

When I think about what makes FUMC Dothan such a special church, the care we extend to one another truly stands out. I once heard that people may not always remember what you *say*, but they will always remember how you *made them feel*.

I am grateful our church takes special care to help each other feel God's loving presence.

Recently, Katie Holland and Susan Warren both shared how those we serve through our Respite and Church Party ministries, see our church as a place where they feel loved and safe. Our church offers many ways to care for our community and each other. As we do, we are connected more deeply with one another and with the Spirit of God that lives in each of us.



Rev. Elizabeth Hinton

I'm especially excited about how the Holy Spirit is renewing our congregational care teams. These teams play a vital role in showing intentional love and support, reflecting the heart of Jesus. Care isn't about words; it's about the way we offer a loving presence.

Jesus demonstrated this in his ministry—investing in the worth of all who came to see Him— as he called them by name and knew their stories. He was willing to hold hands with the hurting, and feed the hungry. He spent time on His knees washing what was dirty and sat at a well with an outcast woman. He offered them hope with water. Jesus brings hope in the midst of pain and suffering.

As a church, we have the blessing of doing the same. We get to visit the sick, comfort those grieving, share meals, and offer compassion and presence, especially in times of difficulty or aging. We get to celebrate and rejoice in God's presence as we walk through life together. In addition to the connections we share in our discipleship groups, our care teams offer care to support each other in our church.

I encourage you to prayerfully consider joining one of our many care

FUMC CARES

teams and taking an opportunity to help others in our church feel the way FUMC Cares.

If you are interested, please get in touch with me or consider joining us for one of our upcoming congregational care trainings this fall.

- Rev. Elizabeth Hinton
Congregational Care Pastor

**Congregational Care
Training Dates:**
Oct. 24 at 11:45 a.m., with lunch
Oct. 24 at 3 p.m., with dessert
Nov. 3 at 3:30 p.m.

We Care – is an active ministry group that works together to offer love and compassion in times of grief. We Care is made of four teams of people that offer to cook and serve food on behalf of our church upon the death of a member. They are on call all throughout the year with open hearts and kitchens to come alongside us in the throes of grief. Please consider joining a team so that this ministry can continue to offer compassion in times of grief.

Baked Blessings – is another way we care through food ministry. We have the opportunity to take meals to each other after surgery or when someone is sick or just having a hard week. Different members, individuals or groups prepare soups, and casseroles and freeze them for delivery in the Parlor kitchen. We are currently in need to fill the freezer so when you are making soup this fall consider freezing a bowl for Baked Blessings.

Make Phone Calls – In this care team we provide care and connection through a calling ministry to homebound members or those who have been on our prayer list.

Acute Care – this care team visits members in the hospital to offer prayer or deliver flowers from our flower ministry. This team also delivers a meal from Baked Blessings to those released from the hospital.

Visit Homebound and Nursing Homes – in this care team we offer care through visiting members who are homebound or in a nursing facility, which can include delivering communion or flowers.

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.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & CHIMES
5-6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY & CHOIR
6-7 p.m.

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.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP ARTS
5-6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
6-7 p.m.

FB: FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry

IG: Tweenfumcdothan

YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Youth Cafe, Sundays, 10-10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP & SNACK SUPPER
6-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST
Each Tuesday, 7 a.m.
at Chick-fil-A located at
3418 Ross Clark Circle

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES
7-10th graders - 6-7 p.m.
11-12th grade boys (off campus) -
7-8 p.m.

IG: Fumcdothanyouth

JOIN THE FUMC STAFF

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

POSITIONS:

- PT Custodian
- PT Nursery Worker
- FT Daycare Worker

JOYS & CONCERNS

OUR SYMPATHY TO:
Sonia & David Crutchfield and Debbie & Bruce Holt and family, due to the death of Sonia's and Debbie's father, Billy Mason, who died Oct. 2.

Rev. Matt & Anne Claire Langford due to the death of Matt's step-grandmother, Frances Garner who died Oct. 3.

RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL:
Blaire Vaughn

OUT OF TOWN HOSPITAL:
Martha Ann Davis - UAB

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Pat & Eddie Hulgán who announce the birth of a granddaughter, Laiken Olivia Abernathy, born Sept. 30. Parents are Hayden and Drew Abernathy.

Let us know if you, or someone you know, has concerns, joys, hospitalizations, upcoming surgeries, or is expecting a baby. Please call the church office at 334-793-3555, or email prayer@fumcdothan.org.

RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY

RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (Next meeting October 17)
The support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Rm. 165.

VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING (Next meeting November 13)
The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Rm. 158.

CHAMPIONS OF HOPE

The Southeast Health Foundation's "Champions of Hope" 5K/10K Run & Molly's Mile takes place on Saturday, Oct. 19, at The Plant, located at 308 N. St. Andrews Street. Gates open at 6:30 a.m., race begins at 8 a.m. Visit fumcdothan.org, to sign up and join the First United Methodist Dothan Team. For more information, please contact Wendy Hicks at wendy@fumcdothan.org.

HONORARIUM

Susan Warren
Carol & Robert Flowers

MEMORIALS

Sara Brewer
Alpha Rho Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society
Helen Newton
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Melba Bradford
Nancy & Dennis Egge
Nancy & David McClung
Denise & John Pender, Jr
Rhone Parrish
Daughters of Rhone Parrish-Ashley, Katie & Lauren

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

First Light Chapel Communion
Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Bridge and Sanctuary Worship
"Really?
Am I Supposed to Just Forgive and Forget?"
Proverbs 19:11

EMMAUS MEETING

Emmaus Reunion group meeting will take place Sunday, Oct. 20, at 6 p.m. in the Parlor. For more information, contact Linda Isley at lpisley1@gmail.com.



Women's NIGHT OF WORSHIP



From left: Kelsey Barnard Clark and Elizabeth Saliba at Women's Night of Worship.



Anna Kathryn Senn and Mandy Thomas



Respite Ministry BRAIN SCIENCE LUNCHEON



Dr. Marc Milstein, author of *The Age Proof Brain*.



Pastor David Saliba, Dr. Marc Milstein, and Pastor Lynn Nesbitt.





Register now to join our Citywide Church Basketball League! Registration is open through Oct. 18. Boys and girls, ages 5 to 18, are welcome to participate.

For information, email Evan Baker at evan@fumcdothan.org, or to register, visit fumcdothan.org/ministries/recreation-ministry/.

SOUTHEAST HEALTH FOUNDATION
LET'S TACKLE CANCER
OCTOBER 18-19
CHAMPIONS OF HOPE
2024
PRESENTED BY THE FAMILY OF SUSAN FISCHER

Join our team at fumcdothan.org/events
Contact wendy@fumcdothan.org for more details.

YOUTH GREAT PUMPKIN CHASE
OCT. 20 6-8 PM
MEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
CONTACT: ROBBIE@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG OR ANNECLAIRE@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG
DRIVERS NEEDED, MUST BE 19 OR OLDER.

PLEASE SCAN THE CODE & TAKE OUR MISSION SURVEY.

we want to hear from you!

FALL FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DAY
OCTOBER 27 | 4 P.M.
APLIN FARMS
fumcdothan.org/events for details

55 Forward
MACKINAC ISLAND + MIDWESTERN TOUR
Spring 2025 Trip
Special discount if signed up by Nov. 6
For trip details, contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org or 334-350-1088 or visit fumcdothan.org