

# WELCOME

First United Methodist Church Cleveland, Tennessee  
4th Sunday of Easter, April 25, 2021

Greeting and Announcements

Mission Moment

Sacred Road Ministry  
Shannon & Jackson Ritzhaupt and Anna Ingram

Prelude

"Earth Song" *Frank Ticheli*  
Ladies of Lee

\*Hymn No. 716

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Affirmation of Faith No. 881

"The Apostles' Creed"

Celebration of Seniors

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 20:24

Prayer Chorus

"Cares Chorus"

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Recognition of Seniors

Prayer of Commission

New Testament Lesson

I Peter 2:21

Anthem

"He Will Hold Me Fast" *Ada Abersham & Matt Merker*  
Ladies of Lee

Message

Pastor Curt McKee  
"Watch Your Steps"

\*Hymn No. 536

"Precious Name"

Benediction

Postlude

*Altar flowers are in memory of Charles N. Thacker, given by his family.*

*The Rosebud on the Altar is in honor of the birth of Emalynn Reid Critchfield, born on April 13, 2021 to parents Allie and Cole Critchfield; proud grandparents Dusty and Lori Elliott; great-grandfather George Poe, Jr.*

Sermon Notes April 25, 2021

## Watch Your Steps

Proverbs 20:24 I Peter 2:21

Do You KNOW? Direction...is of Vital Importance...Can You Understand Your Own Way? The Age Old Question...Age Old Instruction: WATCH YOUR STEP...GOAL: Having STEPS DIRECTED BY THE LORD!

Do You Know? Abraham—Jacob—Moses—David....Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John and the others...Think of their Steps.

They Followed the Rabbi from Nazareth...Results:

- He Showed them a New Way...Focus on Love
- He Showed that Service and Sacrifice were requirements
- He Showed Continual Conflict with the World
- He Showed that STEPPING in His Direction Brings Life and Peace

Do YOU Today, Know where You're Going? Do You like what Life is Showing? Are you willing to allow the Lord to Direct Your Steps?

No One can decide this for You. The way of Christ is the way of the Cross which leads to never-ending Victory and Life!

# SENIOR SUNDAY

April 25th

Congratulations to  
Our Graduating Seniors:

Lily Bradney Mary Emily Buchanan  
Kelsey Carman Toby Ginn Truman Hale  
Anna Ingram Jackson Ritzhaupt

Join us for  
Roberta & Joshua Knight's Drive-Thru

## Celebration Shower



Sunday, April 25th  
Between 2:00-4:00 PM at First UMC

Registered at:  
theknot.com/joshuaandroberta  
Password: checkmate

Roberta & Joshua were married  
on December 30, 2020

The church continues to operate Bread of Life the last Saturday of each month by providing lunch at the Salvation Army. The meal is prepared at the church then taken to the Salvation Army & distributed in to-go containers. **We need a few helpers for Saturdays: May 29 & June 26**

If you would like to volunteer to cook or serve one of these Saturdays, please contact Andrea Byerly at [andbyerly@gmail.com](mailto:andbyerly@gmail.com).

Coming Soon

## S.O.K. Days

In lieu of VBS this year, 1st Kidz will host Summer Outings for Kids. We will take local fun trips and participate in mission projects in our community. Details coming soon.

## Gifts to the Church

**To the Mary Diana Samuel Children's Home**  
In memory of Nalini Samuel by:  
Buddy & Sarah Chance  
**To the Family Promise Ministry**  
In memory of Martha Cooke:  
Bob & Aharon Lederer

## Prayer REQUESTS

### SHORT TERM PRAYER

- Chris Thacker and Family
- Family of Mike Goniea
- Paxton Boyd

### LONG TERM PRAYER

- Ken Adcock
- Mary Helen Allen
- Patsy Barger
- Jerry & Linda Clevenger
- Alan David
- Gary & Kathy Farner
- Cathy Goodman
- Larry Gutsenberger
- Sean Hale

- Bonnie Headrick
- Charlton Hedgcock
- Brenda Holder
- Betty McLain
- Alesia McNelley
- Carolyn Owens
- Janet Parks
- Eleanor Perkinson
- Don Ritzhaupt
- Carolyn Rogers
- Jane Rufener
- Mavis Smith
- Stuart Switzer
- Betty Watt
- Olivia Weatherford



UNTIL THE  
WORLD WHOLE  
HEARS!  
TOUCHING NEIGHBORHOODS AND NATIONS

**Good News! FUMC has continued serving our community in local, national, & international missions throughout 2020. With this pandemic the needs of people continue to rise. So, we at First UMC need to rise to this opportunity that God has given us. For the next few Sundays we will have two people refresh our church family about the missions we serve.**

• **April 26- May 9**—Check out the Mission Display Boards in the Narthex, see what areas interest you and learn ways to be involved

• **May 1 9:00-12:00**—Mission Workday. Help assemble Health Kits for Liberia & Hygiene Kits for Sager Brown, projects at Arnold Elementary School, or help pressure wash the sidewalks around the church. Sign-up sheets will be on the sign-in tables on Sunday morning or call Mabel Greene at 423-956-0395.

• **May 2** - Mission Emphasis Sunday

• **May 9** - Faith Promise Pledge Cards

**Faith Promise**

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

There are giving baskets located next to the check in tables at each entrance door on Sunday mornings. You may place your offering in the baskets...

OR

You may mail your Tithes & Offerings and Memorials to the church...

OR

To give your Tithes & Offerings online go to:  
<https://holston-reg.brtaapp.com/ChurchOffering>

Continue to worship with us online on Sunday mornings at 10:45 AM.  
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7OTc1ZhVZhnxcWJzMOaqbQ>