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STAFF REFLECTIONS

Tori Armstrong

Hello Church Family,

Have you ever had one of those moments where everything suddenly clicks? Where you finally understand something that's been confusing you? Where you feel brave enough to do something you've been too scared to try? That's a little taste of what happened on Pentecost.

This coming Sunday (May 24th), we're celebrating the day when God poured out the Holy Spirit on the disciples—and honestly, it changed everything. These were people who had been hiding behind locked doors, terrified after Jesus's arrest. But when the Spirit came, something shifted. They went from hiding to boldly telling everyone about Jesus. Talk about transformation.

Here's what gets me about Pentecost: it wasn't about scarcity. It wasn't God saying, "Okay, I'm going to give you a little bit of my Spirit, so use it wisely." No—God poured it out, abundantly. It's like filling a cup so full it overflows onto the table, or like someone you love pouring you an extra-generous cup of coffee without hesitation.

It wasn't just for the big names, the important people. The Spirit came on young and old, men and women, the important and the overlooked, everyone.

That's the invitation we get on Pentecost: What if we lived like we believed in that kind of abundance? What if we stopped playing it safe with our gifts, our time, our love—and just poured them out, trusting that God's got us covered?

I don't know about you, but I could use more of that kind of faith. More of that kind of generosity, more of that kind of boldness.

Come worship with us on May 24th. We'll have some fire (well, we'll wear red and sing loud, at least!). And we'll remember together that the same Spirit that transformed those terrified disciples is alive and working in us today.

See you Sunday.
Tori Armstrong

SUNDAY, MAY 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY

USHERS

Mark Hayes
Billy Ozment
Lena Lewis
Tim Taylor
Joe Yates

GREETERS
Vicki Dunagan
Carolyn Helton

LITURGIST
David Hayes

VIDEO RECORDER
Jared Agee

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*



OFFICE HOURS

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

RECORD OF LOYALTY (5/10/2026)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	37
In Person Worship	100
Sunday School (Mother's Day Breakfast)	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

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND

In memory of: Dr. John Reaves, Jr. *Given by* Bernie & Linda DeBerry

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of: Dr. John Reaves, Jr. *Given by* Mary Taylor



...Drew Reaves and family with the passing of his father-in-law, Heinrich Schedewie, who passed on May 13, 2026 in New Berlin, WI.

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!

RHEA HOUSE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



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

THANK YOU

FUMC,

I want to thank you for the “special day” with cards, flowers, food, and fellowship with some members, staff, and especially families of the Preschool! This day will hold a special memory for me to cherish.

I have loved this church as a young girl, member and a friend for many years. And now find a new path to experience and enjoy many blessings to follow.

Thank you for the love and support to me, as well, as my family.

Much Love,
Becky Boatright

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have information to be printed in the newsletter? Maybe you have a birth announcement, a wedding announcement, a prayer request/update, or an upcoming Sunday School social. Please send your information to Tori in the church office. It's easy. Call 731-285-6454 or email - tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com .

Deadline is Tuesdays at noon the week before.

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.

PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Hello Church Family,

We are writing to share an important update regarding the future of the FUMC Preschool program. As part of a long-term vision for expanding and enhancing children's programming alongside the YMCA, we will be entering a one-year transition period during which the preschool will be closed. This pause will allow the YMCA to begin necessary structural changes and improvements as they develop the new Children's Center. Additionally, with recent staff and leadership changes, we find it is best suited to take a break and start fresh when the YMCA can fully support and strengthen the program.

While we know this is an unexpected decision for many, we want to remain transparent that these decisions were not made lightly. This has been a thoughtful and prayerful process, with careful consideration given to what is best for our children, families, and the broader community in the years ahead.

We are grateful for the relationships, memories, and growth that have taken place within our preschool, and we understand this transition may bring questions or concerns. Our hope is that this time of renewal will allow the program to return stronger and better equipped to serve our families.

We are excited about what lies ahead and the opportunities the new Children's Center will bring. We hope to see everyone beginning the 2027-28 school year as the program reopens with renewed spaces and programs designed to better serve our community.

Thank you for your understanding, trust, and continued support.

With Gratitude,
Dyersburg First United Methodist Church
Church Council and Preschool Board

School Closing Date: May 12, 2026 2:30 PM

*Please look for updates from the YMCA on the new children's center for the year 2027.

SUMMER KIDS CLUB 2026

JUNE
06

POOL PARTY
2 PM - 4 PM

GAMES NIGHT
5 PM - 7 PM

JUNE
13

JULY
11

POOL PARTY
2 PM - 4 PM

MOVIE NIGHT
6 PM - 8 PM

JULY
18

JULY
26

BACK TO SCHOOL
BASH 2 PM - 5 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL TORI:
KIDMINFUMCDYERSBURG@GMAIL.COM

LOVE OFFERING FOR LEFEBVRES

If you wish to contribute to the love offering for Steve, as he and his family prepare for their next journey. Donations will be accepted from now until Friday, May 29. You may drop them off at the church office, in the offering plate or donate online at www.fumcdyersburg.com/give.

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
Paid at
Dyersburg, TN

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship

Rev. Dr. Phillip Cook, Preaching



PENTECOST

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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**.

- 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>.