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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Friends and Family,

Beginning in this week's newsletter you will notice a slight change in our financial reporting. In order to provide more timely and relevant information to the congregation, we will begin sharing our monthly giving and expenses, as well as our year-to-date giving and expenses. We believe that these are the most useful and accurate figures for reporting the actual financial health of Dyersburg FUMC. The Finance Team is also working to revise the annual budget based on more up-to-date spending figures, and we will share that with you when it becomes available.

If you are the parent of a college student and you have not yet updated your student's address with the church office, please be sure to do that as soon as possible. We want to be more intentional about connecting as a congregation with our students who are away from us, so please put us in contact with your student! You can either send an email to the church office or call the church office to provide that information.

Finally, this is just another reminder that our **Annual Church Conference** will take place in the Sanctuary at **11:30 am on Sunday, October 8**. All members of Church Council should make plans to attend, and all members of the church are *highly* encouraged to attend! We will be celebrating the life of our congregation, hearing from our District Superintendent, and praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we open ourselves to the new ministries that we believe God is preparing us for even now.

As always, my gratitude for each of you and for this congregation runs deep.

Mary Beth

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

VIDEO RECORDER

Walt Bradshaw

LITURGIST

Mark Hayes

USHERS THIS WEEK

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

GREETERS THIS WEEK

Lisa Traverse
Alice Teague

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

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE



**GATHERED
IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I AMONG THEM."**

MATTHEW 18:20, ESV

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.

RECORD OF LOYALTY (9/3/2023)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	136
In Person Worship	104
Sunday School	51

OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Monthly Income (July)	\$62,026.75
Monthly Expenses (July)	\$45,408.64
Income Year to Date	\$355,820.84
Expenses Year to Date	\$369,219.66

September Communion Offering	\$328.00
Project 20/20	

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Wednesday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Closed 12 - 1 pm

Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Closed 12 - 1 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us Saturday, September 16th, for a morning of cleaning and organizing. We will have a picnic afterwards outside. More details coming next week.



Parents of college students, please contact the church office with your student's updated address at school! We would like to be intentional about remaining in ministry with them and to them, including sending notes and care packages! You are welcome to email the church office at kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com or call Karen at 731-285-6454 with the information.

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.com 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 and four-day four-year-old class. 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

KIDMIN KORNER



7 Family Calendar and Scheduling Hacks

If you're like most people, the calm—sometimes too calm—days of Covid have slowly been replaced by the full—sometimes too full—days of normal life. With school and sports, we're bound to get even busier.

Enter: the seven hacks we all need to keep calm in the middle of calendar chaos. Give these tips a try and share your own favorite scheduling hacks on our Facebook page or Instagram account. We'd love to learn from you!

Read More: <https://theparentcue.org/7-family-calendar-and-scheduling-hacks/>



This week the youth learned about the characteristics of God and what it means to make Godly choices. Studies show that we make an

average of 35,000 decisions per day. There are so many opportunities to exemplify the character and will of God through your choices. Luckily, God left us a book that reveals so much of who He is! I asked the Youth to consider the following questions about the choices they are making:

- How can I be **Generous** in this choice?
- How can I be **Truthful** in this choice?
- How can I be **Patient** in this choice?
- How can I be **Holy** in this choice?
- How can I be **Wise** in this choice?
- How can I be **Gracious** in this choice?

The Youth will not meet September 17th since I will be in ministry at the Debra K Johnson Rehabilitation Center. I look forward to being back the next week!

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!

PICKLEBALL

We have a Pickleball group that plays every Saturday at the Family Life Center from 10 am—12 pm. They also play Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm. It's open to anyone who would like to play. They'll even teach you!



PACK THE PANTRY

Would you like to help stock the pantry by buying the groceries that go in the pantry? You can go to Walmart.com and place orders on the church's registry page. Walmart will even deliver them here for you. Here's some directions to help you find it on their website. Click on the following areas as prompted: Services—Registry, Lists, Gifts—Registries—Spark Good—Support a Local Charity—First United Methodist Church—Donate Products now. That's it! Thank you for your support.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

October 8
Charge Conference after
morning church service





Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

You uniquely bless the world. Lavish love and hospitality; call us to identify all the ways God molded us into the people we are today. It is our turn to pay it forward.

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 10, 2023
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

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

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