

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Emily Sanford

Church family,

The faithful witness of multiple generations of Christ followers have made this church the special place it is: a place where people come to know, love, share and serve Christ through discipleship, a place to grow spiritually, and a place to bear fruit for the Kingdom right here in Dyersburg. All of this continues today through your support and commitment.

I'm thankful for what God is doing in, and through, our congregation, and I'm eager to see what God will do in the year ahead as we prepare a new budget and look to 2027 in the life of our church ministries. The vows we take when we join this fellowship of Christians are to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. The range of ways we are actively involved and participating in the life of our congregation is how these vows are lived out with faithfulness. Christian generosity is not just about giving money or tithing. It is about using all that we are and all that we have for God's glory and to serve others. God has entrusted us with our time, talents, finances, relationships, and even the earth itself. As we use what we have been given, God is honored and we witness to the world about who we are and WHOSE we are.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 4:2 that faithfulness is the most important quality in a steward. It's not about how much we have, but how we use what we've been given. Whether you've been blessed with great wealth or you're managing limited resources, God is looking for your faithfulness—not your status or success by worldly standards.

Jesus also taught about stewardship in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30) which we will focus on this coming Sunday. In the parable, the master entrusted different amounts to his servants. The ones who invested and managed their portions wisely were praised and given more responsibility. The one who hid his talent out of fear lost even what little he had. This reminds us that stewardship involves both trust and action. God expects us to use what is given to us—not hoard it, waste it, or ignore it.

Kingdom stewardship begins with recognizing that everything we have belongs to God. Psalm 24:1 (NLT) says, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." We are caretakers, not owners. When we shift our mindset from ownership to stewardship, our priorities change. We begin to ask not, "What do I want to do with my money or time?" but, "What would God have me do with His resources?" Let's be intentional this week about how we manage what God has given us.

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NOVEMBER 15, 2026

USHERS
Charles Brown
Tim Taylor
Billy Ozment
Dustin Seratt
Sam Petty

GREETERS
Maralyn Beck
Lisa Traverse

LITURGIST
Pierce White

VIDEO RECORDER
Walt Bradshaw

OFFICE HOURS

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

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

ATTENDANCE (11/08/26)

Online Worship	65
In Person Worship	84
Sunday School	51

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	$369,415.76
Expenses Year to Date	$494,356.74
Income (September)	$34,332.64
Expenses (September)	$27,290.76
Communion (Reelfoot)	$150.00

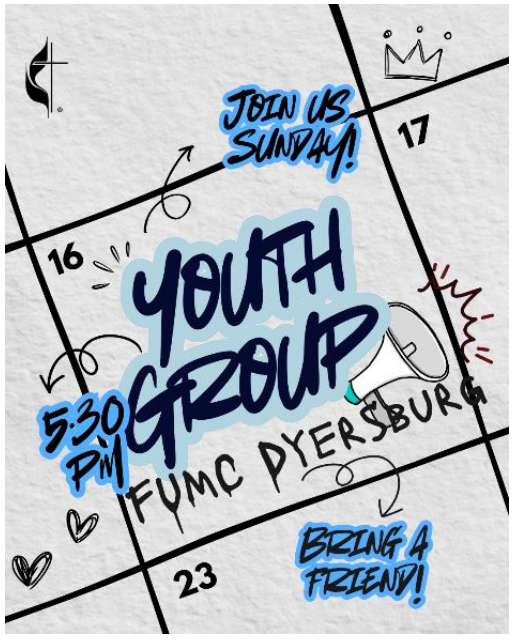
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As individuals and as a congregation:

- Are we investing our time in ways that bear eternal fruit?
- Are we using our talents to serve others and build God's kingdom?
- Are we handling our finances with wisdom and generosity?
- Where might God be inviting us to put our energy and gifts into action this week?

May we be found to be faithful stewards who understand the weight of responsibility and the joy of honoring God with everything we have.

Grace and peace,
Emily



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

RESPITE FUND

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Will Hopper	Mrs. Dudley Davis
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CHRISTMAS AT FUMC

6	DEC **Breakfast** 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall
13	DEC **Plum Pudding** Singing starts at 5:00pm Plum Pudding to follow
20	DEC **Christmas Special SS** 9:15am – Sanctuary **Blue Christmas Service** 5:00 pm – Sanctuary
24	DEC **Christmas Eve Services** 5:00 pm – Family Service 11:00 pm – Candelight Service

Rhea House

NEEDS:



LARGE CANNED CHICKEN

SMALL BAGS - DRIED BEANS

15OZ TOMATO SAUCE CANS

SHAMPOO

Nov 18th
5:00pm

Church providing the Meat

THANKSGIVING DINNER FEAST

gathering together with good food





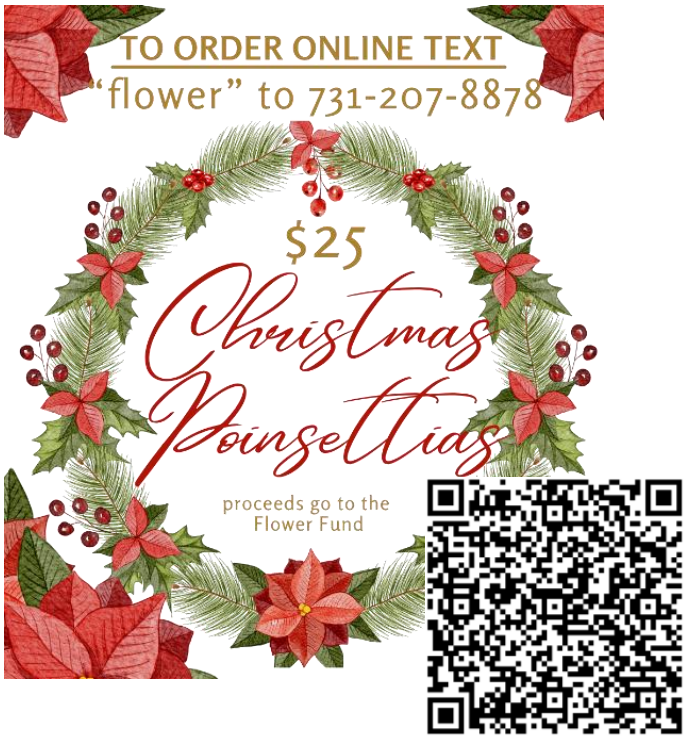
PROGRESSIVE DINNER

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RSVP at:
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CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please be on the lookout in your email, or in your physical mailbox for your Quarterly Contribution Statement. They've been sent out. If you have any other questions regarding your Quarterly Statement, please call the Church Office (731-285-6454) or email Karen (kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com).



Sunday, November 15, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday Schedule
9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am Youth Sauce Prep
4:00 pm Blankets

Rev. Emily Sanford,
Preaching

Prayer Requests

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

Charles Barnes (Melissa Barnes' father)
Jacqueline Stafford
Samantha Garcia
Linda DeBerry
Rebecca Sanders (Vicki Dunagan's mother)
David and Sara Hayes
Bill Troy
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.



My Commitment to Serve 2027

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Go to the Link below to fill out the form online or find a paper one on Sunday!

https://min.link/gSg