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

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Dr. James B. Sanders III, Senior Pastor | March 25, 2021



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN **SEVEN** DAYS

Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 28 - 4:00 pm



Cross Raising
March 28 - 5:00 pm



MORE
with Bishop Lawson Bryan
Wed., March 31
12:00 Noon
Online Only



MAUNDY THURSDAY
"HEAR THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO WERE THERE"
APRIL 1ST AT 6:00PM



TENEBRAE
"Harvest of Sorrows"
April 2nd / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary & Online



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Friday, April 2
Immediately Following
Tenebrae Service



APRIL 4
Easter

Sunrise on the Green 6:10 AM	Sanctuary 8:55 AM 11:00 AM	The Bridge 8:55 AM 11:00 AM
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this week at FUMMC

None of the following this week:

- BLAST Time
- Tweens Time for God
- Confirmation
- Youth Small Groups

We want you to join us for the Easter Egg Hunt and Cross Raising this Sunday!

4:00 Easter Egg Hunts

We hope to hunt eggs, but are not sure the weather will hold out for us!

IF it is raining Sunday

afternoon, drive through the backside of the church to receive a goody bag from the Easter Bunny! We will notify by email, social media, and announce in worship on Sunday if the hunts are rained out.

Egg Hunt Schedule:

- 4:00: *2nd-4th grades* (grassy area in between the chapel area and fellowship hall)
- 4:15: *3 year olds-1st graders* (children's playground)
- 4:30: *2 years old and under* (Walton Garden)

5:00 Cross Raising

We hope the weather will hold out for a beautiful outdoor Cross Raising service, but in the event of rain, we will move the service indoors. Join us at 5:00 on the front lawn (or in the fellowship hall if raining Sunday afternoon).

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our Sympathy to:

- ~ Stacy and Michael Griffin and family due to the death of Michael's father, Jimmy Griffin, who died March 15.
- ~ Cathy Gaines and family due to the death of her husband, Frank Gaines, III, who died March 17.

Released from Hospital:

- ~ Kash Deaton
- ~ William Hart

Congratulations:

- ~ Congratulations to Ryan and Kash Deaton who are announcing the birth of a son, Zay Reeves Deaton, born March 18. Grandparents are David and Katharine Forrester. Great Grandparents are Bobby and Patricia Sirmon.
- ~ Happy Birthday to Kathryn Piper who celebrated her 93rd birthday on March 17.

This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through our Weekday Children's Ministry.

MEMORIALS

Rev. Dr. Jerry Dooling

Dot Brannon
Ben & Lisa Martin
Rhett & Jo Williams

Chuck Dunseth

Ben & Lisa Martin

Paul Hudson, Jr.

Nagel & John Byrd
Judy Harris

Jon Ramsey

Judy Harris

John K. Selfe, Sr.

Williamsburg Place HOA
Nagel & John Byrd
Judy Harris
Ann Holman
Jon & DeNiece Smith

Dr. Hilt Tatum

Friend Bank
Nagel & John Byrd

Dorothy Duncan Walcott

Jennifer Shelor

Charles Weeks, Sr.

Les & Caroline Pinckard

Martha Wilson

Bill & Frances Castlen

FINANCE

Generosity Goals

Received in January \$297,576
Received in February \$132,231

Anticipated through Feb. \$417,073

Giving YTD \$429,807

Staff Update

Sunday March 21, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee received the resignation of Mike Thomas as our Director of Music Ministries. Mike has blessed our church with his wonderful gifts and spirit the past two years and we will miss him and Amy tremendously. Mike will begin working with his new church in Florida on April 5th. Godspeed!



S.H.A.P.E.

This week in worship, we were asked about our SHAPE. We were asked to think about the definition of ourselves made up of our interests, feelings, skills, abilities, personality, and experiences. All these parts can help us find a place in the church to lend ourselves to serving the Kingdom of God and making a difference.

Find your SHAPE at
freeshapetest.com.

Discipleship Corner



GOAL:

Consider your professional skills and how they can serve God.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom."
-Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NIV)



ACTION:

There's a lot of talk in Christian circles about the importance of spiritual gifts. We think they are important as well. However, God's preparation for us for ministry (anything we do to make a Kingdom difference) is bigger than spiritual gifts. God also uses our life experiences. For example, if you do strategic planning as part of your job/career, God can use that skill for helping the church move forward. If you enjoy cooking, God can use that skill to make a difference. The options are endless!



JOURNAL REFLECTION:

What life experiences do you have that could benefit the work of the church and make a Kingdom difference? Are you already using these experiences or practical job skills? If so, how? What are examples you see of other people using their professional knowledge to serve the church?

S.H.A.P.E. WORKSHOP

Spiritual gifts
Heart
Abilities
Personality
Experiences

[click for details](#)

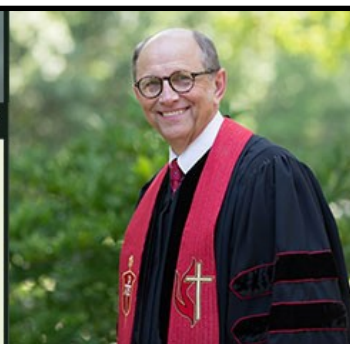
Join us at 9:00 am!
Saturday, March 27
Fellowship Hall & Online

MORE

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Facebook, YouTube, fumcdothan.org



LOVE JOIN US!

DOTHAN

Community Service Day

Saturday, April 3, 9-12am



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

**United Methodist Women Meeting
Guest Speaker: Rev. Alecia Glaize**

Tuesday, April 6
11:45 am in Fellowship Hall

Bring your own brown-bag lunch.
We will provide water.

Board Meeting: 11 am in Room 165



**MEALS on WHEELS
AMERICA**

TOGETHER, WE CAN DELIVER.

Meals on Wheels is in need of two volunteers to deliver meals. We have opportunities to serve on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

If you would like to help, contact Hannah Chapman at 864-354-8275.

Are you waiting for a sign from God to tell you how you can make a difference in the world?



Want to make a difference in the lives of our children and tweens at FUMC?

Our children and tween ministries have some amazing opportunities for anyone and everyone! Sunday School volunteers get to introduce children to Jesus, talk with them about the Bible, pray with them, and get a front-row seat to watch a child's life change forever as they follow Christ.

Jesus showed his love for children and the importance of children in our society throughout his life and ministry. He modeled how children are to be treated by embracing them and blessing them. Sunday School volunteers will have the opportunity to do just as Jesus did and embrace our children and bless them as He commanded. So, if you're an "empty nester," you're retired and looking for something to keep you busy, you enjoy serving the church in different ways, you have a heart for elementary/tween-aged children, or you are a child at heart yourself...we've got a spot for you!

Become a Children's Ministry volunteer!

Please contact Lee Anne Holland (leeanne@fumcdothan.org) or Sonia Crutchfield (sonia@fumcdothan.org) to discuss ways you might help serve in their ministries. We promise you won't regret getting involved!