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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 14, 2019

Radical Hospitality and Tween News



I'm happy to announce Mrs. Sonia Crutchfield (pictured above) has agreed to join our church staff as our Interim Director of Tween Ministries. Sonia is a teacher with 32 years experience and is presently teaching 3rd grade at Montana Magnet School. Sonia and her husband David have been a vital part of our life together for many years. This week, I hope you will pray for Sonia and step forward to offer her your assistance in discipling some of our youngest Christ followers.

For over a year now, one of our BHAGS (Big, Hairy, Audacious, Goals) has been becoming a radically hospitable church family. In January, we invited a 6th grader named Kenza Bilbeisi to offer an instrumental Act Of Praise in two of our worship services. Kenza is a student in The Studio of Fine Arts which meets in our church. I was so glad when Kenza and Sabrina Hannon, the Administrator of The Studio of Fine Arts, granted me permission to share part of an email Sabrina sent our way in February:

...my student, Kenza Bilbeisi played for the act of worship on the 17th... Kenza's family is from Jordan, although she and her siblings were

born here. I think she is about 11 or 12 years old. When she came for her lesson, I brought her into the sanctuary and let her get familiar with the piano and her surroundings. We went over everything as well as I could. That Sunday morning, I sat up in the chancel area with her to make sure she felt comfortable about when she was to begin playing, etc.

This is the part that I wanted you to know...When the service was over, so many people came up and told her how well she did! When we were walking down the hall to our car, people stopped her to let her know how much they enjoyed her playing. She even saw a couple of people whom she knew who congratulated her. The experience was HUGE for her!!! This was Kenza's first time ever going to church and even knowing what a church service was, and she helped to participate in it! FUMC was so hospitable, receptive, outgoing, and encouraging to her! And, isn't that how a church family should be?!? We don't know Kenza's future, but God does. She just might be a musician in a church one day—all because of her very first experience at FUMC. I truly believe that this is what it's all about!

I wanted you to know how well the church received her—and it wasn't because she put on this magnificent performance. They were genuine in the ministry of encouragement! I think this speaks volumes! Sabrina

Way to go church! I feel so blessed to be a part of a church practicing radical hospitality.

Inhale Faith; Exhale Fear.

UMCOR SUNDAY

On March 31, we will receive our UMCOR Sunday Offering. UMCOR Sunday (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) raises funds to administer the United Methodist Committee on Relief ensuring that gifts from individuals to UMCOR during the year do not incur any administrative costs. Every dollar given is a dollar spent on those who are in the midst of great hurt! The past 12 months our Annual Conference has received UMCOR funds for the victims of Hurricane Michael and the tornadoes which recently touched down in Lee County, Alabama.

When you give to UMCOR, your offering allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. Please prepare now for your UMCOR Sunday Offering on March 31.

Thanks,
Jim Sanders



FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

March 20th

Serving 4:45 'til 6:15

ALL reservations MUST be made by 10:00 Wednesday mornings. Make your reservations online by using the Friendship Folder on Sunday mornings, or by calling the church office at 793-3555.

FULL MEAL

Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots, Sweet Peas, Roll, Beverage, and Ice Cream

Children (4 to 10 years old)

Mini Burgers, Tater Tots, Sweet Peas, Beverage, and Ice Cream

Adults @ \$8

Children (4 to 10 years) @ \$4
Family Max (4 or more persons living in same household) @ \$22
Children (3 and under) FREE

SALAD AND SPECIALTY BAR

Baked Potato Bar,
Soup of the Day, Full Salad Bar

Adults @ \$6

Children (4 to 10 years) @ \$4
Family Max (4 or more persons living in same household) @ \$18
Children (3 and under) FREE

There will be no Fellowship Supper next Wednesday, March 27, due to Spring Break.

Bring the whole family

CHILDREN

Sunday, March 17

- Children's Choir Sings in The Bridge, 8:55
- Rock Solid, 9:20 and 11:25
- Sunday Morning Life Groups, 10:00
- UMKF "Pot of Gold," Children's Music, Snack Supper, 4:30-6:00

Wednesday, March 20

- WACKY/SonShine Time, 3:15-5:00
- Movies and Message (M&M) 6:00-7:00
"Charlie Brown: It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown," Kids Korner

Sunday, March 24

- Rock Solid, 9:20 and 11:25
- Sunday Morning Life Groups, 10:00
- No UMKF, Children's Music, or Snack Supper (Spring Break)

Wednesday, March 27

- No activities (Spring Break)

TWEENS

Sunday, March 17

- Come for your Tween Life Group at 9:45 in the Tween Room 266.
- Time for God, 4:30-5:15
- Snack Supper, 5:15-5:45 (\$3)
- Confirmation, 5:45-7:00

Wednesday, March 20

Tweens, 3:15-5:00
Meet in the café for snacks, games, and a great lesson.

