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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Robert Craig

Greetings Dyersburg FUMC family.

I received a call in early May from our District Superintendent, Nancy Johnston Varden. Anyone that has been a United Methodist for a while knows, Spring is the season when appointments for clergy and churches are discerned. A phone call from one's District Superintendent during this time of year can be...anxious. Nancy and I are friends. When I saw her number appear on my phone, I answered, "You shouldn't be calling me this time of the year!" I think it caught her a little off-guard, and she laughed. Nancy went on to share that this was not an ask to take a year-long appointment. She assured me it would not be a heavy lift. I told her, "I will decide that. Hit me with it." She shared that Pastor Steve had been granted his request for renewal leave and that Dyersburg FUMC needed pastoral coverage for a few weeks. I am thrilled to be back among the wonderful disciples of this church. I consider Dyersburg FUMC my church home. There have been so many mentors and friends from this congregation that helped shape and guide my journey in ministry.

The last year of serving alongside you all at the Rhea House has rekindled many of those relationships. Wednesday is my favorite day of the week. Seeing the joy and relationships between our neighbors who come to shop, and those passionate volunteers reminds me of the many years I spent among you wonderful saints.

Dyersburg FUMC continues to reflect Christ to Dyer County and beyond. I am excited to be with you for the next few weeks in worship. However, I have great anticipation about our continued partnership of sharing the love of God with this community.

See you Sunday!
Robert

JUNE 14, 2026

USHERS

Lowell Beck
Walt Bradshaw
Baird Lewis
Charlie Caldwell
Pierce White

GREETERS

Cindy Taylor
Sandy Prince

LITURGIST

Walt Bradshaw

VIDEO RECORDER

Will Bird

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 (5/31/2026)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	27
In Person Worship	104
Sunday School	54

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$141,425.88
Expenses Year to Date	\$239,919.04
Income (April)	\$25,744.48
Expenses (April)	\$66,375.41

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.

RHEA HOUSE

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



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.

SUMMER KIDS CLUB 2026

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](mailto: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.



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.

“RESPITE FOR ALL” COMMUNITY INTEREST MEETING

A community interest meeting for the “Respite for All” program was held on Sunday afternoon, May 31st in the Fellowship Hall of Dyersburg First United Methodist Church with about 50 folks in attendance from the community and area churches. The “Respite for All” steering committee of Dyersburg First UMC was excited to introduce this ministry and share their vision of this becoming a community driven ministry.

Participants learned how respite ministries provide caregivers with a much-needed break while creating meaningful opportunities for individuals living with dementia to engage in a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment. The “Respite for All” program is a nationally recognized platform for respite type ministries.

Information was shared about the positive impact such programs can have on families. Attendees also heard about the experiences of other churches and organizations that have successfully implemented respite ministries and the difference these programs have made in the lives of participants and caregivers.

Those in attendance were invited to ask questions and discuss potential ways they might become involved.

Everyone in attendance seemed to feel there was a need for this ministry in our area. Several participants expressed interest in becoming involved and learning more about volunteer opportunities, training requirements, and future planning efforts as well as the target date for starting the program which is January 2027. Those interested in volunteering were asked to call the church office to have their name put on the “Respite for All” volunteer list along with sharing their contact information on the sign in sheets provided. Training will be available to all volunteers through the program.

The meeting provided valuable insight into community interest and affirmed that there is enthusiasm for exploring the development of a respite ministry in our area. The need for more volunteers, help with creating a business model, finding a part-time director, identifying those who might serve as officers such as a treasurer for the ministry was also discussed with the group. The meeting demonstrated a strong desire to support families caring for individuals with dementia and highlighted the potential for a meaningful new ministry that embodies Christ's love through service, inclusion, and community.

This program is led entirely by volunteers, with the support of a part-time director. If you feel called to join this effort, please call the church office at 731-285-6454 and ask to be added to the “Respite for All” volunteer list. Many volunteers will be needed and there are lots of opportunities to help!

We hope to hear from you!



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Periodicals
Paid at
Dyersburg, TN

Sunday, June 14, 2026
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary
Readings:
Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

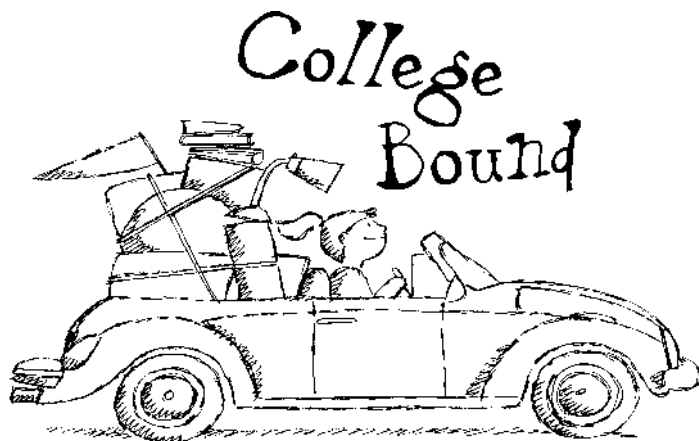
9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship

Rev. Robert Craig, Preaching

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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>.