

VISITOR INFORMATION

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

Address:

Best Phone:

Email:

Check all that apply:

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



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MEMBER ATTENDANCE

List names of all members in attendance:

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

Dec. 10 - Dec. 17

SUNDAY 10

10:45am Worship Service
& Holy Communion
5:00pm First Youth

MONDAY 11

5:30pm Finance Meeting
6:30pm Cub Scouts

TUESDAY 12

7:30pm Metropolitan Bells

WEDNESDAY 13 ** NO Dinner

5:30pm 1st Kidz Choirs/Wild 1's
6:00pm Chancel Choir
First Youth
Bible Study - Murphy
7:00pm Bell Choir
7:15pm String Band

THURSDAY 14

10:30am UWF Unit Meeting

SUNDAY 17

9:00am Cantata Rehearsals
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Christmas Cantata
5:00pm First Youth



Tithes & Offerings

As of 12/03/2023:

Receipts to Date \$ 604,091.47
Expenses to Date \$659,981.81

ATTENDANCE

	In-Person	Online	Kids	Youth
11/26	94	46	6	--
11/29	27	--	24	8
12/03	202	91	--	18
12/06	26	--	33	8



Prayer Requests

SHORT TERM PRAYER

- Tobie Boyd

Jan Wolf

Nancy Dodson

Lisa Sullivan
- Sean Hale

Ollie Hall

Jean Henderson

Gary Holden

Evelyn Holloway

LONG TERM PRAYER

- Mary Helen Allen

Patsy Barger

The Boyd Family

Edward Eigenbauer

Kathy Haist
- Will Hyberger

Steve Medley

Elizabeth Samuel

Cathy Smith

Janice Tate

Betty Watt



Gifts to the Church

To the Children's Fund
In Memory of Addison & Grant Gobble

Lynn Gobble
Ian & Lisa Harper

To the Choir Fund
In Memory of Jewell Barger Gobble

Terry Barger

In Honor of Lynn Gobble
Terry Barger

In Memory of Ron Murphy
Don Dietrich

In Memory of R.G. Wolf
Bob & Nancy Boyd

To Mission Gifts
In Memory of Ken Adcock
Charlotte, Ray Jr. & Jonathan Adcock

In Memory of Russell, Patty,
& Rusty Johnson
Sharon Dennison

In Honor of Joanna Duncan
Lara Davidson

To General Fund
In Honor of Charlotte Adcock
Lila Switzer



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

December 10, 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 24 UMH 212

*Hymn of Praise Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH 196

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostle's Creed"

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 4:8

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call to Prayer Emmanuel UMH 204

Prayer

Offertory Angel Carol Medley

New Testament Lesson Matthew 5:9

Sermon Vitality: There Is No Peace, or Is There? Rev. Curtis McKee

Communion

*Hymn of Invitation I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Benediction

Postlude

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**FIRST UNITED
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CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

Church Conference Vote

The called Church Conference on Sunday, December 3rd voted to sell the parsonage and give the Pastor a Housing Allowance.

THE METROPOLITAN BELLS

Tuesday, Dec. 12th
7:30pm

The Met Bells handbell ensemble will perform in the Sanctuary



Arnold Elementary School Staff Christmas

Let's bless the Arnold Staff with cards & gift cards! Please sign one or more Christmas cards located in a pew holder. And, if you're able, bring a \$10 gift card of your choosing by next Sunday and drop it in the box in the Narthex.

Christmas
Cantata
Sunday, Dec. 17th
10:45am

Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, Dec. 24th



Worship Service
10:45am

Candlelight Service
4:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE TREAT BAGS

At the Candlelight service we will have goodie bags for our church family to take to people who are working on Christmas Eve. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex through December 17.

Wooden Ornaments

We are accepting monetary donations and donations of packs of diapers in exchange for a wooden John Wesley Christmas ornament.

Ornaments can be found in the church office. All donations will go to the Tennessee Valley Diaper Bank.

PECANS FOR SALE

There are extra bags of pecans for sale. \$12 a bag. Contact Sharon Dennison or Mae Wilkins to purchase.



IMAGINE
Resurrection 2024
January 19-21
6th-12th graders
Sign up to go!

VITALITY: THERE IS NO PEACE, OR IS THERE?

Psalm 4:8 Matthew 5:9

Passing the Peace...Is That Valid? Look at world events... Noise, Injustice, Violence in so many places...Where is the Peace?

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day."

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

His Life Events-The shaping of a great man.

The psalmist believed there is Peace and its source is simple. Peace to lie down and sleep, to be confident, to know safety, comes from the Lord.

The One promised to come, long before his arrival, was dubbed as "Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)
Reality Says: "For hate is strong and mocks the song, of peace on earth goodwill to men." If we focus on this, on a dark, worldly perspective, we will bow our heads in despair. Some believe that for Longfellow, it was the ringing of Christmas bells on December 25th 1863 that inspired the content and cadence of his writing.

Peace is not just to be sought after by those who follow the Lord. We are to be Peacemakers. What is a Peacemaker?
1-One who only instigates that which leads to peace.
2-One who sacrifices personal perspective for peace to reign.
3-One who unapologetically defends the Peace which passes all understanding.
4-One who emulates the Prince of Peace.

There is Peace of mind, of heart. It is for us to believe in and grasp in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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.

2nd SUNDAY

HOPE

OF ADVENT