

THE WORD

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RESPIRE MINISTRY

The Respite Ministry Team

Hello Friends,

Matthew 11: 28: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Caring for others through missions has long been a vital part of our ministry here at Dyersburg First UMC. When a church member's family was featured in a documentary titled "A Place of Belonging" about an organization called "Respite for All," we felt called to learn more and discern whether this could become a meaningful mission opportunity for our church and community.

<https://min.link/bMU>

"Respite for All" is a nonprofit foundation that helps faith-based communities create volunteer-led respite programs for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers—offering a true place of belonging and social engagement. So, what does that mean in practical terms? This program provides caregivers with a few hours of rest and renewal while their loved ones are cared for by trained volunteers in a safe, structured, and welcoming environment. It is a non-medical program focused on meaningful interaction and engagement.

Not only does this ministry give caregivers a much-needed break, but it also reduces isolation and fosters community—helping both participants and caregivers build new relationships. Key aspects of "Respite for All" include being volunteer-driven, faith-based, intergenerational, and centered around structured activities—without requiring medical staff.

A small group of dedicated volunteers has been researching, reaching out, and even visiting churches where this program is already in place. They are now working toward establishing a respite ministry here—one that can become a proven response to a real need, bringing hope, healing, and renewal.

If you're thinking this will take many volunteers—you're right! But the vision extends beyond our church. We hope to partner with other churches and organizations throughout the community, and encouragingly, others have already expressed interest in joining this effort.

We invite you to be part of the conversation. Join us on May 31st at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to learn more and explore how you might be a part of this exciting opportunity.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

USHERS

Mark Hayes
Billy Ozment
Lena Lewis
Tim Taylor
Joe Yates

GREETERS

Vicki Dunagan
Carolyn Helton

LITURGIST

Baird Lewis

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*



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

RECORD OF LOYALTY (5/3/2026)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	56
In Person Worship	100
Sunday School	47

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$115,681.40
Expenses Year to Date	\$173,540.63
Income (March)	\$47,160.09
Expenses (March)	\$67,971.40

CONGRATS GRADUATES!



Caroline White
University School of
Jackson



...the family and friends of Janie Stafford, who passed on May 4, 2026. She has been a member of the church for 60 years. Service times and announcements will be made at a later time.



Morgan Peckenpaugh
Dyersburg High School

Dyersburg
8-12 JUNE

WinShape Camps

COST \$275

camp is calling

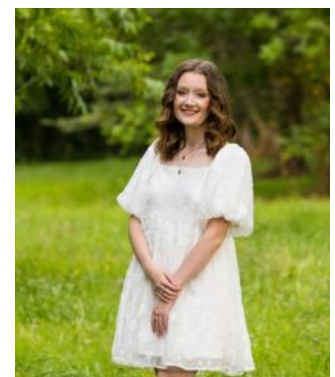
SCAN TO LEARN MORE!

Completed K-5TH Grade

MUSIC, DANCE, SPORTS, GAMES, ARTS, CRAFT AND MORE!



Elizabeth Lemons
Dyersburg High School



Presley Dishman
Dyersburg State
Community College



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.



Did you know that the courtyard at the back of the building started out looking like this?



RHEA HOUSE **FOOD PANTRY** **NEEDS**



- Shampoo**
- Bar soap**
- Canned fruit**
- Beef stew**
- Canned soup**

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.

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.

LAKESHORE
camp and retreat center

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Periodicals
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Dyersburg, TN

Sunday, May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

9:00 am Mother's Day Breakfast
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship

Rev. Steve Lefebvre, Preaching



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CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements through the end of March 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 know. She will be glad to print one for you.

Prayer Requests

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

- Family of Janie Stafford
- Raney Webb
- Tiffany Riggins (Elaine McCormick's daughter)
- Carolyn Cooper - Bells Nursing and Rehab. Center,
213 Herndon 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.

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>.

