

Sunday, January 21, 2024

VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Check all that apply:

☐ First-time Visitor

☐ Regularly Attend

☐ Visiting Family / Friends

☐ Would like more information

☐ Interested in membership

☐ Sign me up for the Email Newsletter



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Email Newsletter

MEMBER ATTENDANCE

List names of all members in attendance:

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

Jan. 21 - Jan. 28

SUNDAY 21

10:45am Worship Service  
3:00pm Youth return from  
Resurrection  
\*No First Youth

MONDAY 22

5:00pm Outreach Meeting

TUESDAY 23

5:30pm Finance Meeting

WEDNESDAY 24

11:30am Bible Study  
5:30pm Wednesday Dinner  
1st Kidz Choirs/Wild 1's  
6:00pm Chancel Choir  
First Youth  
Bible Study - Murphy  
7:00pm Bell Choir  
7:15pm String Band

THURSDAY 25

9am-4pm Decorating for Bday Lunch

SUNDAY 28

9:30am Sunday School  
10:00am Chancel Choir  
10:30am JAM Children's Church  
10:45am Worship Service  
12:00pm Birthday Luncheon  
4:00pm Administrative Council Mtg.  
5:00pm Time of Prayer  
First Youth



Prayer Requests

SHORT TERM PRAYER

- The Family of Nellie Whiteman
- The Family of Lawson Thigpen
- The Family of Elvis Brandon
- The Family of Shelli Cody
- Judy Ownby
- Edward Eigenbauer
- Jerry Erickson
- Kathy Haist
- Sean Hale
- Ollie Hall
- Jean Henderson
- Gary Holden
- Evelyn Holloway
- Will Hyberger
- Steve Medley
- Elizabeth Samuel
- Cathy Smith
- Janice Tate
- Betty Watt
- Dewayne Williams

LONG TERM PRAYER

- Mary Helen Allen
- Patsy Barger
- The Boyd Family
- Stephen Conn



Tithes & Offerings

As of 1/14/2023:

Receipts to Date \$ 17,639.00  
Expenses \$ 22,150.61

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

ATTENDANCE

In-Person Online Kids Youth  
1/07 104 35 16 10

Praise the Lord.  
Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his  
mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.  
Psalm 150:1-2



FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

January 21st, 2024

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 150 UMH 862

\*Hymn of Praise All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name UMH 154  
vs. 1,2,4, and 6

\*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostle's Creed"

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 53:3

Call to Prayer Cares Chorus

Prayer

Prayer Response Cares Chorus

\*Hymn of the Month Wonderful, Merciful Savior D. Rogers & E. Wyse

Offertory

New Testament Lesson Revelation 2:8-11

Sermon The Suffering Church: Smyrna Rev. Curtis McKee

\*Hymn of Response Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus UMH 514

Benediction

Postlude

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor - Rev. Curtis McKee Worship Director - Roberta Bishop Knight  
3425 Ocoee Street North \* Cleveland, TN 37312  
Church Office—(423) 476-4504 Day School—(423) 478-1426  
www.clevelandumc.com

**Administrative Council Meeting**  
Sunday, January 28th  
4pm

**Time of Prayer**  
January 28th  
5:00pm in the Chapel

## PICKLEBALL CLINIC

WANT TO LEARN PICKLEBALL?  
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

AT FIRST UMC

### ADULT BEGINNER CLINIC

6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, Feb. 13th **OR**  
Thursday, Feb. 15th in the FUMC  
Gym. \$10 per person  
Open to members of the FUMC  
family age 18 and up.

There is a limit of 12-15 participants per night so sign up soon!  
Sign up on the bulletin tear off or  
in the office. Be sure to include  
the \$10 fee to reserve your spot.

Label check memo/giving  
envelope "Pickleball"

## Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day - A Cord of Three -

Sat. Feb. 24th

9am-2pm at First UMC  
Heidi Johnson, speaker

Cost \$30 includes:  
light breakfast & lunch  
childcare available  
More Info to come.

## Birthday Lunch



Our annual church wide  
Birthday Lunch will be  
**January 28th**

immediately following service.  
We're asking the congregation  
to bring a covered dish before  
10:45 worship and we will warm/  
refrigerate as needed. We have  
randomly assigned different  
groups/classes a table to  
decorate and bring a cake for  
their month. Tables can be  
decorated Thurs., Jan. 25th or  
Sunday morning the 28th.  
Thanks for helping us make this  
fun event happen!

**January** - Gadabouts

**February** - Children's Ministry

**March** - Youth

**April** - Handbell Choir

**May** - Chancel Choir

**June** - Homebuilders SS

**July** - Men's Group

**August** - UWF

**September** - Murphy SS

**October** - 11:30am Bible Study

**November** - Church Office Staff

**December** - Overcomers Class

If you are not a member of one  
of these groups, but would like  
to help, contact the office to be  
paired with a group.

## THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION...

### THE SUFFERING CHURCH: SMYRNA

Isaiah 53:3 Revelation 2:8-11

Suffering-God's People of Faith...Jesus Suffered...His Followers  
Suffer.

Smyrna: Thriving Seaport known for Myrrh export & import. In 600  
B.C. Invaded and devastated. Left desolate. Alexander the  
Great-sought to rebuild Smyrna and make it a great city. City,  
once dead which came back to life.

Christian Believers-Juxtaposed to Roman pagan practices and  
even Jewish community.

Letter is From: The First and Last, who died and came to life  
again...No rebuke, no consequences for disobedience. He  
gives words of empathy and encouragement.

"I Know..."=Christ is Present and Intensely Aware of what his  
Body experiences.

Tribulation-ancient word for torture-Victim laid on his back...  
weights were gradually placed on his chest until he suffocated.

Weights on Believers in Smyrna: 1)Poverty-disenfranchised,  
marginalized, lost jobs, weren't allowed to trade. Jesus said, "Yet  
you are rich!" True Riches-Rich Toward God.

2)Slandered by the Jewish Community-In the following ways:

a) Accused of holding orgies used the name Love Feasts.

b) Accused of Cannibalism; eating the body of Jesus.

c) Accused of being anti-family by calling each other brother or  
sister. All this added to the pressure of their not adhering to the  
Roman religious customs.

3)They Will Be imprisoned and some will die-Imprisonment was  
almost itself a death sentence. Philippians 1:21 "To live is Christ, to  
die is gain."

The Risen Christ urges them to Remain Faithful even to Death  
and Receive a Crown of Life. Crown was the city symbol of  
Smyrna. Christians had no crown at all. Christ was indicating their  
perseverance would lead to a life that transcends the death we  
all face and protects from the second death...spiritual death.

Let us hear the Call to Persevere. We do not yet face outright  
persecution. Many Christians in other lands today do face fierce  
opposition. We are to:

A-Become Rich Toward God...putting him and his way first.

B-Quell the fear and intimidation from the evil one.

C-Face with Courage whatever comes our way because we fol-  
low Jesus Christ.

D-Live as Overcomers, Victorious over all that opposes the way  
of Christ.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!



## Remember in Prayer

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

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

Check all that apply:

☐ Prayer List ☐ Prayer Chain ☐ Staff Only

☐ Short-term ☐ Long-term

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

## Pickleball Clinic Signup

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

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

Choose one: Tues. 2/13 Thurs. 2/15

**Be sure to include & label \$10 fee**



## Wednesday Dinner

01/24 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, or  
use the QR code

