



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
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Every Sunday morning we gather together as the family of God. We gather for many purposes. We gather to study. We gather to see friends. We gather to refresh ourselves after a long week and to prepare ourselves for the week that is ahead of us. As important as all of those reasons may be, the most important reason to gather is to worship. We gather to give praise for the numerous gifts with which God has provided us.

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WITH US

It is important that everyone takes part in praising God. In corporate worship we remember that we are not alone in this life. We praise the God who is always there for us, and we do so in the midst of the church family that God provided for our support and mutual love. That is the reason that we sing together. That is the reason that we participate in liturgy together.

I know that for the last several months that worship experience has been different. We have been separated by viruses, but we remain united in Christ. I know that it has been nice for some to watch from home in your pajamas. However, when you feel safe, I hope that you will remember that your church family needs you. Your church family misses you. Your church family wants to celebrate God's gift of relationship and support together.

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

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.

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

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We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins, and Judy Sullivan for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Maggie Smith for helping with the PowerPoint and Bill Byers for his work with the camera system.



In the Church

Worship Information

Sunday, August 30th, will be the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Exodus 3:1-14. Caleb Norris will be preaching this week. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Winona Meal Planned for September 1st

Anyone that would like to help provide food for the September 1st 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 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.





Join **FOOD TO THE RESCUE** as they collect 16 oz. (or close to that) jars of peanut butter for the current school year food distributions. There is a black tote just outside the office door for your donations. Please be generous in your giving. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for August 23, 2020

Commitments - \$4,060.00 Undesignated - \$385.00 Other - \$0.00
 Total Deposit - \$4,445.00

Food Container Pickup

If you delivered a meal to the McCaskey family in the past few weeks, please check the kitchen for containers in which you delivered food.

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

