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

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Dr. James B. Sanders III, Senior Pastor | November 12, 2020

LEAPING HEARTS & CONFIRMATION

Psalm 122:1 states: "When they said, 'Let's go to the house of God,' my heart leaped for joy." I know a thing or two about hearts leaping. Our return to in-person worship lately has caused a lot of our hearts to skip and race! Worshiping together is an inspiring experience, and, as we have discovered this year, it is not to be taken for granted.

This Sunday, we will launch a re-opening of our 11:00 Sanctuary Worship Service! Last week, I spoke with 4 of our families that had members who had tested positive for COVID-19. Therefore, participants in all our worship services and small groups are being asked to observe appropriate COVID-19 safety and health guidelines.

Once 6 people commit to serve on a 11:00 live stream ministry team, live streaming will be offered at 11:00. However, this Sunday is an exception!

The Nov. 15th 11:00 Sanctuary Worship Service will be live streamed as we feature the reception of our 2020 Confirmation Class. They've been anticipating this Sunday since May 5th. Now we are set to go and our hearts are leaping!

During the 11:00 Service, our 12 confirmands will profess their faith in Jesus Christ and make significant membership vows as they become full members in The United Methodist Church.

Our 2020 confirmands are:

Jack Newton Bishop
Edmund Neal Cody
Fallyn Elizabeth Griffin
William Buntyn Lisenby

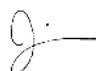
John Martin Byrd
Whitney Reid Cook
Carl Finklea Brackin Ivey
Darby Elizabeth McInnes

Mary Drue Cobb
Stephen Talmadge Etheredge III
Maylee Eason Lancaster
Merrill Kate Scarbrough

Is your heart leaping for joy? I hope so. I pray so.

I look forward to worshipping with you and your invited guests this Sunday.

Inhale Faith; Exhale Fear.



Jim
(jim@fumcdothan.org & 333-2995)



this week at FUMMC

CHILDREN

TEACHERS NEEDED

Children's ministry is in need of Sunday School teachers for the combined 1st and 2nd grade class. Even a commitment of once a month would be helpful.

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY

Please donate to the Bread of Life Ministry. Food bags for food insecure students in Dothan City Schools will be packed and distributed before the Thanksgiving holidays. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Lee Anne Holland at 596-2859.

B.L.A.S.T. TIME

Sundays 5:00-5:45pm
OR
Wednesdays 6:00-6:45pm

[Click to Sign Up](#)

CHILDREN'S AREA HELP WANTED

We need help with the registration table, taking children to class, teaching, and overall helping during Bible study time.

NOW HIRING

PART-TIME NURSERY WORKERS

To apply, please email jobs@fumcdathan.org or learn more at fumcdathan.org/jobs.



TWEENS

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY CLASS OF 2019/2020

November 15, 11:00 Service

This amazing group of young adults will publicly profess their faith into which they were baptized. They will commit themselves to the lifelong journey of growing in sanctification as they become members of the church.

TWEENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday 9:45-10:30

Masks, temperature checks, and signed waiver required. I hope you will join us for worship and in class this Sunday.

TWEENS TIME FOR GOD

Sundays 5:00-5:45pm
OR

Wednesdays 6:00-6:45pm

[Click to Sign Up](#)

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sundays 6:00-6:45pm

During confirmation we learn and experience that our God is loving, generous, forgiving and holy. Students will be challenged to accept Christ as Lord and Savior of every part of our lives. Masks, temperature checks, and signed waiver required.

YOUTH

7th - 12th SMALL GROUPS
Wednesday 6:00-6:45pm

[Click to Sign Up](#)

7th-12th BIBLE STUDY
Sunday 5:00-5:45pm

[Click to Sign Up](#)

* *Mask and Waiver Required*

Join our Youth Remind
Text @[fumc19-20](https://www.instagram.com/fumc19-20) to **81010**

RESPITE MINISTRY

WE NEED YOU!

Wednesday, Nov. 18,
1:30, RM 153

Join Respite Care Ministry as we continue our tradition of stuffing the bags for Bread of Life Ministry. Email katie@fumcdathan.org by noon on Tuesday, November 17th if you'd like to help.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our Sympathy To:

~ Ann Borland and family in the death of her grandson, Michael Kennedy, who died Friday, November 6.

Released from Hospital:

~ Brooke Preston

Congratulations:

~ Dr. Daniel and Frances-Arden Purvis on the birth of their son, Jackson Wesley Purvis, born November 4. Grandparents are Alan and Sarah Purvis.

This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through our Joyful Hands knitting group, who is making caps for newborns in a local hospital.

MEMORIALS

Jo Garrett

Arliene Swallows

Mike Parrish

Ben & Lisa Martin

Ann Gillis Stutts

Arliene Swallows

Sara Nell Williams

Gene & Sandra McGriff

Bo & Martha Thagard

HONORARIUMS

Rev. Allie Freeman

Jennifer Carpenter

Mary Ann & Marbury Spann

Rev. Allie & Mrs. Judy Freeman

Bo & Martha Thagard

Discipleship Corner

Dr. Phil Maynard, Director of Discipleship Ministries

How do you study the scriptures? Here are two approaches you might find helpful:

Theological Bible Study

As you read the text, consider the following questions:

- What does this text say about God?
- What does the text say about humanity? (us)
- What does the text say about our relationship with God?

S.O.A.P. Method

- Scripture selection (read)
- Observations about the scripture selection
- Application (how does this apply to my life?)
- Prayer (focused on what God has revealed to you through the Word)

REGISTRATION NO LONGER REQUIRED

First United Methodist Church is no longer requiring advanced registration for in-person worship or in-person Sunday School. We will continue to record who is in attendance for contact tracing purposes, but that will be recorded upon entry rather than the week ahead.

- Attendance Recording and Temperature Screening with Sticker upon Entry
- Open Entrances Include:
 - ◊ Main Street Entrance of the Fellowship Hall
 - ◊ Main Street Entrance of the Sanctuary
 - ◊ Entrance of the Children's Lobby
- Waiver Required for Children 19 and Under to Attend Sunday School

Will we worship In Person or Online Only? Check email and social media Friday afternoon for our status.

- In Person & Online: Houston County is rated low risk for COVID
- In Person & Online: Houston County is rated medium risk for COVID
- Online Only: Houston County is rated high risk for COVID
- Online Only: Houston County is rated very high risk for COVID

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to sanitize before 11:00 service.

Estimated 30 minutes of spraying, wiping, fogging. Contact church office or tony@fumcdothan.org.



Living
Well

Stewardship Update

As of November 12, we have had 182 Commitment Cards turned in with a total giving of \$1,129,422.00.

Give Thanks

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FUMC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25 - FRIDAY, NOV. 27
FOR THANKSGIVING

Feeling
DISCONNECTED
???



CONNECT
class

» Join us as we talk about the Bible, discipleship, faith, and why FUMC matters in our community.

13th Annual
Interfaith
Thanksgiving
Service

This service will be live-streamed only.
Join us on Facebook, YouTube, or at fumcdothan.org.
Tuesday, November 24th at 6:00 pm

Poinsettias are Coming!

Christmas Poinsettias Deadline
is Sunday, Dec. 13th.

Red poinsettias this year are \$25.00 each.

Ordering details coming soon.



Inspection News!

Our Weekday Children's Ministry, as well as the Church Kitchen, were inspected by the health department last week.

We are happy to report that both areas received perfect scores of 100!



Advent

**DAILY TEXT
MEDITATIONS**

Beginning Nov. 29th

Text "fumcadvent"
to the number
81010 to sign up

