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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
April 29, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

By now, most of you will be aware of the fact that all in-person church activities have been cancelled until at least May 16th. That means that we have at least another two Sundays before we will be able to begin gathering in this sanctuary as a church family again. Before that date arrives, the session will meet again to discuss whether it is time to reopen or if we need to further delay.

Whenever it is decided that we will gather again, things will not be the same. Unfortunately, it would seem that social distancing is going to be a reality for a while. That likely means that schedules will change, and you may even lose your “normal” seat in the sanctuary. However, we will be striving to do all that we can to make sure that when the time comes, you are offered a safe place to worship.

These are not easy decisions to make. Before last month, there were none of us who had dealt with a world-wide pandemic that shut down great parts of society. We are all trying to figure out how best to deal with the ramifications of what is happening around us. Therefore, we are asking for your patience and your prayers. We are all anxious to be able to be together again, but to do so safely. If you have thoughts or ideas for the session, you are always welcome to share them with me or one of your session members.

Church Activities Canceled

We want to advise you that the Church Session has made the decision to cancel all church activities through May 16th. 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 26, 2020

Commitments - \$1,980.00 Undesignated - \$270.00 Other - \$0.00
Total Deposit - \$2,250.00

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.





Needed: Utensils for Winona Meals Program

We are in need of utensil packets for the Winona Motel Meal Program. Please collect these and leave us a message at the church (526-6585) when you have some to donate and we'll arrange a time for you to drop them off or to pick them up from you.

Elastic Needed for Masks

We have several people in our congregation working on masks to share with different places, including church members and visitors once we are able to open the church again. As you can imagine, supplies are limited right now. If you happen to have any 1/4" or 1/8" elastic with which you are willing to part, please let Christian know. We have individuals who would like to put it to use.

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 . . .

Pat Brumfield (broken leg - home)
 Don Dyer (home)
 Brenda Robbins (broken hip - home)
 Martha Clift (surgery)
 Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister)
 Janice Cox (surgery)
 Dorothy Nichols (home)
 Ruth Ann Henry (broken knee cap)
 Ramona Tilghman (home)
 Wanda McCaskey (home)
 Ruth Sapp
 Tim Fournet
 Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's father)
 Dave James
 Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
 Kathy Shanks
 Devonia McGee
 Bob Hill
 Jim Lansford
 Wilma Diemer
 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)
 Jerry Hill (assisted living in Cleveland, TN)
 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

