



# THE WORD

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## PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

Hello Church Family!

Beginning in February, we will launch a new Young Adult Sunday School class led by Pastor Steve. Our first Sunday will be February 1 and we will meet in the old Seekers classroom (Room 218); 9:15-10:00 am.

This class is meant to be a welcoming space for our young(er) adults to connect, support one another, and grow in faith together. It will be a place to pray together, check in with one another, share life's joys and challenges, and begin to share a common life together in the way of Jesus. More than anything, this class is about connection. We hope it becomes a place where friendships are formed, faith is nurtured, and people find encouragement for the week ahead. We will keep it simple and laid back. Come whenever you can, as often as you can. We will have a cup of coffee waiting and a little devotional planned at the end of each meeting.

If you're a young adult or part of a young family, we would love for you to join us. Our Nursery/Pre-K Class is fully staffed and K-5th Grade Class is firing on all cylinders. If you or someone you know might be looking for a place to belong, this could be the perfect invitation for your friends looking for a church.

I'm excited to see how God will use this new class to strengthen connections and build new ministry at FUMC. God has big plans for us in 2026, come join what we're up to!

One body in Christ Jesus,  
**Pastor Steve**

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

### USHERS

Walt Bradshaw  
Lowell Beck  
Steven Parker  
Charles Brown  
Pierce White

### GREETERS

Virginia Parker  
Vicki Dunagan

### LITURGIST

Pierce White

### VIDEO RECORDER

Jared Agee



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.

### Our Mission Statement

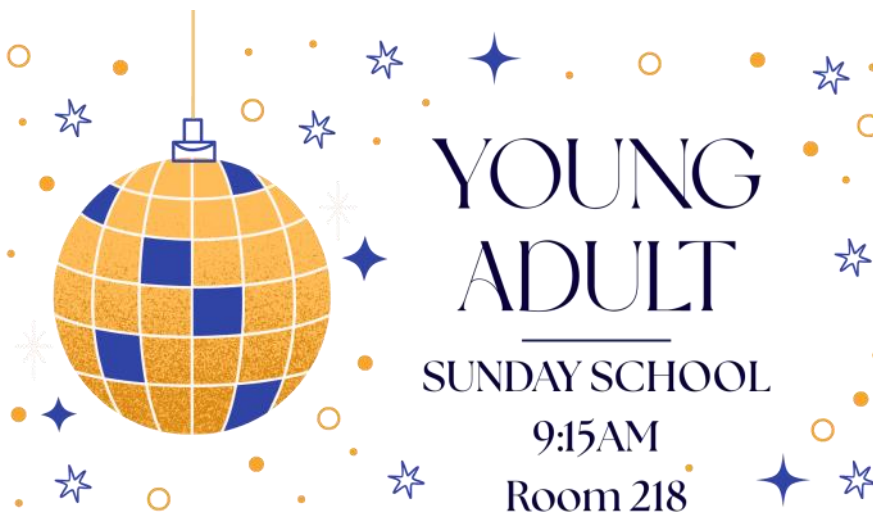
To Know, Love, Share,  
and Serve Christ

### 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



## RECORD OF LOYALTY (1/11/2026)

### ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	12
In Person Worship	103
Sunday School	61

### OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$684,215.30
Expenses Year to Date	\$791,205.81
Income (November)	\$43,063.44
Expenses (November)	\$62,009.81

## MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

### GENERAL FUND

In memory of:  
Ron Gathright  
Ron Gathright  
Ron Gathright

Given by  
James O'Rear  
James & Ann Higgins  
Shelly & Evelyn Gathright

*Rhea House*

# NEEDS:



**TOOTHPASTE**

**JELLY**

**INSTANT POTATOES POUCHES**

### **Are you up to date?**

Help us make sure your information is accurate at the church. Have you dropped your landline or changed your cell phone number? Have you changed your email address or moved? Please call the church (285-6454) or email (kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com) and let us know. If you are not sure if you have updated this information at the church, please send it to us anyway.

