

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, July 23
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship – Foyer/Narthex
 9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-up – MS
 10:15 a.m. Worship
 11:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal – MS
 2:00 p.m. KidMin: The Secret: Chase
- Tuesday, July 25
 9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
 6:00 p.m. Men’s Basketball – FLC
- Wednesday, July 26
 6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH
- Thursday, July 27
 9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
 12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex
 5:30 p.m. Finance Team – TR
- Saturday, July 29
 Youth Rock In! at Climb Nashville
 10:00 a.m. Pickleball – FLC
- Sunday, July 30
 *Worship will be led by our Children’s Ministry.
 *3rd Grade Bible Presentation
 *3rd – 6th graders and their families will enjoy lunch together after church along with Acolyte/Cross Bearer Training.

FLC – Family Life Center
 FH – Fellowship Hall
 MS – Music Suite
 TR – Trinity

BACK TO SCHOOL

Be sure to join us for BREAKFAST in the Fellowship Hall followed by WORSHIP in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 6! Our guest preacher will be Rev. Jefferson Furtado, and we will focus our morning on all things BACK TO SCHOOL, including blessing our backpacks AND our school personnel! Bring your backpacks with you when you come and place them at the front of the Sanctuary when you enter!! See you then!

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 mail them or give online. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025, online @ <https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>, or scan the following QR code with your phone.



Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel
 Pastor

Kathy Kail
 Choir Director

Nancy West
 Liturgist

Josh Bernheisel
 Audio Technician

Clare Bernheisel
 Visual Technician

Tori Armstrong
 Children’s Ministry Director



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

✚ *Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome and Centering Words

✚ Hymn UMH 61 *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN
(vss. 1- 4)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Celebration of Young Disciples

Children ages 3 through 5 may join Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church.

Scripture Lesson

Daniel 6 video

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✚ Doxology 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✚ Hymn UMH 369 *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

¹⁻³Darius reorganized his kingdom. He appointed one hundred twenty governors to administer all the parts of his realm. Over them were three vice-regents, one of whom was Daniel. The governors reported to the vice-regents, who made sure that everything was in order for the king. But Daniel, brimming with spirit and intelligence, so completely outclassed the other vice-regents and governors that the king decided to put him in charge of the whole kingdom. ⁴⁻⁵The vice-regents and governors got together to find some old scandal or skeleton in Daniel's life that they could use against him, but they couldn't dig up anything. He was totally exemplary and trustworthy. They could find no evidence of negligence or misconduct. So they finally gave up and said, "We're never going to find anything against this Daniel unless we can scheme up something religious." ⁶⁻⁷The vice-regents and governors conspired together and then went to the king and said, "King Darius, live forever! We've convened your vice-regents, governors, and all your leading officials, and have agreed that the king should issue the following decree: For the next thirty days no one is to pray to any god or mortal except you, O king. Anyone who disobeys will be thrown into the lions' den. ⁸"Issue this decree, O king, and make it unconditional, as if written in stone like all the laws of the Medes and the Persians." ⁹King Darius signed the decree. ¹⁰When Daniel learned that the decree had been signed and posted, he continued to pray just as he had always done. His house had windows in the upstairs that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he knelt there in prayer, thanking and praising his God. ¹¹⁻¹²The conspirators came and found him praying, asking God for help. They went straight to the king and reminded him of the royal decree that he had signed. "Did you not," they said, "sign a decree forbidding anyone to pray to any god or man except you for the next thirty days? And anyone caught doing it would be thrown into the lions' den?" "Absolutely," said the king. "Written in stone, like all the laws of the Medes and Persians." ¹³Then they said, "Daniel, one of the Jewish exiles, ignores you, O king, and defies your decree. Three times a day he prays." ¹⁴At this, the king was very upset and tried his best to get Daniel out of the fix he'd put him in. He worked at it the whole day long. ¹⁵But then the conspirators were back: "Remember, O king, it's the law of the Medes and Persians that the king's decree can never be changed." ¹⁶The king caved in and ordered Daniel brought and thrown into the lions' den. But he said to Daniel, "Your God, to whom you are so loyal, is going to get you out of this." ¹⁷A stone slab was placed over the opening of the den. The king sealed the cover with his signet ring and the signet rings of all his nobles, fixing Daniel's fate. ¹⁸The king then went back to his palace. He refused supper. He couldn't sleep. He spent the night fasting. ¹⁹⁻²⁰At daybreak the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. As he approached the den, he called out anxiously, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve so loyally, saved you from the lions?" ²¹⁻²²"O king, live forever!" said Daniel. "My God sent his angel, who closed the mouths of the lions so that they would not hurt me. I've been found innocent before God and also before you, O king.

I've done nothing to harm you." ²³When the king heard these words, he was happy. He ordered Daniel taken up out of the den. When he was hauled up, there wasn't a scratch on him. He had trusted his God. ²⁴Then the king commanded that the conspirators who had informed on Daniel be thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. Before they hit the floor, the lions had them in their jaws, tearing them to pieces. ²⁵⁻²⁷King Darius published this proclamation to every race, color, and creed on earth: Peace to you! Abundant peace! I decree that Daniel's God shall be worshiped and feared in all parts of my kingdom. He is the living God, world without end. His kingdom never falls. His rule continues eternally. He is a savior and rescuer. He performs astonishing miracles in heaven and on earth. He saved Daniel from the power of the lions. ²⁸From then on, Daniel was treated well during the reign of Darius, and also in the following reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Parish Choir Anthem

Arr. Ray

He Never Failed Me Yet

Roy Tipton, Soloist

Sermon

‡ Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

‡ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡ Hymn UMH 377 *It Is Well with My Soul* VILLE DU HAVRE
(vss. 1, 2, 4)

‡ Announcements

‡ Benediction

‡ Postlude