

VISITOR INFORMATION

List names of all those with you today  
(please list children's ages):

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I / We...

- ☐ First-time Visitor   ☐ Regularly Attend
- ☐ Visiting Family / Friends
- ☐ Would like more information
- ☐ Interested in membership



Sign up for our  
Email Newsletter

MEMBER ATTENDANCE

List names of all members in attendance:

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Contact the church office with all changes to  
contact information. (phone, email, address)

Sept. 17—Sept.24

SUNDAY 17

10:45am Worship Service  
Bible Presentations

12:00pm Lunch Fellowship

4:00pm Youth Council Mtg.

5:00pm First Youth

MONDAY 18

5:30pm Finance Mtg.

6:00pm The Chosen Study

6:30pm Cub Scouts

TUESDAY 19

7:00pm Worship at Keith Memorial

WEDNESDAY 20

11:30am Bible Study

5:30pm Wednesday Dinner  
1st Kidz Choirs/Wild 1's

6:00pm Chancel Choir  
First Youth

7:15pm Bell Choir  
String Band

THURSDAY 21

6:30pm Women's Dinner Potluck

SATURDAY 23

Camp Lookout Golf Tourn.

SUNDAY 24

9:30am Sunday School

10:00am Chancel Choir  
Bible Presentation Rehearsal

10:30am JAM Children's Church

10:45am Worship Service  
UWF Sunday- Ladies of Lee

4:00pm Time of Prayer

5:00pm First Youth

ATTENDANCE

|      | In-Person | Online | Kids | Youth |
|------|-----------|--------|------|-------|
| 9/10 | 81        | 61     | 22   | 11    |
| 9/13 | 26        | --     | 20   | 10    |

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS



Riley Lessig  
Addison Malone  
Mason Muglach  
Boss Nordean  
Ainsley Peters



Tithes & Offerings

As of 9/10/2023:

Receipts to Date      \$ 424,250.75

Expenses to Date      \$ 489,265.68

Place your Tithes & Offerings in the  
collection plate or mail them to the



Prayer Requests

SHORT TERM PRAYER

- Jean Henderson
- Charlotte Shaver
- Gary Holden
- John Smeltzer
- Evelyn Holloway

LONG TERM PRAYER

- Mary Helen Allen
- Will Hyberger
- Richard Lynch
- Steve Medley
- Eleanor Perkinson
- Vicki Rhyne
- Elizabeth Samuel
- Cathy Smith
- Janice Tate
- Betty Watt
- Olivia Weatherford
- Janice Wolf
- Patsy Barger
- Jim Berg
- Doug Blanchard
- Sarah Chance
- The Boyd Family
- Carrie Byrum
- Kathy Haist
- Sean Hale
- Ollie Hall



FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

September 17th, 2023  
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Announcements

Bible Presentations      Luke 18:15-14 CEB      read by Riley Lessig

Prelude

Call to Worship      Psalm 100      UMH 821

\*Hymn of Praise      Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee      UMH 89

\*Affirmation of Faith      "The Apostles' Creed"

Old Testament Lesson      Psalm 103:1-2

Call to Prayer      Goodness of God

Prayer      Rev. Curtis McKee

Prayer Response      Goodness of God

Worship Song      Way Maker

Offertory      Nearer My God to Thee      UMH 528  
I am Thine, O Lord      UMH 419

Special Music      The Gift to Sing

New Testament Lesson      Matthew 6:5-8

Message      The Bible and Prayer      Rev. Curtis McKee

\*Hymn of Invitation      Sweet Hour of Prayer      UMH 496 vs 1

Benediction      Rev. Curtis McKee

Postlude

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor - Rev. Curtis McKee      Worship Director - Roberta Bishop Knight  
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**District Day with the Bishop**  
Sept. 19th, 7pm Worship at  
Keith Memorial in Athens

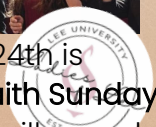
**Women's Dinner  
Follow-up Potluck**



Thursday, Sept. 21st  
6:30pm In the Commons  
Email the office to sign up



**United  
Women  
in Faith**



Sunday, Sept. 24th is  
**United Women in Faith Sunday**  
Rev. Debbie Stokes will preach  
and **The Ladies of Lee** will  
Sing during Worship Service.

**Time of Prayer**

Sunday, Sept. 24th  
4:00pm in the Chapel

**Walking/Hiking Group**

Saturday, Sept. 30th  
8am at Enterprise South  
Come through the gate and  
meet at the parking lot to  
the left. Moderate difficulty  
hike; 4.7 miles long.



