

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
September 23, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith



World Communion Sunday

It has been a long 7 months. Since the beginning of this coronavirus era, we have continued to make the statement that, even from a distance, we are still a united church. I continue to stand by that statement. If you are not ready to come to indoor worship, we certainly understand.

On October 4th we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Each year we celebrate the day and remember that we are united with people around the world and throughout time in our worship of God. This year, we will also remember that we are united as a church even if we are not all able to be in the same space.

This year we want to add an element to our celebration. At 6:00 (on October 4th) everyone is invited to join us in the Family Life Center pavilion for a time of fellowship. We invite you to bring your own dinner and join us in a socially distanced time. We will have a short devotional and also celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. We miss you and hope you will consider coming to celebrate a special day with your church family.

Food to the Rescue Packing Day

***** Wednesday, 09/30/20, 5:30 to 7:30pm*****

Central City Church (Cookeville Mall)

Enter on the back side of the mall facing I-40

We need 25 volunteers! There is a large area, so we will be able to spread out.

All ages are allowed to help. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical ability.

Masks will be provided if you don't have your own. Dress in cool clothing. The building is warm!!!

Text (931-261-1029) or email (sparkst@pcsstn.com) Tracy Sparks to sign up.

Drivers are also needed! For more information, go to <http://we.ly/65s50zaDgw>

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

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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 Mark McKinley and Steve Boots for their work with the camera system.



In the Church

Worship Information

Sunday, September 27th, will be the seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Matthew 21:23-32. Caleb Norris will be preaching. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God.

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the Glory of God and dedicated to her late mother, Virginia Wynne, for her birthday by Jan Presley.



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.

The **Pathfinders Sunday School** class is meeting at 8:45 on Sunday mornings in the outside area of the Pavilion. Please consider joining us.



Join **FOOD TO THE RESCUE** as they collect 16 oz. jars of peanut butter for the current school year food distributions. There is a black tote just outside the office door for your donations. Take a moment to read about the Food to the Rescue Packing Day on Page 1.

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



MISSIONS

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.

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.



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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for September 20, 2020

Not Available

Nursery Attendant Needed



Nursery Worker 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!



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)





Our condolences to the family of Walter Plyter, Ethel James' brother. Mr. Plyter passed away on Sunday, September 20, in Maitland, FL. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Please keep Ethel and her family in your prayers.

Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Danny Taylor, Caleb Norris' grandfather. Mr. Taylor passed away last night. Please keep Caleb and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our condolences to the family of Jim Copeland, Freeman Smith's brother-in-law. Mr. Copeland passed away this morning. Please keep Freeman in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Requests . . .

The family of Danny Taylor (Caleb Norris' grandfather)
 The family of Jim Copeland (Freeman Smith's brother-in-law)
 Margie Copeland (COVID - Freeman Smith's sister)
 The family of Walter Plyter (Ethel James' brother)
 The family of Burrell Johnson
 The family of Maggie Vincent
 Julie Stepp (surgery)
 Julie Stepp's mother (pancreatic surgery)
 Grayson Barnhill (the Webb's grandson - hospital)
 Don Anderson (serious auto accident)
 Leighann Morgan and family
 Lynn Twitty (cancer)
 Wanda McCaskey (home)
 Ella Haynes
 Pat Brumfield (broken leg)
 Don Dyer (home)
 Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister)
 Dorothy Nichols
 Ramona Tilghman
 Ruth Sapp
 Tim Fournet
 Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
 Private Requests

Dave James
 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)
 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

