

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

Last Sunday was perhaps my favorite Sunday in my short time here at Dyersburg First UMC. About 60 people gathered for our Sellers' Class decommissioning service. It was a beautiful mixture of emotions—heavy and joyful and everything in between. I was deeply moved by the way this church rallied around our most historic Sunday School class. I'm also grateful for the former clergy who attended in person or sent video messages to show their support. Moments like these remind me how truly special this church is to our United Methodist connection.

This Sunday we begin our Stewardship Campaign, *The Character of a Methodist*. Over the next three weeks, we'll explore John Wesley's teachings as we reflect on what it means to live as a Methodist today. As United Methodists, we vow to be faithful to God with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. This season is our opportunity to prayerfully recommit ourselves to those vows as we look toward 2026.

You should have received a letter in the mail with your pledge card. As you pray over your pledge with your family, I encourage you to talk together about your shared commitment—not only in giving, but in serving, showing up, and bearing witness to Christ's love.

With new ministries like our Reelfoot Rural Ministries partnership at the Rhea House, our counseling center, and our collaboration with the YMCA, there is so much opportunity to serve and share God's love with our neighbors in the year ahead. My prayer is that through our renewed commitments, FUMC will step into this new chapter as a beacon of hope and healing for Dyer County.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

USHERS

Thomas Lemons
Bill Yates
Tim Taylor
Lowell Beck
Dustin Seratt

GREETERS

Maralyn Beck
Lena Lewis

LITURGIST

Walt Bradshaw

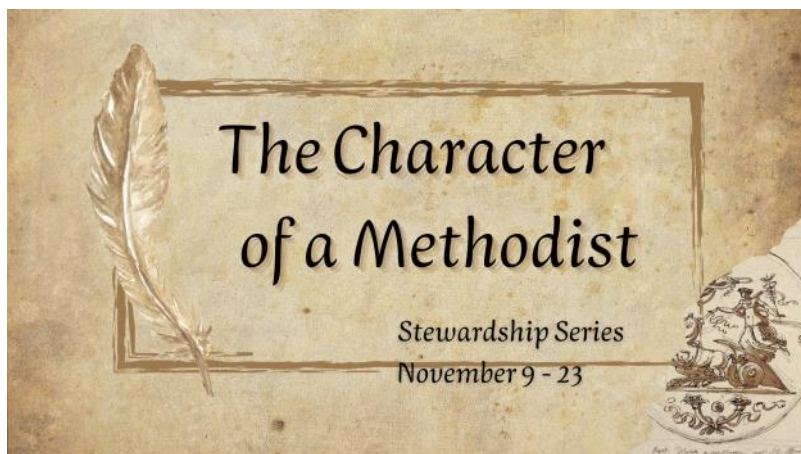
VIDEO RECORDER

David Wagner

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 (11/5/2025)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	72
In Person Worship	138
Sunday School	68

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$596,102.00
Expenses Year to Date	\$666,401.06
Income (September)	\$87,436.51
Expenses (September)	\$139,958.38



WELCOME NEW BABY

We'd like to welcome Nathaniel Summer Yates into this world. Nathaniel was born on October 31st to Abby and Bill Yates. He is the grandson of Patty and Joe Yates.



...the friends and family of Gwen Leonard who passed away October 30.

Snap, Crackle, Pop
Chair Yoga Class



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY YVONNE YARBRO

On Wednesday, November 5th, Mrs. Yvonne celebrated her 96th Birthday. Join us in wishing her the happiest of birthdays. Here is her current address if you'd like to send her a card or well wishes.

Mrs. Yvonne Yarbrow
Oakwood Manor, Room 4
1636 Woodlawn Ave.
Dyersburg, TN 38024



Progressive Dinner
SIGN UP
To Host!

Sign Up to Be A Host Home:
<https://min.link/Wh7>

We'll bring the kids to you. You feed the kids. We all will have a great time and make loads of memories!



Canned Fruit
Chicken Noodle Soup
Single Toothbrushes
Toothpaste

Youth
SPAGHETTI
Supper

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

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



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

This quarter's contribution statements were sent out recently. If you did not get yours or need to update something, please call or email, Karen in the church office. 731-285-6454,
kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com.



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.

KID MIN

Progressive Dinner

NOV 30

5:30pm

Start/End: Troy Lot

RSVP to Tori
tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com
 731-285-6454

All kids are welcome to join us as we travel in the Church Bus for our traveling dinner.

Reelfoot Rural Ministries

2025 CHRISTMAS
Toy Drive

Drop toy donations
 in the Toy Boxes
 in Narthex and
 Connect Center

Deadline
NOV 30




Holidays

AT DYERSBURG FUMC

Hanging of the Greens	11/30 10:15AM
Christmas Breakfast	12/7 9:00AM
Plum Pudding	12/14 5:30PM
Advent Family Worship	12/10 5:30PM
Christmas Special	12/21 9:00AM
Lessons and Carols	12/21 10:15AM
Blue Christmas	12/21 5:30PM
Christmas Eve	12/24 5:30PM
	12/24 11:00PM

Sunday, November 9, 2025
**The Character of a Methodist: First
Stewardship Sunday**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship
4:00 pm Charge Conference

Rev. Steve Lefebvre, Preaching

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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.*

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>.