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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family and Friends,

There are four Sundays until Ash Wednesday, and for three of those four Sunday we will enter into a sermon series called "Seek and Find." This short series will cover most of the first chapter of Mark 1, and will introduce us to the beginning of Jesus's ministry. In these three weeks we will see Jesus seek and find a community of people to travel with him and be part of his ministry. And we will see people in desperate need seek and find Jesus for healing and wholeness.

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday we will travel with Peter, James, and John up the Mount of Transfiguration.

Our Lenten worship experience is called "Wandering Heart." Rather than follow the lectionary readings for the Season of Lent, we will focus our attention on Peter, and each week's theme will be rooted in the beloved hymn "Come Thou Fount." We will be announcing plans for our Lenten Workshop and Ash Wednesday Worship as soon as they are final. I am looking forward to sharing this Lenten season with you!

But first, let's gather together to seek Jesus, with the assurance that we will find him.

Gripped by God's grace with you,
Mary Beth

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

LITURGIST

Steve Caldwell

VIDEO RECORDER

Will Bird

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*



RECORD OF LOYALTY (1/14/2024)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	388
In Person Worship	110
Sunday School	72

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



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>



Koinonia Sunday School Class



6:00PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY 24 JAN.

SIGN UP WITH

Nita Jones (731-445-9556)

Nancy West (731-445-0701)



Needs for January

Peanut Butter
Grape Jelly
Vienna Sausage



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.

Upcoming KidMin Events

Kid's Night In

Theme: Bible Buddies

Where: Fellowship Hall

Ages: 2-6th Grade

1/20: 2-5 pm



Coffee Talk

Where: Green Frog

Who: All Parents & Guardians

What: Life Updates, Concerns,
Prayer Requests, etc.

(Come & Go)

1/26: 7:75-9:15am

KidMin Retreat

Where: NaCoMe

Who: 1st - 6th Grade
(Bring Your Friends)

Cost: \$50*

May 3-5



Upward Vols

Who: Anyone**

When: Saturdays 8-11am

How: Referees, Devos,
Concessions, Score Keepers,
and Clock Keepers.



*Retreat Regi: <https://min.link/Frg>

**Upward VOLS: <https://min.link/DEd>

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

Due to the ice/snow, we were unable to process this week's memorials. However we will post the updated and complete list in next week's newsletter.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

- When a member of your family is admitted to the hospital.
- When there is a death in your family.
- When your class or group plans to use the church facilities for a meeting or a function.
- When either your home or business phone number or address changes.
- When a new baby arrives in your family.
- When a member of your family leaves for college or establishes their own residence.
- When you change your name.
- When a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- When you feel the pastor, staff, or church can assist you in any way.

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

- You can read our weekly newsletter on the church's webpage.
- Both the church calendar and the Family Life Center calendars can be read on our webpage.

Check us out fumcdyersburg.com

HOSPITALITY CORNER

FROM YOUR EVANGELISM TEAM

OBSERVING JESUS ENABLES US TO
SEE HOW TO VALUE VULNERABLE
PEOPLE. REACHING OUT WITH
HOSPITALITY HAPPENS WHEN WE
PRACTICE GOD'S COMMANDMENT
TO LOVE 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.

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

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



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.*

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>.

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

Sunday, January 21, 2024
Third Sunday After Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

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

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