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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
April 22, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

I really love my family. I would do anything for Jodi and Maggie. I just want to make sure that I say that before I share that I am getting really tired of Jodi and Maggie. I suspect that they feel the same way about me. After a month of being stuck in the house and not being able to gather at church or school or restaurants or social gatherings with anyone else, we are ready to see other faces and go back to doing the things that we always loved doing.

However, as the days go by and we continue to be unable to do so, I see our tempers sparking and our patience wearing thinner and thinner. I know that it is not just my family that is experiencing this. I have heard the cries of others in the congregation. I have seen the arguments that are taking place through social media. This is obviously a heartbreaking and difficult time.

Yet, while we are divided physically, we have the opportunity to allow this distance to emotionally divide us or draw us closer as we realize that we are all in this effort together. God tells us that people will know us by our love. Even during a pandemic, we are showing people what God means to us by the way that we treat others, even if it's only via social media. This time is a struggle for us all. None of us have gone through events like this before. So, I pray that we will all seek to deal with one another with patience and love, remembering that others are experiencing pain as well.

Church Activities Canceled

We want to advise you that the Church Session has made the decision to cancel all church activities through April 30th. 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, Caleb Norris 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 26th, will be the third Sunday of Easter. The chancel color is white. Our scripture for the sermon on Sunday is Luke 24:13-32. 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 19, 2020

Commitments - \$4,300.00 Undesignated - \$750.00 Other - \$2,985.00
There was \$2,000.00 in technology donations, \$85.00 for Winona reimbursement and \$900.00 for tornado relief.
Total Deposit of \$8,035.00

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.



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.





Prayer Requests . . .

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| Don Dyer (home) | Pat Brumfield (eyesight failing) |
| Brenda Robbins (broken hip) | Levi Rector |
| The family of Lloyd Thurman (Ron's father) | Robert Buck |
| The family of Chuck Galemore | Johnny Dunn (COPD) |
| The family of Anne McDonald | Walter Plyter (Assisted Living) |
| Martha Clift (surgery) | Cindy Furcean |
| Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister) | Clay Vanhooser |
| Janice Cox (surgery) | Nancy Biss (Tracy Sparks' mom - breast cancer) |
| Dorothy Nichols (home) | Niki Work (cancer) |
| Ruth Ann Henry (broken knee cap) | Becky Knight (cancer) |
| Ramona Tilghman | Cindy Bilbrey (Jerry Samon's sister - cancer) |
| Wanda McCaskey (home) | Jeremy Germinis (cancer) |
| Ruth Sapp | Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer) |
| Tim Fournet | Melissa Daniel Crannigan (cancer) |
| Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's father) | Max Atnip (cancer) |
| Dave James | Mel Brown (cancer) |
| Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay | Steven Middleton (cancer) |
| Jerry Hill (assisted living) | 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 | |

