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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

My friends,

After more than fifty years of faithful gathering, fellowship, and growing in the knowledge and love of Christ, our beloved Sellers Sunday School Class will be concluding its long and fruitful ministry. Its members have served this church with deep generosity, wisdom, and kindness. Many have filled nearly every leadership role in our congregation and have left us a remarkable example of Christian friendship and steadfast faith.

We give thanks for all who have taught and led this class through the decades, and for the countless prayers, lessons, and shared moments that have shaped our church's life together.

On All Saints Sunday, November 2nd at 9:00 a.m., we will gather in the Sellers classroom one final time to formally decommission the space and give thanks for the many years of love that have been nurtured there. All are welcome to attend this brief but meaningful service of remembrance and gratitude.

During the 10:15 a.m. worship service, we will also recognize the remaining members of the class. Family members of past participants are warmly invited to stand with them as we celebrate this rich legacy.

As your pastor, I cannot express how moving it is to witness a ministry that has stood the test of time — and also to see a community faithful enough to give thanks, to grieve, and to let go when that time has come to an end. We serve a God of resurrection, who makes all things new. And so, even as we close this beautiful chapter, I cannot wait to see what God will build in the next fifty years.

Grace and peace to you,
Steve

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

USHERS

Walt Bradshaw
Bill Yates
David Wagner
Steven Parker
Lena Lewis

GREETERS

Virginia Parker
Cindy Taylor

LITURGIST

Lena Lewis

VIDEO RECORDER

Will Bird

CHARGE CONFERENCE

4:00 P.M. 9 NOVEMBER, 2025

SANCTUARY

Then Jesus told them a
parable about their need
to pray always and not
to lose heart.

Luke 18:1

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 (10/12/2025)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	39
In Person Worship	92
Sunday School	32

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$508,665.49
Expenses Year to Date	\$526,442.68
Income (August)	\$46,495.54
Expenses (August)	\$70,851.54



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.

Snap, Crackle, Pop

Chair Yoga Class



Nancy West, Instructor
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30 AM
FUMC Dyersburg - SELLER'S CLASSROOM

UTM
Fine Arts Bldg

Nov 23 3:00pm

SENIOR RECITAL

JOSH WHITE



LOVE OFFERING FOR JOSH

This Sunday will be Josh's final Sunday with us as our accompanist. We are deeply grateful for the creativity, skill, and joy he has shared in worship each week.

If you would like to contribute to a love offering in appreciation of Josh's ministry, please bring your gift this Sunday or mark it "Josh White Love Offering" when giving online. Let's send him off with our heartfelt thanks and blessings for the journey ahead.

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.

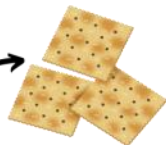
Send to both emails to make sure we get your information correct and into the newsletter. Deadline is Tuesdays at noon each week.



SPAGHETTI DINNER IN A BAG



package of spaghetti noodles



box of saltine crackers



pasta sauce
no glass jars

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

75 Dinners have been donated so far.

All Saint's Day

We'll gather to honor all the saints who
have gone before us.

November 2, 2023

10:15 am

100 McGaughey St.
Dyersburg, TN

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.

Rhea House

NEEDS:



Beef Stew - Chicken & Dumplings -

Toothpaste - Deodorant -

Feminine Sanitary Pads

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements through the end of September are going out soon, mostly by email. If you do not have an email on file, your statement will automatically be sent in the mail. If you do not receive yours, please let Karen know. She will be glad to print one for you.



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

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 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalm 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

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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