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# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

*Wednesday,  
July 15, 2020*

This Sunday we will have the opportunity to celebrate our high school graduates. Obviously, the coronavirus pandemic has changed the way that this group was able to experience the end of their senior year and it has changed the way that they were able to celebrate their accomplishments.

One of the moments that I look forward to each year is leading our graduates, dressed in their caps and gowns, down the aisle of the church on Senior Sunday. Unfortunately, that will not be able to happen this year. However, we still want our seniors to know that we are proud of them and we look forward to supporting them in the next step of their journey.

So, this Sunday, during worship, we will offer the worship experience that we normally have for Senior Sunday. While the graduates may not be with us in-person, I hope that they will be reminded of our love and God's love for them.

Sunday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00pm we will have the chance to see our graduates and celebrate their accomplishments in person. They will each be in the pavilion of the family life center. We invite you to come and bring them cards, gifts, or simply words of encouragement. While you may exit your vehicle, we will be maintaining social distancing. If you are uncomfortable getting out of your vehicle, we hope that you will still come and drive past. Bring a sign, roll down the window and yell "congratulations", or find some other creative way to let our graduates know how much they mean to us.

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FROM 1-3 PM AS WE HONOR  
OUR GRADUATES OF THE  
CLASS OF 2020!**

**Jack Cunningham  
Ashlynn Mathieson  
Trinity Mullins  
Eva Sparks  
Stelmo Stepp  
Benjamin Winscott**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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We offer our thanks to Sandra Robbins and Jim Gray for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Jim Putz for helping with the PowerPoint and Bill Byers for his work with the camera system.



### Worship Information

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, will be the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Matthew 13:24-30. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God and offer a time to encourage our high school graduates.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of July 12, 2020

Commitments - \$7,270.00      Undesignated - \$657.00      Other - \$0.00  
Total Deposit - \$7,927.00

The **Pathfinders Sunday School** class will meet at 10:00 on Sunday morning in the outside area of the Pavilion.

### 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)

### 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](mailto: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.

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!



*Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in memory of my father who set the standard for unconditional love and in celebration of my husband and son for always following his lead. I am thankful for my July blessings. Linda Welch*

### 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.





## Food to the Rescue Packing Day

\*\*\*\*THIS EVENING, July 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

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

