CONNECTIONS First United Methodist Church Dothan - June 20, 2024

Annual Conference news from Pastor David

On Tuesday, June 18, at our Annual Conference meeting in Montgomery, it was announced that Reverend Elizabeth Hinton. Reverend Matthew Langford, and I would remain to serve FUMC Dothan for another appointment year! This brought each of us and our families tremendous joy! It is one of the great blessings of our lives to serve Christ by helping to pastor the people of FUMC Dothan and this community. Personally, I look forward to this exciting third year of ministry in Dothan where God is continuing to use our church to do "even greater things than these" for Jesus Christ!

On Monday, June 17, at the Annual Conference Service of Commissioning and Ordination, Pastor Matt was Commissioned as a provisional elder in the United Methodist Church, which will allow him to continue to grow into his calling to one day be ordained as a full elder in our church. Elizabeth Saliba and I sat on the front row and gave thanks to God as we witnessed him vow his service to Christ's church and to answer the call that "Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, he declared in public his desire to live out the covenant made at his baptism by binding himself to the service of God under the supervision of the bishop and the guidance of colleagues in full connection and by being appointed to share as a servant leader in the body of Christ."



Pictured from left: Rev. Matt Langford, Dr. David R. Saliba, Bishop David Graves, and Rev. Elizabeth Hinton.

Matt's wife, Anne Claire, his parents and in-laws, his partners in ministry here, Pastor Liz and Pastor Lynn, his friends and colleagues, all helped him celebrate this joyous occasion and his faithfulness. I hope you will offer him words of encouragement and celebration the next time you are with him.

Also being celebrated at Annual Conference was our own, Reverend Sterling Boykin, who was named our new District Superintendent. We are grateful to God that Bishop Graves is appointing Sterling to the Southeastern District, and we prayerfully look forward to he and his wife, Lee Ann, moving back to our area. I have invited Sterling to preach in our worship services on Sunday,

August 4, so that FUMC Dothan will be the first church he serves as a District Superintendent to be blessed by his preaching! I hope you will join us and be blessed by the Boykin family once again.

All these wonderful celebrations at Annual Conference, as well as being able to spend time with Retired Bishop Lawson Bryan and his wife, Sherrill, for several days as they assisted with many aspects of our conferencing, has inspired me to renew my daily passion for "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

God's Peace, **David**

This week & more at FUMC Dothan

CHILDREN

J.A.M. Time (Jesus and Me Time) Available during the 8:30 & 8:55 a.m. worship services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Bldg., 10-10:45 a.m.

CAMP ENERGIZE

June 24-28

FB: FUMC Dothan Children's Ministry

IG: fumc_childrens_ministry

TWEENS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 5th & 6th Graders

Tween Rm. 266, Sundays, 10 -10:45 a.m.

FB: FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry

IG: Tweensfumcdothan

YOUTH

Youth Worship & Fellowship Wednesday, July 10, 6-7 p.m., in the Youth Room.

Soul Food Lunches

Dates: July 11, 18, 25 Meet at 11:45 a.m. in the CLC Lobby.

OAKWOOD SUMMER CAMP

June 24-28

IG: Fumcdothanyouth

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Family & Friends Volleyball Tournament - July 13, 4 p.m., in the gym. This will be a double elimination-style tournament, with six-players per team, and the winners will receive a grand prize. Must be 14 years-old to play. For friends under 14, a Toy Story Watch Party takes place in the Fellowship Hall, with popcorn and drinks. For more information, or to register, please visit: fumcdothan.org/ ministries/recreation-ministry/. Cost: \$5 per person. Registration ends, **July 7**. For more information, email our recreation coordinator, Evan Baker at evan@fumcdothan.org, or call 334-793-3555.

JOYS & CONCERNS

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Bill Martin & family due to the death of his brother, Phillip Martin who died June 15.

RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL:

Anna Katherine Senn

55 FORWARD

Lunch Fellowship – July 18, 11:30 a.m., at The Old Mill, located at 2557 Murphy Mill Road. To reserve your seat, please call the church office at 334-793-3555 by July 11.

Movie Afternoon – July 24, 2 p.m., Room 165. Join us for popcorn and the movie, Ordinary Angels. For more information, contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING

(Next meeting August 14)

Note: July training is suspended, but will resume August 14 in Rm. 158.

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (Next meeting July 18)

The support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Rm. 165.

JOIN THE FUMC STAFF

For job descriptions, and how to apply for the positions listed below, visit fumcdothan.org/join-our-team

POSITIONS:

- PT Nursery Worker
- FT Daycare Worker
- FT Children's Ministry Director

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

June 26 Family menu: Baked spaghetti, Texas toast, salad bar, beverage, and ice cream. For more information or to pay in advance, visit fumcdothan.org.

FAMILY NIGHT FUN!

Join us for Family Night at Adventureland! July 9, 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

MEMORIALS

Louie Grimes

McDaniel & Associates, PC Brenda & Bobby Bottoms Claire & Wayne Helms Gloria Sorrells

Linda McGhee

Stephanie & Bill Beckett Brenda & Bobby Bottoms Jeanie Solomon

Guy Medley

Claire & Wayne Helms

Marjorie Rynott

Babs & John Blanks

Art Solomon

Grace & Joel Barr Jane & Bill Lies

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

First Light Chapel Communion

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

Bridge and Sanctuary Worship

"VBS for Grown Ups:

God is a Friend Forever" Mark 16:1-8

GREAT OUTDOORS MINISTRY

Great Outdoors Ministry - Trip to Bear Paw Adventures in Marianna, FL - July 20. Kayaks (\$35), Canoes (\$50), Floats (\$20-60), Tubes (\$15). For questions or to sign up by **July 12**, please contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org or call the church office at 334-793-3555.

COMING SOON

- Family Night Hakuna Matata: A Lion King Adventure - August 4
- Blessing of the Backpacks -August 11
- Family Handbell Challenge -August 14
- Aging is Living Conference -August 16









