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MISSION MOMENT

Pastor: Rev. Steve Lefebvre

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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

USHERS

Charles Brown
Thomas Lemons
Tim Taylor
Baird Lewis
Bill Yates

GREETERS

David Hayes
Sandy Prince

LITURGIST

David Hayes

VIDEO RECORDER

David Wagner

COMMUNION STEWARDS

TBD
TBD

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION STEWARDS

Porter and Joan Ryland

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 (7/27/2025)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	79
In Person Worship	116
Sunday School (Lefebvre Reception)	60

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$410,178.42
Expenses Year to Date	\$403,193.38
Income (June)	\$52,029.36
Expenses (June)	\$69,044.95

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 and Karen in the church office. It's easy. Call 731-285-6454 or email - tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com.

Send to both emails to make sure we get your information correct and into the newsletter.

Deadline is Tuesdays at noon each week.



WORSHIP DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN

There are many components to each worship service. The Worship Team assists the local church to become increasingly aware of the meaning, purpose and practice of worship. We work with the pastor, the music staff and others to plan for the worship, music, furnishings and other needs in order to facilitate the worship of the congregation.

Current members of the Worship Team are Debbie Hill and Nancy West, who serve as Co-chairs of the Altar Guild. They oversee the decorations that beautify our worship during the various seasons of the Christian Year. Eddie Dunagan is the Head Usher. In his role, he recruits ushers, greeters and Communion stewards. Tim and Cindy Taylor are the church's sacristans. They prepare the elements for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and dispose of the remaining elements following the worship service. At large members are Kristin Bird, Vicki Dunagan and Amy White. J Dan Gullett serves as Chair.

While these church members have been appointed by the Laity Gifts & Development Team to serve on the Worship Team, there are many others in our congregation who offer their talents and time to ensure that worship is meaningful for all and, foremost, that worship is our gift to God.

Please feel free to express concerns regarding worship to any of those who serve on the Worship Team. Our desire is to provide continuous improvement in our worship of the Triune God.





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.

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.

NOT GETTING CHURCH EMAILS?
We have been experiencing undeliverable emails for church members' accounts. If you regularly get emails from any of the staff, please add us to your email contacts and safe sender list. Our emails are not always getting through. This will help keep it from getting blocked or going to spam and junk mail.



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Tomato Soup
Chicken Noodle Soup
Vienna Sausage

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>.

Prayer Requests

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

Ashley Henson and Baby Jim
 Texas Flood Victims and Families
 Ardis Phillips
 Carolyn Cooper - Bells Nursing and Rehab. Center,
 213 Herndon Drive, Room 218, Bells, TN 38006
 Bill Troy
 Ron Gathright
 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.

HOSPITALITY CORNER

FROM YOUR EVANGELISM TEAM

CARRYING OUT BENEVOLENCE MEANS

"FIRST, DOING NOTHING HARMFUL, AND
 SECOND, DOING ALL WE CAN TO BE
 USEFUL." THE STRENGTH CREATED BY
 THE GRATITUDE WE FEEL FOR WHAT
 THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US HELPS US
 SHARE OUR LOVE WITH OTHERS.

Sunday, August 03, 2025
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am Acolyte/Crossbearer
Training
Rev. Stephen Lefebvre, Preaching

Monday August 18, 2025
Church Council - 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall

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