

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

Hello Church,

Last Thursday, the Chamber of Commerce joined us on campus to host the official ribbon cutting for the Dyersburg Family YMCA at First United Methodist Church. It was a joyful day, and I was especially moved when the Memphis YMCA's COO—and an old friend of mine—Cleo Griffin said, *“Our missions run parallel to each other, and we can't wait to see what God will do with our combined ministries.”* I couldn't agree more.

The Dyersburg Family YMCA at FUMC has now been open for about two months, and I could not be more pleased with how things are going in the Family Life Center. The YMCA has brought new life, new faces, and new possibilities to our church campus. Every day, our space is filled with people seeking health, community, and wholeness—and that is holy work.

Looking ahead, I want to invite you to be part of one of those new possibilities. At the end of March, I will lead *Journey to Freedom* small groups in the group exercise studio. These groups are open to church members, YMCA members, friends, and anyone in the community who is seeking healing and hope through small group ministry rooted in our Wesleyan tradition. Registration details will be shared soon, and I hope you'll consider joining us—or inviting someone who might need it.

I also want to address a question I've heard from several of you regarding the future of our preschool partnership. Due to complications and challenges at the start of this school year, our merger with the YMCA's Early Learning Center was delayed. A few weeks ago, a Church Council/YMCA subcommittee met with YMCA leadership to reaffirm our shared commitment to this partnership. On Monday night, Church Council voted to continue moving forward with the merger, with the goal of completing it by August of 2027.

After the ribbon cutting last week, we walked through the preschool space together with YMCA leadership and began dreaming new dreams once again. We are deeply grateful for the YMCA's commitment to serving the people of Dyersburg in spirit, mind, and body—and we are excited about what God is continuing to grow among us.

Grace and peace to you,
Pastor Steve

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

USHERS

Tim Taylor
Mark Hayes
Joe Yates
Dustin Seratt
Charlie Caldwell

GREETERS

Cindy Taylor
Sandy Prince

LITURGIST

Beth Feith

VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

YOUNG ADULT

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15AM

Room 218

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 (2/8/2026)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	17
In Person Worship	110
Sunday School	56

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$770,209.93
Expenses Year to Date	\$849,877.57
Income (December)	\$85,994.63
Expenses (December)	\$58,671.76
Communion (Pantry/Rhea House)	\$947.00

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Dr. John Reeves, Jr	Dyersburg Garden Club
Dr. John Reeves, Jr	David and Jo Anne Taylor
Dr. John Reeves, Jr	Mary Adcock

PANTRY FUND

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Nadia Browning	Koinonia Sunday School Class
Dr. John Reeves, Jr	Koinonia Sunday School Class
Dr. John Reeves, Jr	George and Cherry Robertson
Dr. John Reeves, Jr	Beth Hamer

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<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Dr. John Reeves, Jr	Heinrich and Ursula Schedewie


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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



3 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

5:30 - 7:30 PM Service - Sanctuary

29 MARCH

PALM SUNDAY

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



5 APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

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

2 APRIL

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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

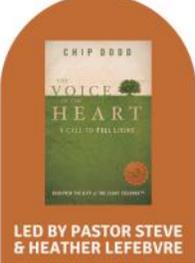
25 FEB LENTEN WED. NIGHTS

Every Wed through 4/16

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

Wednesday Night Bible Studies

During Lent



LED BY PASTOR STEVE & HEATHER LEFEBVRE



LED BY DR. MATTHEW STAFFORD

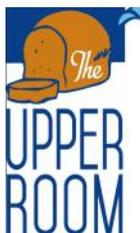


LED BY KELLI HAYES & PASTOR ROBERT CRAIG

ADDITIONALLY: CHILDREN'S CLASS WITH MS. TORI (AGES 2-12)
5:30 SUPPER | 6:00PM SMALL GROUPS
WEDNESDAYS: FEBRUARY 25 - APRIL 1
 Gather in the Fellowship Hall



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



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>

FUMC Dyersburg KidMin

THE GREAT WINTER WARM UP

CHILI COOK-OFF AND LIP SYNC

FEBRUARY 21

5:30PM

FUMC DYERSBURG - FELLOWSHIP HALL
100 MCGAUGHEY ST. DYERSBURG

\$5.00 Chili Entry Fee
\$5.00 Day of Tasting Fee

Come and enjoy some delicious chili entries and join/enjoy some Lip sync and Karaoke!

For more information or to sign up for chili competition:
731-285-6454 or
tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com

APRIL 10-12

1ST - 5TH GRADE

OPERATION: RESCUE

KIDMIN RETREAT

REGI: \$75

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

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>

2026 Church Officials

- Campus/Buildings/Assets Gifts Development – Joe Yates
- Nominations and Lay Leadership Development – Steve Lefebvre and Kristen Bird
- Staff – Parish Staff Gifts Development – John Feith
- Finance Gifts/Development – Dustin Seratt
- Communications/Technology Team – David Wagner
- Worship Team – J. Dan Gullett
- Formation Team – Amy White and Sam Petty
- Congregational Care Team – Kelli Hayes and Jackie Gullett
- Evangelism Team – TBD
- Missions Team – David Wagner and Kelli Hayes
- Preschool – Kristen Caldwell
- Church Council – Walt Bradshaw and Will Bird
- Lay Leader – Will Bird
- Lay Delegate to Annual Conference – David Wagner
- Church Treasurer – Sandy Prince
- Young Adult Representative – Rachel Smith
- UMYF Representative – Elizabeth Lemons

RHEA HOUSE

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Small Jelly
- Toothpaste

Sunday, February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship

No Evening Programming

Rev. Steve Lefebvre, Preaching

**OFFICE
HOURS**

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

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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

Prayer Requests

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

John Reaves Family

Maddox Family

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>.