

# THE WORD

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## PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC,

Today I want to offer a gentle reminder to you that if you have not yet made a financial pledge to the church for 2023, now would be the perfect time to make that commitment.

While our mission and vision continue to guide us in all of our ministries, we will need to take extra care over the next few years to faithfully steward all of the resources that God has so generously given—our physical plant, our finances, our staff, our energy, and our time. As we begin to map out a strategy to guide us in this work, it is critical that we have the most accurate picture possible of our financial position.

If you have not yet made a financial pledge for the year, please consider doing so as soon as possible. If you're not sure, call Melinda in the church office and she can check for you. Making a pledge is a simple process. You can go to this page on the church website (<https://fumcdyersburg.com/my-pledge>) and fill out a pledge card, or you can call the church office and ask for a physical pledge card to fill out and return.

Some folks find it an important spiritual practice to put their weekly offering into the offering plate during worship. But you also have the option to give online—either a one-time gift or a recurring gift—by going to this page on the church website (<https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>).

As I said in worship several weeks ago, the best days of Dyersburg FUMC are still ahead of us if we will just invite God to come and give us new life. I hope that you'll help us live into the new thing that God is doing with your gifts to the church!

Looking forward, with you, to what God is doing,

Mary Beth

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

### VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

### LITURGIST

Janie Stafford

### USHERS FOR MARCH

Charles Brown

Eddie Dunagan

Mark Hayes

Patrick Lemons

Paul Perkins

### GREETERS FOR MARCH

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*



### RECORD OF LOYALTY (3/12/23)

#### ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	103
In Person Worship	120
Sunday School	64

#### OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$10,289.00
Needed to Date	\$166,014.75
Received to Date	\$89,912.00

Communion Offering - World Hunger	
<b>March</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

### RECORD OF LOYALTY (3/19/23)

#### ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	171
In Person Worship	110
Sunday School	46

#### OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$9,185.00
Needed to Date	\$181,107.00
Received to Date	\$99,097.00



### **PALM SUNDAY**

As is our tradition, our children will process in on **Palm Sunday, April 2**, waving palm branches during the singing of the first hymn. Children should gather in the foyer at the back of the sanctuary to get their palm branches and line up for the procession. There will also be a children's handbell choir.



by Lenae Baldwin

Hello Youth Families,

I hope you all had wonderful Spring Breaks with your family! This coming Wed at **Dayspring** we will be starting our six week Easter Series called Plot Twist.

**April 1st** we will have a 1-day retreat Experience! The day will include food, fun and a hands-on discipleship experience. If you would like to help with this awesome event, let me know.

**Student Sign Up:** <https://min.link/BKf>

In **Sunday school** this past Sunday the lesson was entitled "The Plagues," and it focused on helping students understand how God acted miraculously on behalf of His people to free them from slavery in Egypt. Also, it helped our students understand that in the same way Jesus saved them from death with His sacrifice as the perfect sacrificial lamb.

#### **Questions for further discussion:**

- We saw that God protected the Israelites. Consider asking your teenager if it's hard to believe that God will protect us. Ask if he or she can recall experiencing this protection.
- What does it mean that Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, the only sacrifice that could truly save us from death? What are ways people try to save themselves?
- What does this story ultimately say about God? (Some students may not like the way it portrays God-that God issues tough consequences. Affirm these points of view, but also show them how God protected the people who sought to honor Him).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

March 29: Dayspring

April 1st: 1-day retreat experience

To stay up to date on all things youth, follow our link tree!

[linktr.ee/fumcdyersburgyouth](https://linktr.ee/fumcdyersburgyouth)

Blessings,  
Lenae



## Lenten Schedule

**Sunday, April 2**  
10:15 am Palm Sunday Service - Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 6**  
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service - Fellowship Hall

**Friday, April 7**  
6:30 pm Good Friday Service - Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 9**  
10:15 am Easter Service - Sanctuary



## Easter Flower Donations

Order here: <https://min.link/BRz> or scan the QR code.

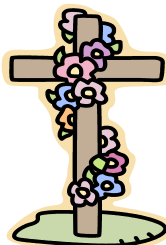
This year, you are invited to order Easter Flowers to place in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. Donations will go toward the Flower Fund.

All honorariums and memorials will be included in the order of worship on Easter morning. The deadline to submit your order will be Sunday April 2.



## FLOWERS FOR THE FLOWERING CROSS

On Easter morning the Flowering Cross will bloom with flowers. Stay tuned for more details.



by Tori Armstrong

## Events to Sign Up For:

### 1. Kid's Weekend Retreat:

- Ages: 1st through 6th graders (friends in same age range)
- April 14-16
- Halls, TN: New Life Youth Camp
- \$40 Registration Fee
- Sign up at: <https://min.link/BFL>

### 2. WinShape Camp

- Date: June 5-9
- Ages: K - 5th (completed)
- Location: Dyersburg Middle School
- Registration open March 6th
- <https://camps.winshape.org/day-camps/dyersburg-tn/>

### 3. DayShore

- Date: June 19-23
- Ages: K-5th
- Location: FUMC Dyersburg
- Registration coming soon!



7/8: Soccer Connection

7/15: Dodgeball Connection

7/22: Kickball Connection

7/29: Volleyball Connection

More info to come, as well as registration links!

## 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.



Let's play softball! Anyone interested in playing on the men's softball church league team, please contact Paul Stewart at (731) 445-8897.



## Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Christ asks us to leave behind the precondition that limit our love. As we grow in love, we drop our conditions related to who is "in" and who is "out."

**Love** one another,  
for love comes  
from **God**.

1 John 4:7



### FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Family Life Center Walking Track is available Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4 pm. To gain access to the building call the church office at 731-285-6454 when you get to the FLC.



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

### Needs for March

Saltine Crackers  
Vienna Sausage  
Instant Mashed Potatoes



## HOSPITAL AND RECENTLY ILL

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

Elaine and Dick McCormick

Marie Hardy

Amy Pope McIntosh - Steven Parker's cousin

Jerry and Carolyn Cooper - Bells Nursing and Rehab.

Center, 213 Herndon Drive, Room 218, Bells,  
TN 38006

Jake Gold - Ginny Acree's nephew

Holmes Moore - Delores Jones' brother-in-law

LoAnn Burgess - Deb Lowrance's sister-in-law

Andrea Young Pope - Steven Parker's Mom

Patty Kleber - Marty Jasper's niece

Joann Lewis

Eddie Anderson

Bill Troy

Jack Troy

Jimmy Wilkes

Patti Hill

Lorna Donaldson

Patsy Lawson

*\*Please continue to remember the Home Bound.*

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.



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

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**  
**Psalm 130**  
**Romans 8:6-11**  
**John 11:1-45**

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

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