

# THE WORD

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## PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Friends and Family,

Most of you know that my precious grandmother passed away last Saturday. She was 98 with two children, three grandchildren, and six great grandchildren, all of whom were blessed enough to have known the extent of her deep love. It's impossible to count the number of things about her for which I am grateful, not the least of which is her unconditional love. But as I sit at Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville doing the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry, I cannot help but be grateful that she was a devoted United Methodist. I probably won't get the whole story right, but, as I recall, my grandfather grew up in the Disciples of Christ Church. When they got married, the question arose of where they would make their spiritual home for themselves and for their family. I would have loved to have been privy to the conversation that led to the decision to make their home in the Methodist Church, but alas I don't know how that all went down. I just know that they ended up in the Methodist Church.

My mother and her sister both grew up at Bethany Methodist Church in Valley Station, KY where they were active in MYF. My aunt went on to college and then to Vanderbilt Divinity School. She was ordained a deacon in 1974 and elder in 1977, and even though I attended a church throughout *my* childhood that did not ordain women, I also had the opportunity to attend her church when we visited her in Kentucky and see her do this sacred work.

When I experienced my own call to ministry, I needed a denomination who would recognize that call and invite me to live it out with deep integrity. The United Methodist Church was that place. This June I will celebrate ten years of ordination as an Elder in Full Connection, and though there are countless people who influenced my journey in this calling, perhaps the one who started it all is the one whose life my family will celebrate on Saturday.

As Bishop McAlilly text me when he heard of her passing,

"Thanks be to God for Good Methodist Women!"

And to that I say,

"Amen."

With love and gratitude,  
Mary Beth

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

**LITURGIST**  
Janie Stafford

**VIDEO RECORDER**  
Dustin Seratt

**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

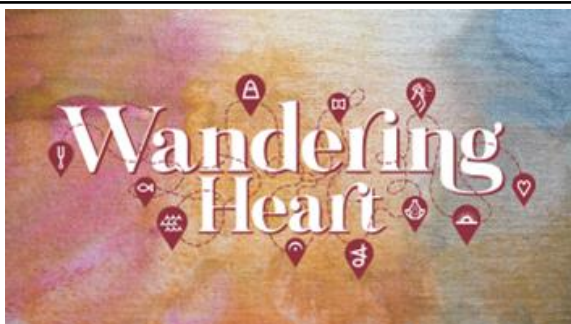
*We seek to love God above  
everything and to love our  
neighbors as ourselves*

### Our Values

*Hospitality, Outreach, Loving,  
Tradition, Community, Teaching,  
Family*

## 2024 Admin & Ministry Team Announcements Inside!

Please review this week's insert  
for the list of Administrative and  
Ministry Teams for our 2024  
Year.



## RECORD OF LOYALTY (3/10/2024)

### ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	233
In Person Worship	89
Sunday School	43

### OFFERING

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

## FUMC Dyersburg KidMin UPCOMING EVENTS

**Until 3/31/24**

### **KIDMIN Bake Sale**

Help send our kids to retreat, camp, and beyond! ALL K-6th Grade KidMin will be pre-selling different baked goods throughout March. We'll bake them on 4/6 and bring them to church on 4/7, with treats to purchase that Sunday as well.



**3/30/24**

### **Kid's Night In @Education Wing**

**6:00 - 9:00pm**

Theme: Easter Eggstravagnaza  
Food: Chicken Nuggets & Fries  
What: Easter Escape Room,  
Easter Hide-n-Seek, Egg  
Coloring, and more!



**5/3 - 5/5/24**

### **KidMin Retreat @ NaCoMe Camp & Retreat Center**

Who: 1st - 6th Grade  
(invite your friends)

Cost: \$50\*

Registration:

<https://min.link/Frg>



**6/3 - 6/7/24**

### **WinShape Camp @ Dyersburg Middle School**

Who: Completed K - 5th Grade

Cost: \$235

Registration opens 3/4/24 @ 9:00am

Links:

<https://linktr.ee/winshapedyersburg>

**WinShape  
Camps™**

## Easter FLOWERS

This year, you are invited to order Easter Flowers to place in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. All memorials and honorariums will be included in the order of worship on Easter morning.

Scan the QR code to order your flowers or text 'lily' to 731-207-8878. You may also contact the church office if you'd like a paper form. The last day to turn in forms is Sunday, March 24, 2024



### **LAKESHORE SUMMER CAMP**

While you are looking forward to the warm days of summer and making plans for your children's activities, don't forget our United Methodist camp, Lakeshore. Lakeshore is for kids from seven-years-old through Senior High School. There are also specialty camps.

