



# THE WORD

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## MISSION MOMENT

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

My name is Kristen Caldwell. My family and I have been members of DFUMC for 10 plus years. I am married to John David Caldwell and we have two children who adore our church, Charlie (10) and Olivia (7). My children have been baptized here and continue to be as involved as they can in our children's ministries, children's choir, and as acolytes and cross bearers. I am a 5th generation member of DFUMC. My grandfather, Jim Godsey, played the organ for our church many years ago and my grandmother sang in the choir. I am very proud of our church and proud to be a part of many different aspects. I am a parish choir member as well as the chair of our preschool program. I have been in education for the last 14 years as a teacher for many of our DFUMC youth in grades 3, 4, and 5. I have recently switched roles, and I am now the Instructional Supervisor for grades 3-5 for Dyersburg City Schools. Education is a calling, and it is something I am passionate about. I have served on our preschool board for the last 5 years and have seen the need for updating in places that will keep our children not only involved and engaged, but Kindergarten ready. We have recently made many changes to our preschool program including making our preschool director and staff employees of our church. We have purchased 10 tablets so that our director and staff can utilize attendance and billing electronically. We have been a paper based program for way too long and the changes were necessary. We are a fully staffed program and at maximum capacity with students. We have a waiting list already for Fall semester, and have been rocking and rolling with 21 students in our Mothers' Day Out program this summer! I have felt led to continue working with our preschool, even though my children are no longer in the program. I want to see our preschool thrive and be the best it can be. We would love for your children to be a part of our wonderful program and if you feel led to teach or volunteer, please let me or Mrs. Paula Brandt, our preschool director know. Also, if you would like to make a donation to our program to continue to update and grow our curriculum, you may contact our church office and they will be happy to help you.

I would like to close with a prayer from Matthew 22:37.



MATTHEW 22:37

## SUNDAY, JULY 2

### VIDEO RECORDER

Walt Bradshaw

### LITURGIST

Jay Bernheisel

### USHERS FOR JULY

Jake Browning, Hubert Jones,  
Lowell Beck, Eddie Dunagan, and  
Dustin Seratt

### GREETER THIS WEEK

Maralyn Beck

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

Tim and Cindy Taylor  
Steve and Rhonda Caldwell

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

#### STEWARDS

Hubert and Delores Jones  
Porter Ryland  
Amelia Wilkes

### 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



Congratulations to Will and Maxine Bradshaw on the birth of their twins! Benjamin Brooks and Clara Blake were born on June 10, in Ponte Vedra, Florida. They were welcomed by their grandparents, Walt and Jane Bradshaw; aunt and uncle, Anna Claire and Miller Lane; and cousin, Cooper. Not only do the twins share a birthday with each other, but they also share it with their great grandmother, Clara Nell Bradshaw and her late twin sister, Nancy.

#### RECORD OF LOYALTY (6/25/2023)

##### ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	109
In Person Worship	123
Sunday School	61

##### OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$3,151.00
Needed to Date	\$392,398.50
Received to Date	\$265,004.50

#### **“Passing of the Peace.”**

This heading in a worship bulletin strikes fear in the hearts of many. It is an action that often seems awkward, out of place, and frivolous. Dyersburg FUMC eliminated it from our order of worship during the height of COVID and it has stayed away since then. Perhaps it is time to resume this practice.

In the Service of Word and Table found in our United Methodist Hymnal, the Invitation to the Table includes these words: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.

When the Confirmands and I dive deeply into the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, I explain that the invitation consists of three separate ways that individuals can examine their own hearts and lives as they prepare to come to Christ’s table.

Do I love God?

Have I repented of my sin?

Am I at peace with my brothers and sisters in Christ?

The answer to the first question is implied in the person’s presence in worship. That person is present in worship because he or she loves God. We confess our sin together as part of the liturgy in response to the second question. I tell the Confirmands that if the answer to the second question is “no,” then you have the chance to take care of it in our communal confession. Finally, we share the peace of Christ in response to the third question.

The opportunity to “pass the peace” as part of the

## **SUMMER SERMON SERIES**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL STORIES FOR ALL OF US**

**JULY 2**

**DAVID AND GOLIATH  
1 SAMUEL 17**

**JULY 9**

**THE FIERY FURNACE  
DANIEL 3**

**JULY 16**

**ESTHER  
ESTHER (ALL OF IT)**

**JULY  
23**

**THE LION’S DEN  
DANIEL 6**

Communion liturgy is not intended to be a social event. It is intended to be a moment in which Christians can offer each other signs of reconciliation as we prepare to approach Christ’s table. In Matthew 5, Jesus tells those gathered with him that if they are on their way to make a sacrifice on the altar to God and remember that a brother or sister has something against them, they should first be reconciled to their brother or sister, and *then* come back and make their sacrifice.

