

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

My friends,

Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign is coming soon! For the three Sundays of November—between All Saints and Advent—we'll begin an ongoing conversation about what it means to be a Methodist.

In his essay "*The Character of a Methodist*," John Wesley writes that the mark of a Methodist "is one who has the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Spirit given unto him." At our core, Methodists are people who love God and love neighbor. That means stewardship is about far more than money—it's about how we give our whole selves to God.

When we join the church, we promise to serve God through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Each of these vows is an act of love, a way of participating in God's transforming work in our church and community.

As we begin prayerfully considering our commitments for 2026, I invite you to reflect on how you will offer your whole life to grow in your love of God and neighbor. In the coming weeks, you'll receive a letter and pledge card. These will invite you not only to make your financial commitment but also to renew your commitment to pray, to show up, to serve, and to share your faith.

From November 9 through November 23, we'll explore these commitments more deeply through scripture and Wesley's words, listening together for the Spirit's call to greater oneness in love in the year ahead.

Grace and peace to you,
Steve

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

USHERS

Walt Bradshaw
Bill Yates
David Wagner
Steven Parker
Lena Lewis

GREETERS

Virginia Parker
Cindy Taylor

LITURGIST

Beth Feith

VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

SHARE YOUR BAKING SKILLS!

We would love for our church family to provide homemade cookies, brownies, etc for the Halloween Tailgate. We would love for them to be bagged and brought to the church next Friday. If you have any questions please contact Kelli Hayes for more information.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

4:00 P.M. 9 NOVEMBER, 2025

SANCTUARY

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 (10/19/2025)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	63
In Person Worship	116
Sunday School	52

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

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

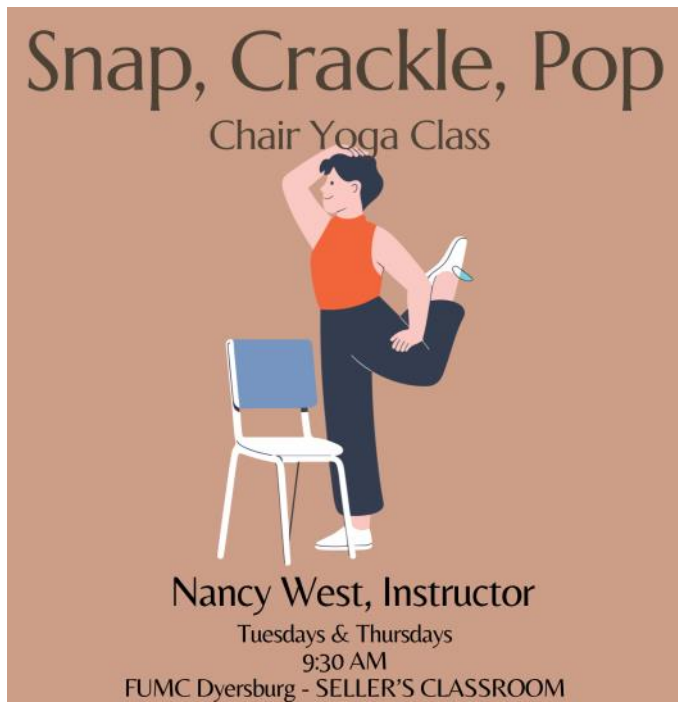
GENERAL FUND

In memory of:
Red & Elizabeth Bond

Given by
Mrs. Beth Hamer

In honor of:
David & Nancy West

Given by
Mrs. Beth Hamer



The November/December 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.



Decommissioning Service for Sellers' Class

Celebrating **Years of
Joyful Learning
Together**



Join us
Nov 2nd at 9:00am

October 26th

This Sunday, the Koinonia Class will meet in the hall just inside the Troy Street doors during Sunday School. They will work together to put the "Dinners in a Bag" together for the Halloween Tailgate. There will be a light job for everyone. Bring your coffee and cookies and come join the fun!

SPAGHETTI DINNER IN A BAG



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

Please bring your "Dinners in a Bag" to The Connect Center this week. Our goal is 300 bags. We are NOT there yet. :) Bags consist of one box of spaghetti noodles, one can/jar of Spaghetti sauce, and one box of saltines. Once you have these three items in your plastic bag, tie the bag shut. The bags will go into the back of a pick up truck and will be distributed by Jennifer and Johnny Higgins at the Halloween Tailgate Event.

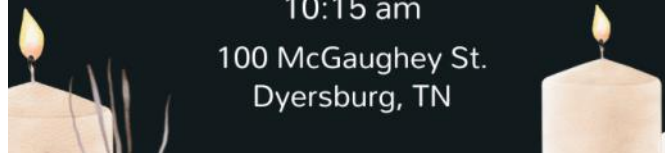
All Saint's Day

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

November 2, 2023

10:15 am

100 McGaughey St.
Dyersburg, TN



Youth
SPAGHETTI
Supper

TICKETS ONLINE
<https://min.link/WUw>

Text "supper" to
731-207-8878
to get your tickets!

Rhea House

NEEDS:



**Canned Fruit
Chicken Noodle Soup
Single Toothbrushes
Toothpaste**

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.

THANK YOU FROM New Life Union Mission

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,052. Most school children receive two meals a day while school is in session. However, some children will not have adequate food available to them over the weekend. Your gift to the Weekend Food for Kids program will help meet this need. We value your thoughtfulness and support of the Missions ministries. We are excited about this opportunity to work together providing food for children who might otherwise do without. Thank you again for your generous support.

Sincerely,
Neal Chatham

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 26, 2025

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

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

Rev. Dr. Phillip Cook, Preaching

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