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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

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 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. Last year, the program served 160 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 6

VIDEO RECORDER

Pierce White

LITURGIST

Mary Beth Bernheisel

USHERS THIS WEEK

Charles Brown, Patrick Lemons,
Tim Taylor, Steven Parker, and
Mark Hayes

GREETERS THIS WEEK

David Hayes
Sandy Prince

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Dustin, Shelley, Ava,
Bella, and Reese Seratt

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

STEWARDS

Joetta Yarbrow
Kristyn Gadlage
Duane and Lisa Traverse

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 (7/30/2023)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	215
In Person Worship	136
Sunday School	62

OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$7,448.00
Needed to Date	\$467,859.75
Received to Date	\$326,437.50
July Communion (School Supplies)	\$986.00

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>.



PRESCHOOL OPENINGS UPDATE

The preschool has openings for 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.



by Kathy Kail

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was written by Jeremiah Rankin, pastor of Washington's First Congregational Church and president of Howard University, the great African-American college in the nation's capital. He wrote it, he said, after discovering that the term "good-bye" meant "God be with you."

Join us this Sunday, August 6, as we sing this powerful hymn.

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

Hello Everyone!

SCHOOL IS BACK! I know that it is a time of change as kids get back into a (new) school schedule, meet new teachers, and get back into daily routines. I hope that everyone has had a beneficial and productive week.

We're getting back into our regular routines in KidMin as well. Blankets and Children's Church will be back on Aug 13. Sunday School is still happening as a One-Room (K-5th) until we get more teachers. Preschool Sunday School and Children's Church will be in the Nursery with Todameka.

If you're interested in serving with children ,youth, and vulnerable adults there's still a chance to be Safe Sanctuary trained, just reach out to me.

Upward Sports will kick off registration on AUGUST 21st!



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.

GUEST PREACHER THIS SUNDAY

Rev. Jefferson M. Furtado is a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He began his journey in the United States in Holly Springs, Mississippi—graduating from Rust College, a historically black liberal arts college and one of our United Methodist higher education institutions. He later continued studies, receiving a Master of Divinity with a concentration in Church Renewal from United Theological Seminary as well as a post-graduate certificate in Homiletical Peer-Coaching through Vanderbilt Divinity School.



Jefferson is passionate about the life of faith and the work of the church. In particular, Jefferson feels called to the work of equipping individuals who respond to God's gracious invitation of love. He believes that nothing is more worthwhile than the work of equipping individuals for their calling, connecting them with partners for the journey, and creating environments where they grow to become the people God has created them to be.

Jefferson brings diverse work experience, having served in local congregations, United Methodist general agency, corporate settings, and an institution of Higher Education.

Jefferson is married to the Rev. Linda Louise Furtado, a native of Nashville, TN. Linda serves as pastor of Beech Grove UMC in Nashville. Together, the Furtados are blessed with three amazing daughters Sueli, Cintia, and Emma.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of:

Jane Cole
Jane Cole
Jane Cole
Elizabeth Smith

Given by:

Bernie and Linda DeBerry
Fred and Ellen Moore
Lloyd and Susan Ramer
Fred and Ellen Moore

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



Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

If we are truly to love others, we need Jesus to become "Lord of all" rather than for one hour just on Sunday. Learning to love our neighbors and extend hospitality transforms us into the people God longs for us to be.

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 August

Corn, Tuna fish, Instant potatoes, Spam/
Treet

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, August 6, 2023
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalms 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Fellowship
10:15 am Worship
Rev. Jefferson Furtado
preaching

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