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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
August 5, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

This year looks vastly different for our students, teachers, administrators, and staff. There are some of our children who will be attending school this year from their homes as they learn virtually. The rest of our students and our teachers are having to wear masks all day and deal with how they can socially distance and remain safe, while still striving to teach and to learn. Our administrators are trying to hold it all together and lead during trying times.

Unfortunately, this year looks vastly different for all of us. Whether it is in our schools, businesses, or churches, people are being forced to make decisions they never thought they would have to consider. They are being forced to deal with coronavirus, while still attempting to teach, learn, lead, or provide for their families.

As the family of God, it is our responsibility to lift these people up. It is our responsibility to pray for them, assist them, and offer them hope. During the last several months our lives have been turned upside down. As a result, it is very easy for us to allow our emotions to get the best of us and be highly negative and critical of those who act different than we may deem appropriate.

While it may be our responsibility to speak for what we believe is right, that ought to always be done in love and compassion for others. Yes, the last several months have been difficult and divisive. As the people of God, let's strive to bring healing and hope instead of contributing to a further divide. Healing and hope is what our schools, businesses, churches, and homes really need.

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 Bill Byers for his work with the camera system.



Beginning this Sunday, August 9th, we will be moving to just one service each Sunday morning. Worship, in-person and online, will begin at 10:00am.

Worship Information

Sunday, August 9th, will be the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Matthew 14:22-33. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for August 2, 2020

Commitments - \$16,030.00 Undesignated - \$533.00 Other - \$50.00
This week's giving included \$50.00 for the Assistance program.
Total Deposit - \$16,613.00

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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 Barbara Johnston's heavenly birthday by Kim Williams.

Members of the **SONSHINE CIRCLE** are invited to meet in the Family Life Center on Tuesday, August 10, at 10am. Please plan to wear a mask.

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.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

On Wednesday nights we are studying the history and beliefs of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. You are invited to join us at 6pm in the Family Life Center Pavilion or through Zoom. If you have not been receiving the link to those studies, please let Christian know.

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.



Thank You!

What do we say? There are no words that can express our gratitude to you, the church, for all you have done for us. After the tornado, you were there that same day picking up items that were saved from blowing away. You loaded them into a truck and stored them for us. You washed and cleaned our clothes. Thanks to Christian for turning his office into a closet. You washed what dishes were left. That same day Regina had a heart attack; you were praying for her. Food was cooked for us and groceries were bought for us. The list goes on and on.

Now Pete has had a heart attack and you prayed for him.

Thru all of the trauma, God was there. During the tornado we were not afraid because we felt his hands upon us. He sent the neighbors to dig us out. To have come out of what we experienced, we know for sure that God was there protecting us.

Like we said, there are no words that express our THANK YOU to you, the church, for all you have done for us. You are the Best! There are so many names that should be mentioned but we are afraid that we would miss someone. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU!

We have learned that, no matter what happens, however bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow! Love you all!

Regina & Pete Weber

Prayer Requests . . .

Tige Casey (Janice Cox's son - heart attack)
 The family of Mildred Doner
 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

