



# THE WORD

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## PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

Beloved FUMC Community,

This summer we signed a lease agreement with the Memphis YMCA to open a new center in our Family Life Center. Since then, it may have seemed quiet, but behind the scenes, preparations are moving forward.

In recent weeks, YMCA leadership has been on site taking measurements and planning how to retrofit our space. Most of the changes will be cosmetic—new floors, fresh paint, and a few layout adjustments. Beginning in mid-October, the FLC will close for renovations, with the goal of opening the new YMCA facility to the public in early December. Their partnership with our preschool will launch next summer.

Between now and then, our trustees, program staff, and housekeeping team will work together to clear out and re-home items currently stored in the FLC. If you have any questions about that process, please reach out to Joe Yates.

I am genuinely excited about this opportunity for our church. I've been imagining all the new people who will soon be using our facilities—neighbors who might never otherwise set foot on our campus. I'm looking forward to exercising with them, forging new connections in the community, and partnering with YMCA leadership to discover creative ways to serve and minister to Dyersburg.

There will likely be a few growing pains as we welcome a new “roommate,” but with God's help, this partnership will open doors we could have never imagined. As has been our motto for years: Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds. In Jesus name, let it be so!

Grace and peace to you,

Steve

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

### USHERS

Billy Ozment  
Joe Yates  
Mark Hayes  
Dustin Seratt  
Pierce White

### GREETERS

Lisa Traverse

### LITURGIST

Pierce White

### VIDEO RECORDER

Will Bird



**Monday - Friday**  
8:30am – 12:00pm  
1:00pm – 4:00pm

### Our Mission Statement

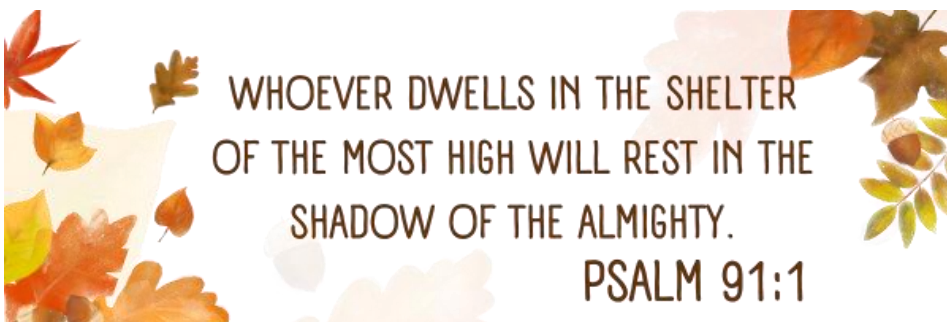
*To Know, Love, Share,  
and Serve Christ*

### 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 (9/21/2025)

### ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	46
In Person Worship	103
Sunday School	55

### 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

## Snap, Crackle, Pop

### Chair Yoga Class



Nancy West, Instructor

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9:30 AM

FUMC Dyersburg - SELLER'S CLASSROOM



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.

## FUEL FOR the Soul



SUNDAY  
EVENINGS  
4:00-  
5:30PM

FUMC Dyersburg  
Youth Group

Come join us! 6th-12 Grade



### 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](mailto:tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com) [kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com](mailto: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.

# Pet Blessing



SEPTEMBER 27TH 9:00AM

Bring your pets for a morning of blessing!  
Coffee & Donuts for All!



## 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!

## KID'S SPECIAL EVENT



## Treasure Gala

October 18th

4:00 - 6:00PM

FUMC DYERSBURG  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Dress up. Have Food.  
Solve a mystery! Will you join us?*

RSVP COMING SOON

*Rhea House*

## NEEDS:



**Beef Stew - Chicken & Dumplings -  
Toothpaste - Deodorant -  
Feminine Sanitary Pads**



# 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.*

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## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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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>.

***Sunday, September 28, 2025***  
**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:  
**Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**  
**Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16**  
**1 Timothy 6:6-19**  
**Luke 16:19-31**

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

**Rev. Steven Lefebvre, Preaching**

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