



THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC,

Thank you so much for the care and compassion you have shown to one another in the past week as we have offered dear church members into the arms of Jesus. You have given yourselves to each other with such grace and tenderness, and it has been a witness to the love of God flowing through you. You have been a sign that points to Jesus.

This Sunday, January 14, we will participate in another gracious gift that God has given us as a sign that points to Jesus. Baptism of the Lord Sunday is the day when we reaffirm our baptismal covenant to each other and to God. We will once again renew our promise to faithfully participate in the ministries of our congregation through our prayer, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. We will promise once again to renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of our sin. We will once again accept that freedom and power that God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. We will once again confess Jesus Christ as our Lord, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord in union with the church.

You will hear the invitation to receive the sign of water as a reminder of the baptismal covenant that you have made, and we will celebrate once again the grace that God saw fit to pour out on us in Jesus Christ.

Here is a link to the baptismal reaffirmation service that we will use on Sunday. If you have a moment before you come to church, visit this link and allow the liturgy to prepare you for our time of renewal together (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/book-of-worship/the-baptismal-covenant-iv>).

Praying to be a sign that points to Jesus with you,
Mary Beth

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

LITURGIST

Will Bird

VIDEO RECORDER

Dustin Seratt

USHERS

Walt Bradshaw

Jamison Gullett

Billy Ozment

Lowell Beck

Steven Parker

GREETERS

Virginia Parker

Jake Browning

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP FROM ANYWHERE

Our Sunday morning service is viewable each Sunday morning at 10:15 am from our church's webpage at <https://www.fumcdyersburg.com/media> or our Facebook page at Dyersburg First United Methodist Church. You can also watch previous sermons on either site.

Our Mission Statement

*To Know, Love, Share,
and Serve Christ*

Our Vision Statement

*We seek to love God above
everything and to love our
neighbors as ourselves*

Our Values

*Hospitality, Outreach, Loving,
Tradition, Community, Teaching,
Family*





...Mrs. Charlotte Weaver and family in the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Mary Frances Wheeler Pinkston, who passed away on January 5, 2024. She was also the grandmother of Melanie Todd.

RECORD OF LOYALTY (1/7/2024)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	211
In Person Worship	121
Sunday School	75

OFFERING

Monthly Income (November)	\$53,596.09
Monthly Expenses (November)	\$53,142.92
Income Year to Date	\$490,016.89
Expenses Year to Date	\$600,353.14

January Communion (Lakeshore)	\$665.80
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Koinonia Class Party

Koinonia Sunday School Class will have a "Happy New Year Burgers and Bingo Night" for all class members on Wednesday, January 17th at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up with Nita Jones (731-445-9556) or Nancy West (731-445-0701).



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION For 2024-2025 School Year

Registration for church members and currently enrolled begins **January 8**. Registration opens to the public on **January 15**.

Registration forms will be available at the preschool, church's website

(<https://fumcdyersburg.com/connect/preschool>) and on the preschool's Facebook page (FUMC Preschool).

Students should have their birthday by August 15, 2024, to register for the 2024-2025 School Year.

If you want more information about our preschool or would like to tell someone where to find more information, please check out our website. The preschool has up-to-date information and a great video to watch about the program (<https://fumcdyersburg.com/connect/preschool>).

For more information also feel free to call Paula Brandt, the Preschool Director, at 731-287-1251.

TORI'S ROLE IS EXPANDING

Please join the Staff Parish Relations Committee in welcoming Tori Armstrong as a full-time employee on our staff. In addition to leading Children's Ministry at Dyersburg FUMC, Tori will spend more time coordinating communication for the church, including social media management and churchwide publications. Tori has been an invaluable part of our staff in so many ways, and we are grateful that she has agreed to expand her role with us. Welcome again, Tori!



Hello!

Happy New Year! I am excited to continue serving Christ at FUMC Dyersburg. Keep an eye out for awesome opportunities for the youth to connect with

God and each other this year.

This week during Bible Study, the youth and I considered "what has been my reputation for the past year?" and "what are the obstacles stopping me from helping others become disciples?"

Blessings,
Katy Allen



Needs for January

Peanut Butter
Grape Jelly
Vienna Sausage



CALENDAR YEAR STARTS NEW

Now is the time to start looking at your calendar and thinking about what you have coming up this year at the church. Please don't wait until after your group or event meets to get on the calendar. This prevents overlapping of events and meetings happening at the same time in the same place at the church. Please call or email Karen in the church office with your upcoming events or meeting schedules.

