

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,
November 4, 2020

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Because of scheduling at the church this week, I am writing this message on Tuesday afternoon. During the course of the day, I have had several conversations. Only a few of those conversations failed to turn to politics in some way. I cannot wait for the moment when everything is settled and we can put this experience behind us. I cannot wait for the moment when people begin to put election 2020 behind them and they begin to, hopefully, love their neighbors again. During the last few months, passions have run high as we prepared for our choice of who would serve our country and seek to protect our interests. How much could we truly change our country if we showed that same passion about our faith? How much could we change the world if we sought to share Christ as fervently as we sought to share our candidates? As we put the election behind us, let us always seek to keep Christ and the will of God before us.



Thanksgiving Meals

Turkey Boxes

We will once again be preparing turkey boxes for students and families in our community. As always, we need donations for turkeys. If you are not able to come to church each week, we welcome your donations to sponsor an entire box for between \$20 and \$30.

Items you can bring to help fill boxes include:

Amen Corner Side

Green Beans & Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce

Choir Side

Corn & Mac and Cheese
Gravy
Foil Pans

November 1
November 8
November 15

Mission Ministry Collects Coats/Clothing

The Missions Ministry is collecting coats (youth/adult - all sizes) for Quawana's Coats. You can drop donations off at the church or call Alice Peek at 239-5513 for pickup. We are also collecting boy/girls winter clothing/shoes to be distributed through Care Closet at Highland Residential Services.



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We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins, and Judy Sullivan for their leadership in our music. We appreciate Carroll Gotcher leading us into worship this week. We also want to thank Jodi Smith for helping with the PowerPoint and Mark McKinley for his work with the camera system.



In the Church

Worship Information

Sunday, November 8th, will be the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be Amos 5:18-24. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary, online at 10:00am or in the Family Life Center pavilion at 11:00am as we worship God.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

IT'S SHOEBOX TIME! How many children can we bless with the Good News of Jesus Christ by building shoebox gifts online? This goal page will help us track our progress. This page is titled: Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.



This following website address must be complete for our church to get credit for boxes.

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/ce7e122a-9232-4fe4-8f0a-2594f8a8ebf0>

The online cost of a box is \$25 which includes the \$9 shipping - that is cheaper than we can pack a box ourselves. My goal is 150 boxes online. Last day to build a shoebox is November 23, 2020.

There will be shoeboxes available in the narthex on Sunday. You are welcome to put together your own shoebox; remember that shipping charges will need to be included with your shoebox. Contact Belinda Wynne at 979-7816 if you have questions about the process.

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.

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

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

Members of the Sonshine Circle are encouraged to attend their monthly meeting at 10am on Tuesday, the 10th of November. The meeting will be held in the Session Room and you will be working on Samaritan’s Purse shoeboxes. Please mark the date on your calendars.

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



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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, November 1, 2020

Commitments - \$9,875.00 Undesignated - \$1,094.00 Other - \$470.00

Sunday’s offering included \$250.00 for assistance, \$200.00 for security updates and \$20.00 for youth.

Total Deposit - \$11,439.00

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.



Elder Elections

On November 29th, we will be holding a congregational meeting for all of those who attend in-person worship in either service. This meeting will be for the purpose of electing five members to serve on the church session for the next three years. The current session, acting as a nominating committee, will place into nomination the following names: Stacey Byers, Mike Davidson, Liz Fournet, Cindy Putz, and Ron Thurman. You are welcomed to make nominations during the meeting. We simply ask that if you wish to nominate someone that you will make sure they are a member of the church and are willing to serve.



11:00am Worship Service

We thank each of you who attend our outdoor worship service (Family Life Center). We will continue to offer this slightly abbreviated and less formal service each Sunday at 11:00am until we can all be in the building together again.

We ask that people not park in the spaces directly in front of the pavilion. We would like to leave those spaces available as a parking space for families who wish to worship from inside their vehicles.

Prayer Requests . . .

The families of Billy Sneed and Alton Sneed
 (Betty Benedict's brothers)
 Bobby Wallace (Evon Maggart's brother-in-law)
 David Byers (Bill's father)
 Charles Johnston
 Ethel James
 Kathy Hilton (surgery)
 Mike Sheets (surgery)
 The family of Earl Nichols
 Evelyn Hyder (tests)
 Lynn Dunham (broken hip)
 Ginny Liebsch
 Don Haynes
 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
 Dave James
 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