For years, Dyersburg FUMC has encouraged our kids to attend Lakeshore by paying \$100 toward the camp fee. **This year, the church will pay \$200 of each of our camper's fees.** Those of you whose child attended Lakeshore last year have received registration forms and camp information in the mail. You can go to [lakeshorecamp.org](http://lakeshorecamp.org) for more information.

## Hospitali-TEA

**13 APRIL 2024  
10:30 A.M.**



Step into an elegant event with eight round tables, each hosting eight guests. Wear fancy attire, enjoy treats and tea, and embrace a delightful atmosphere. Contact Nancy West to secure a spot and spread togetherness in the community.

## MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

### GENERAL FUND

#### In memory of:

Joann Lewis  
Joann Lewis  
Jere Ozment

#### Given by:

Marc and Mary Ellen Bridie  
Ginger Voss  
Martha Murray

#### **From the Lewis, Lemon, Hopgood, Payne, Simmons, and Barton families:**

We are grateful to have experienced the blessings of community from this church following the death of our mother and grandmother, Joann Merrill Baird Lewis. From the prayers, cards, phone calls, food deliveries, and flowers, to the outstanding bereavement meal, and the beautiful and intentional memorial service possible only through the hard work of all of our church staff, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! You have all been our earthly angels. God bless!



### FUMC Dyersburg *Holy Week* **SCHEDULE**

March 24 (Palm Sunday)

**10:15A.M. - SERVICE  
SANCTUARY**

March 28 (Maundy Thursday)

**6:30P.M. - SERVICE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

March 29 (Good Friday)

**6:30P.M. - SERVICE  
SANCTUARY**

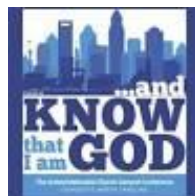
March 31 (Easter Sunday)

**10:15A.M. - SERVICE  
SANCTUARY**



### **Exploring General Conference Free-Self-Guided Course**

General Conference is the top legislative assembly of The United Methodist Church. The course, Exploring General Conference, will help you learn more about the historical roots, legislative processes, and happenings that make the General Conference an important function of The United Methodist Church. [This free course](#) is self-guided so you can complete it at your own pace.



### **TWK Annual Conference June 17 - 19, 2024**

The third Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference will be held June 17-19, 2024, at Murfreesboro First UMC.

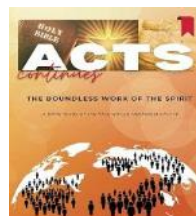
The Clergy Session will be online on Tuesday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m.

The deadlines and submission guidelines for REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, Meal Hosting, and Exhibitors is available at [twkumc.org/AC2024](https://twkumc.org/AC2024). If you are interested in financially sponsoring an aspect of the Annual Conference, please contact us at [AC2024@twkumc.org](mailto:AC2024@twkumc.org). **Hotel information will be available soon and announced via the Conference e-newsletter.**



### **Book of Acts Annual Conference Bible Study Now Available!**

"Acts Continues: The Boundless Work of the Spirit," is a seven-week Bible Study and Sermon Series that [the bishop encourages everyone to study](#) in preparation for the TWK Annual Conference.



You can access a free version through The Vine UMC's website; you may also purchase a copy via Amazon in print (\$15) or through Kindle (\$9). [Learn more and access the study!](#)

## HOSPITALITY CORNER

FROM YOUR EVANGELISM TEAM

FOR US TO ENCOUNTER  
OTHERS IN THE WAY THEY  
WERE LOVINGLY CREATED,  
CHRIST CALLS FOR US TO  
BE OPENHEARTED.

### ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have information to be printed in the newsletter? Maybe you have a birth announcement, a wedding announcement, a prayer request/update, or an upcoming Sunday School social. Please give your information to Tori in the church office. It's easy. Call—285-6454 or email—[tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com](mailto:tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com).

**Deadline is Tuesdays at noon each week.**

### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP FROM ANYWHERE

Our Sunday morning service is viewable each Sunday morning at 10:15 am from our church's webpage at <https://www.fumcdyersburg.com/media> or our Facebook page at Dyersburg First United Methodist Church. You can also watch previous sermons on either site.

The **March/April** 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.



**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.*

### 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>.

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

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Series:**  
**"Wandering Heart;  
Teach Me"**

**Psalm 119:9-16**  
**Matthew 18:15-22**

**9:00 am Sunday School**  
**9:45 am Fellowship**  
**10:15 am Worship**  
**Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel,**  
**preaching**

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