

THE WORD

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MISSION MOMENT

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family,

On Easter Sunday our special Communion offering will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is a worldwide mission of the United Methodist Church that provides relief, response, and long-term recovery grants when disasters overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own.

In 2023 alone UMCOR has provided both financial support and on-the-ground support to victims of flooding and landslides in California, the tornadoes that ravaged the southeast in January, and the tornado that killed more than 25 people just weeks ago in Mississippi. Internationally, UMCOR has provided relief for victims of Cyclone Freddy in southeastern Africa, and earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Since February 2022, UMCOR has acted on behalf of the United Methodist Church to provide aid and assistance to the people of Ukraine, including medical supplies, legal assistance, and removal of explosives.

We already know that UMCOR is, and will continue to be, present in Tipton, Haywood, McNairy, Hardin, and Hardeman counties as those communities recover from last week's storm damage.

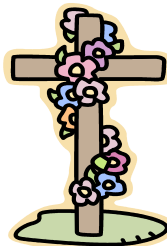
Your donation to UMCOR allows you to personally affect the lives of people you will never meet, but who desperately need your help. UMCOR is often characterized as "first on the scene of a disaster and the last to leave." When other agencies have left communities after disasters, UMCOR stays for the long haul.

Please consider giving this Sunday,

Your Mission Team

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.



SUNDAY, APRIL 9

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

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Easter Sunday

Rick and Debbie Hill

Joe and Patty Yates

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*

**FROM STAFF PARISH
RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Dear Church Family,

We are grateful for the ministry of our Youth Director, Lenae Baldwin, who has served with us for the last year. We are sad to announce that her last day with us will be April 30. We encourage you to read her own words that are included in this week's edition of the newsletter.

We want to assure you that we are moving forward immediately to determine how to meet the needs of our youth and their families. We have put together a search team made of SPRC members, youth parents, and youth. This team is inviting all youth and their families to the parsonage (709 Wade Hampton Road) **next Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00pm.** We will have food and games and the opportunity to share hopes, ideas, and wishes for the future of youth ministry at Dyersburg FUMC.

We believe that a vibrant youth and children's ministry is vital to our church's mission to know, love, share, and serve Christ. Please join us as we pray for God's guidance as we seek to be faithful to Him and to His Kingdom.

In grace,
Staff Parish Relations Committee
Dyersburg First United Methodist Church

RECORD OF LOYALTY (4/2/23)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	177
In Person Worship	174
Sunday School	96

OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$9,512.00
Needed to Date	\$211,291.50
Received to Date	\$129,596.00

OFFICE VOLUNTEER

Dyersburg FUMC needs you to volunteer in the church office on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and Thursday afternoons. Duties include answering the phone, recording attendance, and other administrative activities. If you are interested and available, please contact Nadia Browning at (731) 676-5920.



by Lenae Baldwin

I am so thankful for the opportunity you all have given me to jump into my first year of youth ministry at Dyersburg FUMC. I have learned so much in these couple of months! I have loved laughing with and getting to know students. Their passion for serving their community inspires me, and I am so proud of who they are all becoming. I am also so grateful for how you all have loved and cared for me like family, with my family being so far away. As you are all aware, I am a graduate resident at the Center for Youth Ministry Training (CYMT). As CYMT has been prayerfully considering my future, they have decided that the best thing for my current season of life is to relocate me. As I finish up the last two years of my grad school program, the Lord has provided me with the opportunity to move back up north and finish my degree at Doylestown UMC in Doylestown, PA. I am so thankful to have gotten the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people while I have been here. I am so inspired by how you all care for each other and the community around you. I am praying that you will continue to be a blessing to one another and the Dyersburg community. I am so thankful to have gotten to be a part of your many years of history, loving each other and your neighbors well.

Blessings,
Lenae

YOUTH AND FAMILY GATHERING

The SPRC invites all youth and their families to an informal gathering at the parsonage (709 Wade Hampton Road) on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00pm. There will be food and games, and the chance to share our thoughts, hopes, and wishes for the future of youth ministry at Dyersburg FUMC with the Youth Ministry Search Team. Bring yourselves, your families, and anyone you've been missing lately!

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.



Holy Week Events

Thursday, April 6

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service - Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 7

8:30 am - 4:00 pm Drop off Flowers for Cross - Sanctuary door

6:30 pm Good Friday Service - Sanctuary

Saturday, April 8

9:00 - 11:00 am Drop off Flowers for Cross - Sanctuary door

Sunday, April 9

10:00 am Place your flowers on the Flowering Cross before service

10:15 am Easter Service - Sanctuary



by Kathy Kail

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."

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.

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!

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.



- 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!



Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

All people are made in the image of God. As the Bible says, "We are fearfully and wonderfully made."

CARING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.



Needs for April

Granola bars, Pre-packaged salt and pepper shakers, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, nonfat dry milk, plastic jars of grape jelly



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

Jason Jones - Hubert and Delores Jones' son

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

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.



Sunday, April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

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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