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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
September 25, 2019*

As the pastor of the church, I love it when people tell me how much they enjoy the opportunity to come to church. People enjoy the opportunity to be here for a variety of reasons. Sometimes it is for the worship. Sometimes it is for the fellowship. Sometimes it is for the spiritual growth. Sometimes it is simply for fun. Sometimes it is because we have the opportunity to escape from the world around us or learn how to better deal with the world around us. At some point, I found myself enjoying the opportunity to come to church for each of those reasons and many others. But, as much as we love coming to church, I hope we also love the opportunity to be the church and take the church to others. We have that chance one week from today. There is more information in the Manna about our **Food to the Rescue** mission night. I hope that you will take the opportunity to step out of this building and discover that church cannot be contained by these four walls. I hope we can discover that church can happen wherever God's people gather. Maybe we will get the chance to discover another reason to love coming to church, wherever church may be at that moment.

Stewardship Report - September 22, 2019

Sunday School - 103
8:45 Worship - 113
11:00 Worship - 77
Total in Worship - 190

Commitments - \$5,307.00
Undesignated Giving - \$1,165.00
Other - \$279.00
Total Offering - \$6,751.00

This week we received \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$30.00 for assistance and \$199.00 for Connections Meals. We also received \$270.00 in memorial gifts.

This Week in the Church: September 25 - October 1

Sep 25 Connection Dinner (5:15pm)
Children & Youth (6:00pm)
Twisted Stitches (6:00pm)
Adult Class (6:15pm)

Sep 26 Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)

Sep 29 Sunday School (9:00am)
Worship (10:00am)
Potluck Lunch (11:00am)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm)

Oct 1 Vespers (6:00pm)
Community Assistance (1-3pm)

One Service Sunday:

September 29th is a 5th Sunday. As is our tradition, we will have a ONE SERVICE SUNDAY. Sunday School will take place at 9:00am; worship will take place at 10:00am. Following worship, we will enjoy lunch together. The church will provide meat, bread, and drinks. We need your help with sides and desserts.

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We offer our thanks to the Hallelujah Handbell Choir for leading us in special music this week. We thank Jodi Smith and Eva Sparks for assisting with the worship PowerPoint.

Special Topic for Connection

Wednesday, Christian will continue a study entitled “The Bible’s Sense of Humor.” We hope you will join us as we examine some of the passages of the Bible that show that God and Jesus seem to enjoy a good laugh.

Volunteers this Week

Acolyte - 10:00 Gernt Martin

Nursery - Holly Wallace

Greeter - Tom Kelly

Service Elders - Carroll Gotcher, Jerry Samon

Sound System - Mike Davidson

Sunday in Worship

Sunday, September 29th, will be the 16th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our scripture will be Luke 16:19-31. Please plan to join us as we worship God on a ONE SERVICE SUNDAY and celebrate the victory that is ours through Christ.

Worship Bags

As always, we invite kids of all ages to take a worship bag located in the narthex. New items are placed weekly in these bags to help kids follow along with worship. Please return bags after the service.

JOY Club - Looking Ahead

On Tuesday, October 15th, the JOY Club will gather with fellow Cumberland Presbyterians for a day of worship and lunch at Montgomery Bell State Park, the birthplace of the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination. During the day we will experience worship in the historic chapel, eat lunch at the Inn Restaurant at the park and have time to tour the grounds. The cost is \$10.00 plus a dutch treat lunch. We will leave the church at 7:30am and return around 3:30pm.



CHURCH MISSION NEWS



We continue to collect **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. 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.



Food to the Rescue

During the month of September the youth group will be collecting 16oz jars of peanut butter for Food to the Rescue. Food to the Rescue’s goal is to collect enough peanut butter during the month of September to meet their needs for all of 2020. Peanut butter can be dropped off in the bin in the Fellowship Hall.



Food to the Rescue is a grassroots organization comprised of individuals, nonprofit organizations, and local businesses partnering together to feed the children in our community. Their non-profit organization was formed by a local citizen who saw the significant need for children to have access to meals while school is not in session during the seasonal breaks. Their goal is to make the most significant impact possible on children in Putnam County through Christ-like servanthood.

