

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,
September 9, 2020

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

I really miss all of you. One of the joys of the pastorate is the opportunity to work with an abundance of families and having the opportunity to be a part of your lives. During this pandemic, that opportunity has been taken away. Caleb Norris has been working for the church since April and has not had the opportunity to get to know you and that has been difficult for him.

Unfortunately, it seems that we are going to be working around the coronavirus and socially distancing for a while longer. However, neither Caleb or I want to continue to wait to see you, hear how you are doing, pray with you, and help figure out what we can do for you as the leaders of your church.

He, I, or both of us would love the opportunity to come see you. We will be happy to wear masks. We will be happy to sit outside with you. We will be happy to follow your lead so that we can see you and make sure you know just how much you are missed and how much we love you. If you would be interested in a visit, just let us know. We will drop everything we can to see you again.



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



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 September 6, 2020

Commitments - \$6,340.00 Undesignated - \$1,015.00 Other - \$200.00

Sunday's offering includes \$150.00 donated to our assistance program and \$50.00 for altar flowers.

Total Deposit - \$7,555.00

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We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins, and Judy Sullivan 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, September 13th, will be the fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Romans 14:1-12. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God.

The Love-Joy Circle meeting scheduled for September 14th has been canceled until further notice.



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the Glory of God and in honor of all men and women for their hard work and dedication during this pandemic; and in loving memory of Juanita Martin by Patty Martin.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

On Wednesday evenings 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.



Nursery Worker Needed

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.

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!



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.



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

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.

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)



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 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.

Prayer Requests . . .

The family of Burrell Johnson
 The family of Maggie Vincent
 Victoria LaClaire (COVID-19)
 Ann Wilson (COVID-19)
 Don Anderson (serious auto accident)
 Leighann Morgan and family
 The family of Tige Casey (Janice Cox's son)
 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
 Private Requests

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