

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 Holy Week is already here. For most pastors, this will be the busiest week of the year. For pastors, next week is the busiest week of the year. For Caleb and I, over an 8 day period, we will plan and lead 4 unique services. Yet, despite how busy it is, Holy Week is easily my favorite week of the year. During the course of the week, I get to focus on the great love of Christ. As I am reminded of the sacrifice that our Savior made for me, my petty day-to-day issues and schedule don't seem to matter much anymore. As I am reminded of Christ's victory over the grave and the promised victory for me, things don't seem so daunting. I know that each of you are busy. I know that you each have responsibilities that you must fulfill. I know that, at times, your plate seems to be full or overflowing. I want to urge you to take some time next week and give it to worship. Take some time to remember what has been done and is being done for you through the love of God. If you do, you might just find that all of that stuff that is weighing you down isn't nearly the burden you thought it was.

Blessings, Christian

Holy Week Services

On Thursday evening, April 1st, at 7:00pm, we will celebrate **Maundy Thursday**, and remember the last meal that Christ would eat and the institution of the Lord's Supper. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.



On Friday, April 2nd, at 7:00pm, we will observe **Good Friday** and remember the great sacrifice that Christ made for us. Easter is a special day, but it can be even more special if we remember and worship God for all of the events that led us to the empty tomb.

FCPC will have a church work day on Saturday, March 27th at 8:30 am. We plan to work mostly outside on the yard, gutters etc. Anything inside would great as well! If the weather is not conducive to working outside or that day is not good for you, we will work some the week before in the afternoons. Please call Jeff Peek or the church office if you have any questions.



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.

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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 their help with the PowerPoint and Steve Boots for his work with the camera system.

Worship Information

Sunday, March 28th, will be Palm Sunday. The chancel color is purple. Our text for the sermon will be Mark 11:1-11. Please plan to join us online (8:45am) or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am.

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 Creation.



Food for Winona and PSA Tuesday, March 30th

Have food to the church by Tuesday, March 30th, at 3:00pm

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| sausage for 40 (sliced for biscuits) | bread/rolls for 25 | granola bars for 40 |
| sausage for 40 (sliced for biscuits) | bread/rolls for 25 | bananas for 40 |
| biscuits for 40 | dessert for 25 | oranges for 40 |
| biscuits for 40 | dessert for 25 | |
| green beans for 25 | coleslaw for 25 | |
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We need people to help pack/deliver food on Tuesday, March 30th at 3:45pm in the church kitchen. Call or text Tracy Sparks to sign up: (931)261-0129. Thank you!

YARN FOR PROJECTS



Twisted Stitchers are not currently meeting but we have a large supply of yarn available. Please come into the church to pick-up yarn for any project you are working on. Also, special thanks to those of you who have brought yarn to us. We are still providing hats, Knitted Knockers, prayer shawls and baby blankets for many who need a virtual hug.

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 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
blankets

burp cloths
crib sheets

diapers
twin mattresses and frames

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

GIVING

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)



It is time to reserve your Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. The cost for each Lily is \$15.00. You may make your reservations by completing a form found on the narthex table or calling Sandra in the church office. Payment may be made by including your check or cash in your form on Sunday, dropped by the church office or mailed to the church. Orders will be taken through March 30th. Contact Sandra in the church office if you have any questions.

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 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.



Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study for men has resumed 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!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, March 21, 2021

Commitments - \$8,010.00 Undesignated - \$540.00 Other - \$180.00
 Sunday's offering included \$180.00 for Easter Lilies. There were \$283.00 in memorials.
 Total Deposits - \$8,730.00



Uganda Project

Around the world, a woman's menstrual cycle can stop her from living her everyday life--including going to school or work. This often is due to women not having access to necessary feminine hygiene products. To help overcome this barrier, several members of our church are working on cutting and sewing washable cloth menstrual pads for 100 girls in Uganda. As part of this project, we are collecting packs of new panties in sizes women's small, medium, and large to send along with the pads. To donate, please see Jodi Smith.



Prayer Requests . . .

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| The family of Bettye Bussell (Linda Welch's mother) | Pat Brumfield |
| The family of Nancy Byers (Tina Thurman's sister) | Ella Haynes |
| Carlene Galemore (stroke) | Euna Hancock Brown |
| Tracy Sparks (Bell's Palsy) | Dorothy Nichols |
| Ginny Liebsch (surgery) | Ramona Tilghman |
| Ethel James (surgery) | Ruth Sapp |
| Angie Knight (surgery) | Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay |
| Rhonda Barlow (surgery) | Wilma Diemer |
| Don Anderson (surgery) | Bob Hill |
| Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - leukemia) | Jim Lansford |
| Tim Fournet (surgery) | Levi Rector |
| Jim Dixon (surgery) | Robert Buck |
| Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families | Johnny Dunn (COPD) |
| Jimmy Stringer (heart procedure) | Cindy Furcean |
| Ray Spencer (heart repair) | Clay Vanhooser |
| Rico Schwartz (17-yr old hit by drunk driver) | Lynn Twitty (cancer) |
| Memory Turner (Rico's mother) | Evelyn Hyder (cancer) |
| Rev. Blake Stephens | Becky Knight (cancer) |
| Bobby Wallace | Jeremy Germinis (cancer) |
| Kathy Hilton | Max Atnip (cancer) |
| Ginny Liebsch | Mel Brown (cancer) |
| Devonia McGee | Steven Middleton (cancer) |
| Kathy Shanks | Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills) |
| Ginger Trevault (Julie Stepp's mother) | Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe) |
| Leighann Morgan and family | Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare) |
| Wanda McCaskey | Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside) |
| | Unnamed prayer requests |
| | Those in the military and their families |

