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REACHING OUT...IT'S WHO WE ARE!

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Dr. James B. Sanders III, Senior Pastor | June 25, 2020

Our Methodist Movement Adapts

Everyone is adapting these days. Our church and our denomination are no exception.

At our church:

- The church office is now open Monday through Thursday, from 7:30-2:30. Entrance is at the Main Office door. All who enter will have their temperature checked, their presence registered, and will be asked to wear a mask while in the building.
- Presently only groups of 12 people or less are allowed to gather in our buildings.
- Our goal for beginning in-person worship is July 19th. You can learn about some of the changes you will experience when we begin in-person worship by visiting our website at fumcdothan.org/coronavirus.
- After a slow opening, our Weekday Children's Ministry is now open to all students.
- Our Recreation Ministry began a slow opening on June 22.

The 2020 AL – W. FL Annual Conference, General Conference and Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference have been postponed. This is certainly a first for our denomination. I'm praying the extra time this provides us for holy conferencing will lead to fresh visions and decisions that honor Christ our Lord. I hope you will join me in those prayers.

Our Annual Conference gathering has been rescheduled as a half-day Annual Conference session on September 26th at Frazer U. Methodist Church in Montgomery. A non-voting live stream option will be available to those who are unable to attend. Our church will serve as one of the satellite venues. A clergy session of the Annual Conference will be held at Frazer on the afternoon of September 13th.

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church will meet August 29 – September 7, 2021 in Minneapolis, MN. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference is scheduled to meet November 10–12, 2021 at Lake Junaluska, NC.

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape when things change!

Inhale Faith; Exhale Fear.



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This week at FUMC

CHILDREN

The Greek language contains several words that are translated into English as "love". The one most frequently used is *agape*. This week's children's lesson is about 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 or "the love chapter." In this lesson, we learn that God's love is *agape* love. *Agape* is self-giving love. *Agape* is the love that is patient and kind, which does not boast and is not envious. This is God's love and the kind of love that God's children are called to show one another when we are Spirit-filled.

At home: Discuss. Then, draw a picture of or write about something you did this past week that showed love for others.
~ Lee Anne Holland

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TWEENS

Come be a part of the Senior Sendoff and Seventh Grade Welcome Drive-By Parade this Sunday, June 28th at 6pm in the CLC Parking Lot.

What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backwards?
A receding hare-line !

Check out the church website and Tween page for Sunday School videos and activities.
~ Sonia

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YOUTH

JOIN US:

Zoom Sunday School, 10:00am

Senior Sendoff & 7th Grade Welcome Drive-By Parade:
June 28th, 6 PM, CLC Parking Lot

TIME CHANGE:

We will be having Youth Zoom sessions each Sunday and Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The links for the Zoom meetings will come from a Remind text message. If you have not signed up for our Remind messages, **please text @fumc19-20 to 810-10.**
~ Kash

ADULTS

Book Club will meet Wednesday, July 8 at 3:30 in Room 165! We will be discussing *The Discovery*, by Dan Walsh and *The Silent Patient*, by Alex Michaelides.

Book Club with Cheryl Hinnen will meet at 11:00 on Tuesday, July 14 in the Parlor. We will discuss Lisa Sharon Harper's, *The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right.*
~ Hannah

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

No Caregiver Zoom Support Group July 2 or July 9.

Mask Ministry Update:

Our "Mask Making" Ministry has made over 1100 masks for local hospitals and nursing homes! Thank you to this amazing group! If you or anyone you know is still in need of a cloth mask, we are still taking orders and are still making masks!
~ Katie

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our Sympathy to:

- ~ Family and friends of Mr. R.V. Seymore who died June 14.
- ~ Jim and Jo Ellen Boone due to the death of Jo Ellen's sister, Grace Reid, on June 16.
- ~ Catherine and Justin Wright and family due to the death of Justin's mother, Ann Tyson, on June 17.

Released from Hospital:

- ~ Alison Lancaster
- ~ Jim Boone
- ~ Officer Pete Markow

Congratulations to:

- ~ Tag Hogue who is announcing the birth of a Great Grandson, Christopher Dallas Swoveland, born June 14. Parents are Heather and Justin Swoveland.
- ~ Ben Tatum and Kate Kinney who were married Sunday, June 20. Kate is the daughter of David and Julie Kinney.

This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through our Harbor Ministry who is going to the streets to share food with the hungry.

MEMORIALS

Elizabeth Allen

Nagel & John Byrd
Betty Corbin
Greg & Sallie Eagerton
Lenore Hilbert
William Morton family
Gloria Sorrells
Mary Ann & Marbury Spann
Juleann Torrence

McDavid Flowers, Sr.

Paul & Barbara Flowers
Melanie & Bob Flowers
Lisa & Gary McGowan
Mo & Karyn Sessions

Bill Lisenby

Sandra & Butch Binford
Deborah McLain
Lee Parker

HONORARIUM

Janis & Tag Hogue

Allie & Judy Freeman

Charge Conference & Board of Stewards

At 5:00 on July 12th, a Zoom Charge Conference will be held for the sole purpose of electing our Lay Leadership for the next service year. After the Charge Conference adjourns, our Board of Stewards will have a zoom meeting. The zoom invitation and Report from The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee will be sent via email after July 4th. If you are not a member of the Board of Stewards, but wish to be a part of the zoom meeting (without vote), please contact the church office and an invitation will be gladly extended.

Thanks for help us care for each other!
~ Jim Sanders

Weekday Openings!



Kindergarten
& 4P

2020-2021
School Year

For info or to register,
call 793-2179.

YOUTH PARADE

Join us!
June 28th
6pm



celebrating
graduates and
rising 7th graders

more info at fumcdothan.org

SANCTUARY 8:55 AM

Livestream

CHURCH SERVICES

WATCH FROM HOME ▶

BRIDGE 8:55 AM

Ways To Give



Give Online

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