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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Friends and Family,

It just occurred to me that you have heard most of our church leadership share their 30-second elevator speeches reflecting *why* they choose to be members of Dyersburg First United Methodist Church. But I have not yet had the chance to share *mine* with you!

Of course, mine will be different from others because I have only been part of this church for four years, and because my life among you is part of a larger connection of United Methodist clergy. Though you are my family, and though I would like to remain your appointed pastor for many, many more years, it is more likely that your life will intersect with another pastor in the future.

This means that I can look upon the mission and gifts of this church with an “outsider” perspective. With that in mind, I share my elevator speech with you:

Why should someone be part of the disciples at Dyersburg First United Methodist Church?

“Dyersburg FUMC is a vibrant gathering of disciples of Jesus Christ who grow together in faith and love so that we can join God in all that God is doing to transform the world, starting in our own church and moving out into the world.”

As I read over the speeches shared by other leaders, the similarities are uncanny. This is a congregation that values its history and tradition, that emphasizes the study of scripture, that embraces its Wesleyan heritage, and that welcomes all people through its doors.

I am so grateful that we are a church that knows who it is, and whose it is, and that we are serious about the scripture mandate to love our neighbor and to make disciples.

It is a gift to be your pastor!

In grace,

Mary Beth

SUNDAY, JULY 30

VIDEO RECORDER

Walt Bradshaw

LITURGIST

Lizzie Lemons

USHERS FOR JULY

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

GREETERS THIS WEEK

Virginia Parker
Carolyn Helton

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*

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.

RECORD OF LOYALTY (7/23/2023)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	158
In Person Worship	115
Sunday School	61

OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$7,936.00
Needed to Date	\$452,767.50
Received to Date	\$318,989.50

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.

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>.

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

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS UPDATE

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

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.



PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

- When a member of your family is admitted to the hospital.
- When there is a death in your family.
- When your class or group plans to use the church facilities for a meeting or a function.
- When either your home or business phone number or address changes.
- When a new baby arrives in your family.
- When a member of your family leaves for college or establishes their own residence.
- When you change your name.
- When a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- When you feel the pastor, staff, or church can assist you in any way.

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

Acolyte/Crossbearer Training: 7/30/23, *After Service - Sanctuary*, 3rd-6th Graders and families welcome to attend luncheon to follow.

Back To School Kickball Bash: 7/30/23, 4:00—6:00 pm - *YMCA Field*, All invited to join in the fun.

Back to School Church Breakfast: 8/6/23, 9:00 am - *Fellowship Hall*, All are invited.

We've got some exciting things happening at church these next few weeks! We hope you'll plan to join us for the fellowship, worship, and moments to remember!

Blankets & Children's Church will be back 8/13/23!



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 or email—kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com.
Deadline is Tuesdays at noon each week.

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:

Jane Cole
Jane Cole
Jane Cole
Elizabeth Smith

Given by:

Rick and Debbie Hill
Randy and Sandy Prince
Kay Rector
Rick and Debbie Hill

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



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.



Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

To extend radical hospitality we will need to cultivate practices that keep us connected to Christ. This dependence on Him is exactly what he had in mind.

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.

Cherry Robertson
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

**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 30, 2023
Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalms 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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