



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
October 7, 2020*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

It is fall break for many of you. As I write this message, many of our church members are in the middle of vacation. Others in our congregation are anxiously awaiting the weekend and leaving on their vacations. Especially this year, I know that those vacations are well-deserved and important for families. I hope that all of those who are going somewhere or staying home are able to stay safe and get good rest.



God was the inventor of vacation. After creating the heavens and the earth, we are told that God rested. God took a vacation. We need to follow the example of our Creator. We need to be willing to give ourselves a break. However, we need to do so remembering that the purpose of this break is to refresh and reinvigorate ourselves so that we can be better prepared for the work of glorifying God in everything we do. I cannot wait until my family and I leave for a break. But one of the best parts of vacation is coming back home ready to tackle everything life throws at us.

Good News SS Class

The Good News Class meets in the Upper Commons at 9:00am on Sunday mornings. The class will be studying the book of Revelation. Everyone is invited to come and take part in this study.

Snail Mail Card Shower for Pastor Appreciation Day!



Pastor Appreciation day will be celebrated on Sunday, October 18, 2020. This is a great opportunity to let our ministers know how much we appreciate them! It has been a difficult year for the church and for our ministers and we ask that you continually pray for them.

Please take a moment to send a card by snail mail or put them in baskets located in the church narthex. You may include a note of appreciation or any other expression of appreciation that you would like to include. Questions? Contact Belinda at 979-7816. The ministers' mailing addresses are:

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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, October 11th, will be the 19th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Philippians 4:4-9. Caleb Norris will be preaching. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, October 4, 2020

Commitments - \$14,450.00 Undesignated - \$1,539.00 Other - \$250.00

Sunday's offering included \$200.00 for assistance and \$50.00 from church dinner donations.

Total Deposit - \$16,239.00

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

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.



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.



SONSHINE CIRCLE TO MEET

Members of the Sonshine Circle will meet at 10:00am on Tuesday, October 13th, in the Family Life Center. Please plan to wear your masks.

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.



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!



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)

Samaritan's Purse

It's time to start thinking about packing our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! This year we will have two methods of packing a box! You may "Build a Shoebox" online or pick up a box here at the church. Children need love more than ever at this time; they need the hope found only in Jesus Christ. Contact Belinda Wynne at 931-979-7816 for more information and stay tuned to find out how you can help.



Prayer Requests . . .

Carolyn Zolg (Parkinson's)
 Kathy Shanks (procedure)
 The family of Danny Taylor (Caleb Norris' grandfather)
 Margie Copeland (COVID - Freeman Smith's sister)
 Julie Stepp (surgery)
 Ginger Tevault (Julie Stepp's mother - surgery)
 Don Anderson (serious auto accident)
 Leighann Morgan and family
 Lynn Twitty (cancer)
 Wanda McCaskey
 Ella Haynes
 Pat Brumfield
 Don Dyer
 Euna Hancock Brown (Sarah Joyce's sister)
 Dorothy Nichols
 Ramona Tilghman
 Ruth Sapp
 Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
 Tim Fournet
 Private Requests
 Dave James

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