731-285-6454 or kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com

KIDMIN KORNER

Upward® Sports

Volunteers are STILL NEEDED: <https://dyersburgfumc.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/f541c1a2-eed2-4ae4-b165-dcdf4408303c>

Games start Jan 13, 2024.

We need Referees, Concession Stand Helpers, and Devotion Leaders. Bonus roles: Scoreboard and time clock keepers

KIDMIN EVENTS

Joyful Journey Retreat

(1st - 6th Grade Children and Friends)

May 3—5, 2024

@ NaCoMe Camp & Retreat Center, Pleasantville, TN

REGISTER HERE: <https://min.link/Frg>

Kid's Night In

Jan 20 @ 2—5 pm

Fellowship Hall

Coffee Talk

Jan 26 @ 7:45—9:15 am

Green Frog Coffee



Are you ready to embark on a journey of service and fellowship at FUMC Dyersburg? Discover ways to contribute your gifts, skills, and passions by exploring our available opportunities to serve. Scan the QR code below or use the link beside it to find your place in our cherished community — together, let's strengthen the bonds that unite us.



Form Link:

<https://min.link/GfZ>

CATCHING UP ON MEMORIALS

If you would like to do memorials and can't remember to stop by or write a check on Sunday, you can do memorials online. Go to the church's webpage, <https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>. There is a place to type in memorial names after you select one of the memorial funds.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

PANTRY FUND

In memory of:

Debbie Barnett

Jere Ozment

Jere Ozment

Given by:

Jim and Alice Teague

James and Elizabeth Horner

Jim and Alice Teague

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of:

Marilyn Legan

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Marilyn Legan

Jere Ozment

Jerry Weaver

Given by:

Elizabeth Bantly

Doug, Linda, and Gracelyn Howard

Hubert and Delores Jones

Hubert and Delores Jones

Hubert and Delores Jones

ORGAN FUND

In memory of:

Marilyn Legan

Jere Ozment

Jere Ozment

Jere Ozment

Given by:

Randy and Sandy Prince

Ronnie Cole

Randy and Sandy Prince

J. Richard Swaim

GENERAL FUND

In memory of:

Brian Busch

Marilyn Legan

Marilyn Legan

Marilyn Legan

Marilyn Legan

Jere Ozment

Jere Ozment

Given by:

Thomas and Donna Lewis

John and Karen Blair

Bubba and Gaithel Hendren

Thomas and Donna Lewis

Fred and Ellen Moore

Albert and Kay Fowlkes

Fred and Ellen Moore

Memorials not listed this week will be listed in next week's issue.

The **January/February** Upper Rooms are in! Please remember to save and recycle your previous devotional. Bring it with you when you pick up your new devotional. Both can be dropped and picked up in the Connect Center.





Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Once the people experience the goodness of God, the love of God, and the grace of God, they are free to share it with others!

MAKE SURE YOUR RECORDS AND THE CHURCH'S RECORDS MATCH

To ensure that your 2023 church contributions are deductible, please do not file your 2023 income tax return until you have received a statement of your contributions from the church. Your records and our records should match, but it is wise to wait for this year's contributions statement to be sure that the deductions you claim match the records the church has of your giving.



JANUARY 15, 2024 Church Office Closed

In observance of MLK Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, Jan 15th. If you need assistance on that day, please feel free to call or text Mary Beth on her cell phone.

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 still mail them or go online. It's easy: mail your check to the church at P.O. Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025 OR give online by going to <https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>.



HOSPITAL AND RECENTLY ILL

In order to keep our teams informed about persons you've requested prayer for, please send updates every three weeks.

Patti Lou Parker - Home
Patty Johnson
Brady Heidenreich
Veronica Merrell
Cherry Robertson
Amy Pope McIntosh - Steven Parker's cousin
Jerry and Carolyn Cooper - Bells Nursing and Rehab.
Center, 213 Herndon Drive, Room 218, Bells,
TN 38006
Jake Gold - Ginny Acree's nephew
Andrea Young Pope - Steven Parker's Mom
Joann Lewis
Eddie Anderson
Bill Troy
Jimmy Wilkes
Patti Hill
Lorna Donaldson

**Please continue to remember the Home Bound.*

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Family Life Center Walking Track is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 am - Noon and 1 - 4 pm. It's available Thursdays 8:30 am to 4 pm. To gain access to the building call the church office at 731-285-6454 when you get to the FLC.

Send form #3579 to The Word, P.O.Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025, FUMC

Sunday, January 10, 2024 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Fellowship
10:15 am Worship
Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel,
preaching

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