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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Friends and Family,

Yesterday in my morning quiet time I was listening to a reflection on Matthew 9:35-38, which says that “Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

As I heard those words, I imagined Jesus standing among the crowds of people who came to him from everywhere, and I wondered if he ever felt overwhelmed by it all. One man standing in a throng of people, all who needed his attention. Perhaps it was from a feeling of being overwhelmed, or perhaps it was because he simply knew what to do next, but in the next verse he says to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Whether or not he was overwhelmed by it all, we can be certain that Jesus knew that he could not meet the needs of the people all by himself. It shouldn't surprise us, then, that in the very next chapter Jesus makes the disciples the answer to their own prayer. He sends them out with instruction and authority to do the very same work that he had been doing: proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom, curing the sick, casting out demons, and raising the dead.

I don't know about you, but when I look at the need in our community, I feel overwhelmed. We are surrounded by people in our own community who are harassed and helpless, hungry and hopeless. We are surrounded by people who are seeking some meaning in their lives but don't know how or where to find it. We, like Jesus's first disciples, are the laborers called to the harvest. Our work as a church is to bring hope to the hopeless, food to the hungry, and help to the helpless, and it doesn't feel so overwhelming if we know that we are all in it together.

What is Jesus asking us to do in our own community as a result of our compassion for the world around us?

In Christ,

Mary Beth



Jesus Has Compassion on the Crowds

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

VIDEO RECORDER

Pierce White

LITURGIST

Will Bird

USHERS

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

GREETERS

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

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 (9/10/2023)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	121
In Person Worship	121
Sunday School	68

OFFERING

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	\$100.00
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 this Saturday, September 16th, at 9 am for a morning of pick up, clean up, and put up around the church. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am for donuts and then spread out for projects. We'll meet back in the FLC parking around noon for a picnic lunch of grilled burgers and hot dogs, just bring your lawn chair, everything else is provided! Wear your favorite cleaning and gardening clothes and if you are willing to help outside bring some gloves. See you Saturday for a fun morning of fellowship while we work!
Child care will be provided.

Contact Kelli Hayes with questions.
(731) 676-9023

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/>

PICKLEBALL

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



This week, the youth focused on disappointment. We all have felt disappointed by many things in our life, but Jesus reassures us that he has

done this all before. He has already overcome the world and so no problem, disappointment, or sadness is insurmountable when it is given to him.

Reminder that we will not have youth this week! Please pray for me as I minister to women in the Debra K. Johnson Rehabilitation Center and pray for the inmates that their hearts are opened to God's Love.

Katy

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!

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

As we name and count our blessings, we experience a growing desire to love and bless others. It becomes more natural to love the God who first loved us with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Lavish love no longer sounds so far-fetched.

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**.*

David Wagner
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 17, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

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

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