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Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
August 12, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

This past Sunday we read Matthew’s narrative of Jesus and Peter walking on water. This is a scripture with which many of us are familiar, and we looked at it in a new way. We were reminded that Jesus sent the disciples to the other side of the sea to do ministry. We were reminded that when Jesus sends us on a path, it is not our responsibility to test God or ask for something different, but to stay on the path that leads to glory for God.

One point that I did not make in the sermon, but I want us to see, is that a major revelation happened for the disciples during this event. It was as a result of this event that the disciples were able to proclaim, “Truly you are the Son of God.” What a marvelous statement for the 12 disciples to make. If we read the text, it is not because Peter walked on water that they were able to make this proclamation. They were able to see who Jesus truly was because they were on the path that Christ set them upon. They also saw the mighty works that Jesus did while they were on that path.

People need to see who Jesus is. People need to be able to see the glory of God in their lives. The best way to show the power of Christ is not by stepping out of the boat and onto our path, but by following the path that God has for us and allowing God to show himself through us.

**Note that we are now having just one service on Sunday morning.
Worship, in-person and online, will begin at 10:00am.**

It was great to welcome Judy Sullivan this past Sunday. We thank her and Sandra for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Vance Gotcher for helping with the PowerPoint and Bill Byers for his work with the camera system.



Worship Information

Sunday, August 16th, will be the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Matthew 15:10-20. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for August 9, 2020

Commitments - \$6,100.00 Undesignated - \$1,984.50 Other - \$150.00
This week’s giving included \$150.00 for the Assistance program.
Total Deposit - \$8,234.50

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The **Pathfinders Sunday School** class will meet at 8:45 on Sunday morning in the outside area of the Pavilion.



Sunday morning's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in celebration of Ron & Tina Thurman's 30th wedding anniversary.

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.

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.



Dollywood Tickets for Sale

Earlier this year, the women’s ministry received Dollywood tickets that were to be used as a part of their annual silent auction. Unfortunately, that event did not happen. We still have 5 tickets that must be used this year. We would like to sell those tickets for \$40 each. All proceeds will be used to support the women’s ministries of our church. If you are interested, please contact the office or Belinda Wynne.

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.



Public School Needs

We are wanting to help provide a safe space for our students and teachers this school year. We are going to be collecting **disinfecting wipes, Lysol sprays, hand sanitizer, empty spray bottles (for the alcohol solution used to clean electronics), tissues, paper towels, sandwich bags, and pens/pencils (since any handed out to by teachers cannot be returned to the classroom supply).** These items may be dropped off at the church office any weekday or on Sunday mornings.



Our condolences to the family of Tige Casey, Janice Cox's son. Tige suffered a heart attack and passed away this past Sunday morning. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Please keep Janice and the family in your prayers.

Prayer Requests . . .

The family of Tige Casey (Janice Cox's son)
Don Anderson (serious auto accident)
Pete Weber (home)
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

