



THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family,

It is my great privilege to announce that we have hired a new Preschool Director, Rose Sherron! Rose was born and raised in Dyer County, where she now lives with her husband, Brandon, and their four daughters. The older ones attend Dyer County Schools, and their youngest will soon join our preschool family.

Rose brings a wealth of experience in early childhood education and leadership. She helped start a preschool in Union City, directed local Head Start programs, and worked with DHS, among other impressive roles. After the devastating Mayfield tornado in 2021, she served with The United Methodist Committee on Relief, where she made a tremendous impact. She comes to us highly recommended by our trusted colleagues in the conference.

We are thrilled to welcome Rose to our team and are confident she will help our preschool continue to thrive. She will begin work on September 22.

I want to take a moment to thank those who made this transition possible. Our Preschool Board has worked faithfully to recruit, discern, interview, and hire Rose, and I am especially grateful to Kristen Caldwell, our board chair. Kristen has led with extraordinary dedication during this season of transition—balancing her full-time teaching job while stepping into the leadership gap with tireless grace. So thank you, Kristen and also, Jackie Gullett, Virginia Parker, Beth Feith, Rita Hollingsworth, Heather Lefebvre, Maralyn Beck, and Tori Armstrong!

I also want to express deep gratitude to Becky Boatright, who served as our interim preschool director. Becky has been a crown jewel of our preschool ministry for many years, and her willingness to step in and carry the load during this critical time has been nothing short of a gift.

Today, our preschool stands strong, thanks to the commitment and teamwork of our dedicated staff and board members. We truly have an All-Star team, and we're all looking forward to working with Rose!

Grace and peace to you,

Steve

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

USHERS

Billy Ozment
Joe Yates
Mark Hayes
Dustin Seratt
Pierce White

GREETERS

Lisa Traverse
TBD

LITURGIST

Mark Hayes

VIDEO RECORDER

Will Bird



Monday - Friday

8:30am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 4:00pm

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 (9/7/2025)

ATTENDANCE

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Online Worship | 64 |
| In Person Worship | 110 |
| Sunday School | 53 |

OFFERING

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Income Year to Date | \$462,169.89 |
| Expenses Year to Date | \$455,591.14 |
| Income (July) | \$51,991.47 |
| Expenses (July) | \$52,397.76 |
| Communion Offering (Project 20/20) | \$312.00 |



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

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.


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**SAVING
LIVES**

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Donate Blood



**West Tennessee
HEALTHCARE™
Dyersburg Hospital**

Friday, September 12th

12:00-4:00 p.m.

The First 25 donors will receive a voucher
for a **FREE Forge Burger and Fries** from

The Blacksmith Restaurant!

& All donors will receive a T-Shirt!

THE BLACKSMITH
731.427.4431
LifelineBloodServ.org

LIFELINE
BLOOD SERVICES

If you're unable to donate please consider a financial
contribution as LIFELINE Blood Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Rhea House

NEEDS:



30-40 oz Laundry Detergent -

Men's Deodorant - Women's Deodorant -

Feminine Hygiene 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 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

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

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