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MISSION MOMENT

Your Missions Team

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 7

USHERS

Billy Ozment
Joe Yates
Mark Hayes
Dustin Seratt
Pierce White

GREETERS

Lisa Traverse
TBD

LITURGIST

Thomas Lemons

VIDEO RECORDER

Will Bird

COMMUNION STEWARDS

David and Sara Hayes
Tim and Cindy Taylor

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

STEWARDS

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 (8/31/2025)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	75
In Person Worship	104
Sunday School	55

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$462,169.89
Expenses Year to Date	\$455,591.14
Income (July)	\$51,991.47
Expenses (July)	\$52,397.76

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.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

YOUTH FUND

In memory of:

James Goodwin, Sr.

Given by

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Ingram

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stanton III

Mr. J. David Ingram

Mr. & Mrs. James S. Ingram



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.



RECEIVING THE WORD NEWSLETTER

Hello Church Family,

As we look ahead, we anticipate some necessary changes in how *The Word* is shared. To help us plan, we are asking every household to let us know how you would like to receive the newsletter—or if you would prefer not to receive it at all. You can complete the form online (link below) or fill out a paper version available at the church office and return it to the church office by **September 22**. This change is needed because we are soon to fall below the minimum number of recipients required for the USPS bulk mail rate. Your response will help us continue sharing *The Word* in the best way possible.

Peace & Grace
Tori

<https://min.link/V25>



1ST THROUGH 6TH GRADE

20-21 SEPT
12:45PM -
9:45AM

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IN**

REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://MIN.LINK/V23](https://min.link/v23)

COMING SOON: ARCHIVES & RECORDS ROOM

A new addition to the church campus is the Archives & History Room. The contents of this room will preserve and celebrate the rich spiritual heritage of Dyersburg First United Methodist Church for generations to come.

The room will house valuable historical documents, photographs, artifacts and records that tell the story of our faith community's journey beginning in 1842 and continuing through the present and moving into the future. The Archives & History Room will provide a secure, organized and welcoming environment where members and visitors can explore our legacy and be inspired by the enduring impact of our ministry.

Much has already been done to physically transform the room which housed the Food Pantry before its relocation to the Rhea House. The room now has new flooring, lighting, paint and bookshelves. However, the room's contents will be its highlight. There will be bulletins from the 1940's to the present as well as all editions of *The Way* and *The Word*. Other items will be membership records which date as far back as 1892, minutes of Administrative Board (now Church Council) meetings, photos and a display of blueprints and other schematic drawings of structural additions and alterations over the years, and there will be more, too. Having a dedicated space for displaying the church's history will allow us to honor our past while building a stronger foundation for the future. Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry Ministry.



Rhea House

NEEDS:



**30-40 oz Laundry Detergent -
Men's Deodorant - Women's Deodorant -
Feminine Hygeine Products**



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**.

Nadia Browning

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.*



Chicken & Dumplings

Canned Peaches

Bath Soap

Sunday, September 7, 2025
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship

Rev. Steven Lefebvre, Preaching

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