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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,
November 20, 2019

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

I hope by now you have received your stewardship letters, your copy of the 2020 budget, and your pledge card for next year. Each November I know that it is my responsibility to share that information with the church. However, it is one of the tasks that I dread. As much as it is a necessity for the life of the church, I never like to ask people for money. I am thankful every year for a church which makes this a less daunting task. I am thankful for a congregation that sees the necessity and the importance of financial stewardship. I appreciate those who look forward to this opportunity to express their commitment to this church and to the Kingdom of God. As was stated in the stewardship letter, we know the budget shows monetary figures for items such as utilities and telephone bills, but every item on our budget, regardless of the category, goes to ministry. We need those funds to continue to serve you, to serve the community, and, most importantly, to serve God. As we lead into this week of thanksgiving, I hope that we will all realize just how blessed we are and consider how we can be a blessing to the world around us with our financial gifts to the church.

Stewardship Report - November 17, 2019

Sunday School - 104
8:45 Worship - 114
11:00 Worship - 92
Total in Worship - 206

Commitments - \$6,097.00
Undesignated Giving - \$1,006.00
Other - \$1,322.00
Total Offering - \$8,235.00

This week we received \$200.00 for flowers, \$372.00 from the JOY Club and \$750.00 for the Turkey Project. We also received a memorial in the amount of \$25.00.

This Week in the Church: November 20 - 26

Nov 20 Connection Dinner (5:15pm)
Children & Youth Classes (6:00pm)
Twisted Stitchers (6:00pm)
Adult Class (6:15pm)

Nov 21 Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)

Nov 24 Worship (8:45am)
Sunday School (9:50am)
Worship (11:00am)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm)

Nov 26 Community Assistance (1-3pm)

CCPH - Elf

Kids of all ages are invited to take a trip to the Cumberland County Playhouse to see *Elf* on December 15th. The cost is \$10 per child. We ask that Pre-school age children be accompanied by an adult. Kids will eat lunch at the church following second service, leave for the Playhouse at 1pm, and then enjoy a snack following the show. The group will be back at the church around 6pm. The last day to let Leanne know you are going is December 8th.

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Community Opportunities

The Missions Ministry is working with several different bodies in the community and the following listing presents opportunities for you to help. Please look over the list and contact Alice Peek or Liz Fournet with questions.



DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OLDER AND DISABLED PEOPLE? CAN YOU WORK WITH ALL TYPES OF PEOPLE?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MEAL DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

Aging Services for the Upper Cumberland, Inc. is looking for people who are empathetic, caring, compassionate, and looking to give back to their community by delivering meals to people in need. As a meal delivery volunteer, you will be delivering meals in your community to frail, elderly and disabled individuals. If you have time to give and transportation to deliver meals, we need your help! If you would like more information, please call Kay Lane at 931-260-8851.

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.

Coming soon.... Bell-ringing sign up for the Cookeville Rescue Mission.

Advent Resources

Advent is a season of waiting. In preparation for the coming Messiah, we wonder together—what things can't wait? What demands our immediate attention? What is it that God can't wait for? Is it our praise, reconciliation, and proclamation? Is it the end of suffering, isolation, and fear? This Advent, we invite you to join together in imagining, prioritizing, and preparing. As we wait, what can't? This year, we will prepare for advent as a community through a devotion book and family Advent Calendar. These resources will be available in the Narthex on November 24th in time for the beginning of Advent on December 1st.



Save These Dates!

- Save the date for our next Food to the Rescue packing party! They loved having our church so much that we have been invited back to pack for Christmas break on December 18 from 5:30-7.
- The Youth will sponsor an Intergenerational Breakfast on Sunday, December 8, between services. There is no charge for this event, but your donations will be welcome. Put this date on your calendars.



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Ann and Chris, Matt and Megan, Addie, Christian, Graham Elizabeth and Noa Kate, with love from Mom and Dad.



Help Winona Celebrate Thanksgiving!

You can help our folks at the Winona Motel enjoy a fabulous Thanksgiving meal! A signup sheet is available in the narthex for you to bring items for the Thanksgiving dinner. Please help by bringing your item(s) to the church by NOON on Tuesday afternoon for the Tuesday evening meal. We need several helpers to deliver the meal to the Winona. Thanks in advance!

PSA Meals

November is our church's month to provide meals for Bible Study at the PSA House. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex for items needed each week. We ask that food be brought to the house or the church ready to serve no later than 5:00 each Tuesday. If you have not been helping with food, this would be a wonderful time to get involved. The students really appreciate all of the home cooked meals!



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 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.





Prayer Requests . . .

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

