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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg First United Methodist Church Friends and Family,

It is almost Advent, and during this season we're going to be focusing on *The Gift of Being Present*. We'll remember, even in the trappings of Christmas gifts, decorations, gatherings, and parties, the best gift we can give each other is the gift of simply being present, just as God's greatest gift to the world was the presence of Jesus. In churchy terms we call this the *incarnation*. Incarnation is a Latin word that means "to make flesh." Jesus was God in flesh for us, and there are so many ways that we can point to God's goodness, mercy, and salvation despite the fact that we are made of flesh. By becoming human, Jesus made being human holy, and gave us hope despite our sins, shortcomings, and failings. Lest we lament our limitations as humans, this Advent will be an opportunity to share the gift of presence that we are called to give each other.

Although our worship space will be filled with "presents," we hope that they will be a reminder of the *real* gift of the season—the "presence" that we give each other and the "presence" of Jesus among us. My prayer is that we will celebrate this season with joy and laughter and *presence*!

Looking for the coming of Christ with you!

Mary Beth



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

LITURGIST

Lena Lewis

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

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.

RECORD OF LOYALTY (11/19/2023)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	241
In Person Worship	102
Sunday School	51

OFFERING

Monthly Income (October)	\$27,434.00
Monthly Expenses (October)	\$70,366.60
Income Year to Date	\$436,420.80
Expenses Year to Date	\$547,210.22
November Communion (Reelfoot Rural Ministries)	\$150.00

BAKERS NEEDED!

The 49th annual Plum Pudding will be on Sunday December 10th following Lessons and Carols at 5pm. We need bakers to help provide the



plum pudding cakes. The cake needs to be baked in a bundt pan and brought on an aluminum foil wrapped piece of cardboard to make it easy for our gentlemen to carry them. To make sure we have plenty of cakes please contact Kelli Hayes at (731) 676-9023 if you are willing to provide one for this fun evening.

Plum Bundt Cake

2 cups self rising flour 1 tsp cinnamon
2 cups sugar 1 tsp nutmeg
1 cup oil 1 tsp vanilla
3 eggs
2 jars plum baby food (may substitute plum pie filling or prune baby food)
Combine all ingredients and mix well. Pour into a well greased and floured bundt pan.
Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees.



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.



Happy Thanksgiving! Spaghetti Supper is in less than a week. We hope that you will join us for a delicious dinner before you watch the Christmas

Parade! We are also still looking for volunteers to make desserts, so if you are interested please contact me at youth@fumcdyersburg.com. Offering homemade desserts is a very special part of Spaghetti Supper, and I appreciate it so much!

Blessings,
Katy



Scan QR code to order spaghetti tickets online.

KIDMIN KORNER

Hello Church Family!

We've got the date for our Spring KidMin Retreat. It will be **May 3rd-5th, 2024** at **NaCoMe Camp & Retreat Center in Pleasantville, TN**. We have **20 SPOTS**, at the moment. **Spots will go quickly.** (We can always increase out number of spots, but we can't decrease them.) Register Here: <https://min.link/Frg>

We'll be staying in a cabin together, eating meals with other groups, doing large group games, worship as a group, and many more fun and exciting things! Be on the lookout for an information packet to be coming out soon. See Mrs. Tori if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

The Upward Sports League 2024 will be getting underway SOON. 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.

Parents, just a quick reminder that we will have another Coffee Talk on December 1st at Green Frog Coffee, between 7-9am We'll be talking about kids in worship, any life updates you want to talk about, and general fellowship over a cup of coffee. Hope you'll drop by for a bit.

Peace & Grace
Tori

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, text 'flower' to 731-207-8878, or from our website (<https://fumcdyersburg.com/events>). The deadline to place an order is Sunday, December 10.



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.**

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!

HOLIDAY MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Our local Salvation Army is once again requesting your help with \$15 Walmart gift cards for Christmas. These are a much appreciated addition to the Christmas baskets and gifts they put together for the families and children they serve. The cards can be ordered online if you are not a fan of going to Walmart!

They are needed by December 4th. You may bring them to the church print room or directly to the Salvation Army. If you are unable to do this, call the church and we will pick them up from you.

Thank you!

The volunteers from your local Salvation Army

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

The old ways do not go away on their own. We must be taught how to love. We must choose love as a way of life. The Apostle Paul writes, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

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**.*

Jerry Weaver
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 26, 2023
**Christ the King Sunday/
Thanksgiving Sunday**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

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

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