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OUR ORGAN

J. Dan Gullett

There is much more to our Sanctuary pipe organ than “meets the eye.” Actually, there are four components:

1. The console is the control center of the organ. From the time of its installation at some point after the completion of the church structure in 1923, until the second renovation of the Sanctuary in 2006, the console was located in the choir loft which was an elevated area above the current choir area. During that renovation, the console was relocated to an area behind the lectern in the Chancel. The console consists of three keyboards, stop-keys and foot pedals.
2. The chamber, located behind the wall above the choir area, houses the organ pipes. There are 20 ranks of pipes which are grouped together in rows or ranks according to the particular sound that the pipes make. Each rank has enough pipes for every note on the keyboard; therefore, there are 61 pipes in a rank.
3. The electric motor and blower are located in a small room below the Chancel. The motor powers the blower which provides wind for the pipes.
4. The antiphonal, located at the back of the Sanctuary, houses the chimes. The wiring in this elevated area is original to the church's completion in 1923.

Of these four components, only the console will be removed to accommodate the replacement organ.



SUNDAY, MARCH 10

LITURGIST

Elizabeth Lemons

VIDEO RECORDER

Walt Bradshaw

USHERS

Charles Brown

Mark Hayes

Patrick Lemons

Steven Parker

Eddie Dunagan

GREETERS

David Hayes

Sandy Prince

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*

The **March/April** Large and Small 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.



***Reflections from Cindy Shawver, who served as the church organist
from April 2005 until December 2016***

Greetings!

My name is Cindy Shawver, former organist for First United Methodist Church, Dyersburg, where I served for ten plus years. Having been asked to share some reflections of my tenure there is such an honor.

1 Peter 4:10 says "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." God saw it fit to allow me the gift of music for which I am extremely grateful. That gift has allowed me to serve Him and magnify His name. Each and every one of us has been given a gift, and it is a gift of His grace.

Having served in the music ministry from a very young age, I am reminded of seasons and chapters in my life. God has allowed me to serve in various churches for a season. When one season closed, another came like new-fallen snow: fresh, clean and no footprints yet made.

My season at First United Methodist Church began in April 2005 and faded away in December 2016. In 2004, I had chosen to be still and hear God. Having fulfilled God's plan in one congregation, I learned that I was not finished yet.

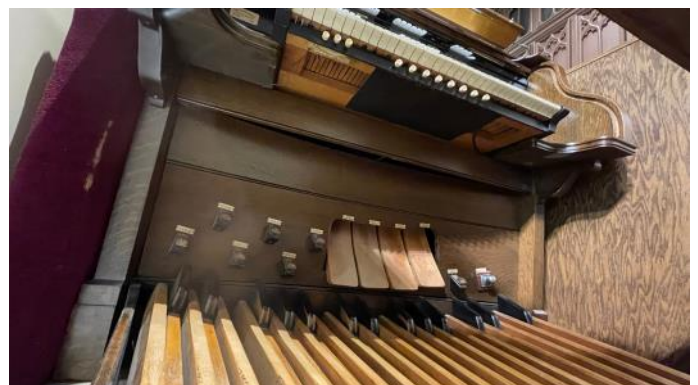
Charline Fisher, whose shoes I could never fill, called me to say she was facing health issues and needed me to fill in for her when she couldn't be available. What a blessing that I accepted to serve in a temporary capacity. Soon Charline's health began to decline, and I still did not understand God's plan. It was not until Phillip Cook, the senior pastor then, called me on a Sunday afternoon to inform me that Mrs. Fisher had made it known that I would be the new organist, and the church had agreed to her request. Charline was kind, generous, gracious, and never being an authoritarian of her position. However, she was an educator and instructor. Looking back on that time in my life, I laugh out loud because she was an educator, an instructor, and it was not favorable to ignore her authority.

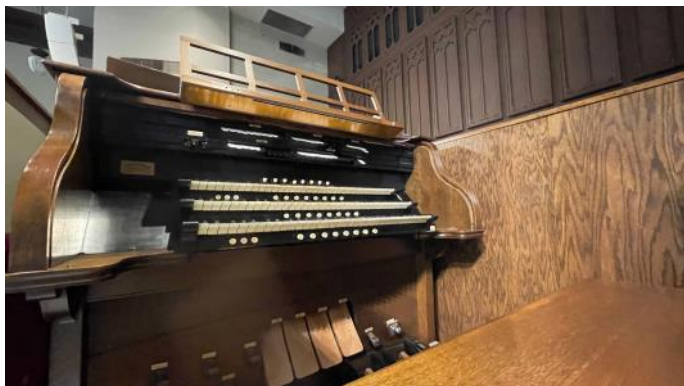
God does not always call the equipped. He equips the called and I accepted to serve as organist at First United Methodist Church. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity.

