

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 24

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Blankets – EW
4:00 p.m. Youth Pool Party – Bird’s Home

Monday, August 25

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Tuesday, August 26

9:00 a.m. YMCA Staff Meeting – FLC CR
9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC
9:45 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – KC
6:00 p.m. Men’s Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, August 27

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH
12:30p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Rh H

Thursday, August 28

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Preschool Party – FLC

Saturday, August 30

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Sunday, August 31

9:00 a.m. Potluck Breakfast – FH
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall
FLC – Family Life Center
FLC CR – Family Life Center Craft Room
S.S. Hall – Sunday School Hall
Rh H – Rhea House
KC – Koinonia Classroom
EW – Education Wing

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.



Assisting in Worship...

- The Reverend Steven Lefebvre
Pastor
- Will Bird
Liturgist
- Charlie Caldwell
Cross Bearer
- Miller Baker
Olivia Caldwell
Acolytes
- Josh White
Accompanist
- Tori Armstrong
Director of Children’s Ministry

J Dan Gullett
Visual

Steve Guttery
Audio



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 24, 2025

✚ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*
Bold words are spoken responsively.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

✚ Call to Worship *Adapted from Psalm 71:1-6*
In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!
In your righteousness, deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.
Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.
Amen. Let us worship God!

✚ Processional & Hymn of Praise
UMH 102 *Now Thank We All Our God* *NUN DANKET*
(vv. 1, 2, 3)

✚ Opening Prayer
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebration of Young Disciples
Children aged Birth through 2nd grade may join Mrs. Tori and Mrs. Todameka in the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church.
Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✚ Doxology
UMH 94 ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*** OLD 100TH
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!

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Epistle Reading Hebrews 12:18-29 NSRV
¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time, his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

✚ Hymn of Preparation *Marching to Zion* MARCHING TO ZION
UMH 733 (*vv. 1, 2, 4*)

✚ Gospel Lesson Luke 13:10-17 NRSV
¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.
¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had

crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.”

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

Sermon *Breaking the Law*

✚ Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now reverently and sincerely declare:

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.

✚ Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE
UMH 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer
Invitation: Lord, in your mercy,
Response: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer
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.

✚ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

✚ Sending Hymn
UMH 171 *There’s Something About That Name* THAT NAME
(repeat)

✚ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✚ Announcements

✚ Benediction

✚ Postlude

Coming Soon: Archives & History Room

A new addition to the church campus is the Archives & History Room. The contents of this room will preserve and celebrate the rich spiritual heritage of Dyersburg First United Methodist Church for generations to come.

The room will house valuable historical documents, photographs, artifacts and records that tell the story of our faith community’s journey beginning in 1842 and continuing through the present and moving into the future. The Archives & History Room will provide a secure, organized and welcoming environment where members and visitors can explore our legacy and be inspired by the enduring impact of our ministry.

Much has already been done to physically transform the room which housed the Food Pantry before its relocation to the Rhea House. The room now has new flooring, lighting, paint and bookshelves. However, the room’s contents will be its highlight. There will be bulletins from the 1940’s to the present as well as all editions of *The Way* and *The Word*. Other items will be membership records which date as far back as 1892, minutes of Administrative Board (now Church Council) meetings, photos and a display of blueprints and other schematic drawings of structural additions and alterations over the years, and there will be more, too.

Having a dedicated space for displaying the church’s history will allow us to honor our past while building a stronger foundation for the future.