

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 3

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-up – MS  
10:15 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 4

(Labor Day – Church offices, FLC, Preschool closed)

Tuesday, September 5

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

Wednesday, September 6

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH

Thursday, September 7

9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC  
12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex  
5:30 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Friday, September 8

(No Preschool classes)

Saturday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Pickleball – FLC

FLC – Family Life Center

FH – Fellowship Hall

MS – Music Suite

TR – Trinity Classroom

Parents of college students, please contact the church office with your student's updated address at school! We would like to be intentional about remaining in ministry with them and to them, including sending notes and care packages! You are welcome to email the church office at [kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com](mailto:kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com) or call Karen at 285-6454 with the information.

## 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.



### August/September Sermon Series

August 13: Don't Be Afraid (Matthew 14: 22-33)  
August 20: Keep Asking (Matthew 15: 21-28)  
August 27: Know Who You're Following (Matthew 16: 13-20)  
September 3: Take Up Your Cross (Matthew 16: 21-28)  
September 10: Stay Accountable (Matthew 18: 15-20)  
September 17: Forgive (Matthew 18: 21-35)  
September 24: Celebrate Mercy (Matthew 20: 1-16)

## Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel  
Pastor

Beth Feith  
Liturgist

Kathy Kail  
Choir Director

John and Beth Feith  
Hubert and Delores Jones  
Communion Stewards

Tori Armstrong  
Children's Ministry Director



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

✚ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

✚ Welcome and Centering Words

**Almighty God, in the self-giving love of Christ, you have revealed the path of salvation; give us courage to deny our selfish desire and bear the cross of discipleship so that we may live as those who have no fear of death and receive the joy of everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

✚ Hymn of Praise UMH 581

BEACH SPRING

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

(vss. 1, 2, 4)

✚ 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Gracious God, hear our prayer,  
**and in your love, answer.**

Celebration of Young Disciples

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

Scripture for Meditation

Matthew 16:21-28 NRSV

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

‡ Doxology 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!*

Mission Moment Project 20/20

Scripture Lesson Matthew 16:21-28 NRSV  
 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of Preparation UMH 534 FINLANDIA  
*Be Still, My Soul*  
*(vss. 1, 2, 3)*

Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
 Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Prayers*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace of Christ

The Great Thanksgiving  
 The Lord be with you.  
**And, also, with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
 It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**  
 ...in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**  
 ...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Music during Holy Communion

Prayer after Holy Communion (in unison)  
 Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

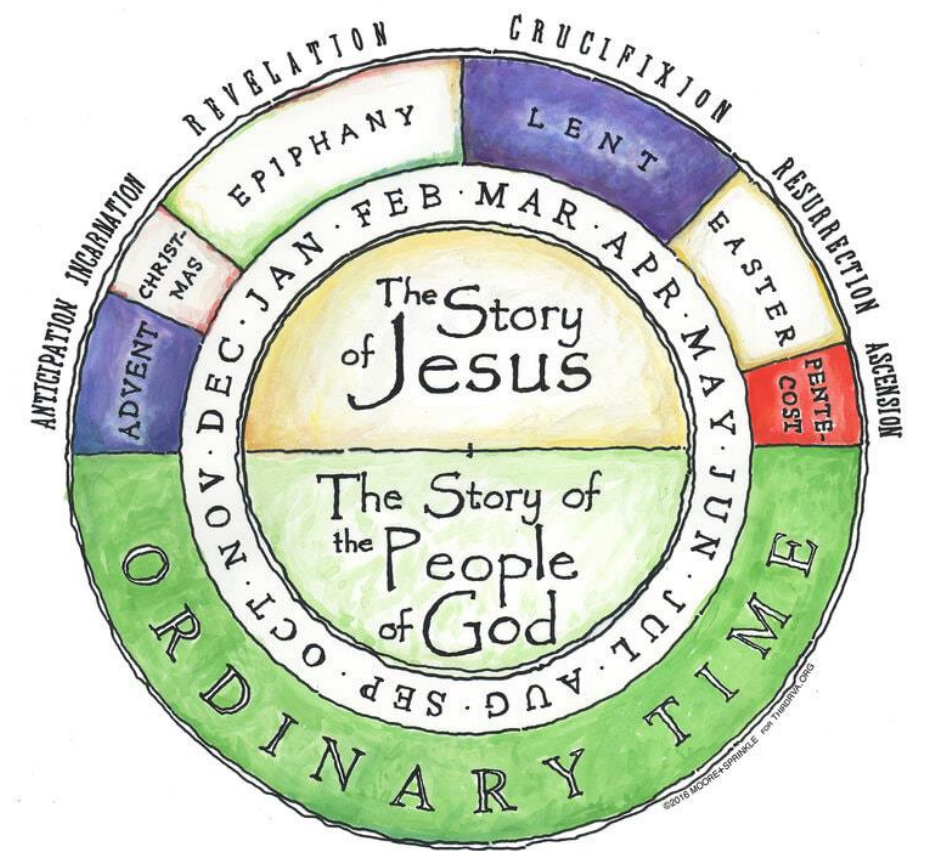
‡ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡ Hymn UMH 402 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*  
*(vss. 1, 2, 4)*

‡ Announcements

‡ Benediction

‡ Postlude



*Sermon Notes....*