Having served under the guidance of Cooper Patterson, our worship leader, for most of my tenure, I grew in knowledge, technique, and so much more. I have such fond memories of many Easter and Christmas cantatas. Cooper always knew how to accentuate the positive, adding various instruments to our team. And then there was Joy Willis, with whom I served for eight years. When she accepted the call as pianist, it seemed our music team was secure and complete.

Also, I have fond memories of several pastors I had the pleasure of serving with. I respected them and will always be grateful to have served alongside them.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 says "For everything there is a season and a time for everything under heaven." I am very thankful that First United Methodist Church was part of my journey.





Senior Organist - Charline Fisher

Dakota Hill's reflections of his time playing the organ at FUMC Dyersburg

I'll never forget the day I stepped onto the campus of First United Methodist Church, Dyersburg. I was nervous, excited, optimistic, and curious for the opportunity that had been presented to me. Of the many things that happened during the interview process over the course of two days, one of the most memorable was time spent with members of the Adult Choir and the then-pianist and organist, Joy and Cindy. At some point that morning, I asked Cindy to play the organ so that I could walk through the sanctuary to hear the acoustics of the room. I immediately fell in love with the much-loved pipe organ of FUMC and its nearly 100-year-old history of service to the faithful Methodists at Main and McGaughey.

Reflecting on "the thing" that drew me to the organ at FUMC, I believe it is because it has a "sister" (a nearly identical instrument, made by the same company) in Jackson, Tennessee in the Womack Chapel at Lambuth University; an instrument that I spent many hours playing in lessons, practice, and chapel services. I then heard the antiphonal organ. Perhaps you didn't realize the uniqueness of the organ at FUMC. There are actually two separate instruments: the main instrument in the front of the sanctuary and then the Antiphonal Organ - located in the back of the church, above the soundboard (that's where the grey cloth screen is above the isle). When I noticed that the Antiphonal Organ contained two particular stops (or sounds) that were my favorite, I was sold, as if I needed to "be sold" to join the FUMC Dyersburg family.

When I think of the FUMC organ, I think of all the services where it has provided beautiful music. I think of all the services that I have played using its many sounds that have lifted voices in worship and praise; I think of looking out into the congregation and seeing smiling faces, many of whom have joined the church triumphant. There is something sacred about a pipe organ that leads us in worship: an instrument that is built on the principle of using wind and air, the very thing that gives us life. Uniting our voices with the many voices of those gone before us, those that will come after us, and the wind that blows through the pipes of an organ surely are a pleasing sound to the Master of the Universe.

To God be the glory, great things he has done. - Dakota

RECORD OF LOYALTY (3/3/2024)

ATTENDANCE

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Online Worship | 176 |
| In Person Worship | 125 |
| Sunday School | 79 |

OFFERING

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Monthly Income (January) | \$45,199.43 |
| Monthly Expenses (January) | \$35,925.13 |
| Income Year to Date | \$45,199.43 |
| Expenses Year to Date | \$35,935.13 |
| March Communion (Golden Cross) | \$510.00 |

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND

| <u>In memory of:</u> | <u>Given by:</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Joann Lewis | Russell Hudson |
| Joann Lewis | Alyce Ann Lecklitner |
| Jere Ozment | Carol Lestourgeon |

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

| <u>In memory of:</u> | <u>Given by:</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Marilyn Legan | Shirley Barber |
| Joann Lewis | Russell Hudson |
| Jere Ozment | Brad and Sandy Baker |
| Jere Ozment | Richard and Betty Carraway |
| Jere Ozment | Dave and Anne Sutor |

PANTRY FUND

| <u>In memory of:</u> | <u>Given by:</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Marilyn Legan | Stan and Lynn Young |
| Joann Lewis | Randy and Sandy Prince |
| Jerry Weaver | Bill and Anita Fowlkes |
| Jere Ozment | Danny and Merrill Lemon |
| Jere Ozment | Stan and Lynn Young |



**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
Patty Johnson
Cherry Robertson
Amy Pope McIntosh - Steven Parker's cousin
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
Beverly Tipton
Eddie Anderson
Bill Troy
Jimmy Wilkes
Patti Hill
Lorna Donaldson
King Rogers
Marilyn Armstrong

**Please continue to remember the Home Bound.*



Saturday night, March 9, don't forget to
change your clocks.

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

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Series:
"Wandering Heart;
Praise the Mount"

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Fellowship
10:15 am Worship

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel,
preaching

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