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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 29, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

While the activities of the church are starting to slowly begin again, the church session is one group that has met consistently throughout the closures. The session met again this past Sunday and I want to take a few moments to tell you about a couple of the important things that were decided during the meeting.

We have not had organ music as a part of our worship service for several weeks. The session has acted quickly and during our session meeting we hired a new church organist. She has accepted the position and will be in worship for the first time on August 9th. We will share more information about our newest musician soon.

Another important decision that was made by the session came from the suggestions of several of our church members. While our form of government does not always work quickly, we always want to hear your thoughts and ideas about how we can make improvements. Several have suggested that, until we see more people return to in-person services, we should return to having a single service. The session agrees. Beginning August 9th, we will be having one service, at 10:00am, until we begin to see more people return to the sanctuary. As we have said throughout the last few months, plans will be constantly reevaluated. We hope that this change will be a short-term one.

Please know that your staff and your session are here to serve you. If you have thoughts and suggestions, please feel free to share them.

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



Worship Information

Sunday, August 2nd, will be the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Genesis 32:22-31. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of July 26, 2020

Commitments - \$2,525.00 Undesignated - \$1,290.00 Other - \$1,453.00
This week's giving included \$50.00 for Assistance, \$50.00 for altar flowers
and \$1,353.00 in an insurance reimbursement.
Total Deposit - \$5,271.00

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



Sunday morning's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in honor of Wynne's birthday by Roger and Jan Presley.

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. Hippie 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.

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.



Communion Sunday

This Sunday, during worship, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. As we have done since March, we invite those who are watching from home to join us in worship with the elements that you choose. For those in the sanctuary, we will have elements for you, but you are invited to bring your own if you wish. We will also be offering drive-through communion under the portico outside the minister's office from 12:30-1:30pm.

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 Needed

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.



Wednesday Bible Study

On Wednesday nights we are studying the history and beliefs of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. You are invited to join us in the Family Life Center Pavilion or through Zoom. If you have not been receiving the link to those studies, please let Christian know.

Prayer Requests . . .

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

