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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family and Friends,

It's hard to believe that summer break is winding down and school starts in just a few weeks! But to offset that potentially heartbreaking news, I want to assure you that we have plenty of ways to get involved in these last weeks of break and first weeks of school.

On **Sunday, July 30**, our worship will be led by our Children's Ministry. The theme this summer at Lakeshore/Dayshore was "Fruit of the Spirit," and since many of our children and youth participated in Lakeshore/Dayshore this summer, we thought it might be fun to have them share the ways they experienced the Fruit of the Spirit either in themselves or someone else. If you want to start preparing now, feel free to brush up on the fruit of the spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. **July 30** is also the day that our third-graders will receive their Bibles.

Immediately after worship on July 30, students entering 3rd-6th grade are invited to lunch in Fellowship Hall followed by Acolyte/Crossbearer Training. Even if your student has been an acolyte before, please plan to stay!

At 4:00 pm on July 30, we will gather at the YMCA soccer field for an epic Church Family Kickball game!

The following **Sunday, August 6**, is our Back to School Worship service. We will begin the morning with **breakfast in the Fellowship Hall**, followed by worship that will include Blessing of the Backpacks. We will also have a special time of praying for our school personnel. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Jefferson Furtado, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion together.

Be sure to join us both in and out of worship as we build our life together with each other and with God.

Grateful for you all!

Mary Beth

SUNDAY, JULY 23

VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

LITURGIST

Nancy West

USHERS FOR JULY

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

GREETER THIS WEEK

Virginia Parker

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



...Mr. Ronnie Cole and family and friends in the death of his wife, Mrs. Jane Cole, who passed away July 13. Mrs. Cole was a member of our church since 1983.

RECORD OF LOYALTY (7/16/2023)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	163
In Person Worship	129
Sunday School	50

OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$28,425.00
Needed to Date	\$437,675.25
Received to Date	\$311,053.50

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Year-to-date contribution statements have gone out, mostly by email. If you do not have an email on file, your statement will automatically be sent in the mail. If you do not receive yours, please let Karen or Melinda know. We will be glad to print one for you.

Upcoming Sunday Events

July 30

KidMin Sunday

10:15 am

3rd Grade Bible
Presentation

Acolyte & Cross
Bearer

Training/Luncheon
11:15am

July 30

Family Back to

School Bash

4:00pm

YMCA Field

Aug. 6

Kick-Off Sunday

Breakfast - 9:00 am

Service of Blessing -

10:15am

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL STORIES FOR ALL OF US

**JULY
23**

**THE LION'S DEN
DANIEL 6**

**DYERSBURG FIRST
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



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

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS UPDATE

The preschool has openings for students for three-year-olds.

If you are interested in becoming a teacher or a substitute, there is still time.

For more information about either, please contact Paula Brandt, the preschool director, at 731-287-1251.

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>.

MISSION MINDED

As you travel this summer, please consider sharing the travel sized toiletry items provided in your hotel room with our Assistance program. We especially need travel toothpaste, toothbrushes, and disposable razors to round out the toiletry items we have on hand. All donations are appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

The MS River District invites you to a special worship service at 4:00 p.m.

Milan First UMC, 2000 Jones Blvd., Milan, TN

Rev. Dr. David Weatherly will be the guest preacher.
Special Music will be under the direction of
Rev. Sammy Tillman.

KIDMIN KORNER

Safe Sanctuary Training

Contact Tori (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.



From the Choir Director:

The Choir is really rocking and rolling. We love getting together and rehearsing music for our worship services. But - we need more choir members who love to sing. ALL (grades 7 - 12 and all adults) are welcome to join us for our next "after-church rehearsal". It will be held at 11:15 on July 23. We usually meet for an hour or less twice a month. Please prayerfully consider sharing your talents with others.

We still need a drummer. Please let me know if you are willing and able to play a drum set (acoustic or electric).

Peace and Love,

Kathy Kail

DYERSBURG FUMC YOUTH



Summer 2023

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.
- Although we will publish a suggested cost for each activity, assistance is always available!

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of:
Dick McCormick
Elizabeth Smith

Given by:
Jake and Nadia Browning
Jake and Nadia Browning

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

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have information to be printed in the newsletter? Maybe you have a birth announcement, a wedding announcement, or an upcoming Sunday School social. Please give your information to Karen in the church office. It's easy. Call—285-6454, fax—287-7870 or email—kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com.
Deadline is Tuesdays at noon each week.



Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

The call to constant love and hospitality means we are going to need Jesus. We are going to have to ask Jesus to help us see the world and his people as he sees them.

DID YOU KNOW?

- You can sign up for weekly e-newsletters from the webpage.
- You can read our weekly newsletter on the church's webpage.
- Both the church calendar and the Family Life Center calendars can be found on our webpage.

Check us out <https://fumcdyersburg.com/>.



Needs for July

Instant oatmeal, Tomato soup, Peanut butter, Granola bars

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.



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 23, 2023
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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