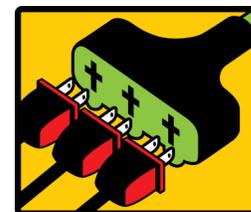


Acolytes

If you would like to serve as an acolyte in Sunday services or if you would like to retire from that position, contact Jane Anne Gotcher at 260-9372 as soon as possible. There will be training available for new acolytes.

The Connection!

On tonight’s Connection menu is Caesar salad, baked ziti, green beans, French bread and brownies. Please let us know if you are interested in a standing reservation for our meals or remember to respond weekly via the church website, fill out a card for the offering plate or call Sandra in the office by Tuesday at 10:00am. The cost for dinner is \$4 for adults and \$3 for youth/children; no family pays more than \$12 per meal. The Friendship SS Class is responsible for helping to serve tonight. Children and Youth will meet at 6:00pm with the adult studies meeting at 6:15pm. Christian Smith will be leading an adult class that will survey some of the more humorous passages found in the Bible. Join us for “The Bible’s Sense of Humor”. The Twisted Stitchers will meet in the Session Room at 6:00pm. We look forward to having you with us.



Sunday’s altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in honor of my mother, Virginia Wynne, whose birthday would have been tomorrow (September 23) by Jan Presley.

Service Opportunity

On October 2nd, instead of having our regular Connection dinner and Bible study, members of our church family will meet at Central City Church (in the old Cookeville Mall) to sort and pack items for **Food to the Rescue** to distribute for Fall Break. They will be meeting the needs of 600 children in Putnam County over the Fall Break time span. We will pack boxes from 5:00 - 7:30pm with people being able to come and go as needed. Pizza and bottled water will be provided for dinner. Our goal is to have 50 people from our church serving so that we can pack as much as possible for the kids in our county. All ages are welcomed and encouraged to attend.



HUNGER RELIEF

Women’s Ministry Needs Shoeboxes

There is a need for more empty shoeboxes as the Women’s Ministry prepare for Operation Christmas Child. If you have boxes you would like to donate, please leave them in the Fellowship Hall through the month of September.





Trunk or Treat will be October 30th from 6:00-8:00. We will have hot dogs, chips, drinks, and s'mores for dinner, trunk or treating, and lots of other activities such as hair painting and crafts. Trunk or Treat this year will be held at the Family Life Center and the adjacent parking lot. It will be come and go, with dinner, trunk or treating, and activities going on the whole two hours so that those from the congregation and community can come and go as time allows. To make this happen, we need several volunteers and donations of food.

Food Sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090549a4af29abf58-trunk4>

Volunteer Sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090549a4af29abf58-trunk3>

Prayer Requests . . .

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| Ed Fowler (testing) | Cindy Furcean |
| Terry Julian (motorcycle accident) | Clay Vanhooser |
| Sheila Julian (motorcycle accident) | Nancy Biss (Tracy Sparks' mom - breast cancer) |
| Tim Fournet | Niki Work (cancer) |
| Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's father) | Becky Knight (cancer) |
| John Joyce (Sarah Joyce's son) | Cindy Bilbrey (Jerry Samon's sister - cancer) |
| Tammy Tucker (Tyler Brown's mother-in-law) | Jeremy Germinis (cancer) |
| Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay | Byron Fournet (cancer) |
| Bob Hill | Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer) |
| Jerry Hill (assisted living) | Melissa Daniel Crannigan (cancer) |
| Kathy Shanks | Max Atnip (cancer) |
| Jim Lansford | Mel Brown (cancer) |
| Devonia McGee | Steven Middleton (cancer) |
| Wilma Diemer | Bob Fowler (Bailey Manor) |
| Pat Brumfield (eyesight failing) | Anne McDonald, Rita Pickard, Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills) |
| Levi Rector | Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside) |
| Robert Buck | Unnamed prayer requests |
| Johnny Dunn (COPD) | Those in the military and their families |
| Walter Plyter (Assisted Living) | |

