CONNECTIONS First United Methodist Church Dothan - January 30, 2025

Welcome

Meredith Howers

FUMC Dothan Food Services Director

Please join me in welcoming Meredith Flowers as our Food Services Director at FUMC! Meredith comes to us with years of experience in the food service industry.

She owned and operated a catering business and a meal delivery service, called Fresh Kitchen, in which she prepped and delivered more than 175 meals on a weekly basis. She also provided cooking lessons and grocery shopping support sessions, helping clients with meal prepping and creating custom meal plans as well as personal chef services.

Although originally from Texas, Meredith has called Dothan her home since marrying her husband, Davis Flowers, a little more than five years ago. Together, they have two sons: George, who is almost three, and Quin, who recently turned one. The family is also completed by their two beloved dogs, Stone, and Lubby.

She officially joined the FUMC staff in December 2024, following her time as a dedicated volunteer for several years. Her commitment to



Meredith Flowers

hospitality and service makes her an integral part of the FUMC family.

Meredith's academic background reflects her diverse talents and interests. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art from the University of Texas at Austin, where she developed her creativity and artistic perspective. Later, she pursued a Master of Science in Marketing at the University of

Houston's Bauer CT College of Business, equipping her with the strategic and organizational skills she brings to her leadership role. This prepared Meredith to manage all the business administration aspects of her business and equipped her for the role as our Food Services Director.

Meredith says she loves Dothan and wouldn't dream of living anywhere else. She is a lover of dogs and a fan of both cake and ice cream, but salty snacks are her favorite treat.

When it comes to travel, Italy holds a special place in her heart for its rich culture and cuisine. Beyond her work at FUMC, Meredith values spending time with family and friends, cherishing meaningful moments and the joy of togetherness.

We are thrilled to have her on staff at FUMC Dothan and hope you'll take time to stop by the kitchen and give her a warm welcome.

- Wendy Hicks Church Administrator

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.

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YOUTH

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

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

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Begins September 10, 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.

JOIN THE FUMC STAFF

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

POSITIONS:

- Jr. High Ministry Director
 - PT Nursery Worker
 FT Daycare Worker
 - FI Daycare worke

JOYS & CONCERNS

OUR SYMPATHY TO: Ray Dempster & family due to the death of his wife, Tillie, who died Jan. 13.

Rev. David & Debbie Hendrix, at the passing of David's father, Jack Hendrix, who died Jan. 13.

Dennis Barnes & family due to the death of his father, Ray Barnes who died Jan. 16.

Ryan & Katy Shingler due to the death of his grandmother, Clarice Thompson, who died Jan. 18.

Pastor Matt & Anne Claire due to the death of his grandmother, Jean Heartsill, who died Jan. 24.

The Summerford & Creel families due to the death of George Summerford, who died Jan. 25.

Byron & Jenna Strickland and family due to the death of his grandmother, Martha Foy, who died Jan. 28.

> IN THE HOSPITAL: Webb Reyner Sarah Shepard Gloria Weeks Maggie Justice

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Sallie Harper who celebrated her 93rd birthday, Jan. 17.

Gloria Cline who celebrated her 90th birthday, Jan. 18.

Marialyce Grubbs who celebrated her 93rd birthday, Jan. 19.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Abi & Stewart Pinckard who are announcing the birth of a grandson, Jack William Heffner, born Jan. 10. His parents are Lauren & Jacob Heffner.

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.

HONORARIUM

Carla Barnett Ray Dempster

MEMORIALS

Frances Bailey Rav Dempster Jane Williams **James Chasteen** Elizabeth & Larry Pike Jane Williams **Richard Dotson** Amy & Hugh Davis and Family Sharon Duffie Judy & Williams Blackmon Jim Hall Robert Allen Emily & Hamp Baxley Shanna & George Deitsch Ray Dempster Barbara & Paul Flowers Carol & Robert Flowers Elizabeth & Larry Pike Susan Price Jane Williams **Rudy Heintzelman** Mitzi & Williams Watson Joe Miller Mitzi & William Watson Jim Price, Jr. Mitzi & William Watson **Mary Emma Smilie** Amy & Hugh Davis and Family Art Solomon Mitzi & William Watson Milford White Emmaus Sunday School Class

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

First Light Chapel Communion Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

Bridge and Sanctuary Worship

A message from Resident Bishop L. Jonathan Holston.

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING (Next meeting Feb. 12) The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in

Ŕm. 158.

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (Next meeting Feb. 20)

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

Betty Helm's Retirement Reception





In December, we celebrated Betty's retirement with a special reception in the Parlor attended by church members, friends and family. Betty served at FUMC Dothan for several years as our food director, as well as in our finance office.





Tuesday, Feb. 4, 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Lunch: \$10 • Make lunch reservations by calling the church office at 334-793-3555. The executive committee meets at 11 a.m. in Rm. 134.



FEB 5 | FELLOWSHIP HALL

fumcdothan.org/midday





Madeline Elizabeth Palm was baptized Sunday, January 19. She is pictured with her parents, Hayley & Zac, brother, Riley, and sister, Anna Kate.



"Let the little children come to me ..."

Matthew 19:14

Welcome new members to FUMC Dothan



Margaret Wilson joined our church Jan. 19.



Will & Ashley Murphy joined our church Jan. 26.





LUNCH at basketcase Feb. 11 11:30 a.m. Coll the church at 324-793-3555 to reserve a seat by Feb. 7.