



# THE WORD

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## PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family,

Project 20/20 is a human service program that protects and improves the sight of disadvantaged persons of all faiths in underdeveloped areas of the world where medical care for the poor is very limited. The program provides eyeglasses to medical teams that provide the poor with professional eye care free of charge. This non-profit all-volunteer program is sponsored by the United Methodist Church as a response to people in need regardless of their faith. Project 20/20 is possible because of volunteers and donations from many church denominations, community civic clubs, humanitarian organizations, medical offices, and the Southern College of Optometry.

Through Project 20/20, donations of discarded eyeglasses and sunglasses are transformed into a miracle for the poor in regions of the world with little or no public medical care. Donated glasses are cleaned, screened, and packaged for medical and vision care teams traveling to developing countries. Volunteer optometrists and ophthalmologists dispense Project 20/20 glasses with professional eye exams for free to persons in need without discrimination of any kind.

Please bring a donation and/or a pair of old glasses or sunglasses to the chancel rail when you come to partake in communion this Sunday.

Your Mission Team

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

### VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

### LITURGIST

Beth Feith

### USHERS THIS WEEK

Billy Ozment, Eddie Dunagan,  
Hubert Jones, Dustin Seratt,  
Jake Browning

### GREETERS THIS WEEK

Lisa Traverse  
Alice Teague

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

John and Beth Feith  
Hubert and Delores Jones

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION STEWARDS

Mary and Jack Todd  
Eddie and Vicki Dunagan  
Ginger Voss/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*

## 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.

HAVE A  
SAFE AND  
HAPPY

**LABOR**   
*Day* WEEKEND

### RECORD OF LOYALTY (8/27/2023)

#### ATTENDANCE

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Online Worship    | 141 |
| In Person Worship | 109 |
| Sunday School     | 44  |

#### OFFERING

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Approved Budget, 2023 | \$784,797.00 |
| Weekly Needs          | \$15,092.25  |
| Weekly Giving         | \$2,870.00   |
| Needed to Date        | \$543,321.00 |
| Received to Date      | \$350,107.00 |

**Total August Communion Offering**      \$1,216.00  
New Life Union Mission Back Pack Program



Beginning Monday, August 21, the church office will be closed from 12:00—1:00 pm Monday through Wednesday, and Friday. The office will remain open during that time on Thursdays to accommodate our assistance ministry. Please note that phone calls received during that time will go to voice mail and doors will not be accessible without a key card. Thank you for helping us honor our staffs' needs for an uninterrupted lunch time!

### **10 REASONS TO ATTEND CHURCH**



1. To have fellowship with the crucified and risen Christ.
2. To worship.
3. To be forgiven.
4. To hear the voice of God.
5. To grow in the knowledge of the Bible, God's Word.
6. To feed your soul.
7. To be prayed for.
8. To be loved and encouraged.
9. To love and encourage your fellow Christians.
10. To promote the Gospel.

### **DO YOU LIKE TO BAKE BREAD?**

For our celebration of World Communion Sunday on October 1, we would like for our Communion Table to be full of breads from around the world—from naan to sourdough, Mexican fry bread to pretzels, and everything in between. If you would like to bake bread for this great celebration, please send Mary Beth an email or text ([marybeth@fumcdyersburg.org](mailto:marybeth@fumcdyersburg.org) or 731-293-8837), or call the church office. Thank you!

Registration Fee

**\$70**

# **UPWARD SPORTS**

## **REGISTER NOW!**

Ages: K5 - 5th Grade

Sports: Basketball & Cheerleading

Registration link:

<https://registration.upward.org/UPW84471>

### **PRESCHOOL OPENINGS**

The Preschool currently has student openings for four-day three-year-old class, two-day three-year-old class, four-day four-year-old class and the Fab Fives. For more information, please call the Preschool Director, Paula Brandt at 731-287-1251.

Want to help out during worship?

## **Looking for help to run the soundboard, run the slides, and more.**

Contact Tori to learn more!  
[tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com](mailto:tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com)

# KIDMIN KORNER



This week, the youth had a lesson in the meaning behind the different names we call God. Here is a little background on that for you!

YHWH was derived from the Hebrew verb meaning “to be”. It is made up of four consonants from the Hebrew language “Yod” “Heh” “Waw” and “Heh”. Due to this, it is often called the tetragrammaton. It is considered in Judaism to be one of the most sacred names of God, so sacred that many do not even say it aloud.

Eventually, when scholars, who were trying to reproduce the Hebrew Bible, centuries later came across “YHWH”, they added in the vowels making it “Yahweh”. The name for God, “Jehovah”, is also derived from “Yahweh”. In Latin, the primary language spoken in catholicism at the time, Y and W do not exist. So, when translating the bible into Latin “Yahweh” was made into “Jehovah”.

“Yahweh” fell out of use as the Latinized version dominated among religious scholars and historians, until around the 19th Century when it again gained favor with Biblical Scholars. Now both “Yahweh” and “Jehovah” are used in many denominations of Christianity interchangeably.

Katy Allen

## Matthew

Walking in the Way of Jesus

### August/September Sermon Series

- August 13: Don't Be Afraid (Matthew 14: 22-33)
- August 20: Keep Asking (Matthew 15: 21-28)
- August 27: Know Who You're Following (Matthew 16: 13-20)
- September 3: Take Up Your Cross (Matthew 16: 21-28)
- September 10: Stay Accountable (Matthew 18: 15-20)
- September 17: Forgive (Matthew 18: 21-35)
- September 24: Celebrate Mercy (Matthew 20: 1-16)

During the months of August and September, we will be exploring and experiencing what it means to Walk in the Way of Jesus! We hope you'll join us for worship in person and online at 10:15 every Sunday morning!

#### MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

##### PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

###### In memory of:

Jane Cole  
Richard McCormick

###### Given by:

Jo Anne and David Taylor  
Jo Anne and David Taylor

##### GENERAL FUND

###### In memory of:

Mildred Burgess  
Dorothy Burt  
Jane Cole  
Shirley Wells

###### Given by:

Ralph and Serena Henson  
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##### PANTRY FUND

###### In memory of:

Jack Troy, Jr.

###### Given by:

Cherry Robertson and Ginger Troy

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





## Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Recall the people in your life who have cared for you. Think about the teachers, family members, and friends who have supported you. Shouldn't you be passing along this love and hospitality?

The **September/October** 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.



### 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>.



### Needs for September

Chef Boyardee Spaghetti & Meatballs  
Any other Chef Boyardee canned product (Ravioli, Beefaroni, etc.)  
Instant mashed potatoes  
Shells & cheese



### HOSPITAL AND RECENTLY ILL

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

Veronica Merrell  
Bishop McAlilly  
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

*\*Please continue to remember the Home Bound.*

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

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Exodus 3:1-15**  
**Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b**  
**Romans 12:9-21**  
**Matthew 16:21-28**

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

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