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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Good morning! My name is Nancy West, and I am a life-long member of Dyersburg First United Methodist Church. In Gibson County, my parents and grandparents were Methodists before me. I'm pretty sure my great grandparents were Methodists too. I tell you this so you will know I was born into "Methodism." It's what makes me loyal to the denomination and especially to this church.

My team is known as the E Team. "E" is for evangelism. At first, I thought I would be planning revivals and maybe going door to door to recruit people for our church. Turns out evangelism is all about hospitality! Radical Hospitality. The team furnishes the visitor bags for adults and children that you see scattered around the sanctuary. (By the way anyone can offer a visitor's bag. You do not have to be on the team!) The team reaches out personally to people who have not come in a while. We provide a family pizza party in the fall for all preschool participants (offering them a home church if they do not have one). We look for visitors every Sunday and do our best to welcome them. (By the way anyone can do that too!) We are provided with a pew pad list of visitors every week, and we attempt to reach out to them as soon as possible.

Once I did the Layman's Day address, and I challenged everyone with these simple ideas:

1. Everyone sitting in a 10 foot circle around you is your responsibility. Make them feel welcome.
2. The physical property of this church belongs to you. If you encounter a spill, paper on the floor, etc. it is your responsibility to clean it up.
3. You only get one chance to make a first impression. Make certain you do not miss an opportunity to make someone feel welcome.
4. Within seven minutes of a visitor entering the church, a decision is made to return or not. (So, before a prayer is prayed, a song is sung, or a sermon is preached, a visitor gets a feeling of being welcomed.)

My second speech about Dyersburg First United Methodist Church is, "You should try our church." We practice radical hospitality and we would love to lavish some of that on you. We have open hearts, open minds, and open doors. Please give us a try."

SUNDAY, MAY 28

VIDEO RECORDER

David Wagner

LITURGIST

Will Bird

USHERS FOR MAY

Billy Ozment

Tim Taylor

Fred Moore

Ellen Moore

David Wagner

GREETERS FOR MAY

Cindy Taylor

Lisa Traverse

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

RECORD OF LOYALTY (5/23/2023)

ATTENDANCE

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Online Worship | 111 |
| In Person Worship | 111 |
| Sunday School | 57 |

OFFERING

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Approved Budget, 2023 | \$784,797.00 |
| Weekly Needs | \$15,092.25 |
| Weekly Giving | \$10,362.00 |
| Needed to Date | \$316,937.25 |
| Received to Date | \$213,505.00 |

All Youth & Children's
Volunteers!!

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING



May 28th -
11:30am

Fellowship Hall

Required of all
volunteers who want
to work with children,
youth, and vulnerable
adults.

Required Yearly

Fall 2023 Dates
To Come Soon!

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

The preschool still has openings in the Tues/Thurs 2yr old class, and in the two-day (M/Th, T/F) 3yr old classes, in which they can enroll for both sessions to equal a four-day 3yr old schedule if needed. Also, the Preschool is accepting applications for staffing for 2023-2024.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL STORIES FOR ALL OF US

JUNE 4

**NOAH'S ARK
GENESIS 6:1-9:17**

**JUNE
11**

**THE TOWER OF BABEL
GENESIS 11:1-9**

**JUNE
18**

**JONAH AND THE WHALE
JONAH (ALL OF IT)**

**JUNE
25**

**SAMSON
JUDGES 13-15**

**DYERSBURG FIRST
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9AM
WORSHIP 10:15AM
100 MCGAUGHEY ST.**

HAVE YOU LOST A JACKET?

There are several jackets, both child and adult sizes, on the coat rack in the Family Life Center. If you think one of them might be yours, please come check them out because in a couple of weeks, they will be donated to the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 19 - 21, 2023

Renasant Convention Center in Memphis, TN

Full details at twkumc.org/AC2023

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.



KIDMIN KORNER

Summer Camp

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/>



7/8: Soccer Connection

7/15: Dodgeball Connection

7/22: Kickball Connection

7/29: Volleyball Connection

More info to come, as well as registration links!

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 a portion of 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.

Monday, May 29, the church offices and Family Life Center will be closed.



DYERSBURG FUMC YOUTH



Summer 2023

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 6:00PM POOL PARTY AND BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 DAY IN MEMPHIS

We'll begin our day with an Urban Farm Service Project and end it at a Memphis Redbirds baseball game.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 DAY IN JACKSON

SkyZone? Bowling? Mini golf? Who knows? Join us for a daylong mystery trip to Jackson.

SUNDAY, JULY 2 6:00PM POOL PARTY AND BIBLE STUDY

JULY 13-15 REELFOOT MINI-MISSION

Pack your bag for two nights and wear your work clothes. We'll do some home repair and have some fun along the way!

JULY 28-29 ROCK IN AT CLIMB NASHVILLE

Ever been rock climbing at midnight? Now's your chance!

NOTES ON OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE

- All activities are open to rising 7th graders through graduating seniors AND FRIENDS!
- Please respond promptly to texts asking you to sign up for events so that we can buy tickets, arrange transportation, etc.
- Chaperones are ALWAYS welcome
- We will provide details as they become available.
- If you'd like to host a Pool Party listed above, please let Mary Beth know.
- Although we will publish a suggested cost for each activity, assistance is always available!



Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

When we start our journey with Christ, He doesn't tell us where we are going or who we will have to love. If we had that information, we might not take the journey. But without those companions, and without the journey, we will never become the people God wants us to be.

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 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
Hughes Clardy

**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 28, 2023
Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39

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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