



# THE WORD

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## PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg First United Methodist Church Friends and Family,

Though you will be receiving many messages through many media in the next several weeks regarding all of our upcoming events, I am also going to use this space to highlight them one more time!

**Wednesday, October 25, at 5:30 pm** we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal sponsored by our Formation Team! We hope to see *everyone* there. Just bring yourself and your desire to connect with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

**Sunday, October 29, at 9:00 am** we will gather again in Fellowship Hall, this time for a potluck breakfast! Please bring your favorite breakfast foods to share, and Koinonia will make sure that we have coffee and juice! After breakfast, feel free to head up to the Sanctuary a little early for a mini-concert by Mr. Don Reasons, our guest musician for the day!

**Tuesday, October 31, at 5:00 pm (or earlier!)** we will gather in the Troy Street parking lot for our annual Trunk or Treat! Once again we will serve hot dogs and hot chocolate, and will make Dinner in a Bag available for anyone who wants one! We will have inflatables as well. If you have attended this event in the past few years you know that it is HUGE! We are planning for 700+ folks to come through our parking lot! What a wonderful way to show love and grace and hospitality to our community!

**Sunday, November 5, during worship** we will praise God for the lives of the saints who are now members of the Church Triumphant. You are invited once again to bring photographs of your own loved ones to worship and place them on the ledges of the stained glass windows so that we will be surrounded in our worship by a great cloud of witnesses!

Mark your calendars for the Youth Spaghetti Supper on **November 27!** If you haven't yet purchased your spaghetti supper ticket, please see one of our youth, or visit this link: <https://min.link/FEg>

Grateful to serve God's kingdom with you!

Mary Beth

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

### LITURGIST

Thomas Lemons

### VIDEO RECORDER

Dustin Seratt

### 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.



### URGENTLY IN NEED

As of Monday, we currently have **51 bags** to give out for the "Take Home" Dinners we plan to give out at our upcoming Trunk or Treat that is **NEXT WEEK (Tuesday)**. We need more! Last year we had 300 dinners to give out but we ran out. 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!

## RECORD OF LOYALTY (10/22/2023)

### ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	144
In Person Worship	107
Sunday School	59

### OFFERING

Monthly Income (September)	\$28,964.33
Monthly Expenses (September)	\$44,347.99
Income Year to Date	\$398,943.00
Expenses Year to Date	\$476,843.62

## **FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

Gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Sunday, **October 29** at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy breakfast together! Bring your favorite breakfast dish. Coffee, milk, and juice will be provided!



Hello!

We have officially kicked off Spaghetti Supper Ticket Sales! If you are interested in coming, find any Youth or me to purchase a ticket.

You can also purchase a ticket online at <https://min.link/FEg>. You can also pull up the form by texting 'supper' to 731-207-8878.

We are also very excited to have a trunk at this year's Trunk or Treat! We will give out hot chocolate and candy!

Blessings,  
Katy

## **MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS**

### **PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

#### In memory of:

Marie Hardy  
Janice Moore

#### Given by:

Randy and Sandy Prince  
Randy and Sandy Prince

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



by Kathy Kail

I'm very sad to inform you all that Sunday will be my last Sunday at Dyersburg FUMC. I have LOVED helping Dyersburg First United Methodist this past year. I feel I need to help my Alamo FUMC family to recover after the "vote" in which we lost our church building. We need your prayers!

Don't forget this Sunday is the organ concert at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Don Reasons, organist, will play throughout the worship service.

Thanks to all of you who've welcomed me to Dyersburg FUMC in the past year. I will certainly miss you all. I've learned so much regarding how a church "should" be run. This church has outstanding leadership. Mary Beth is the best minister I've ever worked with, and I so look forward to her sermons.

Love to you all!  
Kathy Kail

## **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Year-to-date contribution statements 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 or Melinda know. We will be glad to print one for you.

## **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.



## **THANKSGIVING**

On Sunday, **November 26**, we will celebrate Thanksgiving together in our worship service. One of the opportunities that will be available to you that morning is to share that which you are grateful for as part of our morning prayer. We will provide you with a piece of paper when you enter the sanctuary and we encourage you to write down what you are thankful for. If you prefer that your answer(s) not be read aloud and included in the prayer, you may simply leave them on the rail and we will confidentially dispose of them after the service. We hope that you will enjoy the opportunity both to share your gratitude and the gratitude of your brothers and sisters in Christ!

# KIDMIN KORNER

## Upcoming KidMin Events

### Kid's Night In

Theme: Mystery Dinner

Where: FLC Craft Room

Ages: 2-6th Grade

10/21: 1-3 pm



### Coffee Talk

Where: NEW Java

Who: All Parents & Guardians

What: Life Updates, Concerns, Prayer Requests, etc.

(Come & Go)

10/27: 7-9am

### KidMin Lock-In

Where: FLC

Who: 1st - 6th Grade

(Bring Your Friends)

Cost: \$0

11/4-5: 1pm-9am



### Upward League

Who: K5 - 5th Grade

Cost: \$75

Sports: Basketball & Cheer

Evals: Week Before

Thanksgiving Break!



Lock In Regi: <https://min.link/DN6>  
Upward Regi: <https://min.link/EGA>

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

During our worship on Sunday, **November 5**, we will celebrate the completed lives of the saints of Dyersburg First United Methodist Church. We will read the names of those who have joined the Church Triumphant during the past year and invite their family and friends to stand as their names are read. If there is a saint (or saints) in your life whom you would like to honor during the worship service, you are invited to bring a photo of those persons and place them on the ledges in front of the stained glass windows, and we will offer thanksgiving to God that we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses.

## 4 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Trunk-or-Treat

When: 10/31

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Where: Upper Lot

What: Trunks, Food, Inflatables,, etc.

Who: Everybody

### Dinner In A Bag

For T-o-T

What: 1 Spaghetti

Sauce, 1 Box of

Noodles, & 1 Box of

Saltines

Where: Connect

Center

### T-o-T Candy

Where: Connect Center

What: ALL CANDY

Who: Everybody

### Upward League

When: Now - Feb 2024

Who: Everybody

Sign-Up:

<https://min.link/DED>





## Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Jesus comes to human interactions with an open heart and an open mind because He knows people fully. He is not limited by cultural bias. He is not constricted by prejudice. Nothing closes Him off to other people. This is why He can interact with them in deep love and honesty.

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.



### 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**.*

Brady Heidenreich - TriStar Centennial Medical Center, Nashville, TN

David Wagner—2308 Knowles Ave., Nashville, TN 37204

Veronica Merrell

Cherry Robertson

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 29, 2023**  
**22nd Sunday After Pentecost**

**Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

**Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17**

**I Thessalonians 2:1-8**

**Matthew 22:34-46**

**9:00 am Sunday School**

**9:45 am Fellowship**

**10:15 am Worship**

**Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel,**  
**preaching**

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