



# 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

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>In memory of:</u> | <u>Given by</u>         |
| Ron Gathright        | Fisher Realty & Auction |
| Ron Gathright        | Headlines Salon         |
| Ron Gathright        | Mike & Kathy Henderson  |

### PANTRY FUND

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| <u>In memory of:</u> | <u>Given by</u>        |
| Nadia Browning       | Hubert & Delores Jones |

### ORGAN FUND

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>In memory of:</u> | <u>Given by</u>      |
| Nadia Browning       | Rev. Judith Wolfgang |

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100 MCGAUGHEY ST, DYERSBURG, TN

## 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

3

APRIL

### GOOD FRIDAY

5:30 - 7:30 PM  
Service - Sanctuary

5

APRIL

### EASTER SUNDAY

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

25

FEB

### JOURNEY NIGHT

5:30 PM Meal - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 - 7:30 PM Bible Studies - For All Ages  
Every Wed through 4/16



### 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.



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.



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**



APRIL  
10-12

1ST - 5TH  
GRADE

## OPERATION: RESCUE

**KIDMIN RETREAT**

ADDRESS: NACOME RETREAT CENTER  
3232 SULPHUR CREEK ROAD,  
PLEASANTVILLE, TN 37033

REGI:  
\$75

Safe, engaging, and unforgettable — our  
retreat is the perfect place for kids to learn,  
grow, and create lasting memories

SUNNY DAYS, HAPPY HEARTS, AND NEW ADVENTURES!

<https://min.link/Y2h>

*The Great*  
**WINTER  
WARM-UP**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
AT FUMC DYERSBURG  
5:30PM - 7:30PM

**Why join?**

- Chili Cook-Off
- Fun for All Ages
- Competitions & Prizes
- Karaoke/Lip Sync

**Calling all  
chili lovers  
and music  
fans!**

**WANT TO ENTER CHILI?**  
CALL TORI: +731-285-6454  
TFRAZIER@FUMCDYERSBURG.COM

KIDMIN FUMC DYERSBURG  
PROCEEDS BENEFIT



*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**  
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**No Evening Programming**

**Rev. Steve Lefebvre, Preaching**

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**BLANKETS 4-5:30PM**  
Kids 2yr - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**FUEL FOR THE SOUL**  
4-5:30PM  
Youth 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade



**PARISH CHOIR**  
**REHEARSAL**  
4-5:00PM

## 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.*

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### 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>.