YOUTH

Sunday, March 17

- Youth Music, 4:00-5:00
- UMYF, 5:15-7:15 (Snack Supper is \$3)

Tuesday, March 19

Youth Breakfast: Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 for a good hot breakfast. We will be serving French toast, eggs, bacon, sausage, and cheese grits. Cost is \$3.

Wednesday, March 20

Boys grade 7-10, Café, 6:00-7:00
• Girls grade 7-10, Room 284, 6:00-7:00
• Boys grade 11-12, home of Henry Ivey (401 Montezuma) 7:00-8:00
• Girls grade 11-12, 7:00-8:00 (Call Sarah Beth Gilley for the address at 791-6472.)
• We will be eating supper at church, so make a reservation for Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper.

ADULTS

Movie Day is Wednesday, March 27 at 2:30 in Room 165. *"Forever My Girl"* will be shown. Popcorn, soda, and snacks will be provided. Please note the room change. We are now meeting in Room 165 (up the ramp behind the kitchen).

Tuck Everlasting is being presented by Providence Christian School at the Cultural Arts Center on Thursday, April 4, at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5. You can sign up outside Hannah's office. Deadline is Tuesday, March 19.

MERGE CLASS

The Science of the Crucifixion

On Sunday, March 31, our Sunday morning Life Groups will meet together at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Steve Fendley will lead us through the physiological aspects of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

JOIN FUMC BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 17

Parlor @ 10:00

Meet new friends. Enjoy a hot breakfast. Take the vows of church membership from the pastor and officially join the church. Contact the church office at paula@fumcdothan.org or 793-3555 to let us know you're coming.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Recently hospitalized:

Bertie Loggins, Paul Muller, Paul Thomas

Our sympathy to:

• Patti Alexander and Lee Waters and family; death of their sister Laurie Anne McLean, February 21.

Congratulations to:

- Haley and Archie Solomon; birth of a son, Mason Clark Solomon, March 3. Grandparents are Tracy and Arch Solomon.
- Julie and Steve Shaw; birth of a grandson, Thomas Mason Davis, March 5. Parents are Caroline and Grant Davis. Great grandmother is Juleann Torrence.
- KK and Doug Van Wie; birth of a son, John Royston Van Wie, March 7. Grandparents are Diana and Bob Hagler.

RESPIRE CARE TRAINING

Training for new volunteers will be held on Wednesday, April 10, from 3:30 to 5:00 in Room 157. Youth in grades 9 through 12 interested in Summer Volunteering are invited!

WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- We are hiring Summer Camp counselors. Questions? Call the daycare office at 793-2179 or come by and fill out an application.
- We also are registering for kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. Questions? Call the daycare at 793-2179.
- We are hiring 1-2 additional workers in Weekday. Questions? Call 793-2179 or you can apply online.



Hands on Dothan

Serve with us on Saturday, April 6th

Please register online at handsondothan.com

Our mission is to reach our community with compassion in action. In 1 Peter 4:10, the Bible tells us to "serve each other according to the gift each person has received." To fulfill this mission, we partner with local organizations and ministries to Love God, Serve Others, and Reach Dothan. Areas of service are:

Florida Hurricane Relief
Buses will take you to areas most affected by Hurricane Michael to help with cleaning and rebuilding.

Aunt Katie's Garden to spread new mulch and clean up the garden beds.

Love in Action to help with their clothing pantry, food pantry, and the laundry.

The Harbor's street ministry, in-house social services, and an off-site children's event.

The Ark's thrift store, food bank, and sack lunches.

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore to organize, price, create displays, and unload trucks.

Honeysuckle Middle School to clean building, desks, and lockers and organize storage spaces.

Head Start needs help with spring cleaning.

Slingluff Elementary needs a fresh coat of paint.

Kelly Springs Elementary needs help with cleaning and building maintenance.

The Harbor will host a basketball camp for children.

Wesley Place will be looking for friendly faces to come play games and do crafts.

Serving the Homebound will include visiting, taking crafts, working in flower beds and helping around the house.

On-site at FUMC you can help with cleaning, organizing, and some small repairs. There will also be a free car wash. We will close the day with a team to flip the fellowship hall from a dining set up with tables and chairs to the worship set up for The Bridge worship service.



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY • APRIL 14

First Light Communion, 8:15
The Bridge, 8:55
Morning Worship 8:55 and 11:00 a.m.
Life Groups 10:00 a.m.

