

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

My friends, Lent is coming!

That means we will once again gather on Wednesday nights for food, fellowship, and spiritual formation as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, with a soup supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by an imposition of ashes service in the chapel. For those who prefer not to go out after dark, we will also offer a noon Ash Wednesday service that day.

On the Wednesdays that follow, we will offer several opportunities to gather from 6:00–7:30 p.m.:

1. Bible Study – Matthew Stafford will lead a study on the final week of Christ's life.
2. Missional Service Projects – Kelli Hayes and Rev. Robert Craig will guide hands-on opportunities to serve our community.
3. Grief Small Group – Heather and I will lead a small group focused on grief.
4. The KidMin Classes will walk through what Biblical Friendship looks like after we discuss what Lent is all about.

The Bible study and missional projects are open-format, so you are welcome to attend as many weeks as you're able - and even try both. The grief group will be a closed group; registration is required, and participants will need to purchase the book for the study. More details and registration information will be shared in the coming weeks. For now, we simply ask you to save the dates: February 18th - April 1st (we will not gather during Spring Break: March 18th).

If you are interested in helping prepare meals, please reach out to Amy White. It's a labor of love and any help, even if just for one Wednesday, is much appreciated.

I am so looking forward to this quality time together and to seeing what the Spirit will do as God prepares our hearts for Easter.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Steve

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

USHERS

Walt Bradshaw
Lowell Beck
Steven Parker
Charles Brown
Pierce White

GREETERS

Virginia Parker
Vicki Dunagan

LITURGIST

Amy Lewis

VIDEO RECORDER

David Wagner

**No Sunday
School 1/25**
*Worship will be
streamed*

*We're highly encouraging you all to join us
virtually this Sunday! Stay warm and Safe!
watch our livestream on
<https://fumcdyersburg.com/media>*

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 (1/18/2026)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	26
In Person Worship	80
Sunday School	57

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

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LENT 2026

18 FEB	ASH WEDNESDAY	12:00 PM Service-Chapel	5:30 pm Meal - Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM Service-Chapel
29 MARCH	PALM SUNDAY	9:15 AM - Sunday School	10:15 AM - Worship	
2 APRIL	MAUNDY THURSDAY	5:30-7:30 PM Service - Fellowship Hall		
25 FEB Every Wed through 4/16	JOURNEY NIGHT	5:30 PM Meal - Fellowship Hall	6:00 - 7:30 PM Bible Studies - For All Ages	



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.

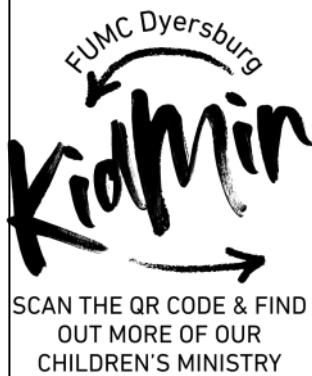
BAD WEATHER POLICY

If Dyersburg City Schools are closed due to bad weather, there will be no programming at FUMC Dyersburg. We want to make sure everyone stays safe during inclement weather.



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.



SCAN THE QR CODE & FIND OUT MORE OF OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



<https://min.link/Y7e>

Rhea House

NEEDS:

SEE KELLI
HAYES FOR
MORE INFO



TOOTHPASTE

JELLY

INSTANT POTATOES POUCHES



Sunday, January 25, 2026
Third Sunday After Epiphany

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 4:12-23

10:15 am Worship - Livestreamed
fumcdyersburg.com/media

No Evening Programming

Rev. Steve Lefebvre, Preaching



GROW WITH US
Coming back NEXT WEEK!



BLANKETS 4-5:30PM
Kids 2yr - 5th Grade



FUEL FOR THE SOUL
4-5:30PM
Youth 6th - 12th Grade



PARISH CHOIR
REHEARSAL
4-5:00PM

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prayer Requests

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

John Reaves

Don White - Oakwood Living Center,
1636 Woodlawn Ave, Room 14, Dyersburg, TN

Tiffany Riggins (Elaine McCormick's daughter)

David West

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

Bill Troy

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.*

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>.