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STAFF REFLECTIONS

Tori Armstrong

Hey Church Family,

If you've scrolled through Reels lately, you've probably seen it—that moment where a song just hits different. For me, it's been "**Okay**" by Forrest Frank. I keep coming back to it because honestly, in the noise of everything happening right now, I need that reminder: *it's okay. God's got this. We're going to be okay.*

But here's the thing—I don't think that song is just about personal peace. I think it's about permission. Permission to step into something bigger than ourselves.

We just passed Pentecost. If you remember the story, the disciples were terrified. Jesus had ascended, and they were supposed to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from the Holy Spirit. They were ordinary people—fishermen, tax collectors, people who weren't exactly credentials on a resume. Then the Spirit came, and they did something absolutely extraordinary. They went out and changed the world.

I keep thinking about that moment, because right now, we're in our own "waiting period" as a church. We have momentum. We have direction. We have something real stirring. And I genuinely believe we're being called to do something amazing—not because we're special or super spiritual, but because God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.

Here's what I mean: Maybe your "something amazing" isn't on a Sunday morning. Maybe it's in your workplace, where you're the only person showing up with integrity. Maybe it's in your family, where you're choosing grace over bitterness. Maybe it's in your neighborhood, where you're actually building real relationships with people. Maybe it's here at church, stepping into a role you've been thinking about but haven't had the courage for yet.

The disciples didn't do everything at once. They just said yes to the next thing, and then the next thing...then the next thing. Somehow, that faithfulness shifted history.

I think we're at that threshold right now. The Spirit is moving. Doors are opening. We get to decide whether we're going to step through them—whether we're going to say "okay" to God's invitation, even when we're not totally sure what comes next.

We don't have to see the entire staircase. We just have to take the next step. We just have to be willing to do something amazing—whatever that looks like for us, wherever our feet land.

So here's my invitation: Don't give up. Stand firm, and when God calls, say okay.

See You Sunday,
Tori Armstrong

TRINITY SUNDAY

USHERS

Mark Hayes
Billy Ozment
Lena Lewis
Tim Taylor
Joe Yates

GREETERS

Vicki Dunagan
Carolyn Helton

LITURGIST

Will Bird

VIDEO RECORDER

David Wagner

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 (5/17/2026)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	42
In Person Worship	116
Sunday School (Farewell Reception)	65

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



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

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Janie Stafford	Jeanne Mallard
Janie Stafford	Danny Richardson

PANTRY FUND

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Tommy Barrineau	Joe & Connie Riley

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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.



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

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.

COMMUNITY RESPITE PROGRAM

For Caregivers & Individuals Living with
Early Dementia and Alzheimer's

YOU'RE INVITED!

Sunday, May 31st
1:00 PM


Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church

Caregivers of individuals living with early dementia or Alzheimer's are invited to an organizational meeting to assess the need for a support program in Dyersburg/Dyer County.

What to Expect:

- Example of a respite program
- Open discussion
- Sign-up for respite care and/or volunteering

Interested in volunteering or have a loved one who could benefit? Join us!

 Cake & coffee while supplies last!

Submitted by the Steering Committee:
Ginny O'Brien Adcock, Sally Maddox,
Nancy West, Alyce Ann Lecklitner,
Marsh Naidoo, Wendy Smith



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 KIDS CLUB 2026

WINSHAPE CAMP: JUNE 8-12

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**

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 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

9:15 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship Time

10:15 am Worship

Rev. Dr. Phillip Cook, Preaching



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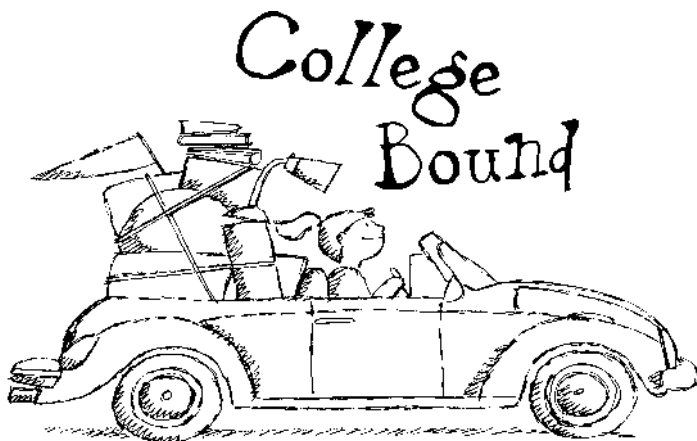
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CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements through the end of March have been sent out, mostly by email. If you do not have an email on file, your statement was automatically sent in the mail. If you do not receive yours, please let Karen know. She will be glad to print one for you.



If you have a child going off to college, now would be a great time for them to sign up on the church's webpage to get e-newsletters from the church. It's a great way to keep in touch with some home town news. <https://fumcdyersburg.com/media/newsletters>

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>.