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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Steve Lefebvre

Dear Church,

Starting with Halloween and All Saints Day and carrying us all the way through the twelve days of Christmas, this truly is the most wonderful time of the year—and Thanksgiving is no exception.

1 Thessalonians 5:15–18 tells us, “*See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*” A significant part of our identity as Christians is our gratitude. Nothing can snap me out of a bad mood or soften the hardness in my heart quite like taking a simple gratitude inventory.

Church, I can’t tell you how grateful I am for you. You have not only made my family and me feel welcome—you may very well be the most loving group of Methodists I have ever known. I know that so much has changed around here, but take heart in knowing that there is still *so much* here on the corner of McGahey and Troy to be grateful for.

I, for one, am grateful and excited about beginning 2026 with our ministry partners—the YMCA and Reelfoot Rural Ministries. I am grateful for our strong lay leadership and for all the ways you care for this community and for one another. I am grateful for our church staff, for their gifts and talents and their commitment to serving here. And I am grateful for Dyersburg, for being such a wonderful place to raise my children.

Yes, there is always more work to be done and we don’t know what tomorrow brings. But this week, as we gather around our tables, may we pause and give thanks for the many ways God has blessed FUMC in 2025.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Pastor Steve

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

USHERS

Thomas Lemons
Bill Yates
Tim Taylor
Lowell Beck
Dustin Seratt

GREETERS

Maralyn Beck
Lena Lewis

LITURGIST

Will Bird

VIDEO RECORDER

John Fei8th

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Kevin and Sam Petty
Jared and Jessi Agee



Offices Closed 11/27 & 11/28

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 (11/23/2025)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	47
In Person Worship	128
Sunday School	65

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



12/10/25
5:30 Meal
6:00 Interactive Service

*Family
Advent
Worship*



RHEA HOUSE

Thanksgiving HOLIDAY DRIVE

SHOW THANKFULNESS BY
FEEDING THOSE IN NEED

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, THE RHEA HOUSE IS SHARING EXTRA THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS! WE ARE GIVING AWAY, IN ADDITION TO OUR NORMAL FOOD, THANKSGIVING ITEMS WHICH INCLUDE A HALF HAM. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE HALF HAMS EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL CHRISTMAS. DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE PANTRY FUND.

Hanging of the Greens

THIS Sunday

10:15am

A service to bring in the Season of Advent with joy.

Snap, Crackle, Pop

Chair Yoga Class



Nancy West, Instructor

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30 AM

FUMC Dyersburg - SELLERS' CLASSROOM

Youth
SPAGHETTI
Supper

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

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




Cream of chicken soup
Cream of mushroom soup
Spaghetti noodles
Small bottles of dawn

Reelfoot Rural Ministries

2025 CHRISTMAS
Toy Drive

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

Deadline
NOV 30




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.



Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

The End of the Beginning: Stay Awake
to the God Who is Already Coming

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

9:15 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship Time

10:15 am Worship

4:00 pm Parish Choir Practice

4:00 pm Youth Spaghetti Setup

**5:30 pm KidMin Progressive
Dinner**

Rev. Steve Lefebvre, Preaching

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LOST & FOUND

If you've lost a bracelet it was found on Sunday. Please reach out to the Church Office to describe it.

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>.

TO ORDER ONLINE TEXT

"flower" to 731-207-8878

\$25

*Christmas
Poinsettias*

proceeds go to the Pastor's
Discretionary Fund

