

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family and Friends,

I had a most interesting experience today that I am excited to share with you. I spent the day at Jackson FUMC in Jackson, TN with a gathering of clergy and laity from the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference learning about United Methodist history. Dr. Ashley Boggan Dreff, General Secretary of the United Methodist General Commission on Archives and History, shared with us her extensive research on the splits, separations, and reconciliations in the history of the United Methodist Church. There were neither handouts nor slides, and yet every person in the room hung on every word that Dr. Dreff shared.

Her presentation centered on Wesley's words from his journal entry dated April 2, 1739: "At four in the afternoon, I submitted to be more vile and proclaimed in the highways the glad tidings of salvation." By leaving the walls of the church to share the good news of God's universal love and forgiveness, Wesley communicated to everyone who heard him—and heard what he was doing—that the poor laborers in the coal mines had as much value in the eyes of God as those worshipping in the most ornate churches in England. As a result, Wesley and those who identified as Methodist in those early years were scorned, shunned, harassed, and even assaulted, *not* for their doctrinal beliefs but because they dared to transgress the social and economic boundaries that kept all people in their proper place.

Dr. Dreff suggested that perhaps the people called Methodists in our own time have lost our willingness to be "more vile" in our quest to share the good news of God's universal love and forgiveness. Perhaps we have prioritized being respectable and proper so that we might grow in number, instead of embracing our "vile" roots so that the mistreated, forgotten, and abused can hear the good news of God's grace. It was certainly a suggestion worth considering. I wonder what you think.

Dr. Dreff has created a six-part course examining the history of splits, separations, and reconciliations that would make a wonderful series of Sunday School lessons or perhaps even a whole-church study. If you're interested in learning more, using the study in your class, or participating in a churchwide study, please reach out and we'll take the next steps!

Grateful for each of you and our life together,

Mary Beth



SUNDAY, APRIL 2

VIDEO RECORDER

Walt Bradshaw

LITURGIST

Pierce White

USHERS FOR APRIL

Walt Bradshaw

Hubert Jones

Lowell Beck

Dustin Seratt

Charles Brown

GREETERS FOR APRIL

Maralyn Beck

Jake Browning

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

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.

RECORD OF LOYALTY (3/26/23)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	191
In Person Worship	142
Sunday School	74

OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$20,987.00
Needed to Date	\$196,199.25
Received to Date	\$120,084.00

Total March Communion - World Hunger offering
\$554.00

CARING OPPORTUNITIES

*"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."*

John Wesley

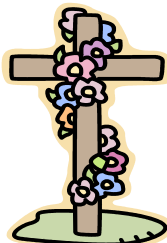
Do you like to cook or bake? Do you enjoy serving others? Then we have the place for you! Congregational Care needs people to help provide and serve bereavement meals and to serve homebound communion. As the saying goes, it takes a village, and now is your opportunity to help care for our "village" when they need you the most. If you would like to help with either or both of these worthy ways to serve then please contact:

Bereavement: Kelli Hayes 731-676-9023

Homebound Communion: Gay Carole Wagner 731-676-7787

FLOWERS FOR THE FLOWERING CROSS

Buckets will be available to drop off your flowers for the Flowering Cross on Friday, April 7, during church business hours (8:30 am to 4:00 pm). Saturday, April 8, flowers can be dropped off 9 to 11 am. Flower buckets will be located by the sanctuary door. You can also bring your flowers Easter morning and place them on the Cross on your way in to worship.



by Lenae Baldwin

Hello Youth Families,

I hope you are doing well, as the end of the school year gets busy. This weekend is our 1-day retreat! If you have not signed up yet, Sign up ASAP! <https://min.link/BKf>.

This week at Dayspring we are beginning our Easter Series "Plot Twist." This week we will talk about how when we are in trouble Jesus gives us help.

This week's lesson included the story of the Exodus, when the Israelites escaped captivity from Egypt and were finally delivered when God miraculously parted the Red Sea. Remember that we are doing more than recounting great Bible stories; we are helping your student connect God's purpose, His plan, and His love from Genesis all the way to the Book of the Revelation.

We looked at the following Scripture passages: Exodus 13:17-22, Exodus 14, and Romans 5:6-8

Next Steps . . .

To help you better understand what your teenager is learning, and to lead them not only to remember but connect what they've learned to daily life, consider the following over the next week.

- Read Exodus chapters 13 and 14 to better understand the context of what your teenager was taught in the last lesson.
- Ask your teenager why the crossing of the Red Sea was such a big deal.

Upcoming Events:

April 1st: 1-Day Retreat

April 2nd: Sunday School

April 5th: Dayspring

Blessings
Lenae

LAKESHORE SUMMER CAMP

It's time to start thinking about registering for Lakeshore summer camp. The church pays \$200 of members' children's registration fees. Registration forms are available online at lakeshorecamp.org. You can indicate that the church will pay \$200 of your fee. Lakeshore will call us and confirm your membership.



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

MORE ABOUT MUSIC

The Music Department (Children's Choir and Parish Choir) is having so much fun preparing music for worship services. All are invited to join us. Children's Choir is open to Grades 1 - 8. Parish Choir is open to Grades 9 - 12 and Adults. We are actively pursuing a drummer. Please let me know if you can play a drum set (acoustic or electric) and are willing to share your gift with the congregation. Email me at kkail@fumcdyersburg.com.

On Maundy Thursday we will enjoy a beautiful solo explaining communion, "Given For You" by Jay Bernheisel. Good Friday will feature Roy Tipton singing the classic "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

Don't miss Palm Sunday! The Children's Choir will ring handbells as the Parish Choir sings "A Hosanna Processional." On Easter, our Parish Choir has a rousing musical offering, "Come and Praise the Risen Lord," to get everyone in the Easter spirit!

Peace and Love!
Kathy K.



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!



by Tori Armstrong

Hello! Make sure you share the events registration with your friends. Also feel free to invite your friends and family to church for any of our weekly events!

Events to Sign Up For:

Kids' 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>

Wednesday Pickup

- Ages: 1st through 5th graders
- Dates: FALL 2023
- Location: FUMC Dyersburg
- Sign up at <https://min.link/BHk>

Save The Dates

WinShape Camp

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

DayShore

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



Easter Flower Donations

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 is **Sunday April 2.**

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





Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Jesus doesn't tell you where you are going or who you will have to love. If you had that information, you might never take the journey. It may be a bit of a wild ride.

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 April

Pork and Beans
Thin Spaghetti Noodles



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, April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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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