

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 Worship64In Person Worship110Sunday School53

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

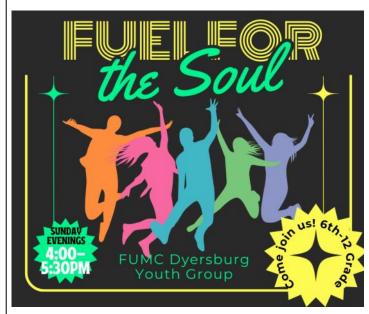
 Communion Offering (Project 20/20)
 \$312.00







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.



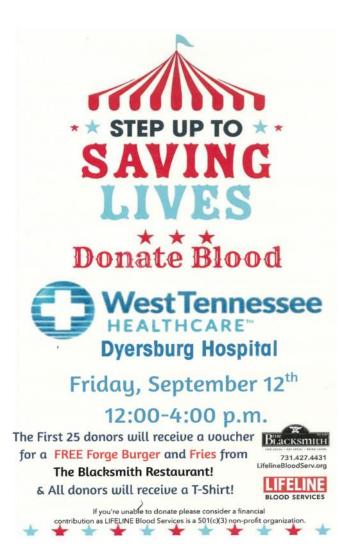
RECEIVING THE WORD NEWSLETTER Hello Church Family,

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





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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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 - Bell

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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