

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

Hello Church,

We are excited to introduce another new member of our team! Please join us in welcoming Presley Dishman, who will serve as our Director of Worship and Arts. In this role, Presley will work closely with our worship team to help shape our liturgy, lead our congregation in hymns and anthems, and direct the choir.

Presley is an incredibly gifted musician and vocalist. A graduate of Dyersburg High School, she is currently studying and teaching piano at Dyersburg State Community College. Beyond her musical talents, Presley loves to cook and bake, and she has a tender heart for animals—especially shelter pets and fostering.

Presley hopes her time with us will bring an increased spirituality, that our community will more deeply experience the love and peace of Jesus Christ. We look forward to helping her grow in her gifts and are grateful for the ways she will bless our community.

I want to thank our accompanist, Josh White for holding down the fort in the interim, he's looking forward to working with Presley as well. Presley will begin her ministry with us this Sunday—let's give her a warm welcome!

Grace and peace to you,

Steve

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

USHERS

Billy Ozment
Joe Yates
Mark Hayes
Dustin Seratt
Pierce White

GREETERS

Lisa Traverse
TBD

LITURGIST

Caroline White

VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith



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 (9/14/2025)

ATTENDANCE

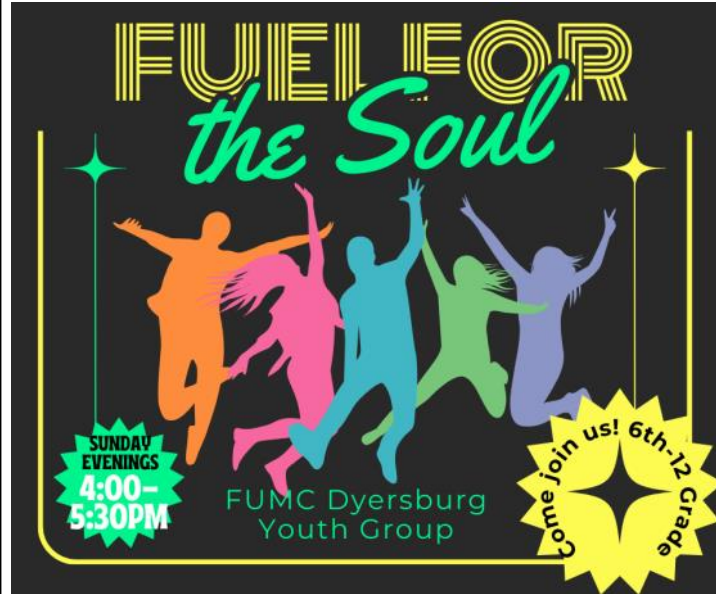
Online Worship	56
In Person Worship	111
Sunday School	61

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



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.



LAST WEEK!
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>

TRUNK-OR-TREAT CHANGES

In a growing desire to meet our community where they are, even with our fun events, we've decided to make some changes to our Trunk-or-Treat this year.



NO TRUNKS NEEDED

We've seen a trend of fewer trunks each year, and a rise in the need of parking for families. Our parking lot will be open (partially) for families to park while participating in Downtown Trick-or-Treat.

FOOD IS SERVED

We will offer our usual staples: hot dogs (and sides), popcorn, and hot cocoa.



TABLES NO GAMES



We will provide tables for families to sit & eat, as well as catch their breath. Families need a space to pause through the night occasionally.

CALL TO ACTION

How you can help:

- Hot Dog Prep & Serve
- Hot Cocoa Prep & Serve
- Pop Corn Prep & Serve
- Setup
- Cleanup
- Dinners In A Bag Dropoff



Contact Tori for more info or to sign up to volunteer!

SEPTEMBER

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



Chicken & Dumplings
Canned Peaches
Bath Soap

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.

Rhea House

NEEDS:



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



prayer Requests

In order to keep our teams informed about persons you've requested prayer for, please send updates every **three weeks**.

Rachel Flynn (Elaine McCormick's granddaughter-in-law)
 Tiffany Riggins (Elaine McCormick's daughter)
 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.

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>.

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Sunday, September 21, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

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9:15 am Sunday School
9:15 am KidMin Lock-In
Breakfast
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship

Rev. Steven Lefebvre, Preaching