



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

*Wednesday,  
August 19, 2020*

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*Celebrate Our Heritage*

Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church was founded on August 20, 1857. Tomorrow, we will celebrate 153 years as a church. Today we celebrate the fact that for more than a century and a half our church has shared the message of Christ's love with our community. Throughout that history, CFCPC has had some great moments. We could all name some of those in the church who have served, attended and who have helped us to learn and to grow.

That being said, we would be naïve to believe that the church has not had its share of difficult moments as well. This church has seen buildings destroyed. This church has seen the congregation divided. This church has seen pastors and members leave under less than ideal circumstances. This church has even seen the building closed for a pandemic. Yet, through any difficulty, the church has continued to stand as God's community of faith.

There is no doubt that as we enter into our 154<sup>th</sup> year, we will continue to see good times and bad as a congregation. Through it all, we will strive to remember that the same God who guided and cared for this congregation for the last 153 years, is the same God who is seeking to guide and care for us today and tomorrow.

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

## **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.

## **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.

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

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We thank Judith Sullivan, 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.



In the Church

### Worship Information

Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be John 1:1-9. The sermon is entitled "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" and will be delivered by our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Charles McCaskey Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God and celebrate the 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

### 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.



### Public School Needs



We want 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.

### Winona Meal Planned for September 1<sup>st</sup>

Anyone that would like to help provide food for the Winona dinner can call Alice Peek at 239-5513. We need the following items:

- (3)- Stouffers family size lasagna
- (2)- Bagged salad mix (18 servings each)
- (4)- packages grape tomatoes
- (3) loaves French bread
- (36) apples or oranges
- (36) bananas
- (36) individual desserts

### 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](mailto:Tisha@uchabitat.org) for more info.



### 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.





*This morning's altar flowers are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Geri Wigtil's birthday by Sydney and Bob Pasternack.*

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT for August 16, 2020**

Commitments - \$4,150.00    Undesignated - \$800.00    Other - \$0.00  
Total Deposit - \$4,950.00

**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)

*Prayer Requests . . .*

Maggie Vincent (COVID-19 CRMC)  
 Leighann Morgan and family  
 The family of Tige Casey (Janice Cox's son)  
 Don Anderson (serious auto accident)  
 Lynn Twitty (cancer)  
 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)  
 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)  
 Unnamed prayer requests  
 Those in the military and their families

