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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dan Camp currently serves as the District Superintendent of the Tennessee River District. He was appointed to that position July 1, 2020.

Prior to this appointment, Rev. Camp served as the senior pastor of Covington United Methodist Church in Covington, TN. A graduate of Memphis Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity), he began his ministry as a second career pastor at Germantown UMC serving as Associate Pastor. Rev. Camp also served at Alamo First UMC, Center UMC, Milan First UMC and Jackson First UMC.



In addition, he has served on the Conference Board for Ordained Ministry and is a Tennessee Rule 31 listed family mediator. He is married to Lane Gardner Camp and they have two adult children, Whitney and J.D., and two grandchildren.

UTM WESLEY FOUNDATION

Silent Auction

October 21
10:30 am—2:00 pm
312 Lovelace Street
Martin, TN 38237



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

LITURGIST

Will Bird

VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

USHERS

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

GREETER

David Hayes

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.



...Mrs. Elaine McCormick and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Marie Hardy, who passed away October 5, 2023.

RECORD OF LOYALTY (10/08/2023)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	135
In Person Worship	102
Sunday School	52

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 \$100.00



Hello!

I am very excited to be back in full swing. The youth have a lot of exciting things coming up!

This Sunday, we will paint pumpkins and make s'mores with the Blankets and Confirmation classes. All youth also need to come ready to brainstorm how we are going to decorate our trunk for Trunk or Treat.

We are kicking off ticket sales for our annual Spaghetti Supper! It will be held November 27th from 4:30-6:30 pm. We are opening volunteer opportunities up to the entire congregation, so keep an eye out for ways you can help. We will have a work day on November 12th to start prepping. Dinner will be provided for all volunteers.

I can't wait to see you!

Blessings,
Katy Allen

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.



by Kathy Kail

Don't miss church October 29. My friend, Don Reasons, from Dallas, TX will join us as guest organist. The mini-concert will begin at 10:00 am. Don will play throughout the Worship Service which will begin at 10:15 am.

Thank you J. Dan Gullett for the following research on our organ.

Organ History

The sanctuary organ is a 1924 Austin pipe organ, opus 1279. It has three keyboards and a stopkey console along with 24 ranks of pipes which are located behind the chancel, plus chimes which are located at the back of the sanctuary.

According to handwritten pages which begin "History of First Methodist Church, Dyersburg – Far away 1842" there was no organ when the first service was held in the current sanctuary. The writer offers the following: "Finally, we moved in and had the first service in 1923. We had only pews and pulpit – no carpet, no organ, no chancel rail."

The previous church building owned by the Methodists was located at the corner of Church and Market streets in downtown Dyersburg. This brick edifice became inadequate to accommodate the growing membership. On April 21, 1919, the building was sold to the Church of Christ. Since the new owners did not want the organ, it was sold to the Methodist Church at Ridgely. The money was given to the Ladies Aid to be used toward the purchase of a new organ.

However, the 1924 Austin pipe organ was not to come for several years after the completion of the church in 1923. The actual date of installation is not known; however, since the installation of the organ, worship has been greatly enhanced by this musical instrument and by talented and dedicated organists including Miss Gerster Neal, Mrs. Charline Fisher, Mrs. Cindy Shawver, and Mr. Dakota Hill.

The organ is registered in the pipe organ database, which is a project of the Organ Historical Society.

TRUNK OR TREAT

We will need lots of candy to give out for our upcoming Trunk or Treat that's on October 31st. Candy donations can be dropped off in the Connect Center Inside the Troy Avenue entrance.

Thank you for your support.



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.



THANK YOUS

Dear First United Methodist Friends,
Thank you for your generous donation for school supplies. Your support both in funds and prayers is so important to the students and staff at Dyersburg Primary School.

Thank you again,
Linda (DeBerry)

Thank you so much for the donation and all of the prayers. We really appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
Trimble Elementary School

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.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND

In memory of:
Marie Hardy

Given by:
Bernie and Linda DeBerry

Memorials not listed this week will be listed in next week's issue.



Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

It is far more likely we will be able to love our neighbors, if we are in the flow of God's love and in the company of good companions. Good companions will help keep hope alive in our hearts and nurture the desire to do God's will.

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
Cherry Robertson
Nancy Hardin
Greg Corley (Bobbie Williams' son-in-law)
Carolyn Joslin (Bobbie Williams' friend)
Patty Rosemeyer - friend of Ginger Voss
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 11, 2023
20th Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Phil. 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Fellowship
10:15 am Worship
Rev. Dan Camp,
Guest Preacher

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