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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
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From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Obviously, we are in the midst of strange times. One of the things that has kept me moving forward for the last several weeks is that I knew that I was working toward a goal. I have heard the same thing from several of my pastor colleagues. We have not had time to focus as much on the virus and other items because we were keeping our minds busy thinking about the best way to celebrate Easter Sunday during these extraordinary circumstances. However, Easter Sunday has come and gone. We have exited the wilderness of Lent, but the end of this isolation and “social distancing” seems to be AT LEAST a couple of weeks away. The hope of Easter had kept my spirits high and had given me something toward which I could look with anticipation during this time. Yet, we exited one wilderness, just to realize that we remain in another. It is during this time that I am, again, reminded that we have been given a great gift. We have been given the opportunity to be reminded that “He is risen! He is risen, indeed!” is not just a proclamation for one Sunday a year. It is a proclamation for every day. It is a proclamation that we can make even in the midst of the wilderness. It is a proclamation that can lift our spirits and keep us moving forward, even when we are unsure of where to go next. “He is STILL risen! He is STILL risen indeed!”

Church Activities Canceled

We want to advise you that the Church Session has made the decision to cancel all church activities through April 25th. The church building is closed to the public.

GIVING

It is our hope that, during this world health crisis, Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church can continue to be the church and offer hope, assistance, and love to our community. However, in order to do that, we need your help. In order to continue with Tuesday Assistance, pay bills and our staff, we need you to prayerfully consider your ability to continue your regular giving. We know that it is a scary time for a lot of people. If you are able, please consider helping us to help some of the others that are being hurt during this time.

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.cookevillecpchurch.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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We offer our thanks to Sandra Robbins, Jim Gray, Christy Huddleston, and Carroll Gotcher for their continued help with our online worship experience. Their assistance and willingness to help however possible makes this new worship experience much easier for the pastor.



Worship Information

Sunday, April 19th, will be the second Sunday of Easter. The chancel color is white. Our scripture for the sermon on Sunday is John 20:24-31. Please plan to join us on Facebook or Zoom as we worship God and continue celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of April 12, 2020

Commitments - \$9,675.00 Undesignated - \$1,100.00 Other - \$150.00
There was \$150.00 in assistance donations and \$100.00 in memorials.
Total Deposit of \$10,925.00

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.



Nursery Attendant Needed

Once we are able to meet in the church building again, we will be in need of an attendant for our nursery. This is a paid position. If you are interested, or you know of someone who would be interested in this position, please share that information with Steve Boots or Christian.

Community Opportunities

Putnam County Volunteer Organization Re-opening

The Putnam County Volunteer Organization is re-opening on Tuesday, April 14, at 8am. The address is 155 Fairground St., Cookeville.

There are many ways you can help: Donating heavy equipment for you (or them) to use, renting equipment at Sunbelt for them, making phone calls, data entry, organizing inside office, food drop off at fairground headquarters (lunch items, desserts, coffee products, drinks/ice - they have plenty of water) picking up already filled trash bags in the field & bringing them to fairgrounds, delivering "goodie bags" etc. Please contact them at 931-529-1100 if interested in helping.



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.



Sympathy



Our condolences to the family of Lloyd Thurman, Ron Thurman's father. Mr. Thurman passed away on this past Saturday at the age of 84. He was from Allons, TN and was a resident at Morningside Assisted Living. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Prayer Requests . . .

The family of Lloyd Thurman (Ron's father)
 The family of Chuck Galemore
 The family of Anne McDonald
 Martha Clift (surgery)
 Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister)
 Janice Cox (surgery)
 Dorothy Nichols (NHC)
 Ruth Ann Henry (broken knee cap)
 Ramona Tilghman
 Wanda McCaskey (home)
 Ruth Sapp
 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

