

THE WORD

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MISSION MOMENT

Rev. Emily Sanford

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family,

Weekend Food For Kids is a backpack feeding ministry of the New Life Union Mission. We have served area children for more than 10 years now. Food is provided for children who otherwise will not have enough food over the weekend. Our local schools identify children in need and give the numbers of children in need to the mission. Then, the Mission purchases, packs, and delivers food packets to the individual school buildings to be sent home with the kids on Fridays. Each school building distributes the packets in different ways. Some put the food in backpacks during nap time, some have the kids come pick up a packet, and some hand them out. The goal is to have this gift be discreet and not to embarrass any student. We provide food for 30 weeks each school year. The numbers fluctuate as kids move in and out of school, or as a family's circumstances change and we serve more than 230 children.

Each food packet includes nine items:

- 1) Chef Boyardee entrée
- 2) Vienna sausages
- 3) Raisins
- 4) Applesauce pouch
- 5) Granola bar
- 6) Shelf stable milk
- 7) 100% juice box
- 8) Nutrition-grain bar
- 9) Cheese and cracker packet.

We have selected the food items for ease of preparation and nutritional value. They can all be stored and eaten safely without electricity. Some of the children will not have any help with food preparation. 100% of donations go towards the purchase of food. Everything else is done by volunteers. Thanks to this program being completely funded by community support, it has been able to grow consistently each year.

Your Mission Team



AUGUST 2, 2026

USHERS

Bill Yates
Amy Lewis
Tim Taylor
Billy Ozment
Steven Parker

GREETERS

Lena Lewis
David Hayes

LITURGIST

Lena Lewis

VIDEO RECORDER

Jared Agee

COMMUNION STEWARDS

John David and Kristen Caldwell
Eric and Marley Edwards

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION STEWARDS

Alyce Ann Lecklitner

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 (7/26/26)

Online Worship	71
In Person Worship	135
Sunday School	56

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



WELCOME NEW BABY

We'd like to welcome Reed Franklin Corolla into this world. Reed was born on July 25th to Allison and Logan Corolla. Amelia and Jimmy Wilkes are his GREAT grandparents, from our congregation.

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.



CANNED SOUP

SMALL CANS CANNED CHICKEN

BEEF STEW

SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES



...Mrs. Jane Sharp and family in the death of her mother, Katherine Evans, who passed away July 28, in Brentwood, TN. The funeral service will be at FUMC Dyersburg on Saturday, service details to come at a later time.

LAITY ONBOARDING WITH PASTOR EMILY

On August 2, following our worship service, church leaders will meet with Pastor Emily for an on-boarding session facilitated by Rev. Amanda Crice. Please join us in prayer for this important time for Pastor Emily to learn more about our church and for us to work together for a successful ministry together.

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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST Church

For Children

9:15 AM - Birth-Pre-K Sunday School

9:15 AM - K-5th Sunday School

10:15 AM - Birth-Pre-K Children's Church

10:15 AM - K-2nd Children's Church

4:00 PM - Blankets (2yr-5th Grade)

For Youth

9:15 AM - 6th-12th Sunday School

4:00 PM - Fuel For the Soul (6th-12th Grade)

For Adults

9:15 AM - Koinonia Sunday School

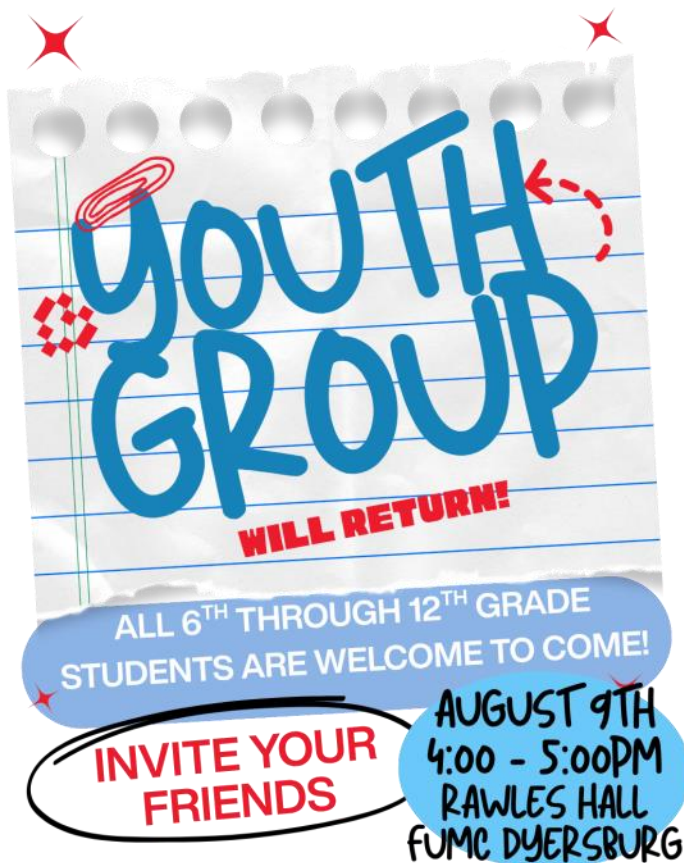
9:15 AM - Sojourners Sunday School

For Everyone

10:00 AM - Coffee and Fellowship
(Gathering Space)

10:15 AM - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

We have a place for you!



Parents are welcome to join us for our first night as we plan and prep for the year!



Blankets is Back on August 2nd!

Mark your calendars, friends! Blankets returns Sunday, August 2nd from 4:00-5:30pm!

If you're new to our church family (or just need a refresher): **BLANKETS** is our evening programming for kids ages 2 through 5th grade. It's a night for your kids to play, laugh, worship, dig into God's Word, and create something with their hands - all in one evening.

I know evenings can be a lot to keep straight, so here's what a typical Blankets night looks like:

- 4:00-4:10pm — Welcome & Free Play
- 4:12-4:25pm — Game Time
- 4:30-4:40pm — Worship
- 4:40-5:00pm — Lesson Time
- 5:05-5:15pm — Snack Time
- 5:15-5:25pm — Craft/Activity Time
- 5:30pm — Check Out & Dismissal

We have fun - **a lot of it** -but we're not just winging it. Every minute is planned with your kids in mind, so you can drop them off knowing exactly what their evening holds, and know that we're teaching them Biblical truths in ways that are relevant to their age levels.

Our full ministry calendar went out before this newsletter was printed, but if it slipped past you (it happens!), we'll have paper copies available at church. Grab one and stick it on the fridge.

We can't wait to see your kids on August 2nd!

Mrs. Tori



<https://min.link/Y7e>



KidMin's
BLANKETS

Bring your little ones aged
 2yr through 5th grade to a
 night full of fun and faith
 adventures!

SUNDAY 4-5:30PM
Starts back Aug 2nd!

Email Mrs. Tori to learn more or you
 have questions.

Prayer Requests

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

Randy Prince
 Family of Katherine Evans
 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](https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate).

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

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Sunday, August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Blessing Sunday

Revised Common Lectionary
 Readings:
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship
4:00 pm Blankets
(2yr - 5th Grade)

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