

Tithes and offerings...

The mission and ministry of Dyersburg FUMC is now more vital than ever. Although you can bring your offerings with you to church on Sunday, you can also mail them or give online. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025, online @ <https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>, or scan the following QR code with your phone.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 12

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – Foyer/Narthex
- 9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-up – MS
- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Informational Meeting – Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal – MS
- 4:00 p.m. Blankets

Monday, February 13

- 5:00 p.m. Upward® Practices – FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council – FH

Tuesday, February 14

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
- 10:15 a.m. Staff Meeting – TR
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, February 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes – FLC/CR
- 6:00 p.m. Dayspring – FLC

Thursday, February 16

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
- 12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex
- 5:00 p.m. Upward® Practices – FLC

Saturday, February 18

- 8:00 a.m. Upward® Games – FLC
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

FLC – Family Life Center

FLC/CR – Family Life Center/Craft Room

FH – Fellowship Hall

MS – Music Suite

TR – Trinity Classroom

Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel
Pastor

Kathy Kail
Choir Director

Will Bird
Liturgist

Josh Bernheisel
Audio Technician

Clare Bernheisel
Visual Technician

Lexie Gullett
Bailee Bird
Acolytes

Jacob Gadlage
Crossbearer

Tori Armstrong
Children's Ministry Director

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2023

✠ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Centering Words

✠ Hymn UMH 405 *Seek Ye First* SEEK YE
(vss. 1, 2)

Pastoral Prayer

Let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Celebration of Young Disciples

Children ages 3 through 1st grade may join Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 CEB

“Look here! Today I've set before you life and what's good versus death and what's wrong. ¹⁶If you obey the Lord your God's commandments that I'm commanding you right now by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments, his regulations, and his case laws, then you will live and thrive, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and so are misled, worshipping other gods and serving them, ¹⁸I'm telling you right now that you will definitely die. You will not prolong your life on the fertile land that you are crossing the Jordan River to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth as my witnesses against you right now: I have set life and death, blessing and curse before you. Now choose life—so that you and your descendants will live—²⁰by loving the Lord your God, by obeying his voice, and by clinging to him. That's how

you will survive and live long on the fertile land the Lord swore to give to your ancestors: to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

‡ Doxology 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

‡ Hymn UMH 408 *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

‡ Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:21-37 CEB
“You have heard that it was said to those who lived long ago, Don’t commit murder, and all who commit murder will be in danger of judgment. ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with their brother or sister will be in danger of judgment. If they say to their brother or sister, ‘You idiot,’ they will be in danger of being condemned by the governing council. And if they say, ‘You fool,’ they will be in danger of fiery hell. ²³Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift at the altar and go. First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift. ²⁵Be sure to make friends quickly with your opponents while you are with them on the way to court. Otherwise, they will haul you before the judge; the judge will turn you over to the officer of the court, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶I say to you in all seriousness that you won’t get out of there until you’ve paid the very last penny ²⁹And if your right eye causes you to fall into sin, tear it out and throw it away. It’s better that you lose a part of your body than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to fall into sin, chop it off and throw it away. It’s better that you lose a part of your body than that your whole body go into hell. ³³“Again you have heard that it was said to those who lived long ago: Don’t make a false solemn pledge, but you should follow through on what you have pledged to the Lord. ³⁴But I say to you that you must not pledge at all. You must not pledge by heaven, because it’s God’s throne. ³⁵You must not pledge by the earth, because it’s God’s footstool. You must not pledge by Jerusalem, because it’s the city of the great king. ³⁶And you must not pledge by your head, because you can’t turn one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your yes mean yes, and your no mean no. Anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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Parish Choir Anthem *People Need the Lord*

Sermon

‡ Apostles’ Creed (in unison)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

‡ Invitation to Discipleship

‡ Hymn UMH 389 *Freely, Freely* FREELY, FREELY
(vss. 1, 2)

‡ Announcements

‡ Benediction

‡ Postlude

Sermon Notes...