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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

The communion offering for December will be for Hannah's Hope. Please read this information shared from their website:

Hannah's Hope is a 501c3 non-profit agency providing crisis pregnancy counseling / social services free of charge to pregnant women all over West TN. We are a licensed child-placing agency in the state of Tennessee and provide professional adoption services to our clients making adoption plans and families seeking to adopt. We are a Covenant Entity of the United Methodist Church.

Vision: We are a growing, loving ministry dedicated to the healing of all God's children (pregnant women, families seeking to adopt and children who need to be adopted) through adoption and pregnancy counseling.

MISSION STATEMENT: To love all by:

- Helping pregnant women in crisis explore healthy options.
- Providing the option of adoption with a loving family prepared to parent for a lifetime.
- Supporting children, pregnant women, and families regardless of color, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression/identity, or different abilities.
- Providing adoption support and pregnancy counseling to all through a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

LITURGIST

Nancy West

VIDEO RECORDER

Dustin Seratt

USHERS

Patrick Lemons, Eddie Dunagan,
Charles Brown,
Fred and Ellen Moore

GREETERS

Carolyn Helton
David Hayes

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Patick, Brandi, Elizabeth and
Thomas Lemons

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

STEWARDS

Joetta Yarbro
Kristyn Gadlage
Duane and Lisa Traverse



The deadline to order poinsettias is quickly approaching! 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 below, text 'flower' to 731-207-8878, or from our website (<https://fumcdyersburg.com/events>).

The deadline to place an order is Sunday, December 10.



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 (11/26/2023)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	141
In Person Worship	112
Sunday School	61

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)	
Monthly Total	\$1,316.00

BAKERS NEEDED!

The 49th annual Plum Pudding will be on Sunday December 10th following Holiday Harmonies at 5 pm. 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.

H O L I D A Y *Schedule*

Sunday, December 10

Poinsettia Order Deadline

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Holiday Harmonies—Sanctuary

6:00 pm Plum Pudding—Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 11

6:30 pm Church Council—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 12

Last Day of Preschool (out 12/13/2023—1/2/2024)

9:00 am Preschool Christmas Program—
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 17

9:00 am Christmas Breakfast—Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Morning Worship

4:00 pm Blankets

4:00 pm Youth

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Service with
Communion

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with
Communion

Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26

Church Offices and Family Life Center closed for
Christmas holiday

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

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 stay in a cabin together, eat meals with other groups, play large group games, worship as a group, and many more fun and exciting things! Be on the lookout for an information packet coming soon. See Mrs. Tori if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

The Upward Sports League 2024 is underway. We're 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—9 am We'll talk 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

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of:
Martha Jones Lynn

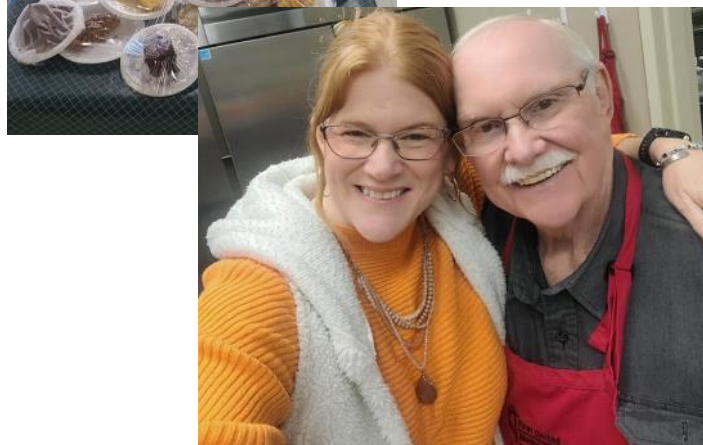
Given by:
DHS Class of 1960

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



Thank you so much to our FUMC youth and volunteers who helped make the Spaghetti Supper a success! We had many reports of the spaghetti being delicious and the people being amazing. We made \$1,400 in profit this year that will help the youth continue to go on trips, do community service, and learn about God together.

Blessings,
Katy





Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Jesus pursues people the same way shepherds pursue lost sheep; the way cowboys pursue lost cows. Jesus understands what is at stake if we fail to extend hospitality.

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 December

Chicken Noodle Soup
Tomato Soup
Vegetable Beef or Vegetable Soup
Powdered Milk
Salt and Pepper Shaker Sets



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—Comfort Care—Jackson-Madison County
General Hospital

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, December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

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

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