**Family Promise Week**

First UMC Family  
Promise Week is  
October 15th-21st

If you would like to provide  
funds for a meal for a Family  
Promise family, please write  
Family Promise on your check  
memo/giving envelope, or  
drop off gift cards at the  
church office.



**Churchwide Picnic**

Sun. October 29th  
4-7pm

The Farm at Walker Valley  
1354 Walker Valley Rd. NW,  
Cleveland

Sponsored by Elan Circle

Elan Circle will provide BBQ &  
beverages. Congregation will  
provide sides, salads, &  
desserts. There will be  
activities, music, and games.

Fun for everyone!

Sign up with the  
QR Code,  
through the  
E-Newsletter link,  
or by contacting the office.



THE BIBLE AND PRAYER... Psalm 103:1-2 Matthew 6:5-8

Praise...Hebrew-Hallel-To Shine, to Boast-to glorify...Greek-  
Epainos-Giving proper acknowledgment for what deserves highest  
honor, reverence, respect. Vital Meaning in the Bible...Praise gives us  
access to God. Our verses from Psalms..."All my inmost being..." the  
deepest part of me, all of me, Praise His Holy Name...Charge DO NOT  
FORGET HIS BENEFITS...Praise is our Connector to God.

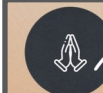
What Is Prayer? Is it just simply calling on the name of the Lord...  
What is Prayer Not? **1**-Not to be taken lightly. **2**-Not Bargaining with  
God. **3**-Not Making Demands of God. **4**-Not Only Asking God for things.  
**5**-Not Bothering God. **6**-Not A Way to Show Off One's Spirituality before  
others. Jesus' important teaching on Prayer in Matthew 6, we see it is  
Not Standing in public places...Let us consider Prayer with the following  
in mind which can hinder Prayer. **a)** Hypocrisy, **b)** Meaningless  
repetitions, **c)** Pride manifested in bad relations with others.

Prayer According to Jesus' teaching and lifestyle: PRAYER IS A  
PERSONAL DRAWING NEARER TO THE HEAVENLY FATHER...Key words  
from a hymn: "Nearer, my God to Thee." Only those who Draw Near to  
God are authentic in their lives of prayer.

JESUS: -Go Into Your Room/Place...Closes Out Distraction...  
Closes You In to Receive... For this to Happen You Must: have utter  
Confidence the Father wants you to be present with him and that he  
Loves and Affirms you through your connection with his Son. Prayer is  
CONNECTIONAL...With God, With other people...Intercession:  
"Intercession," says Oswald Chambers, "means raising ourselves up to  
the point of getting the mind of Christ regarding the person/s for whom  
we are praying." Seeing them through his eyes.

4 Things Pertinent to our Lives of Prayer. **A**-Relational-Matthew 6:6  
The unseen Father, sees you in the secret places. **B**-Listening-I Samuel  
3:10...Simple words, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. Pray  
yielded to the Holy Spirit...Pray the Holy Scriptures. **C**-Speaking-  
Philippians 4:6..."Make your requests known." Ask, Knock, Seek...Matt.  
7:7-8. **D**-Transformational-Acts 1:14-Returned to Jerusalem after Christ's  
ascension, went to the upper room..."They all joined together  
constantly in prayer...The Holy Spirit came...In Acts 4:31, A Prayer  
Meeting occurred after Peter and John were detained by the Jewish  
Counsel. Upon Release there was a time of Prayer and verse 31 states:  
"After they had prayed, the place where they were meeting was  
shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word  
of God boldly." They were completely transformed as were persons  
wherever they went.

When we spend time in prayer, in worship, and in the word, God will  
reveal dreams and visions far greater than we can ever imagine.  
VISION-VICTORY-VITALITY in our life of faith at First UMC Cleveland, TN



*Remember in Prayer*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

☐ Prayer List ☐ Prayer Chain ☐ Staff Only

☐ Short-term ☐ Long-term

Person Making Request: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IF A NAME  
CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST.



*Wednesday Dinner*

Wednesday, 9/20 at 5:30pm

**Teriyaki Chicken  
fried rice & broccoli**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Kids: \_\_\_\_\_

Kids \$6.00 (10 & under)

Adults \$8.00

Children 5th grade & younger who  
are here for choirs at 5:30 will eat at  
6:00pm at no charge.

Sign up above, use  
the QR code, or use  
the link in the  
E-Newsletter.

