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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family and Friends,

It's time once again to celebrate the mission and ministry of Dyersburg FUMC and look ahead to all that God has planned for us! Our Annual Church Conference will take place *this Sunday, October 8, at the conclusion of our worship service.*

Rev. Dr. David Weatherly, District Superintendent, will preside over the conference where we will receive reports, vote on conference business, and celebrate all that God has done in the life of our church.

All members of Church Council will receive an electronic copy of the charge conference forms. Anyone who does not currently serve on Church Council but who plans to attend the conference and would like a copy of the charge conference forms should be on the lookout for the text/email from the office allowing you to request those forms. If you have not yet received that communication from the church office, please contact the office at 731-285-6454 and let us know if you would like the forms in a hard copy or an electronic copy.

I am looking forward to this special time together as we celebrate God's work among us, and I hope to see you there!

With Love,
Mary Beth



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

LITURGIST

Jerry Mack Roberson

USHERS

Walt Bradshaw, Jamison Gullett,
Fred Moore, Ellen Moore,
Tim Taylor

GREETERS

David Hayes
TBA

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 (9/24/2023)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	115
In Person Worship	91
Sunday School	48

OFFERING

Monthly Income (August)	\$24,201.63
Monthly Expenses (August)	\$63,275.97
Income Year to Date	\$380,022.47
Expenses Year to Date	\$432,495.63

October Communion for World Communion \$396.00



by Kathy Kail

Make plans now to be at Dyersburg First United Methodist Church on October 29. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., there will be a mini-concert on the organ by my friend, Don Reasons. Don will also play the organ and the piano during our Worship Service.

Don Reasons, a native of Alamo, began his professional career playing piano for a Southern Gospel vocal quartet at the age of 12. By the age of 14, Don had formed his own instrumental trio and had become the accompanist for the Miss Tennessee Pageant. For the next few years, Don performed in concert with such artists as ReGeneration, Doug Oldham, The Speers, and The Imperials. Don has shared the stage with Andy Williams, Lawrence Welk, and Pat Boone among many other celebrities. He has guest conducted the Baltimore Symphony Pops. For a decade Don was the featured pianist at Nordstrom in Dallas, TX.

Don is currently living in Dallas, TX, plays piano at Dakota's Restaurant and serves the New Covenant Presbyterian Church as Pianist, Organist and Director of Music.

Don graduated from Alamo High School in 1971 and studied Church Music at the University of Memphis and Union University.

FALL BREAK CLOSINGS AT CHURCH

Due to Fall Break, the church office will be closed on Friday, October 6. If you need assistance on that day please feel free to call or text Mary Beth on her cell phone.

CHURCH COUNCIL HEADS UP

The Annual Church Conference for Dyersburg First United Methodist Church will be held on October 8 at 11:30, at the conclusion of our Worship Service.

All Church Council members will receive an electronic copy of the Church Conference paperwork.

If you are not a member of Church Council but plan to attend Church Conference and would like a copy of the paperwork, please be on the lookout for a communication from the church office. This communication will allow you to request either an electronic or paper copy of the Church Conference paperwork.

I look forward to seeing all of you in worship and afterwards at Church Conference on October 8!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

October 8
Charge Conference after
morning church service



Hello!

Thank you so much for your prayers while I was in ministry at the Debra K. Johnson Rehabilitation Center. It was truly a life changing weekend, not just for the residents but for the volunteers as well. Much of the focus of the weekend was on forgiveness. We talk so much about forgiveness and the ways that Christ forgives us, but very rarely do we talk about forgiving ourselves. God can only carry what we are willing to let go. There is a story told to the residents about a son who accidentally killed his father's favorite rooster. His father forgave him and they buried the rooster, and yet the son could not let it go. He kept digging it up again and again, because despite being offered forgiveness from his father, the son had not forgiven himself. Are there roosters that you keep digging up?

Blessings,
Katy

KIDMIN KORNER

Let Your Kids See Your Faith - Tim Walker

As a kid, do you remember a moment when you realized that grown-ups were real people? Maybe it was standing around the grill with your dad and his friends, or listening to your mom as she played cards with her sisters. There was a way they interacted with each other that was different than when kids were around. They let their guard down. They laughed with each other. They poked fun at one another. They talked about people and events in their lives. It felt like you saw a whole new side of them, like there was more to them than just "Mom" or "Dad."

They were . . . well, human.

Read More: <https://theparentcue.org/let-your-kids-see-your-faith-2/>

Trunk-or-Treat

10/31 from 5:30 pm—7:30 pm –

Sign-Up link: <https://min.link/Ena>

Upward Sports

Sign-up Link for Volunteers: <https://min.link/DEd>

Sign-up Link for Children: <https://min.link/EGA>

KidMin Events – Upcoming!

10/21 – Kid's Night In – 1:00 pm—3:00 pm @ FLC

10/27 – Coffee Talk – 7:00 am - 9:00 am @ Java

10/31 – Trunk-or-Treat – 5:30 pm—7:30 pm @ FUMC
Dyersburg & Downtown Dyersburg



Once again the Evangelism Team will collect components for the "Take Home" Dinners for the Trunk-or-Treat event. Last year we had 300 dinners to give out but we ran out. If you want to participate, please bring your meals to the Connect Center and place them in the bins.

One plastic bag should contain ONE jar of Spaghetti Sauce, ONE package of Spaghetti noodles, and ONE box of Saltine crackers.

Thanks So Much!

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

The Preschool currently has student openings.

The Preschool is also accepting applications for substitute teachers.

For more information, please call the Preschool Director, Paula Brandt at 731-287-1251.

CPR/FIRST AID AND AED TRAINING

The preschool teachers will receive American Heart Association approved CPR/First Aid and AED Training on Saturday, October 28, at 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This training is open for anyone who would like to be trained or update their training. Training is \$50 per person. If you are interested in training, please call the church office, 731-285-6454 or email kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com and let us know.



FESMIRE PAINTINGS

The family of Jayne Fesmire, whose husband Wayne was District Superintendent for the Dyersburg District in 1987-88, would like to know if anyone in our church or community has any paintings by Jayne Fesmire. If you do, please contact Karen in the church office, 731-285-6454.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have information to be printed in the newsletter? Maybe you have a birth announcement, a wedding announcement, or an upcoming Sunday School social. Please give your information to Karen in the church office. It's easy. Call—285-6454 or email—kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com.

Deadline is Tuesdays at noon each week.

LOST AND FOUND

After last Sunday, we found a brown leather journal book in the sanctuary. If you think it could be yours, please call the church office, 731-285-6454.



Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Love is a powerful force much needed in the world. It creates the stability that keeps the mudslide of anger and violence from breaking loose. Love overcomes a multitude of sins.

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 October

Saltine crackers
Onion powder
Chili
Vienna sausage



**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
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, October 8, 2023
19th Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalms 19 (UMH 750)
Phil. 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

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

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