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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

For the last two and a half months the church building has been closed. Our worship services have looked very different during that time. It is strange to come into our sanctuary on Sunday morning and only have four or five people here with me. I have had several people make the statement to me that it must be difficult to preach to a computer. It certainly is different. Those who have practiced public speaking know that you can gain a lot from the reactions of those in the audience.

However, as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, we remember that if the power of the Holy Spirit can overcome the barrier of not speaking the same language on the day of Pentecost, the same Holy Spirit can certainly overcome the barrier of a computer. The same Holy Spirit that led the disciples to share the message of Christ so boldly despite the separation of race and culture is the same Holy Spirit that can lead us to boldly proclaim the message of Christ despite the separation of social distancing.

The Holy Spirit came to the disciples, a group of fishermen, tax collectors, and other lay people, on the day of Pentecost where they were. They were not together in church. They went out into the world to share the message of redemption and love through Christ. That same Holy Spirit will come to each of us wherever we are. That same Holy Spirit will guide us no matter who we are. We simply have to have the eyes to see and the heart to follow.

Church Activities Canceled

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of May 24, 2020

Commitments - \$4,200.00 Undesignated - \$650.00 Other - \$625.00
Donations for Wednesday evening dinners was \$625.00
Total Deposit - \$5,475.00

It's Graduation Time!



In the face of a changing society, we have to wonder what graduation will look like this year. One thing is sure - we most definitely want to recognize the Class of 2020. If you or someone you know in the church is graduating this Spring, we want to know! Please email or call Christian or Caleb with names, schools, degrees, etc. This includes college graduates! We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating this milestone in your life.

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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 the worship experience much easier for the pastor.



Worship Information

Sunday, May 31st, will be Pentecost Sunday. The chancel color is red. Our scripture for the sermon on Sunday is Numbers 11:24-30. Please plan to join us on Facebook Live as we worship God.

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.



If anyone wants to be acolyte when we start back to church, contact Jane Anne Gotcher at 260-9372. There will be some changes in the way things are done - no robes, acolytes will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer after lighting and extinguishing the candles and they will be sitting with their families, not up front. Thanks!

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. mail 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)

Community Opportunities

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.



Drive-by Wedding Shower

Summer Stroud and John Hitchcock

Monday, June 8th 5:00-6:30pm

Outside of Family Life Center



You are invited to celebrate Summer & John's upcoming wedding. Stop by to wish them well and pick up a sweet treat. If you would like to get them a gift, they are registered at Borden's, Target and Crate and Barrel.

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.



Prayer Requests . . .

Ella Haynes
Jean Webb (hip replacement)
Bob Ross (seizures)
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
Wilma Diemer

Jim Lansford
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)

