



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
March 3, 2021*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

March 3, 2020, is a day that few of us will never forget. Some within our church had damage to their property. A few lost homes all together. We lost 19 people from the community, including one beloved member of our church family. Even those who may have received no physical damage have likely experienced emotional distress. There are those from our church and from our community who are dealing with fear and anxiety as a result of the storms.

In the midst of the struggles that many have faced, I have continued to hear expressions of gratitude for the multitude of ways that people have experienced love over the last year. Love was shown through the church. Love was shown by family. Love was shown by the community. Love was shown by friends and by strangers. The love that was offered to those who had been displaced and hurt offered security and sanctuary when it was needed most.

Today is a difficult day for many within our community. There are many in our community who are still struggling with loss and despair. As we mark this anniversary, let us do so by sharing the love that offers people sanctuary and security from tornadoes and from every storm of life.

Blessings, Christian

Food to the Rescue Packing Day

*****Wed. March 10th 5:30-7:30pm*****

New Location

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

Roots Salon in the front

Food to the Rescue in the back

We need **40** volunteers to help!

There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical ability.

Masks will be required. Dress in cool clothing. The building is warm!!

To sign up, text/call/email Tracy Sparks: (931)261-1029 or sparkst@pcsstn.com by **Friday, March 5th**.

Drivers are also needed! For more information, go to <http://ow.ly/65Rs50zuDgw> to sign up.



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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 and Jim Putz for helping with the PowerPoint and Bill Byers for his work with the camera system.

Worship Information

Sunday, March 7th, will be the 3rd Sunday in Lent. The chancel color is purple. Our text for the sermon will be John 2:13-22. Please plan to join us online or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God and celebrate Holy Communion.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Christian has resumed Wednesday night Bible Studies. The Study takes place tonight at 6pm and will be conducted on Zoom. We encourage you to join us as we discuss a variety of topics this semester. Tonight, we will talk about the three men in the fiery furnace.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, February 28, 2021

Commitments - \$5,425.00 Undesignated - \$980.00 Other - \$200.00

Sunday's offering included \$50.00 for flowers, \$50.00 for Winona and \$100.00 for healthcare workers. \$50.00 was given for memorials. Total Deposits - \$6,655.00

Help With the COVID Vaccine Registration

The Missions Ministry is offering to help anyone in the church who needs assistance in registering for the COVID vaccine. Call Sandra in the church office (526-6585) for more information.



The **2021 Flower Calendar** signup sheet is now posted in the narthex. Please place your name next to the date(s) for which you are interested in donating flowers. You may also call in your request for placing flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday. The cost for flowers is \$50.00. Sally Beyer will call you for a dedication the week the flowers are to be ordered.

Sunday School Classes Meeting!

We will be having Sunday School classes for all of our school-aged children, youth and adult classes this Sunday. Classes begin at 9:50am. As we strive to make sure that your children and family stay safe, we will be using outdoor spaces when the weather permits and will maintain our distance from one another. When we must be inside the building, masks will be required. We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday mornings!



We are now having two services on Sundays - one at 8:45am (broadcast online) and one at 11:00. Both services will take place in the sanctuary. It is the session's hope that this change will allow more seating space in the sanctuary and allow people to spread out more as we continue to strive to provide a safe place to worship God.



Community Needs

The Putnam County Advisory Board (a group that ensures each child in Putnam County has the basic necessities of food, clothing and shelter) is in need of the following newborn items:

- Pack n Plays (for newborns removed and going to foster care)
- bottles
- diapers
- crib sheets
- burp cloths
- blankets
- twin mattresses and frames

Please bring donations to the church. Thank you in advance for your help!

Men’s Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study for men resumed yesterday with Tim Fournet leading the discussion. All men are encouraged to attend. The study will take place in the FLC. Feel free to bring your lunch!



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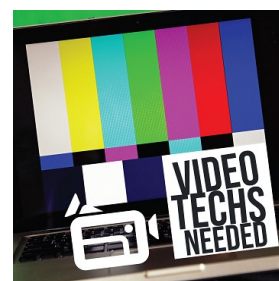
Remember Your Offerings

It is our hope that, during this world health crisis, Cookeville FCPC 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. 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 another person or two to learn to run our new camera system for the 10am 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.



Shawl Ministry

The Twisted Stitchers’ goal is to have a couple of finished and tagged **PRAYER SHAWLS** on the desk in the Session Room at all times. Please support 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.



Prayer Requests . . .

The family of Doris Hawkins (Alice Peek and Dana Davidson's mother)

The family of Jean Bullard (Ann Dyer's sister)

Angie Knight (breast cancer surgery)

Rhonda Barlow (breast cancer surgery)

Don Anderson (surgery)

Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - leukemia)

Tim Fournet (surgery)

Jim Dixon (surgery)

Coen Malone Chambers (Carolyn Pinkley's great-grandson - testing)

Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families

Jimmy Stringer (heart procedure)

Ray Spencer (heart repair)

Rico Schwartz (17-yr old hit by drunk driver)

Memory Turner (Rico's mother)

Rev. Blake Stephens

Bobby Wallace

Kathy Hilton

Ginny Liebsch

Devonia McGee

Kathy Shanks

Ginger Trevault (Julie Stepp's mother)

Leighann Morgan and family

Wanda McCaskey

Ella Haynes

Pat Brumfield

Euna Hancock Brown

Dorothy Nichols

Ramona Tilghman

Ruth Sapp

Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay

Wilma Diemer

Bob Hill

Jim Lansford

Levi Rector

Robert Buck

Johnny Dunn (COPD)

Cindy Furcean

Clay Vanhooser

Lynn Twitty (cancer)

Evelyn Hyder (cancer)

Becky Knight (cancer)

Jeremy Germinis (cancer)

Max Atnip (cancer)

Mel Brown (cancer)

Steven Middleton (cancer)

Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)

Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)

Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare)

Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)

Unnamed prayer requests

Those in the military and their families

