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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 8, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Since we closed the doors of the church in mid-March our goal was to open them again. We knew that from the moment we began worshipping from our sofas and patios that there were people who were missing the most important part of their weeks. We waited until we believed we could open the doors in a manner that would keep even the most vulnerable of our congregation safe.

We also knew that, as important as worship is for the members of our congregation, the many small groups of the church are vitally important. It is in these groups that relationships develop. It is in these groups that we are able to best discuss our faith and share our thoughts and feelings with one another. Whether it is Sunday School, youth group, ministry teams, or women's groups, we know that bringing those opportunities back to the church are important.

During our last session meeting, we decided that we wanted to open the church back up for those groups as well. There are some groups, including our youth, who are already taking advantage of those opportunities. Yes, there are still guidelines, but we would love to host your class or your group, too. Please let us know what we can do to help your groups get the chance to fellowship together.

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



Worship Information

Sunday, July 12th, will be the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Genesis 25:21-34. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of July 5, 2020

Commitments - \$7,100 Undesignated - \$637.00 Other - \$0.00
There was a \$50.00 memorial to the Capital Fund.
Total Deposit - \$7,737.00

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Sunday School Class News

Members of the Good News Sunday School Class have **CANCELED** their meeting for Sunday, July 12, however, the Pathfinders Class **WILL** meet on July 12 at 10:00am in the outside portion of the FLC.

Sonshine Circle to Meet

Members of the Sonshine Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 14, at 10:00am in the Family Life Center. Masks will be required per current church policy.

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 you immediately.

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)



Acolytes

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!

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.



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.



This past Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in honor of Wilmer Deimer and Devonia McGee and in memory of Johnnie Wright Jr. and Jack McGee.

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 fully 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.





Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

Food to the Rescue Packing Day

Wed. July 15th 5:30-7:30pm

Central City Church (Cookeville Mall) Enter on the back side of the mall facing I-40

We need **40** volunteers! There's a large area, so we will be able to spread out.

All ages are allowed to help. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical ability.

Masks will be provided if you don't have your own. Dress in cool clothing. The building is warm!!

Text or Email Tracy Sparks to sign up at (931)261-1029 or sparkst@pcsstn.com

Drivers are also needed! For more information, go to <http://ow.ly/65Rs50zuDgw>

Prayer Requests . . .

Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - cancer treatment)

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

