

# Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Wednesday,  
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I cannot believe that Thanksgiving is a week away. In 8 days we normally gather around a table with our family and friends and enjoy time together. Unfortunately, I know that will not be happening for many this year. Both my parents and Jodi's parents have decided that they are not comfortable with everyone coming to their house this year. While it is disappointing, I certainly understand. I know that for many, Thanksgiving 2020 will not be the same. However, even in the midst of distance and frustration, we can still give thanks.

Even as we think back on the difficulties of this year, we give thanks. In the midst of life's problems, we still have a God we love and a God who loves us. Even in the midst of the pain that we endure, we still have each other to lean upon. No matter what problem may next come our way, we have the hope of salvation and victory through Christ. We were never promised a life without trouble. However, we were promised that we would never have to face trials alone. I am thankful for the God, for the savior, for the family and friends who show me the light of hope and peace no matter what difficulties I face. Blessings, Christian

## Winona Thanksgiving Meal

We will be delivering a Thanksgiving meal to the Winona folks on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. The following is a list of foods needed to complete the meal. Drop your food by the church no later than noon on Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to donate or can offer some help in preparation and delivery of the meal, call Alice at 239-5513.

- (6) pecan pies
- (45) apples or oranges

- Green beans for (48)
- Cranberry salad for (48)



## Turkey Boxes

The youth will be preparing turkey boxes for students and families in our community on this coming Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We still need donations for turkeys and welcome you to sponsor a turkey box at a cost of \$20.00 to \$30.00. You are also welcome to drop off any of the following items to the church this week:



Thanksgiving Meals

- Green Beans & Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce

- Corn & Mac and Cheese
- Gravy
- Foil Pans

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

### Worship Information

Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be Christ the King Sunday. The chancel color is white. Our text for the sermon will be Matthew 25:31-45. Caleb Norris will be preaching this week. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online at 10:00am or in the Family Life Center pavilion at 11:00am 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, November 15, 2020

Commitments - \$6,865.00    Undesignated - \$1,023.38    Other - \$2,285.00

Sunday's offering included \$50.00 for altar flowers and \$1,185.00 for the Turkey Project. \$500.00 came in from Friends in Mission and \$550.00 for Habitat for Humanity.

Total Deposit - \$10,173.38



### Thank You!

The Missions team so much appreciates your willingness to give of your time and financial support for Habitat for Humanity. A total of \$675.00 was collected for this cause. We are truly blessed with a giving and loving congregation. Thank you!

### 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.



### 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.



## Elder Elections

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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.

## 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)

## 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.

## 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.



### Shoebox Deadline

You may build an online Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoebox through tomorrow, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The online cost of a box is \$25 which includes the \$9 shipping fee. The church's goal is 150 boxes online and the following website address must be used for our church to get credit for your boxes:

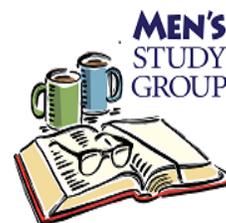


<https://build-ashoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/ce7e122a-9232-4fe4-8f0a-2594f8a8ebf0>

Contact Belinda Wynne at 979-7816 if you have questions about the process. Thanks for your generosity in giving!

### Men's Bible Study

Tim Fournet is conducting a Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 12:00pm. The first study is "Ten Men of the Bible" by Max Lucado. This study guide is widely available on multiple sites. If you need help finding or purchasing this guide, please let Christian (931-265-8896) or Tim (931-239-9752) know. Each lesson is a 5-day guide and the study lasts for 10 weeks. We will discuss one lesson each week.



The first class was held yesterday and will continue on November 24<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting in the church pavilion and invite you to bring a lawn chair and your lunch. We provide a Zoom link to the study as well.

Everyone is welcome. We will be following Church Guidelines on Social Distancing. If you have any questions, please let Tim or me know.





*Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in memory of our father, Wally Wigtil, from Bob & Sydney Pasternack.*

## *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)  
 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'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

