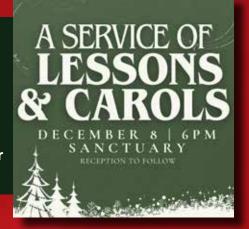
# CONNECTIONS First United Methodist Church Dothan - November 21, 2024





On December 4, we will begin this Advent season by "decking the halls" of God's Sanctuary. Children will help decorate the tree, families will process inside with greenery, candles, and evergreens, as we learn about bringing light and beauty to our surroundings as we celebrate the season of Christ's birth.

O come ... December 8, for an evening of joyful worship as we journey to Bethlehem through scripture and music led by our pastors, Chancel Choir, Westminster Handbell Choir, Children's Choirs and Chimes, and guest instrumentalists from the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra. After the service, you are invited to the Parlor to meet and greet the musicians, fellowship with our community, and partake of tasty treats.





December 15 5:30pm Join us in an evening of contemporary Christmas worship, featuring the praise band, Promise. We will accept donations of paper goods, non-perishable food items, blankets, men's and women's coats (sizes L-5XL), and men's athletic shoes (all sizes) to give to The Harbor. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring a sweet or salty snack to share before the service, beverages will be provided. Music begins at 6 p.m.

# 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 Suspended for the Holidays

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY & CHOIR Suspended for the Holidays

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY Dec. 1

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 Suspended for the Holidays

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Suspended for the Holidays

TWEEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY Dec. 1

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# YOUTH

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

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY Dec. 1

#### YOUTH SHOPPING DAY FOR THE HARBOR Dec. 8, 1 p.m. - meet at Garden Center entrance at Northside Walmart.

## JOIN THE FUMC STAFF

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

#### **POSITIONS:**

Food Services DirectorJr. High Ministry Director

- PT Nursery Worker
- FT Daycare Worker

# **JOYS & CONCERNS**

#### **OUR SYMPATHY TO:**

Jane & Tom Ziegenfelder and family due to the death of Jane's brother, Henry Cole who died Nov. 13.

> IN THE HOSPITAL: Cheryl Gibson - UAB Ray Gibson - Flowers William Speigner - Boston Gloria Daughtry - UAB

RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL: Nancy Maloney Ashley Waller Paul Thomas

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.

## **RESPITE CARE MINISTRY**

VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING (Next meeting Dec. 11) The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in

Ŕm. 158.

#### RESPITE CARE MINISTRY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (Next meeting Dec. 19)

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

# THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

First Light Chapel Communion 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

#### **Bridge and Sanctuary Worship**

"Gratitude: Made for Gratitude" Luke 17:11-19

All church offices and programs will be closed beginning at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 27, through Friday, Nov. 29, in observance of Thanksqiving.

# MEMORIALS

Kandi Dotson

James Gueli Natalie Woods

Diana & Bob Hagler

### **BAPTISM HONORARIUM**

#### IN HONOR OF THE UPCOMING BAPTISM OF WILLIAM "LIAM" RHODES SPRY

Terry & John "Dink" Turner

### **55 FORWARD**

Christmas Brunch – Dec. 11, 10 a.m., Parlor. If you would like to fellowship with us, please sign up by calling the church office at 334-793-3555 by Dec. 4. For more information, contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914, Cultural Arts Center – December 13, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$22. To save your spot on the church van, sign up by calling the church office at 334-793-3555 by Dec. 6. For more information, contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

## EMMAUS WALK

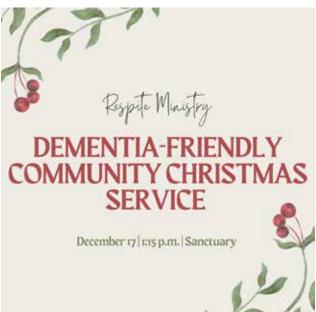
Emmaus Walk Meeting Dec. 1, 3 p.m. - Parlor For more information, contact Linda Isley at lpisley1@gmail.com.

## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHIMES**

#### Children's Choir and Chimes Rehearsal Sunday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m., Sanctuary

We will practice for the Hanging of the Greens and Lessons and Carols services. Afterwards, the children will attend a Christmas party in the children's wing. For more information, please contact Erin Smith at erin@fumcdothan.org.

# **•• MORE WORSHIP SERVICES**





## •• NEW THIS YEAR!

Join us for our first churchwide Christmas fellowship night, Crafts & Carols. We will gather for fellowship, crafting, and caroling! Please bring your favorite salty or sweet snack to share. At 5:30 p.m., we will begin caroling in the Garden District neighborhood. To learn more, email Megan Carter at megan.w.carter@gmail.com or Blair Parker at blairwise@gmail.com.



Dec. 11 | 5-7pm | Fellowship Hall

## •• PARTIES







# •• DON'T MISS THESE NOVEMBER EVENTS!





# •• YOU CAN SERVE WITH US! • EMAIL RYAN@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG



December 15: 2 pm, gym Wrapping Volunteers Needed



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS VISIT: FUMCDOTHAN.ORG/ADVENT