## LENT 2026

18

FEB

### ASH WEDNESDAY

12:00 PM Service-Chapel  
5:00 pm Meal - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM Service-Chapel

29

MARCH

### PALM SUNDAY

9:15 AM - Sunday School  
10:15 AM - Worship

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APRIL

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:30-7:30 PM Service - Fellowship Hall

25

FEB

Every Wed through 4/16

### JOURNEY NIGHT

5:00 PM Meal - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 - 7:30 PM Bible Studies - For All Ages

3

APRIL

### GOOD FRIDAY

5:30 - 7:30 PM Service - Sanctuary

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APRIL

### EASTER SUNDAY

9:15 AM - Sunday School  
10:15 AM - Worship

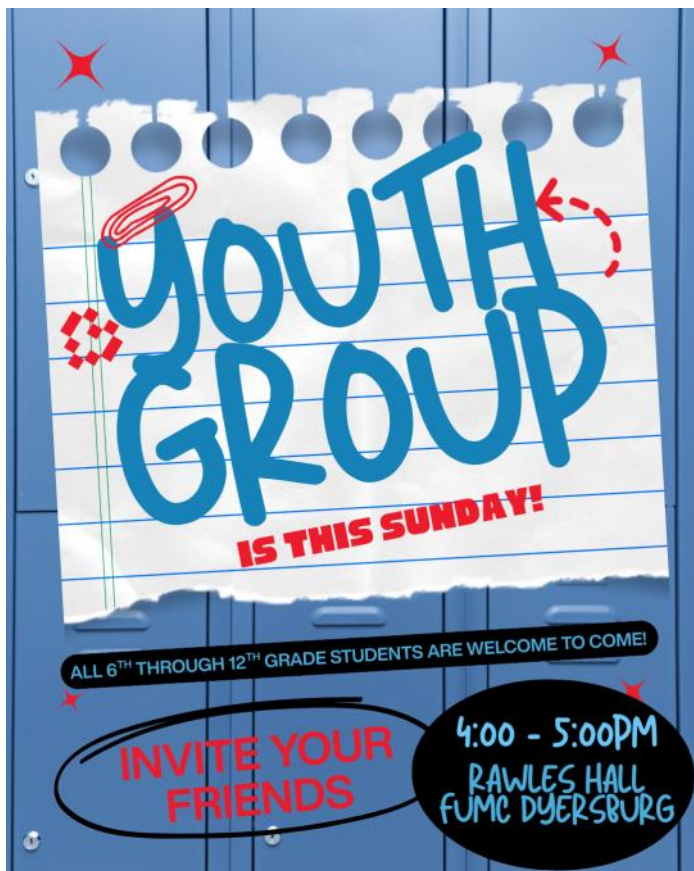


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<https://min.link/Y7e>





**Sunday, January 18, 2026**  
**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

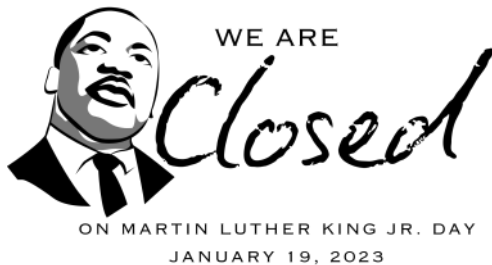
**Psalm 40:1-11**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

**John 1:29-42**

**9:15 am Sunday School**  
**10:00 am Fellowship Time**  
**10:15 am Worship**  
**No Evening Programming**

**Rev. Steve Lefebvre, Preaching**



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### **ONLINE GIVING FOR 2026**

Dear Online Givers to Dyersburg First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous and ongoing financial gifts to the church! This is a reminder that it's time to update your **recurring online gifts** to reflect that they will go to the General Fund in 2026. You can do this by logging into your online giving account on the church website (<https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>) or by contacting Karen in the church office.

Thank you in advance for continuing to support God's work in Dyersburg through DFUMC!

### **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>.

## **Prayer Requests**

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

Rachel Flynn (Elaine McCormick's granddaughter-in-law)

David West

Carolyn Cooper - Bells Nursing and Rehab. Center,  
213 Herndon Drive, Room 218, Bells, TN 38006

Bill Troy

Millette Gathright and Family

George Robertson

Cherry Robertson

Linda Jones

*\*Please continue to remember the Home Bound.*

*\*If you'd like to send cards, contact the church office for addresses if you need them.*



**Monday - Friday**  
**8:30am – 12:00pm**  
**1:00pm – 4:00pm**