we are still the body of Christ.

When the time comes and the doors are open, I hope you look forward to joining together as we normally do. Until then, I hope that you will remember that we are still a community and we are still the assembly of God's people, even if it is from our couches for now.

Church Activities Canceled

We want to advise you that the Church Session has made the decision to cancel all church activities through March 31st. The church building is closed to the public.

GIVING

While the church has some financial reserves to help during this time, they are not inexhaustible. The church will still have bills, payroll and other obligations. To be perfectly blunt, we need those who are able to continue to support the church financially. There are several ways to do this:

1. mailing an offering to the church at 565 E. 10th St., Cookeville, TN 38501
2. give using a debit card through the church website. <http://www.cookevillecpcchurch.org/give/>
3. instruct your financial institution to make a contribution from your account (each institution may have different rules/instructions for how to do this)

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of March 24, 2020

Commitments - \$1,470.00 Undesignated - \$700.00 Other - \$8,613.00

There were \$8,613.00 in donations for Tornado Disaster Relief.

Total Deposit of \$10,783.00

We offer our thanks to Sandra Robbins, Jim Gray, and Carroll Gotcher for their help with our first online worship experience.



Worship Information

Sunday, March 29th, will be the fifth Sunday of Lent. The chancel color is purple. Our scripture for the sermon on Sunday is John 11:38-45. Please plan to join us on Facebook as we worship God and remember that even in the wilderness, God still reigns.

Mission Efforts Ongoing

The missions that make up a part of the church are very important to the community at large. For the mission efforts listed below, we ask that you hold on to items you have collected until the church is able to open again. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

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. Hold on to your saved items and contributions until we are once again in church. 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 200 of these in the last year.



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.



Community Opportunities

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.



Prayer Requests . . .

Earl Nichols (CRMC)
 Greg Stephenson (home)
 The family of Linda Romans
 Chuck Sparks (back surgery)
 Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister)
 The family and friends of Jessica Rector Clark
 The family and friends of Todd & Sue Kohler
 Pete & Regina Weber (lost home in storms)
 Tom & Kay Lane (lost home in storms)
 The family and friends of Milda Jackson
 Janice Cox (surgery)
 Dorothy Nichols (NHC)
 Ruth Ann Henry (broken knee cap)
 Ramona Tilghman (Life Care in Sparta)
 Wanda McCaskey (St. Thomas Sparta - no visitors)
 Ann Clark (home)
 Chuck Galemore (home)
 Ruth Sapp
 Tyler Verble
 Tim Fournet
 Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's father)
 Dave James
 Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
 Jerry Hill (assisted living)
 Kathy Shanks
 Devonia McGee

Bob Hill
 Jim Lansford
 Wilma Diemer
 Pat Brumfield (eyesight failing)
 Rita Pickard (Bethesda)
 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)
 Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer)
 Melissa Daniel Crannigan (cancer)
 Max Atnip (cancer)
 Mel Brown (cancer)
 Steven Middleton (cancer)
 Anne McDonald, 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