

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

Friends in Christ,

Since Ash Wednesday, we have been gathering together on Wednesday nights, and I am deeply grateful for this extra time we've shared during this Lenten season. These evenings have become a meaningful rhythm of fellowship, reflection, and grace.

None of this would be possible without the leadership of Amy White, who has poured tremendous thought, time, and energy into organizing our meals each week. Her care has nourished us in more ways than one. I am also incredibly thankful for our Formation Team, whose hospitality has made each gathering feel like home.

I want to offer special thanks to Matthew Stafford for his thoughtful and insightful Bible study on the final week of Jesus' life as told in the Gospels. Your intellect and servant's heart are a true gift—not only to FUMC, but to the wider Dyersburg community.

I am also grateful to Kelli Hayes and Robert Craig for opening the Rhea House to us. Their compassion and commitment to serving the poor and powerless embody the prayer we so often pray—that God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. I'm so thankful some new folks are getting an opportunity to come and see one of our most meaningful ministries.

And thank you as always to our wonderful staff, especially Matthew and Kathy for taking the extra time to set up and clean up and Tori for all the ways she loves our children and ties up the loose ends.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

USHERS

Walt Bradshaw
Dustin Seratt
Bill Yates
David Wagner
Amy Lewis

GREETERS

Lena Lewis
David Hayes

LITURGIST

Ellie Chandler

VIDEO RECORDER

Walt Bradshaw

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*

**THANK
YOU!**

OFFICE
HOURS

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

RECORD OF LOYALTY (3/29/2026)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	31
In Person Worship	120
Sunday School	60

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$68,521.31
Expenses Year to Date	\$105,569.23
Income (February)	\$30,888.28
Expenses (February)	\$55,082.98



FLOWERING CROSS

Thank you to everyone who donated time and money to help make the Flowering Cross this year. It was beautiful!



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Dr. John Reaves, Jr.	Family of Albert Fowlkes
David West	Jamie Park
David West	Tom & Julia Wells

WORLD HUNGER

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
David West	Janie Hendrix

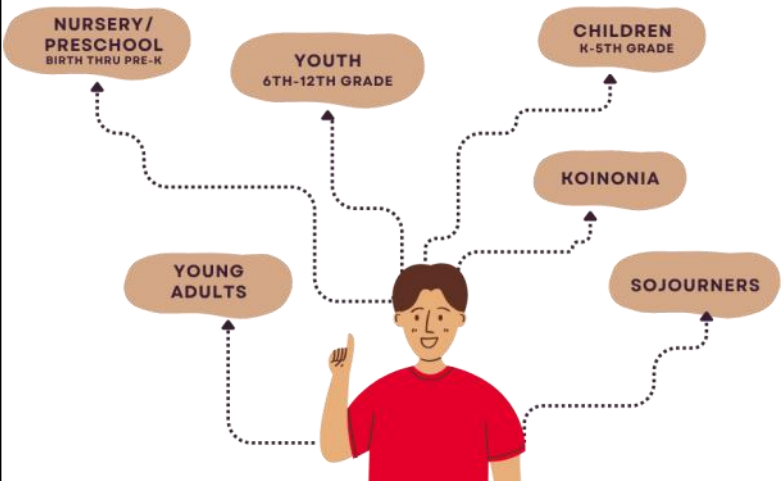
MUSIC FUND

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Dawson Whitkopf	Katherine Evans

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Nadia Browning	Joe & Sara Wolfe
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Max Maddox	Joe & Sara Wolfe
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Dr. John Reaves, Jr.	Elaine McCormick
Dr. John Reaves, Jr.	Joe & Sara Wolfe
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David West	Headlines Salon
David West	Koinonia Sunday School Class
David West	Elaine McCormick
David West	Randy & Sandy Prince
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GROW WITH US
Coming back **NEXT WEEK!**



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



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



PARISH CHOIR REHEARSAL 4-5:00PM

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!

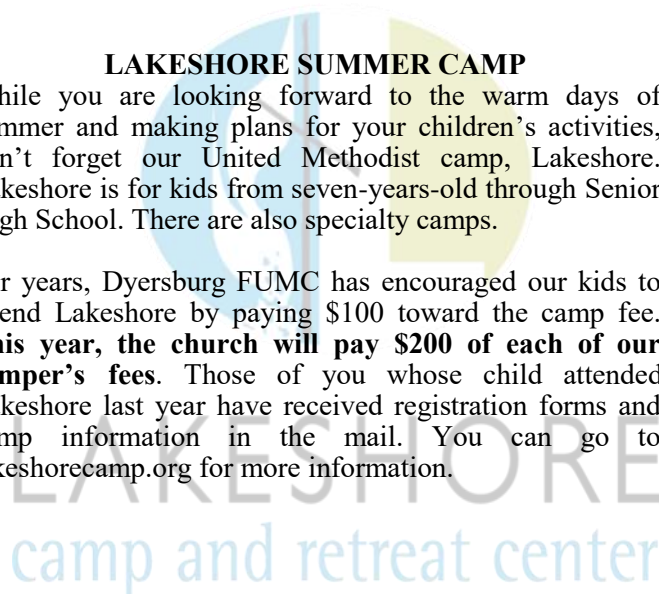


We can't wait to welcome our church families and friends into the preschool!

LAKESHORE SUMMER CAMP

While you are looking forward to the warm days of summer and making plans for your children's activities, don't forget our United Methodist camp, Lakeshore. Lakeshore is for kids from seven-years-old through Senior High School. There are also specialty camps.

For years, Dyersburg FUMC has encouraged our kids to attend Lakeshore by paying \$100 toward the camp fee. **This year, the church will pay \$200 of each of our camper's fees.** Those of you whose child attended Lakeshore last year have received registration forms and camp information in the mail. You can go to lakeshorecamp.org for more information.



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Periodicals
Paid at
Dyersburg, TN

Sunday, April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

9:15 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship Time

10:15 am Worship

2:00 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal

Rev. Steve Lefebvre, Preaching

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Vegetable Beef Soup

Canned Fruit

Small Jelly

Toothpaste

Prayer Requests

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

Bobbie Williams

Janie Stafford

Raney Webb

Tiffany Riggins (Elaine McCormick's daughter)

Carolyn Cooper - Bells Nursing and Rehab. Center,
213 Hemdon 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.*

Are you up to date?

Help us make sure your information is accurate at the church. Have you dropped your landline or changed your cell phone number? Have you changed your email address or moved? Please call the church (285-6454) or email (kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com) and let us know. If you are not sure if you have updated this information at the church, please send it to us anyway.

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>.