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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
June 3, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

David and Christy Huddleston began attending Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the spring of 2005. For the last 15 years, they have been a vital part of this church. David has served as an elder of the church. He is one of those elders who I can ask to serve on any ministry team or any position and I know that he will be able to contribute and be of value in any of those positions. David is one of those elders who is able to both encourage me and critique me and I always know that it is done in love and care for me and the church.

Christy has directed handbell choirs, played piano, played organ, worked with our children and adult choirs, and served as our co-director of music. She has brought her humor, joy, and talent to all of those positions. Additionally, Christy has organized the preparation of communion for the church, has changed the paraments when necessary, and taken care of the banners at the church.

Each year when it comes time for the first Sunday of Advent, I know that I will walk into a church that has been beautifully decorated for the season. I also know that when I walk in after Epiphany, the decorations in the sanctuary will be gone and the sanctuary will still be beautifully prepared for another Sunday of worship. David and Christy have always been there to take care of that for the church.

For 15 years, David and Christy have contributed greatly to the life of this congregation. The things listed are just a few of ways that they have contributed their time and talents to this congregation. I have no doubt that there are a multitude of other ways of which I am not aware.

With all of that said, it makes it difficult to share for those who are unaware, that Christy has submitted her resignation to the church session effective June 22. David and Christy are moving to Mt. Juliet to be closer to their family. While we celebrate that opportunity for them, we mourn the great void that will be left in this community of faith.

Normally, we would have the opportunity to say goodbye through a reception or a time to honor these two wonderful people. Unfortunately, due to social distancing and COVID precautions, even if we are back in the church, we will be unable to honor them appropriately. I hope that each of you will take the time to reach out to them and thank these two wonderful people for all they have done for First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

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.

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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. This week we added Steve Boots to our crew to control the cameras. Their assistance and willingness to help however possible makes this new worship experience much easier for the pastor.



Worship Information

Sunday, June 7th, will be Trinity Sunday. The chancel color is white. Please plan to join us on Facebook Live as we worship God. This week we will also be serving communion as a part of the service and outside of the church from 12:00pm-2:00pm.

Class of 2020



Since the middle of March, this global pandemic has separated us and has put much of life on hold. While this has been difficult for us all, it has been especially difficult for those who are celebrating once-in-a-lifetime milestones. Today, we honor the class of 2020. While we have not been able to honor them the same way we normally would, we will celebrate our graduates as soon as we are able.

Upperman High School

Trinity Mullins
Stelmo Stepp

Tennessee Tech University

Megan Wharton

Cookeville High School

Jack Cunningham
Ashleyynn Mathieson
Eva Sparks
Benjamin Winscott

Auburn University

Abby Putz

Volunteer State Community College

Andrew Stephen Bryant

University of the South

Izzy Wood

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 31, 2020

Commitments - \$3,865.00 Undesignated - \$910.00 Other - \$55.00
Donations for Wednesday evening dinners was \$55.00
Total Deposit - \$4,830.00



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!



Thank You

Wanda Lou and I want to express our thanks to the many of you who have provided food for us during Wanda's recuperation - it is going slow, but we are making progress. Special thanks to Jean and Lee Webb who organized the arrangement - Wanda says she knows that I was happy because I seldom had to cook or prepare a meal. We are also thankful for the prayers and cards. We are grateful for such a supportive church family. A BIG THANK YOU! God is good . . . all the time . . .

Charles and Wanda Lou McCaskey

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.

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.



Prayer Requests . . .

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| Ann Clark (surgery) | Levi Rector |
| Ella Haynes | Robert Buck |
| Jean Webb (hip replacement) | Johnny Dunn (COPD) |
| Bob Ross (seizures) | Walter Plyter (Assisted Living) |
| Pat Brumfield (broken leg - home) | Cindy Furcean |
| Don Dyer (home) | Clay Vanhooser |
| Martha Clift (surgery) | Nancy Biss (Tracy Sparks' mom - breast cancer) |
| Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister) | Niki Work (cancer) |
| Dorothy Nichols (home) | Becky Knight (cancer) |
| Ruth Ann Henry (broken knee cap) | Cindy Bilbrey (Jerry Samon's sister - cancer) |
| Ramona Tilghman (home) | Jeremy Germinis (cancer) |
| Wanda McCaskey (home) | Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer) |
| Ruth Sapp | Melissa Daniel Crannigan (cancer) |
| Tim Fournet | Max Atnip (cancer) |
| Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's father) | Mel Brown (cancer) |
| Dave James | Steven Middleton (cancer) |
| Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay | Jerry Hill (assisted living in Cleveland, TN) |
| Kathy Shanks | Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills) |
| Devonia McGee | Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside) |
| Bob Hill | Rita Pickard (Bethesda) |
| Wilma Diemer | Unnamed prayer requests |
| Jim Lansford | Those in the military and their families |

