

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,
October 14, 2020

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

I am always excited to worship. I love the opportunity that I have to stand before our congregation and lead you as we celebrate the majesty of God. This week I am especially excited about doing something new and different. Following our 10:00 am worship service in the sanctuary, Caleb and I will move outside to the pavilion where we will be leading our 11:00am outdoor service.

There will be elements of the service that will be the same as our "normal" service. However, there will also be some slight differences. One thing to which I look forward is being outside in worship. There is just something special about sitting out in God's creation as we worship. There is something invigorating about seeing the world go by as we talk about what we should be doing for the world. I hope that some of you will plan to bring your lawn chairs or use our folding chairs and join us as we worship God indoors at 10:00am and outdoors at 11:00am on Sunday morning.

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:

Reverend Christian Smith
565 E 10th Street
Cookeville, Tn. 38501

Caleb Norris
565 E 10th Street
Cookeville, Tn. 38501

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.



First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
565 E. 10th Street - Cookeville, TN 38501

931-526-6585
www.cookevillecpchurch.org

We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins, and Judy Sullivan for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Cindy Putz for helping with the PowerPoint and Mark McKinley and Steve Boots for their work with the camera system.



Worship Information

Sunday, October 18th, will be the 20th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Matthew 22:15-22. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online as we worship God.

Acolytes Needed

Anyone who would like to be an acolyte can 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!



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

Good News Class

The Good News Class is now meeting at 9:00am for Sunday School. This class will take place in the church fellowship hall. The class will be studying the book of Revelation. Everyone is invited to come and take part in this study.

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 collecting them.



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.





Second Worship Service Added

Beginning this Sunday, October 18th, we will be adding another service to our schedule. We will continue to have our indoor and online service at 10am. At 11am we will be offering an outdoor service in the pavilion of the Family Life Center. We invite people to bring their lawn chairs or use one of our folding chairs and join us for a different worship experience.

While this service will be a mask-optional one, we need your cooperation to maintain our record of zero transmissions at CFCPC. Please plan to practice good social distancing. We are striving to make sure that we can continue to worship and care for your spiritual and physical health.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, October 11, 2020

Commitments - \$10,485.00 Undesignated - \$1,470.00 Other - \$110.00

Sunday's offering included \$50.00 for flowers and \$60.00 from Weight Watchers.

Total Deposit - \$12,065.00



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.

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)

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.



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.

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the Glory of God and in thanks for her family's October blessings by Jane Anne Gotcher.



Our condolences to the family of Earl Nichols, who passed away on Monday of this week. Christian will be keeping you updated about funeral arrangements. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank You

We would like to thank you for the many cards with messages, phone calls, kind thoughts but most of all the many prayers. We love our church family and to know you cared at a time like this is a wonderful thing. God bless you one and all.

Dave & Ethel James

Prayer Requests . . .

- The family of Earl Nichols
- Ginny Liebsch
- Don Haynes (COVID-19)
- Carolyn Zolg (Parkinson's)
- Devonia McGee
- Kathy Shanks
- Julie Stepp (surgery)
- Julie Stepp's mother (pancreatic surgery)
- Margie Copeland (Freeman Smith's sister)
- 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

- 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)
- Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)
- Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)
- Unnamed prayer requests
- Those in the military and their families

