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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
June 24, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

While many people have returned to work and are trying to find some sense of normalcy, I also know that many within our congregation are still avoiding others as much as possible. I know there are some within our congregation who feel especially vulnerable to this virus and have been in their homes alone for over three months. The coronavirus has separated us physically and there are some within our congregation who have been very lonely as a result.

Since this pandemic began, I have been reluctant to visit people within our congregation. I have avoided visiting people, not because I did not want to do so, but because I wanted to make sure that I did not spread any illnesses to members of our congregation.

Unfortunately, it does not seem that this virus is going away for a while. So, I am trying to find ways to continue ministry while still respecting the fact that it can be dangerous to many people. So, I am ready to begin visiting with you again. If you would like a visit from the minister, please let me know. I am happy to wear my face-covering and sit six feet from you. I am happy to bring my own chair and sit on the porch with you. I am also happy to just talk on the phone. I want to be there for you as your pastor, but I want to do it in a way that makes you feel safe. Please let me know what works best for you.

We offer our thanks to Sandra Robbins and Jim Gray for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Jodi Smith and Carroll Gotcher for helping with the PowerPoint and Steve Boots for his work with the camera system.



Worship Information

Sunday, July 5th, will be the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Matthew 11:25-30. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of June 28, 2020

Commitments - \$3,900.00 Undesignated - \$1,210.00 Other - \$2,150.07
Other giving includes \$50.00 for altar flowers, a donation of \$1,570.07 for technology,
\$50.00 for assistance and \$480.00 for Wednesday night dinners.
Total Deposit - \$7,260.07

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Holiday

The office will be closed on Friday due to the July 4th holiday.

Camera Persons Needed

The church needs one or more persons to learn to run our new camera system for the 8:45am service on Sundays. The new system supports many views of the church and works to highlight various viewpoints, including a wide view of the church, the pulpit, lectern and music instruments. The new system is not difficult, but will require some training and Steve Boots, who currently runs the system, would be available for that purpose. We would like to have at least a couple of people become proficient at running the system and would like to have you express your interest to Steve or Christian. We would love to begin training this Sunday.



If anyone wants to be an 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!

Nursery Attendant Needed

Once we are able to offer nursery services 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.

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.



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.





Sympathy

Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Bob Ross, Joan's husband. Bob passed away this past Friday evening. Please keep Joan and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our sympathy is expressed to the family of IV Byers, aunt of Bill Byers. Ms. Byers passed away this past Sunday. Please remember Bill and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Requests . . .

The family of Bob Ross (Joan's husband)
 The family of IV Byers (Bill's aunt)
 The family of Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's
 Pete Weber (home) father)
 Ann Clark (surgery)
 Wanda McCaskey (home)
 Ella Haynes
 Jean Webb (hip replacement)
 Pat Brumfield (broken leg)
 Don Dyer (home)
 Martha Clift (surgery)
 Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister)
 Dorothy Nichols
 Ruth Ann Henry
 Ramona Tilghman
 Ruth Sapp
 Tim Fournet
 Dave James
 Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
 Kathy Shanks
 Devonia McGee
 Wilma Diemer
 Bob Hill

Jim Lansford
 Levi Rector
 Robert Buck
 Johnny Dunn (COPD)
 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)
 Walter Plyter (assisted living)
 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