For example, if Jay and I have had an argument before church on a Sunday morning and the invitation to the table has been given, “passing the peace” gives me the chance to go to him and offer him a sign of reconciliation. Perhaps we might apologize to each other and offer each other forgiveness. If you happen to be sitting near someone you don’t know, or if you don’t have any need to offer reconciliation to your brothers and sisters, you are simply encouraged to offer a handshake and say, “May the peace of Christ be with you.” An appropriate response is “And also with you.”

I know that some folks are anxious that the passing of the peace will go on forever—long after they have offered signs of reconciliation to their neighbors. I will do my best to ensure that this piece of the liturgy is an appropriate length so as not to cause discomfort. Please do not feel as though you need to make small talk—that’s not the intention of this time. Simply offer signs of reconciliation to your neighbors in ways that are comfortable for you—a handshake, a wave, a hug—as we prepare to share the meal that Christ has prepared for us.

Mary Beth

# KIDMIN KORNER

## Safe Sanctuary Training

Contact Tori ([tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com](mailto:tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com)) for more info on becoming Safe Sanctuary trained and making sure you're in the clear to volunteer with our children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

## Upward Sports Ministry

It's TIME for a NEW SEASON!

Registration opens: 8/21/23 (link coming soon)  
To Volunteer: more details to come soon.  
Talk to Tori for more details.

KIDMIN SCHEDULE SUMMER 2023	
<b>July 9</b> 1-4pm	The Secret: Treasure, FUMC Dyersburg, Toddlers-6th Grade
<b>July 16</b> 1-4pm	The Secret: Mystery, FUMC Dyersburg, Toddlers-6th Grade
<b>July 23</b> 1-4pm	The Secret: Chase, FUMC Dyersburg, Toddlers-6th Grade



by Kathy Kail

Our choir is growing! We are so excited. However, we have room for many more. Reading music, singing on pitch, singing beautifully are welcome but are not prerequisites! Just come and join in the singing. Your smiling face will bless the congregation I'm sure!

## MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

### PANTRY FUND

#### In memory of:

Jerry Brewer  
Jan Taylor Kelt  
Dick McCormick

#### Given by:

Ralph and Serena Henson  
Beth Bond Hamer  
Ralph and Serena Henson

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

## DYERSBURG FUMC YOUTH



Summer 2023

### 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!

### JULY COMMUNION OFFERING THIS SUNDAY

The Communion Offering in July will be used to provide school supplies for the students of Dyersburg City and Dyer County schools.

The rising prices that we are seeing at grocery stores and gas stations are taking a financial toll on families throughout our community. For many families, purchasing new school supplies may simply not be an option this year.

The specifics of the school supply list - paper, pencils, binders, composition books, dividers with pockets, a yellow folder with brads - have the obvious benefit of providing the necessary supplies for the tasks at hand, but it goes beyond that. Having the correct supplies of a decent quality also helps students feel valued and included.

We can all help support our teachers and students by donating money to the Communion offering this Sunday. You can also mail your check to the church with Communion offering on the memo line or go to [fumcdyersburg.com](http://fumcdyersburg.com), click on online giving, and under "FUND," click "Monthly Communion Offering." Your donations can be made anytime during the month of July.

Thank you for supporting our schools by stepping up with a vote of confidence for our young people and for our community.

Your Mission Team





## Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Church members should offer hospitality to newcomers because they (church members) are obedient to God. Hospitality is a remarkable act of faith.

### 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>.



### Needs for July

Instant oatmeal, Tomato soup, Peanut butter, Granola bars

### Thank you, Clara Nell

Since November 2, 2017, Clara Nell Bradshaw has been an invaluable member of the FUMC Food Pantry ministry. She arrives at the church each Thursday morning around 9 a.m. and packs as many as twenty bags of food to be given out by the volunteers who provide financial and food assistance on Thursday afternoons. Her dedication to the operation of the Food Pantry has been an invaluable blessing not only to the church but also to the beneficiaries of her kindness.

After nearly six years of service to Christ through her work in the Food Pantry, Clara Nell thinks it may be time for a break. Regardless, she can still work circles around the rest of us who help in the Food Pantry. Thank you, Clara Nell, for your servant heart.



## HOSPITAL AND RECENTLY ILL

*In order to keep our teams informed about persons you've requested prayer for, please send updates every three weeks.*

Nancy Hardin  
 Greg Corley (Bobbie Williams' son-in-law)  
 Carolyn Joslin (Bobbie Williams' friend)  
 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  
 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, July 2, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 22:1-14**  
**Psalm 13**  
**Romans 6:12-23**  
**Matthew 10:40-42**

**9:00 am Sunday School**  
**9:45 am Fellowship**  
**10:15 am Worship**  
**Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel,**  
**preaching**

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