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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Good morning. I'm Hugh Todd, and I'm here today to speak about the Lay Leadership Team, probably better known to many of you as the Nominations Committee. It is our responsibility to ensure that the various teams of the Church are properly staffed.

A few weeks ago Mary Beth mentioned how many of you are already involved in this Church in one way or another. You serve as committee members, teachers, choir members, ushers, or otherwise serve in our worship. Others of you call on our shut-ins, serve home-bound communion, manage our community assistance programs, or cook and serve meals when needed. In short, there are many opportunities to serve, to participate as part of this Church.

Over the next few weeks, other members will stand up here and talk about their team. The Lay Leadership team would hope that you listen with the thought process of where might I fit in. What talent do I have a calling, a need, a willingness, to share? Where do I want to participate in this Church?

To give you a preview of what teams you might be hearing from – they fall into two camps, what I consider the organizational teams and the ministry teams. The organizational teams include:

- Trustees
- Staff-Parish
- Finance Committee
- Preschool Committee

The Ministry Teams include:

- Worship
- Formation
- Congregational Care
- Evangelism
- Missions Teams

I mentioned earlier that Lay Leadership was previously known as the Nominations Committee – because we nominate people for committees, often times with very little input as to where you would like to serve. This year we want to change that. So, as you listen to people talk about their teams over the next few weeks, if you find yourself drawn to serve, please let someone know. Talk with Mary Beth, talk to me, or Steve Caldwell, or with my wife Melanie who are also on Lay Leadership. Bottom line, we want to know what your interests are and how you would like to share them. Volunteering together we can build Forward Momentum.

So last week, Mark Hayes challenged us with a goal of 100% involvement. That's a good goal, but I want to point out that you can serve in more than one area at a time. We have members in the choir that are also Sunday school teachers, or involved in our outreach programs, or volunteer in the church office. We have a few people that check almost every one of those boxes. Maybe Mark's goal of 100% is a little low?

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SUNDAY, MAY 7

VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

LITURGIST

Hubert Jones

USHERS FOR MAY

Billy Ozment

Tim Taylor

Fred Moore

Ellen Moore

David Wagner

GREETERS FOR MAY

Cindy Taylor

Lisa Traverse

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Fred and Ellen Moore

David and Sara Hayes

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION STEWARDS

Jack and Mary Todd

Eddie and Vicki Dunagan

Ginger Voss and Alyce Ann Lecklitner

SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday, May 7

9:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:15 A.M. Morning Service



RECORD OF LOYALTY (4/30/23)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	192
In Person Worship	146
Sunday School	64

OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$1,926.00
Needed to Date	\$271,660.50
Received to Date	\$173,384.00

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.

GOLDEN CROSS SENIOR MINISTRIES

The mission of GOLDEN CROSS Senior Ministries is to enhance the quality of life for all seniors served by Wesley Living. (www.wesleyliving.com)

Serving approximately 2,200 senior residents in 29 independent living and two assisted living affordable housing communities across West TN, Murray, Kentucky, and Jonesboro, Arkansas, GOLDEN CROSS is dedicated to help fill in the gap seniors face when living on a fixed income. The majority of those served live at or below the National Poverty Line. One third of their income is used for rent which leaves very little left when their average income is \$750.00 monthly.

Through donations Golden Cross is able to assist with small medical needs such as glasses, walkers and incontinence wear as well as funding for social and recreational activities that promote a healthy lifestyle. They also offer daily use items such as paper goods, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products- things needed on a day to day basis that may be difficult to obtain after medicine, food and other living expenses are covered. When a senior arrives at a community and they are noted as homeless, we are able to provide them with new furniture and a move-in kit which holds everything one may need when starting over in life.

We are only able to do what we do because of the generosity of others who give to GOLDEN CROSS Senior Ministries. **100%** of your generous donations directly support the 2,200 seniors GOLDEN CROSS Senior Ministries, Inc. faithfully serve daily.

Your Mission Team

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In closing I was asked to share my "30 second elevator speech" describing our Church:

It goes like this -

FUMC is a community of Christ's followers who worship together with respect for one another. We seek to learn and strengthen our faith through scripture and by sharing our varied life experiences. Our goal is to demonstrate God's love to our surrounding community through service, support, and hospitality.

Thank you.

We Need Your Pictures!

Hello Church Family, we'd love it if you'd send us some pictures of you as a mom, your mom, or motherly figures in your life. We'd love to have a slideshow during our Mothers' Day Brunch. You can send pictures to fumcdyersburgtech@gmail.com. We'd love to have them by 5/11/2023 by 2:30 pm.

In preparation for our MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

We are gathering kids of all ages
(nursery, kidmin, youth) to create artwork for
all the moms who attend our breakfast.

Times we are meeting include:

Sunday, May 7th

Immediately after church in FLC

Wednesday, May 10th

As a part of our after school kid gathering
from 3:15-5:15 in the FLC.

Again all ages are welcome to attend. Come for all (snack,
mission focus on homebound, artwork, and activity) or
just for Mother's Day art at 4:00.

Contact Carrie Newsom with any questions: 731-676-1401



THANK YOU

The family of Dick McCormick expresses gratitude to our church family for the many kindnesses extended during the illness and death of Dick.

Elaine McCormick and Family

LOST AND FOUND

We have found a rose gold dangling earring at the church. If it's yours, please call or stop by the office.

The May - June 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.



Summer Events

Kid's Gathering
 May 10th at 3:15 pm
 After school in the Family Life Center
 "Come join us!"

Summer Camps:

WinShape (K-5th Grade)
 June 5-9 - Dyersburg Middle School
 \$230
 Register: <https://min.link/CFH>

DayShore (1st-5th Grade)
 June 19-23 - FUMC Dyersburg
 \$150
 Register: <https://min.link/CFK>

Lakeshore
 Multiple Dates
 More Info: <https://lakeshorecamp.org/schedule/>

Upward Sports
 K5-5th Grade
 July 8, 15, 22, 29
 Registration Coming!

KidMin Summer Fun
 Pre-K-6th Grade
 June 3, 10, 17, 24

HOW DO I GET THE E-NEWSLETTER?

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you weekly, sign up at fumcdyersburg.com/media/newsletters located at the bottom of the page under "Subscribe to our weekly newsletter."

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*



Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

God will delight in people in your life unlike anyone you have ever known in the past. Embrace the instruction to love your neighbor as yourself, and you will care about 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>.

Special Dates in May

Sunday, May 7 Senior Sunday

Sunday, May 14 Mothers' Day

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 29 Memorial Day



Needs for May

Pasta sauce, Chef Boyardee products, Peanut butter, 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.

Patty Rosemeyer - friend of Ginger Voss
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
Jimmy Wilkes
Patti Hill
Lorna Donaldson
Patsy Lawson

**Please continue to remember the Home Bound.*

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.

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

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Senior Sunday

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 21:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

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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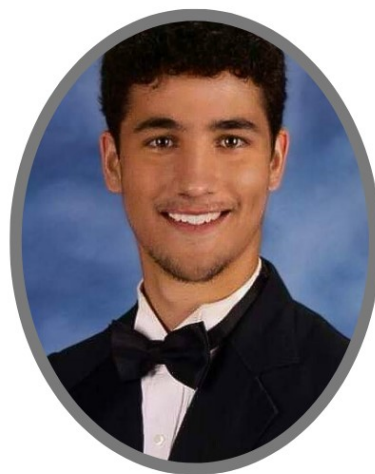
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