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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Friends and Family,

When it comes to hymns I have a few favorites. I love “Be Thou My Vision” and “It is Well With My Soul.” I love “In the Bleak Midwinter” at Christmastime, and in the last ten years or so have been enamored with “The King of Love My Shepherd Is.” But for as long as I can remember “Come Thou Fount” has had my heart. In fact, it was one of the two congregational hymns at our wedding.

That’s why I almost came out of my seat when I saw the option for the “Wandering Heart” Lenten worship series.



The theme of each week corresponds to a phrase from the hymn, and the text for the week will focus on a story from the life of Peter. The creators of the worship series tell us that “In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter’s journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us...Ultimately, in Peter’s story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people—in fact, time and again, that’s precisely who God claims and calls.”

This will be a deeply moving time of worship as we prepare for the celebration of Easter and I hope that you will be part of this season of Lent in all the ways that you are available.

Joining my wandering heart with yours,
Mary Beth

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

LITURGIST

Jay Bernheisel

VIDEO RECORDER

Will Bird

USHERS

Tim Taylor

Fred Moore

Ellen Moore

Dustin Seratt

Jake Browning

GREETERS

Cindy Taylor

Alice Teague

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 (2/11/2024)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	428
In Person Worship	118
Sunday School	85

OFFERING

Monthly Income (December)	\$115,215.76
Monthly Expenses (December)	\$32,872.84
Income Year to Date	\$605,232.65
Expenses Year to Date	\$633,225.98

New Preschool class!

Mindful Movement!

A mindful movement class is soon to be offered in our Preschool. If you have a yoga mat you are no longer using, please donate it for these classes. You can leave them in the Connect Center just off the Troy Street entrance. Thanks so much!



TEA PARTY

More details to come!

13 APRIL 2024
10:30 A.M.

SAVE THE DATE



KOINONIA CLASS

Valentine/President's Day Party

19th February 2024

5:30 p.m.

El Patio

Sign up this Sunday outside of the Chapel or contact Nancy/Nita to sign up!

Yoga Class New Name

The 9:30 a.m. ladies' yoga class on Tuesdays and Thursdays has officially changed its name and format. It's new name is the "**Snap, Crackle, Pop**" class. This features chair exercise and is open to community ladies of all ages!! Contact Nancy West or Joetta Yarbrow for more information on this "bendy-stretchy" class.



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

For 2024-2025 School Year

Registration for church members and currently enrolled began **January 8**. Registration opened to the public on **January 15**.

Registration forms are available at the preschool, church's website (<https://fumcdyersburg.com/connect/preschool>) and on the preschool's Facebook page (FUMC Preschool).

Students should have their birthday by August 15, 2024, to register for the 2024-2025 School Year.

If you want more information about our preschool or would like to tell someone where to find more information, please check out our website. The preschool has up-to-date information and a great video to watch about the program (<https://fumcdyersburg.com/connect/preschool>).

For more information also feel free to call Paula Brandt, the Preschool Director, at 731-287-1251.



Hello Friends!

I will see you on Sunday for Dayspring at 4:00 PM. We will be continuing on to week three of our series *Not Okay*.

February 23rd-25th, Youth will be attending Lakeshore's JR./SR. High Retreat. We will not have Dayspring that Sunday to give us all a little time to recover.

Blessings,
Katy Allen

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

PANTRY FUND

In honor of:
Ginger Voss

Given by:
Cameron and Elizabeth Voss

Due to sickness in the office, we will not be able to put in all the memorials/honorariums this week. We will include all of this week in next week's newsletter. So please look for them next week.

Upcoming KidMin Events

Coffee Talk



Where: Green Frog
Who: All Parents & Guardians
What: Life Updates, Concerns, Prayer Requests, etc.
(Come & Go)

2/23: 7:45-9:15am

Kid's Night In

Theme: Our Story
Where: Education Wing
Ages: 2yr-6th Grade

3/16: 2-5pm



KidMin Retreat

Where: NaCoMe
Who: 1st - 6th Grade
(Bring Your Friends)

Cost: \$50*

May 3-5



*Retreat Regi: <https://min.link/Frg>

Food Pantry Needs February

- Grape Jelly
- Chef Boyardee: Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Instant potatoes



Exploring General Conference Free -Self-Guided Course

General Conference is the top legislative assembly of The United Methodist Church. The course, Exploring General Conference, will help you learn more about the historical roots, legislative processes, and happenings that make the General Conference an important function of The United Methodist Church. [This free course](#) is self-guided so you can complete it at your own pace.

TWK Annual Conference June 17 - 19, 2024

The third Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference will be held June 17-19, 2024, at Murfreesboro First UMC.

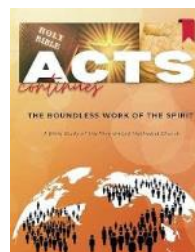
The Clergy Session will be online on Tuesday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m.

The deadlines and submission guidelines for REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, Meal Hosting, and Exhibitors is available at twkumc.org/AC2024. If you are interested in financially sponsoring an aspect of the Annual Conference, please contact us at AC2024@twkumc.org. Hotel information will be available soon and announced via the Conference e-newsletter.



Book of Acts Annual Conference Bible Study Now Available!

"Acts Continues: The Boundless Work of the Spirit," is a seven-week Bible Study and Sermon Series that [the bishop encourages everyone to study](#) in preparation for the TWK Annual Conference.



You can access a free version through The Vine UMC's website; you may also purchase a copy via Amazon in print (\$15) or through Kindle (\$9). [Learn more and access the study!](#)

HOSPITALITY CORNER

FROM YOUR EVANGELISM TEAM

JESUS WANTS TO BLESS YOU,
AND HE WANTS YOU TO HAVE
THE JOY OF BLESSING
OTHERS. HE WANTS TO PUT
POWER IN YOUR LIFE THAT
CAN HELP OTHERS.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have information to be printed in the newsletter? Maybe you have a birth announcement, a wedding announcement, a prayer request/update, or an upcoming Sunday School social. Please give your information to Tori in the church office. It's easy. Call—285-6454 or email—tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com.

Deadline is Tuesdays at noon each week.

The **January/February** 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

- You can sign up for weekly e-newsletters from the webpage.
- You can read our weekly newsletter on the church's webpage.
- Both the church calendar and the Family Life Center calendars can be found on our webpage.

Check us out <https://fumcdyersburg.com/>.



**HOSPITAL AND
RECENTLY ILL**

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

Patti Lou Parker
Patty Johnson
Cherry Robertson
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
Beverly Tipton
Eddie Anderson
Bill Troy
Jimmy Wilkes
Patti Hill
Lorna Donaldson
King Rogers

**Please continue to remember the Home Bound.*

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>.

Send form #3579 to The Word, P.O.Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025, FUMC

Sunday, February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent

Series:
"Wandering Heart;
Jesus Sought Me"

Psalms 25:1-10
Luke 5:1-11

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

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