### Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 22 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship – Narthex 9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-up – MS 10:15 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Blankets 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m. Youth

Monday, October 23 6:30 p.m. Church Council - FH

Tuesday, October 24

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

#### Wednesday, October 25

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal – FH 6:30 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Committee -KO

Thursday, October 26 9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC 12:30 p.m. Community Assistance - Narthex

#### Friday, October 27

7:00 a.m. KidMin: Coffee Talk with Tori - Java Café

Saturday, October 28

10:00 a.m. Pickleball - FLC

#### Sunday, October 29

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship – Narthex 9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-up – MS 10:15 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Blankets 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m. Youth

FLC – Family Life Center KO - Koinonia FH – Fellowship Hall

MS – Music Suite

## 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.





*H* Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome

**Opening Prayer** 

Hymn UMH 577 CWM RHONDDA God of Grace and God of Glory (vss. 1, 2, 4)

## Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel Pastor

> Hubert Jones Liturgist

Kathy Kail Choir Director

Tori Armstrong Children's Ministry Director

> Steve Guttery Audio

Clare Bernheisel Video

Word of Hope

Pastoral Prayer

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 Lesson Psalm 137:1-6 CEB By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. <sup>2</sup>There on the poplars we hung our harps, <sup>3</sup>for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" <sup>4</sup>How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land? <sup>5</sup>If I forget you,

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God of hope, we come to you in the midst of a world fraught with troubles. Although the darkness is powerful, open our eyes, Lord, to the light of your presence. Give us faith to stand against the voices of division and violence. Through your Spirit remake us into hopefilled disciples, discovering lives attuned to your wonder, and sparking in others a desire to know you more. In the name of the One who comes to us, we pray, Amen.

Kristen Bird

# Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. <sup>6</sup>May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.

The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

Doxology 94 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!

Hymn UMH 170

*O How I Love Jesus* O HOW I LOVE JESUS (vss. 1, 2, 3)

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 29:11-14 CEB

<sup>10</sup>The Lord proclaims: When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup>I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. <sup>12</sup>When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup>When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. <sup>14</sup>I will be present for you, declares the Lord, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the Lord.

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Parish Choir Anthem

Hulse, Pardo, and Nichole

God Is in This Story Beth Feith and Dione Wilson, Duet

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 Christian Discipleship

Hymn UMH 672 *God Be with You till We Meet Again (vss. 1, 2, 4)* 

Announcements

# Benediction

H Postlude

Sermon Notes...