

# The First-Centurian

Volume 12, No. 41

April 16, 2021

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

Services also available  
online at [www.firstcentenary.com](http://www.firstcentenary.com)

**Sanctuary at 10:45 a.m.**

*We Bear Witness to the Hurting*

Acts 3:12-19

Dr. C. Mark Gooden

**The Vine at 10:45 a.m.**

*We Bear Witness to the Hurting*

Acts 3:12-19

Rev. Will Lauderback

**Reading from the Lectionary**

Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

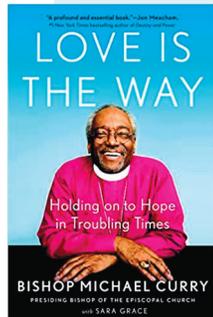
Televised sermon by Dr. Gooden –

*We Bear Witness in Community*

Televised on Channel 12, WDEF-TV

at 6 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.

First-Centenary UMC  
PO Box 208 37401  
419 McCallie Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37402  
Dr. C. Mark Gooden, Senior Pastor  
(423) 756-2021 [www.firstcentenary.com](http://www.firstcentenary.com)



Join us for  
**Wednesday  
Night**

**Bible Study**

Wednesdays

April 14 – May 26

@ 6:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/93270919216?pwd=OEhCcGJUdlp4Uk53aFUwM3ZoZG0zdz09>

## 2021 Holston Annual Conference Hands-On Mission Project for Zimbabwe

Scenic South District Goal – 400

Pack all items in a NEW 5-gallon

bucket with lid. \$5 per bucket

*Collection deadline: Sunday, May 30*

- 1 bottle hand sanitizer (10 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle toilet cleaner (24 oz. or less)
- 1 laundry detergent (liquid OR powder, 40 loads or less)
- 1 bottle dish liquid (25 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle shampoo (15 oz. or less)
- 1 spray anti-perspirant (7 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle antibacterial hand soap (10 oz. or less)
- 1 roll paper towels

## Your Children's Ministry Needs YOU!

First-Centenary United Methodist Church Children's Ministry

**FIRST KIDS**

Do you feel the gentle tap, nudge, or pull

of God? There is nothing quite like sharing Jesus's love with children; watching their faces light up in awe of their Heavenly Father is incredibly rewarding. Call Beth today to join us for a short hour full of laughter on Sundays and your heart will be smiling all week! ~bspears@fcumc.org, 423.756.2021

## FAMILY Sunday's in April!

The Children's Ministry is focusing on PEACE! Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument. Check your email each week for our Family Sunday School activity for you to do at home to help your children form important faith connections within their own lives.

*So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another. ~ Romans 14:19, NIRV*

3. You can show you care about others by walking away from a fight.
4. You can show you care about others by being part of the solution.

## Join Mrs. Beth & Mrs. Brittany for Sunday School!

- IN-Person ELEMENTARY Sunday School, 9:45-10:30 a.m.
- First Kids Virtual Sunday Lessons ALL AGES - Video links will be posted on Sunday morning for you to show your children when it fits best in your family's schedule. (Pick your own family God time!)

## A message from our Senior Pastor

The church is now open under  
restricted Phase 2A guidelines  
(see [www.firstcentenary.com/re-opening](http://www.firstcentenary.com/re-opening)).

Bulletins and yellow attendance cards will be in the Sanctuary pews  
where you should sit to allow for social distancing.  
On Sundays there will now be no check in at the door or usher directed  
seating. All church entrances will be open in both church buildings.

## CLERGY CORNER

In recent weeks, families of our beloved members who have passed during this COVID shutdown and whose lives we have not



Rev. Laura Shearer

been able to celebrate have begun to contact the pastors regarding memorial services to be held in the coming months at the church. I share this with you because of the importance of gathering to grieve and supporting our church family as loved ones leave us. It is one of our expressions of community, and it has grieved us to not be able to gather and offer love and support during times of loss. We look forward to future days when these delayed memorial services will no longer be the norm and we can truly be the body of Christ at such times.

I have been updating a helpful booklet for our membership regarding Memorial Service, or Service of Death and Resurrection family planning. This booklet will help our members become familiar with the process of planning the services for a loved one who has died, before it is needed. This hopefully will support our families now and in the future.

The booklet outlines how the family would begin to move forward in the planning process when a loved one dies. It answers the questions that often arise, "Who will help me with this?"

At First-Centenary, the office of Congregational Care assists the family in planning and making arrangements for everything related to a service. It is best to call the church first for guidance before making arrangements. The printed booklet will be available soon but also may be viewed on the new church website launched this week.

If a family is ready to proceed

## Attention Graduating Seniors

We want to do something special for you! We do not know what the next few months will hold as far as restrictions go but we REALLY want to do something special for this year's graduates. We have been cheated out of your company because of this wretched pandemic! This is a small group though and we can do something with groups of 10 or less! So, we would love to hear from any of you! Also, we want to get a 5-second video of you waving to the camera dressed in graduation gear (cap and gown if you have it). Please film your videos in landscape mode (sideways) and send to shoutingstones@icloud.com. – Troy and Sara



## Middle School Mission Week 2021 — June 14-18, 2021

There will be a Middle School Mission Week this year at Camp Lookout. There will, of course, be all kinds of changes due to Covid 19. The Director and staff at Camp Lookout have carefully addressed social distancing issues, food and health issues, rooming, group games, and many other issues.

## Baptism

Luke Avett Lauderback, son of Will and Christina Lauderback, received the Sacrament of Baptism on April 11, 2021 in The Vine.



## CLERGY CORNER (cont'd)

with making arrangements for a loved one who has died, please call the Congregational Care office to make an appointment.

~ Pastor Laura