

THE WORD

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MISSION MOMENT

Your Mission Team

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family,

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, 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

JULY 12, 2026

USHERS

Charles Brown
Mark Hayes
Dustin Seratt
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Maralyn Beck
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Will and Kristin Bird
David and Gay Carole Wagner

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION STEWARDS

Lisa and Duane Traverse

Back to
School



School Supplies



July Communion Offering



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

ATTENDANCE (7/5/26)

Online Worship	42
In Person Worship	72
Sunday School	28

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$182,571.02
Expenses Year to Date	\$300,790.54
Income (May)	\$41,145.14
Expenses (May)	\$60,871.50

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

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



.....Family and friends of Dorothy Sue Kirk Avison, who passed away on June 23. Services were held Saturday, June 27 by Dyersburg Funeral Home.

WELCOME RECEPTION



— Rhea House —

NEEDS:



CANNED CORN
INSTANT POTATOES
CANNED FRUIT any variety
SHAMPOO

ATTENTION CHURCH FAMILY

We have an extra copier from the preschool that could use a home. It is under lease for 32 more months. We are looking for someone who may be interested in the copier and willing to take on the monthly lease payments. It's a Konica Minolta C4050I with color copies. If you or your business may be interested to learn more about it, please contact Walt Bradshaw or Dustin Seratt.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

12 July

9:00am

Rev. Emily Sanford's
Welcome Reception
Potluck Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

26 July

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Back 2 School Bash Part 1
Church Family Kickball
Old Y Field

26 July

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Back 2 School Bash Part 2
Church Pool Party
Location TBD

26 July

11:30am - 12:30pm

Acolyte/Crossbearer Training
Lunch Provided

2 August

10:15am - Worship

Blessing Sunday
• Backpack Blessing
• School Employee Blessing



Can I be honest with you for a second?

Summer has thrown me off, always does. The routines disappear, the kids sleep late, the schedule gets replaced with swim lessons and road trips and “what do you want for lunch?” approximately forty-seven times a day.

But here's what I keep coming back to: some of the most powerful discipleship moments don't happen in a classroom or a Sunday morning lesson. They happen in the car. At the dinner table. On a walk around the neighborhood when nobody's in a hurry to be anywhere.

Summer is actually a *GIFT* in disguise for families who want to grow together in faith. You don't need a curriculum binder or a family devotional schedule color-coded by day. What you do need is a little intentionality — the willingness to point your kids to Jesus in the in-between moments that summer gives you in abundance.

Start with what's already happening. Driving somewhere? Ask your kids, “What's something you've been worried about lately?” Open the Bible up to a verse to encourage them. Eating dinner out? Talk about something you each saw God do this week — even something small. Watching a thunderstorm roll in? That's a front-row seat to the power and creativity of God.

Discipleship doesn't have to be formal to be real. It just has to be *intentional*.

Your Summer Challenge:

Pick ONE simple thing your family will do consistently the rest of summer to keep Jesus at the center. Just one. It could be a 5-minute prayer before bed, a Bible verse on the fridge you talk about each week, or asking “how can we pray for you?”

Write it down. Tell someone. Watch what God does with your “yes” — even a small one.

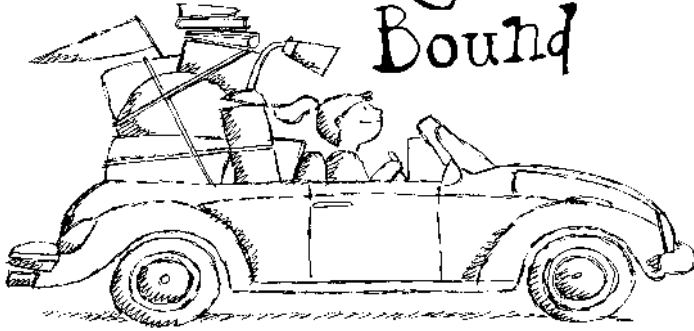
You've got this, families. And we're cheering you on every step of the way.

- Mrs. Tori



The **July/August** 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.

College Bound



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**.

Cindy Taylor
Tiffany Riggins (Elaine McCormick's daughter)
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>.

Send form #3579 to The Word, P.O.Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025, FUMC

Sunday, July 12, 2026
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary

Readings:

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

9:15 am Welcome Reception
(Fellowship Hall)

10:00 am Fellowship Time

10:15 am Worship

Rev. Emily Sanford, Preaching



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

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