



The Altar Guild Needs You

We renew our covenant with the church saying we will participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. The Altar Guild needs people who can give a little time to serve the Lord through small tasks that make up the services of the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild consists of eight people and several of those eight are involved only to perform specific and very necessary tasks which are greatly appreciated. Many on the Altar Guild travel and so their availability to assist is limited. Currently all members are women, but men are encouraged to get involved, too. **We need you! We only have one meeting a year!**

The Altar Guild sets up and cleans up Communion in the Sanctuary and Contemporary services. That is a total of 3 services. This service usually occurs on the first Sunday of the month, but there are other times when Communion is served. The elements of Communion are provided by the church.

The Altar Guild sets up for funerals and provides ushers for the visitation and funeral. We are in desperate need of people who are willing to usher. We currently have only five people who provide this service. Families in mourning appreciate having someone close by who can assist with simple tasks such as directing people to the restrooms, getting water for the family, helping display pictures of the loved one, etc.

The Altar Guild dresses the altars in the Sanctuary and Chapel according to the liturgical season and for weddings and funerals. This task is accomplished by the Altar Guild Chair or the Staff Liaison, so we have that covered. The Altar Guild puts up the Chrism Tree. Nancy Vath heads up that effort. We can always use people for that task.

If you feel called to help in any way, please contact BJ Boyd, Chair of the Altar Guild, to discuss which act of service is something you are willing to do. BJ's email address is beej159@comcast.net.

A Nearby Mission Opportunity For Families

You have certainly heard about our two fall mission trips—one offering medical/vision/VBS in Panama, September 17-25 and the other doing disaster relief support at an UMCOR depot in Louisiana, October 29-November 6. However, if you and/or your family are interested in a mission experience closer to home—one to which you can commit for only one or two days—then have we got good news for you.

From Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 22, our congregation will be providing helpers to support St. Stephen's Episcopal Church's literacy camp in Clearfork, Tennessee, near the Kentucky border. Their congregation is handling the organizational details. We hope to provide 3-4 persons each day to help the children with different fun activities. We will leave our parking lot at 7:30 am and return by 5 pm. If you can only work one day, we still need you! Families with children are welcome to participate in this mission opportunity. Please contact Rev. Mark Flynn if you are interested or want more information.

A Father's Day Opportunity

Fathers are the hardest people in the world to buy for sometimes. Last year, one of our member's adult children pointed out that many of us have reached the age where finding a gift on Father's Day is increasingly difficult, but we still want to honor the special person in our life. She suggested—and the Finance Committee agreed—that we need a special project to which children can donate "in honor of" or "in memory of" their father. So, if you would like to remember and/or celebrate your parent this Father's Day, June 19, consider making a financial gift toward the purchase of a new picnic table and portable fire pit for our congregation. To participate, please write "Father's Day Collection" in the memo of your check or online donation.

Intergenerational Sunday School Class

As a church, we are made up of people with different perspectives, drawn together by our desire to better know and love God and our neighbors. We can learn much from those who have a different perspective, and one thing which can lead to a different perspective is having grown up in a different era. In the interest of crossing boundaries, we will be offering an Intergenerational Sunday School class, from June 19 to July 24.

Led by Pastor Jenny and Youth Minister Kelsey, this class will be using stories from Steve Pemberton's book *The Lighthouse Effect: How Ordinary People can have an Extraordinary Impact in the World*. The class will include discussing these stories, sharing our own experiences, and exploring how God can be present in these encounters. For more information or to sign up contact Jenny at jcaughman@fumcor.org.

In the Hospital

Betty Kile

Dismissed

Terrell Horne

Sam Snow

Our Gifts

Offering This Week: \$15,607
2022 YTD offering: \$554,889
2021 YTD offering: \$606,677
Monthly Mission Offering: \$545

Pastors

Mark Flynn, lead

Jenny Caughman, spiritual care

Seth O'Kegley-Gibson, worship

Contact Information

865.483.4357 www.fumcor.org

Pastor on call: 865.272.9862

Worship for May 22

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 67, John 5:1-9

Sermon: We All Need Help Getting to The Water

8:45 am & 11:00 am Traditional Services

11:00 am Contemporary Service

Preaching: Rev. Mark Flynn



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Interested In Helping Local Ukrainian Refugees?

After leaving ORNL, Grant Ceffalo returned to Ukraine, where he had worked for many years. Following the Russian invasion, he informed his friends that he was returning to Oak Ridge and, if they could find their way here, they would have a place to live. Now, several families have made a very long, convoluted journey to Oak Ridge. One family consists of a grandmother, her daughter, and a 1-year-old granddaughter. Another woman arrived with her 3-year-old son. Another mother made the trip with two daughters, 8 and 12 years old. Their spouses and brothers have stayed in Ukraine to fight. Two of the women speak English and the others are learning. The two middle school children have started at Jefferson Middle School. These families have received a great deal of support since arriving. However, if you would like to help them transform the house where they are staying into a home, here are a few items they would love to have: basic household items (cleaning supplies, paper towels, washing machine detergent, trash bags); diapers for petite 1-year-old; 3 dressers; Food City gift cards for groceries; outdoor chairs; garden gloves and tools; and bicycles (2 adult, 2 children's for the middle schoolers, 1 balance bike for the 3-year-old). If you have other questions, please email Judy Gooch at judytgooch@gmail.com.

Tiddle Thomas Is Turning 100!



Please do not tell Tiddle about this article! Her family has decided not to gather as a large group of friends and extended family to honor Tiddle on her June 4 birthday. Rather, they want to encourage everyone to help them celebrate her big day by sending birthday wishes with a card, note, or phone call between now and June 4. Let's make Tiddle's 100th a special celebration!

Contact the church office for her phone number. Her address is:

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