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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Good Morning, my name is Carrie Newsom and I am a lifelong member of the Dyersburg First United Methodist Church. I am grateful to be here today and speak to you all as the finance chair.

While I am very happy to report that we have strong reserves, I want to also communicate that we do have a weakened income stream. I can assure you that at this time our church leadership is looking to better utilize our buildings, our budgeted expenses, and our reserves; But, we are also asking for innovative ideas as it pertains to these areas.

As I mentioned, we do currently have strong reserves. These funds come from the many years of joyful and generous giving by our members both past and present. We, as a church have held fast to the teachings of our founder, John Wesley, who taught us to earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can.

Most importantly, giving for Wesley was a means of expressing generosity rooted in gratitude for God's generosity, and a means of fulfilling the great commandment to love God and neighbor. He was convinced, that if the Methodists would give all they can, **then all would have enough.**

While preparing for this morning, I pulled out a book on my shelf that was given to church leadership, I believe, back in 2020. The book is titled "Quietly Courageous" and was written by Gil Rendle. I opened to a chapter titled, 'A word about enough.'

The author talks about a United Methodist bishop who was looking at his area as a geographical map in which he could locate his congregations and leaders. In looking geographically he could locate some strengths, but also recognized there were considerable weaknesses and a host of problems that needed to be solved. From this perspective, he felt weighted down not only with the responsibilities of his own agency but also, with his lack of resources.

Through his wisdom, he realized, he could take a different approach and look at his area as an energy map instead of a geographical map. By looking at his area as an energy map, he was able to ask where there was already movement, where there were already differences being made, where there were already experiments and initiatives building up, and where there were already people excited by their purposes. In other words, he was asking where God's agency was already at work, and those agencies showed up as energy.

The bishop came to understand that by focusing and getting behind the energy it lead him to see the "enough" that is already at work. For our church we may no longer have what is needed to continue to do what has always been done, but there are sufficient resources for what we are currently called to do. **THERE IS ENOUGH.**

I want to challenge us all to look at our church as an energy map, and ask where God's spirit is calling us to fulfill our purpose of changing lives and this community in vital and faithful ways. I too, am convinced, that if, and when, we give all we can in our time, talents, and treasures, there will be enough.

If you have talents related to innovative thinking, financial planning, and feel called to serve as a part of our financial committee, I hope that you will join us. If you have gifts related to other areas on our energy map, or if you feel called to create a different movement of energy, I pray that you allow God to work in you to spread His love.

Our ability to be generous is a gift, and as John Wesley told us, we are called to

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SUNDAY, MAY 14

VIDEO RECORDER

Walt Bradshaw

LITURGIST

Nancy West

USHERS FOR MAY

Billy Ozment

Tim Taylor

Fred Moore

Ellen Moore

David Wagner

GREETERS FOR MAY

Cindy Taylor

Lisa Traverse



Happy Mother's Day

RECORD OF LOYALTY (5/7/23)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	198
In Person Worship	128
Sunday School	88

OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$25,628.00
Needed to Date	\$286,752.75
Received to Date	\$199,012.00

MISSION BLITZ 2023

Dyersburg Police Department Community Changer
The YMCA
Bruce Community Center
May 20th, 10 am - 2 pm
Free lunch, inflatables, Arts and Crafts

If you would like to volunteer for the Mission Blitz, we have adult and child participation forms in adult Sunday School classrooms and in the church office.

This year's theme is Ecclesiastes 4:9, "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."

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.

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*

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be generous in gratitude to God.

In closing I will end with my 30 second elevator speech. At Dyersburg First United Methodist Church we are called to share who we are and what we have in our time, talents, and treasures for the sake of serving God and others. We seek to know and love Christ as well as love our neighbors as ourselves. This love is the foundation of our faith, and we are eager to share the joy that it brings with others.

We Need Your Pictures!

Hello Church Family, please 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 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



HOW DO I GET THE E-NEWSLETTER?

If you would like 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."

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

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

YOUTH FUND

<i><u>In memory of:</u></i>	<i><u>Given by:</u></i>
Miriam Locklear Drake	Patrick and Amy Heckethorn
Michael Hudson	Patrick and Amy Heckethorn
Ava Diane Smith	Patrick and Amy Heckethorn
Jack Troy, Jr.	Patrick and Amy Heckethorn

MUSIC/CHOIR FUND

<i><u>In memory of:</u></i>	<i><u>Given by:</u></i>
Richard McCormick	Patrick and Amy Heckethorn
Mark Yates	Patrick and Amy Heckethorn

PANTRY FUND

<i><u>In memory of:</u></i>	<i><u>Given by:</u></i>
Jerry Brewer	Ginger Voss
Richard McCormick	Ginger Voss
Polly White	Ginger Voss

*Memorials not listed this week, will be listed in
next week's issue.*



Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Jesus has a way of bringing people into your life that you never expected and would have never chosen for your own.

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 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 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mothers' Day

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

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am First Cup Fellowship
10:15 am Worship
Rev. Robert Craig,
preaching

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