



THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

Hello Friends in Christ,

I want to bring your attention to our upcoming Chili Cook-Off—what Mrs. Tori is affectionately calling *The Great Winter Warm Up!*

The event will take place on Saturday, February 21st, at **5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**, and chili entries and tasting tickets are just **\$5** each. All proceeds will help send our children to retreats and camps this year.

This is a wonderful event to invite friends and neighbors to come and “see about us.” Like our spaghetti supper, you’re encouraged to invite friends and family to come as this is an open invitation to the community.

Mrs. Tori is still looking for brave souls to submit their award-winning chili, so please reach out to her if you’d like to participate. There will be **fun prizes for the winners**, and **lip-sync/karaoke** open to all attendees for **FREE**, making it a great night for the whole family.

This is a beautiful opportunity for our children to raise money, for our church to enjoy fellowship together, and for us to show our community the loving-kindness that defines who we are.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

USHERS

Tim Taylor
Mark Hayes
Joe Yates
Dustin Seratt
Charlie Caldwell

GREETERS

Cindy Taylor
Sandy Prince

LITURGIST

Baird Lewis

VIDEO RECORDER

Will Bird

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

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

RECORD OF LOYALTY (2/1/2026)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	50
In Person Worship	86
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 (Rhea House)	\$947.00

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND

In memory of: Ron Gathright *Given by*
FUMC Young Adults

PANTRY FUND

In memory of: John Reaves *Given by*
David and Sara Hayes
John Reaves Randy and Sandy Prince



FUMC DYERSBURG
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

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

Every Wed through 4/16

We invite you to support our Valentines Gram Fundraiser!

Shower our students and teachers with love!

- ♥ **\$1 Valentines Grams:** A card with a small toy, craft, or treat, with a personalized message from you. (Individual or full classroom sets available!)
- ♥ **\$5 Valentine Bouquet:** A beautiful mix of carnations and daisies.
- ♥ **\$10 Valentine Bouquet:** A beautiful mix of carnations daisies with an added rose.
- ♥ **"We Love You, Too!" Bouquet:** An opportunity for our church and community to donate a bouquet to ensure every child feels celebrated!

📅 **Delivery Date:** February 13th (During the Valentines celebrations)

🕒 **Flower Deadline:** February 9th

Final Deadline: February 11th

How to sign up!

Text "psval" to
731-207-8878

OR Scan the
QR code



All proceeds help to support FUMC Preschool Programs.

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:



TOOTHPASTE

JELLY

INSTANT POTATOES POUCHES

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

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>

Koinonia Sunday School Class

Valentine's Social

FEB 11

The
Blacksmith's
Private Room

5:30 PM

Contact Nita Jones for more information!



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.

Sunday, February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20

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

No Evening Programming

Rev. Steve Lefebvre, Preaching



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

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Come Join Us
at FUMC Dyersburg



02.18.26

12:00pm Service
6:00pm Service
in the Chapel

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

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 Hemdon 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>.