

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 4

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS
- 10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals – Vesper Ring

Tuesday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – UCR

Wednesday, October 7

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

Sunday, October 11

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS
- 10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Paintball Trip

FH – Fellowship Hall
GS – Gathering Space – Room 217
MS – Music Suite
Rh H – Rhea House
UCR – Upstairs Conference Room

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.



Steve Guttery
Sound

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday - October 4, 2026

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

The Chimes

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

Not that we have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but we press on to make it our own because Christ Jesus has made us his own.

With believers from every tribe, tongue, and nation, we press on together!

Brothers and sisters, we do not consider that we have made it our own yet; but this one thing we do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Though we are diverse in language and distinct in culture, in Christ we share one single calling!

For our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

So come, let us worship the God of our salvation. Let us gather at this table as one body in Christ, and worship him in spirit and in truth!

Christ in Our Midst

✠ Hymn of Praise
UMH 569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

MESSAGE

‡ Opening Prayer

As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit. Knead us together in one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition; unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere. May we sow righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mission Moment

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✠ Doxology UMH 94

OLD 100TH

*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!*

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 CEB
1Then God spoke all these words: 2I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3You must have no other gods before me. 4Do not make an idol for yourself – no form whatsoever – of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth.
7Do not use the Lord your God’s name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won’t forgive anyone who uses his name that way. 8Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. 9Six days you may work and do all your tasks,
12Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you. 13Do not kill. 14Do not commit adultery. 15Do not steal. 16Do not testify falsely against your neighbor. 17Do not desire and try to take your neighbor’s house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor. 18When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the horn, and the mountain smoking, the people shook with fear and stood at a distance. 19They said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we’ll listen. But don’t let God speak to us, or we’ll die.” 20Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid, because God has come only to test you and to make sure you are always in awe of God so that you don’t sin.”

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

✠ Hymn of Preparation UMH 102

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

(vv. 1, 2, 3)

✠ Epistle Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14 CEB

4If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more: 5I was circumcised on the eighth day.

I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin. I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews. With respect to observing the Law, I’m a Pharisee. 6With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church. With respect to righteousness under the Law, I’m blameless. 7These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. 8But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ 9and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. 10The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death 11so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead. 12It’s not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. 13Brothers and sisters, I myself don’t think I’ve reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. 14The goal I pursue is the prize of God’s upward call in Christ Jesus.”

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Sermon *Press On*

✠ Affirmation of Faith

APOSTLES’ CREED

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 UMH 70

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Invitation & Prayer of Confession
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.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you.
And, also, with you.

Call to the Table UMH 400

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 xyz. **Amen**

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.

Prayer after Holy Communion
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

SENDING FORTH

✠ Sending Hymn UMH 545

The Church’s One Foundation

AURELIA

(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

✠ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude