

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family,

Christ is Risen, indeed!

What a glorious Easter celebration we had, and I am so grateful that I was able to share it with all of you! I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of you who helped make it so beautiful, from the Easter flowers in the Sanctuary to the flowering cross outside, and everything in between!

I want to provide an update on the work that our Lay Leadership Team is doing, and, even more, I want to invite you to participate in the **vibrant** and **vital** life of our congregation. Lay Leadership (formerly Nominations) has long been perceived as the people who call you and ask you to be on a committee, but we hope that we can change that perception! We are streamlining our teams, and rather than calling you to ask you to serve on a committee, we want *you* to tell *us* about *your* gifts, *your* talents, and *your* passions. We want to know how *you* like to function on a team. Do you like to lead? Or do you prefer someone to give you a task? Do you like to dream big dreams? Or do you have the gift of putting big dreams into action? Do you like to be out front or behind the scenes? Do you like to interact with folks or do you like work that you can do on your own? Do you like to teach? Organize? Speak? Listen?

Steve Caldwell, Hugh Todd, and I will be coming to your Sunday School classes in the next few weeks with this invitation: Tell us how you want to serve the church. And by this we don't simply mean which committee you'd like to be on. We want to help you find the places in our congregation's ministry where your passions and gifts can multiply the blessings that we believe God is asking to bestow on our community.

When the three of us met last week, here's what we realized. Almost every single person who attends Dyersburg FUMC on a regular basis is already offering their gifts in some meaningful way: teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, providing Thursday afternoon assistance, bringing food for bereavement meals, or any number of other ways. And what an amazing testament that is to the faithfulness of our congregation to the Kingdom of God!

So please be in prayer this week, and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you those gifts and passions that you are being called to share with this congregation and this community. Let us know how the Holy Spirit is moving you to serve, and we will help you find the right place!

What an exciting time to be Dyersburg FUMC!

Mary Beth

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

LITURGIST

Beth Feith

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*



...Mrs. Elaine McCormick and family in the death of her husband, Mr. Richard "Dick" McCormick, who passed away April 10. Mr. McCormick was a member of our church since 1991.

RECORD OF LOYALTY (4/9/23)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	147
In Person Worship	242
Sunday School	74

OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$20,924.00
Needed to Date	\$226,383.75
Received to Date	\$150,520.00
Easter Communion Offering (UMCOR)	\$1,687.00



by Kathy Kail

What a glorious day when the sanctuary is filled to capacity! Easter was a day of celebration: remembering Jesus' resurrection, the beautiful Easter lilies, the (large) congregation singing joyfully, the children helping with worship, the choir reminding us to "come and praise the risen Lord!", and communion allowing everyone to experience the "Last Supper."

I would like to invite you to celebrate with us every Sunday. Please come back if you were just "visiting." Please join us if you don't have a church home. Please help us "pack the pews" weekly!

I received such a blessing on Easter Sunday from Mary Beth's inspiring words, the full congregation, the beautiful choir music, and the smiling faces. Let's do it again! See you Sunday!

Peace and Love,

Kathy K.



by Lenae Baldwin

Hello youth families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter! This week at Dayspring, we will continue our Easter Series "Plot Twist," looking at what happened after Jesus was resurrected. We will talk about when sin brings death, Jesus gives life. This coming week in Sunday School, we will finish up the first quarter, "Beginnings," in our four-part journey of the thread through the Bible. We just turned the corner on the first 13-week section of our look at the big-picture story of the Bible. We have a great time learning about the Bible and how we see the thread of the Gospel coursing through it. We live in a world that does not put a premium on the word FAITHFUL. Whether in relationships, in the workplace, or at school, we all know what it's like to experience the sting of unfaithfulness. In this week's lesson from the series "The Thread," your student will learn about the faithfulness of God. In this week's lesson, we will learn that God was faithful to lead the Jewish people to the land He promised Moses. God continued His faithfulness to humankind when He sent His son Jesus, the Savior, to the earth. Your teenager will learn that God was, is, and always will be faithful. I encourage you to encourage your teenager to jump back into our devotion book, tracing the thread as we enter the next quarter "A People Rise, A People Fall," as we continue our year-long journey through the Bible.

Blessings,
Lenae

YOUTH AND FAMILY GATHERING RESCHEDULED

Youth and Family Gathering previously scheduled for April 12, will be rescheduled and that date will be communicated as soon as possible.



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

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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Year-to-date contribution statements are going out soon, mostly by email. If you do not have an email on file, your statement will automatically be sent in the mail. If you do not receive yours, please let Karen or Melinda know. We will be glad to print one for you.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER

Dyersburg FUMC needs volunteers 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.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's beautiful flowering cross. Thank you to all that cut magnolia, brought flowers and assembled the cross. It truly is a group effort and only happens because we all work together to continue this wonderful tradition.

Your Church Family

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.

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



by **Tori Armstrong**

Hello Church Family!

We're so excited that this weekend we're holding our first ever KidMin Weekend Retreat. We are hopeful and expectant for a wonderful and life enhancing weekend.

Now we're moving on to future events here at FUMC Dyersburg and beyond. Below we have the information regarding future events. With the events coming up and our regularly scheduled programming, we need more volunteers.

Our programming has seen an increase of attendance in the past few weeks. We're so grateful for everyone coming and being a part of the programming. That does mean we are in need of more volunteers for different parts of our programming. On Sundays we're looking for Sunday School Teachers, Children's Church Helpers, Blankets Helpers. As special events come up we will always need volunteers. Especially with WinShape, DayShore and Upward events during the Summer.

In regards for the concern for more Safe Sanctuary trainings, we will have one at the end of May and one more at the start of August. More information and specific dates and times will come out soon.

Please keep your eyes on the Church Calendar, here in the newsletter, and on Social Media for upcoming dates and information! Have a Blessed Day!

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/>

DayShore Camp

- Date: June 19-23
- Ages: K-5th
- Location: FUMC Dyersburg
- Registration coming THIS SUNDAY, 4/16/23

Peace & Grace
Tori Armstrong



- 7/8: Soccer Connection
- 7/15: Dodgeball Connection
- 7/22: Kickball Connection
- 7/29: Volleyball Connection

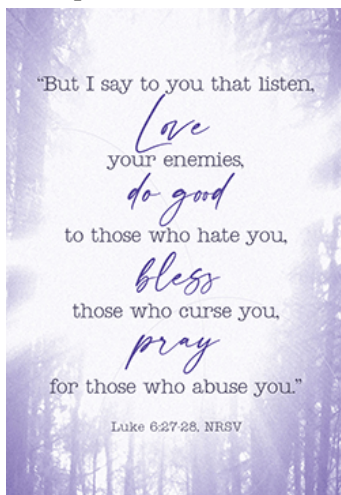
More info to come, as well as registration links!



Hospitallity Corner

From the Evangelism Team

In the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:27-28), Jesus sets the bar high. He says, "I say to you that will listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." In other words, you must be as compassionate as God.



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

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.

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.



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

Sunday, April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

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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