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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Family and Friends!

It's hard to believe that the Season of Advent is just around the corner and yet, here we are!

Here are a few dates that we would love for you to go ahead and put on your calendar, and you can count on more details as these events draw closer!

December 3—First Sunday of Advent with Celebration of Holy Communion

December 10—Plum Pudding. Per our tradition, we will gather in the Sanctuary at 5:00 pm for a time of festive worship, followed by our Plum Pudding celebration and a special visitor in the Fellowship Hall! You won't want to miss this night!

December 17—Christmas Breakfast. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am for breakfast before our Third Sunday of Advent worship!

December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent AND Christmas Eve. We will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent in worship at 10:15 am. We will gather again in the evening to celebrate Christmas Eve. Our Family Christmas Eve service will take place at 5:30pm and our Candlelight Service will take place at 11:00 pm. Both services will include Holy Communion.

Please remember that *this Sunday, November 12*, we will celebrate our 2024 financial commitments to the church, and we will welcome Josh White to worship. Josh is our new piano accompanist. He is a sophomore Music Education major at University of Tennessee Martin. His primary instrument is the saxophone, but he brings years of piano experience as well. Please welcome Josh to our church family when you see him next week!

Grateful to be in service to God with all of you,

Mary Beth

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

LITURGIST

Will Bird

VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

USHERS

Billy Ozment, Mark Hayes, Tim Taylor, Dustin Seratt, Lowell Beck

GREETERS

Cindy Taylor
Jake Browning

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*



ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Would you like to order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one? Poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary starting Sunday, December 17. This year, poinsettias will be sold by the church and proceeds will go to the Organ Fund.

Poinsettias are \$30. You can place your order by using an order form, scanning the QR code to the right, or text 'flower' to 731-207-8878. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, December 10.



RECORD OF LOYALTY (11/05/2023)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	177
In Person Worship	115
Sunday School	68

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
November Communion (Reelfoot Rural Ministries)	\$1,046.00

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Year-to-date contribution statements have gone out, mostly by email. If you do not receive yours, please let Karen or Melinda know. We will be glad to print one for you.



Scan QR
code to order
spaghetti
tickets
online.

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!

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS

The Dyersburg FUMC SPRC is soliciting resumes for the position of Director of Music and Worship Arts. If you or anyone you know has the gifts and interest for this part-time position, please see the job description linked at <https://fumcdyersburg.com/employment>. Letters of interest and resumes may be submitted to marybeth@fumcdyersburg.com.



Spaghetti Supper is rapidly approaching! Youth will be selling tickets until November 12th, so make sure to ask one of them if you and your family need tickets! We will have tickets available at the door for \$8. We also need volunteers to help us make desserts and spaghetti sauce. If you are interested in volunteering, email Katy at youth@fumcdyersburg.com.

This **Sunday, November 12**, we will have a work day for spaghetti sauce. All volunteers are appreciated and the youth will provide a chili dinner as a special thank you to our volunteers. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Family Life Center Walking Track is available Monday - Friday, 8:30 am—12 pm and 1 - 4 pm. To gain access to the building call the church office at 285-6454, when you get to the FLC.

PICKLEBALL

We have a Pickleball group that plays every Saturday at the Family Life Center from 10-12. It's open to anyone who would like to play. They'll even teach you!



KIDMIN KORNER

Hello Families!

We've got the dates for our Spring KidMin Retreat. It will be **May 3 - 5, 2024** at **NaCoMe Camp & Retreat Center in Pleasantville, TN**. I do, however, need to get a rough head count of who might be interested in going. We're taking our 1st through 6th Graders and their friends. We have **20 SPOTS**, at the moment. **Please let me know if you're interested in coming.** If you can get a possible yes/no from your kids' friends we'd also like to include them in the headcount. We can always increase the number of spots, but we can't decrease them. There will be a registration fee but we haven't settled on it yet, but it won't be super high (because we're planning to do a fundraiser to help with the cost of the retreat).

The Upward Sports League 2024 will have evaluations **NEXT WEEK**. If your child or their friends are playing, please keep an eye out for an email regarding how to sign up for evaluations and what all they entail. We're still looking for volunteers to serve at the concession stand, lead devotionals, referee games, and coach cheer and/or basketball teams. If you're interested you can sign up here (<https://min.link/DEd>) or you can let me know and I'll get you down on the schedule.

Peace&Grace
Tori



REELFOOT TOY STORE

It is time for our annual Toy Drive for Reelfoot Rural Ministries. Collection boxes are in the Connect Center to receive your donations. Please bring toys as soon as possible as the Reelfoot Toy Store opens December 4, therefore deadline to drop off at church is **November 26**.

TENNESSEE HOMELESS SOLUTIONS HAS A REQUEST

TN Homeless Solutions is starting a Youth Program. They have bought homes and are now in need of furnishings. If you or someone you know would like to donate furnishings, please contact Scarlet Caviness with Tennessee Homeless Solutions, 731-234-7508.

KOINONIA CLASS HAS GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Stacy Rector will join us during the Sunday School hour on **November 12**, in the chapel as a guest of the Koinonia Sunday School class. ALL are invited to join us, however, as she shares about her work as Executive Director of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (TADP). Her presentation will offer an analysis of the death penalty, information about alternatives for addressing violent crime, and ways to provide support for families of murder victims. Rev. Rector has much wisdom and experience to share with us, so we hope you'll join us and bring your friends.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of:

Marie Hardy
Janice Moore

Given by:

Hubert and Delores Jones
Hubert and Delores Jones

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

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

- When a member of your family is admitted to the hospital.
- When there is a death in your family.
- When your class or group plans to use the church facilities for a meeting or a function.
- When either your home or business phone number or address changes.
- When a new baby arrives in your family.
- When a member of your family leaves for college or establishes their own residence.
- When you change your name.
- When a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- When you feel the pastor, staff, or church can assist you in any way.

HOW DO I GET THE E-NEWSLETTER?

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you weekly, sign up at fumcdyersburg.com/media/newsletters located at the bottom of the page under "Subscribe to our weekly newsletter."



Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Jesus does not suggest we love our neighbors. He commands it. Jesus knows that every person in the world is a child of God.

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 November

Corn
Green Beans
Sweet Peas
Powdered Milk



HOSPITAL AND RECENTLY ILL

*In order to keep our teams informed about persons you've requested prayer for, please send updates every **three weeks**.*

Patty Johnson
Brady Heidenreich
David Wagner
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
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, November 12, 2023
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Fellowship
10:15 am Worship
Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel,
preaching

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