

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

My friends,

This Sunday marks a major milestone for us — the YMCA officially takes over operation of our Family Life Center. One of the best parts of this story is that we were able to donate our sports equipment to Campbell Elementary and High School. When the delivery arrived, they described it as “Santa Claus coming to town on Christmas morning.” I want to personally thank John Gardner for orchestrating that. God is good! Amen?

This means the Family Life Center closes for the next few weeks while the YMCA makes minor repairs and renovations. They expect to open officially on December 1.

I can’t tell you how excited I am about this partnership, as well as our partnership with Reelfoot Ministries at the Rhea House and our new pilot program for a counseling center in the education wing. A new day is dawning here at First United Methodist Church — one that is deeply communal and meets real needs in Dyer County.

Last Sunday, I preached from *Lamentations* and spoke about the many facets of grief. As we welcome these new partnerships, I imagine some of us may experience mixed or even difficult feelings. I encourage you to talk these things out with one another — and to meet each other with grace and mercy. Yes, we are hopeful and trusting God for what’s ahead, but that doesn’t mean we can’t also miss the way things used to be. It doesn’t mean we can’t feel heaviness in our hearts or weariness in our souls and also feel hopeful and excited about what’s coming.

Let me remind you: grief doesn’t need to be fixed. We don’t have to talk each other out of it or rescue one another from it. Grief simply asks for a listening ear, patience, and love.

Over the next few weeks and months, as we experience the growing pains of sharing our space and learning new rhythms, I pray that we’ll meet one another with our very best intentions. With grace as our guide, God meets us, takes us by the hand, and leads FUMC into a truly beautiful promised land.

Grace and peace to you,
Steve

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

USHERS

Walt Bradshaw
Bill Yates
David Wagner
Steven Parker
Lena Lewis

GREETERS

Virginia Parker
Cindy Taylor

LITURGIST

David Hayes

VIDEO RECORDER

Walt Bradshaw



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 (10/5/2025)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	52
In Person Worship	73
Sunday School	43

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.

PRESCRIPTION FOR

RANEY WEBB'S

90th

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



- ☒ Friends
- ☒ Fellowship
- ☒ Food

SAT

OCTOBER 11, 2025

11AM-1:30PM

"COME AND GO" LUNCH BUFFET

Fabulous cuisine from New Orleans



The Foundry
2320 Amanda Avenue
Dyersburg, TN

Regrets only text:
901-233-3762

Admit One

Youth Spaghetti Supper
Monday, December 1, 2025
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church's
Fellowship Hall
\$8 per plate

Admit One

Proceeds go to UMYF

*Tickets may be purchased from any FUMC Youth or
online at:*

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.



PLEASE PARDON OUR PROGRESS

The Family Life Center building will be **CLOSED** for the YMCA's renovations starting **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12.**

Once the building re-opens, all groups and individuals will schedule/use the building by contacting the YMCA of Memphis.

We expect to re-open in December. We appreciate your patience.
More information coming soon.

SPAGHETTI DINNER IN A BAG



Leave full bags in the Connect Center.
Contact Nancy West for more details!

KID'S SPECIAL EVENT



Treasure Gala

October 18th
4:00 - 6:00PM

**FUMC DYERSBURG
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

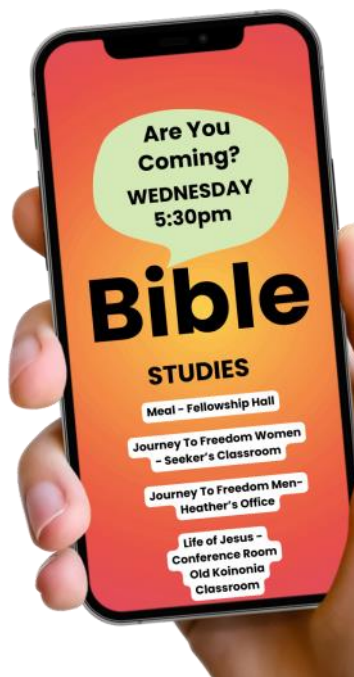
Dress up. Have Food.
Solve a mystery! Will you join us?
RSVP: <https://min.link/VwW>

Rhea House

NEEDS:



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



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**.

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

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.

Sunday, October 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship
4:00 pm Blankets
(2yr-5th Grade)
4:00 pm Fuel for the Soul
(6th-12th Grade)
4:00 pm Choir Practice

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