

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to remind you once again that Holy Week is coming. It begins with Palm Sunday on March 29th.

Holy Week is my favorite week of the year—not only because it gives us so many opportunities to spend time together, to connect, and to worship God as a community, but because of the way these services draw us in and wrap us in the story of Jesus Christ and his final days.

My invitation to you this Holy Week is simple: surrender yourself to the story as it unfolds.

On Palm Sunday, wave those palm branches and shout “Hosanna!” (which means “God, save us!”) with all your heart. On Maundy Thursday, imagine yourself sitting at the table with Jesus and his disciples—feel the weight, the love, and even the quiet, terrifying anticipation of what is to come. On Good Friday, we will carry the cross together and remember the steps Jesus took in love for us. Then, on Easter Sunday at sunrise, we will stand in the morning light and feel that deep, joyful relief: “Alleluia, Christ is risen!”

I encourage all of you to check the church calendar, save the dates and times, and keep them holy.

We are about to step into one of the greatest stories ever told. My prayer is that as you participate in it, God meets you there—that the Spirit dwells among us in a powerful way this Easter season, and that the hope of resurrection finds you wherever you are.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Steve

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

USHERS

Charles Brown
Sam Petty
Lowell Beck
Steven Parker
Pierce White

GREETERS

Maralyn Beck
Lisa Traverse

LITURGIST

Thomas Lemons

VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

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*

| <i>Holy Week</i> SCHEDULE | |
|---|-----------------------|
| March 29 (Palm Sunday) | 10:15 AM SANCTUARY |
| April 2 (Maundy Thursday) | 6:00 PM SANCTUARY |
| April 3 (Good Friday) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> | 6:00 PM SANCTUARY |
| April 5 (Easter Sunday) | 10:15 AM SANCTUARY |

OFFICE HOURS

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

RECORD OF LOYALTY (3/15/2026)

ATTENDANCE

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Online Worship | 39 |
| In Person Worship | 76 |
| Sunday School | 45 |

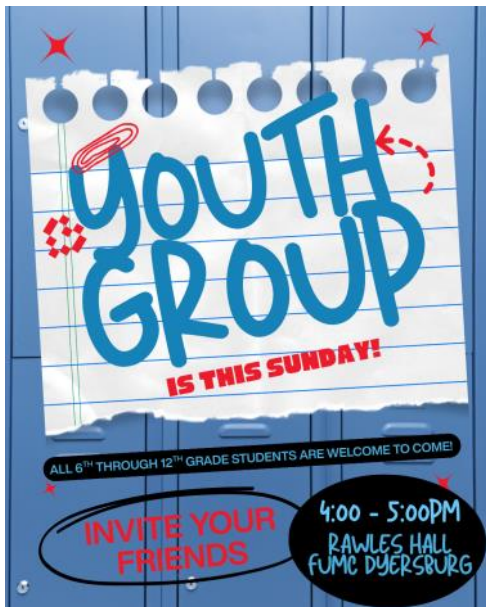
OFFERING

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Income Year to Date | \$37,633.03 |
| Expenses Year to Date | \$5,680.61 |
| Income (January) | \$37,633.03 |
| Expenses (January) | \$5,680.61 |



DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

The deadline to order Easter Flowers is Sunday, March 29th. Use the QR code or visit the church website to order.



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>In memory of:</i> | <i>Given by</i> |
| Nadia Browning | Rick and Debbie Hill |
| Max Maddox | Richard and Betty Carraway |
| Max Maddox | Patrick and Amy Heckethorn |
| Max Maddox | Rick and Debbie Hill |
| Max Maddox | Susan Shipman |
| Dr. John Reaves, Jr. | Patrick and Amy Heckethorn |
| Dr. John Reaves, Jr. | Rick and Debbie Hill |
| David West | Bernie and Linda DeBerry |
| David West | David and Sara Hayes |
| David West | Matthew and Jacqueline Stafford |



Big Things Are Happening in KidMin!

We have TWO exciting things coming up, and we need YOUR help to make them happen — let's go!

1. KidMin Retreat | April 10–12 The KidMin Retreat is almost here, and we are SO excited! Sign-ups are now closed, but if you have a child who hasn't signed up yet and still wants to come, please reach out to us **ASAP** — we need to submit our final headcount very soon!

But here's our **BIG** ask: **WE NEED ADULT ROOM CHAPERONES AND SMALL GROUP LEADERS!** If you have a heart for kids and want to pour into them for a weekend, this is your moment. Youth group members — this means YOU too! Being a small group leader is a powerful way to invest in the next generation. Please contact us right away if you're interested. Don't wait — we need to fill these spots NOW!


2. Easter Egg Hunt | This Saturday, March 28th @ 11:00 AM Get ready for some egg-hunting fun! This Saturday we're heading into the **Edinburg Neighborhood** for a community Easter Egg Hunt at **900 Acadian Blvd.** All kiddos from **birth through 5th grade** are welcome — bring a basket for a great time!!

Come ready to hunt, laugh, and celebrate with your neighbors. We can't wait to see your little ones there!

See you soon, KidMin family!


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
6:00 - 7:00 PM Service - Sanctuary

29 MARCH PALM SUNDAY
9:15 AM - Sunday School
10:15 AM - Worship



5 APRIL EASTER SUNDAY
6:30 AM - Sunrise Service - Vesper Ring
10:15 AM - Worship - Sanctuary

2 APRIL MAUNDY THURSDAY
6:00 - 7:00 PM Service - Sanctuary

Dyersburg

8-12 JUNE

WinShape Camps™

COST \$275



SCAN TO LEARN MORE!



camp is calling

Completed
K-5TH Grade

MUSIC, DANCE, SPORTS, GAMES, ARTS, CRAFT AND MORE!

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.



Preschool Open Enrollment is Happening Now!

We are excited to share that preschool open enrollment is officially underway! We serve children ages 2–5 years, with flexible program options designed to meet your family's needs—from half days, 2 days a week to full days, 5 days a week (7:00 AM–5:15 PM).

Enrollment is quick and easy—just scan the QR code to access registration information and get started. Spaces fill quickly, so don't wait!



We can't wait to welcome our church families and friends into the preschool!

SCAN HERE

TO VOLUNTEER AT THE KIDMIN RETREAT



YOUTH & ADULTS ARE WELCOME TO SIGN UP!

<https://min.link/ZTm>

Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

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

#13490
Periodicals
Paid at
Dyersburg, TN

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

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

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GROW WITH US

Join us this Sunday to experience peace, hope, and joy as we learn together.



BLANKETS 4-5:30PM
Kids 2yr - 5th Grade



FUEL FOR THE SOUL 4-5:30PM
Youth 6th - 12th Grade



PARISH CHOIR REHEARSAL 2:00 PM

RHEA HOUSE **FOOD PANTRY** **NEEDS**



Vegetable Beef Soup

Canned Fruit

Small Jelly

Toothpaste

LITURGICAL COLORS

During this season, the liturgical color of the paraments in the chancel is purple. This color designates seasons of preparation (Advent and Lent) and represents both royalty and penitence. This color will be used throughout the Lenten season as we prepare for Easter. On that day, white will be used to designate the beginning of a festival season and to symbolize the joy of Christ's Resurrection.



Prayer Requests

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

Family of David West

Bobbie Williams

Janie Stafford

Raney Webb

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>.