Easter Neighborhood Block Party

4:00 'til 6:00 p.m. • Free
Egg Hunts, Refreshments,
Music by Promise, Devotion, Cross Raising

HOLY WEDNESDAY • APRIL 17

Lenten Luncheon • \$8
Fellowship Hall • 12:00 p.m.
"Sister Schubert" Patricia Barnes
Reservations online or by calling
the church office (793-3555).

MAUNDY THURSDAY • APRIL 18

Holy Communion and Hand Washing
Sanctuary • 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY • APRIL 19

Tenebrae Service of Darkness
Chancel Choir • Sanctuary • 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
In Silhouette
Following the Service
Presented by FUMC Youth

HOLY SATURDAY • APRIL 20

Radical Run for Missions
Register and pay entry fee
(\$25) online.

EASTER SUNDAY • APRIL 21

First Light Communion, 8:15
The Bridge, 8:55
Morning Worship 8:55 and 11:00 a.m.
Life Groups 10:00 a.m.

FUMC website:

www.fumcdothan.org

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Given in honor of:

Lynda and Wyndal Adams
Frances Bailey
George Tatom
Tillie and Ray Dempster

Given in memory of:

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Bill Blount III
Mary and Jeff Crittenden
William Hood, Jr.
Patricia and Lester Stewart
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Cindy and Bob Whiddon
Robert Powell
Pathfinders Sunday School Class
Jane Ramsey
Patricia and Lester Stewart
David West
Nancy and David McClung



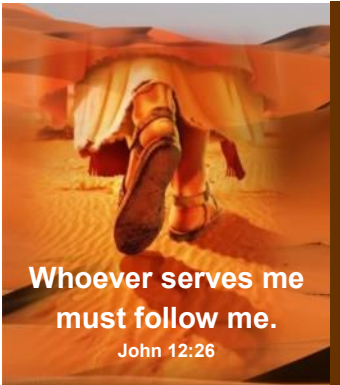
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“Grow in Service”

Jesus modeled for us a life of service.

Scripture teaches us that Jesus came not to be served but to serve.

We follow in the example of Christ, and thus draw near to God, when we serve.

How are you drawing nearer to God by serving?

A GREAT opportunity to serve is on April 6 with Hands On Dothan.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 17th

8:15-8:45	First Light Communion (Chapel)
8:55-11:00	The Gathering
8:55	Sanctuary Worship
8:55	The Bridge Worship (Fellowship Hall)
10:00-10:45	Join FUMC Breakfast (Parlor)
10:00-10:50	Sunday Morning Life Groups for All Ages
11:00-12:00	Sanctuary Worship
4:00-5:00	Youth Music (Room 263)
4:30-5:45	Tweens
4:30-6:00	UM Kids Fellowship
5:15-7:15	UM Youth Fellowship
5:30-6:30	Westminster Handbells (Room 256)
5:45-7:00	Confirmation Class (Room 261)

Monday, March 18th

8:00-7:00	Gym Open
9:00-11:30	In Christ's Name (Room 134)
10:00-2:00	Respite Care (Rooms 157/158)
1:30-3:00	Ladies Fellowship Bible Study (Room 131)

Tuesday, March 19th

7:00-7:30	Youth Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
8:00-7:00	Gym Open
8:45-9:45	Senior Stretch and Strengthen (Gym)
10:00-11:00	Invitation to John (Room 131)
10:00-2:00	Respite Care (Rooms 157, 158)
1:00-3:00	Joyful Hands Sewing (Room 165)
6:00-8:00	Church Party (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 20th

All Day	Gym Open (8:00-7:00)
7:00-8:00	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study (Shoney's)
9:00-10:00	Daycare Chapel (Chapel)
10:00-2:00	Respite Care (Rooms 157, 158)
1:00-5:00	Adult Bridge Club (Room 165)
3:15-5:00	Tweens (Check in, Youth Café)
3:15-5:00	SonShine Time (Check in, Walton Garden)
3:15-5:00	WACKY (Check in, Rainbow Room)
4:45-6:15	Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)
6:00-7:00	Childcare, newborn to age 4, (Nursery area)
6:00-7:00	For the Bible Tells Me So (Rooms 152/153)
6:00-7:00	Goliath (Room 157)
6:00-7:00	Movies and Message (Room 217)
6:00-7:00	The Gospel of Mark (Room 158)
6:00-7:00	Boys Grade 7-10 Bible Study (Café)
6:00-7:00	Girls Grade 7-10 Bible Study (Room 284)
6:00-7:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 255)
7:00-8:00	Boys Grade 11-12 Bible Study (see inside)
7:00-8:00	Girls Grade 11-12 Bible Study (see inside)

Thursday, March 21st

All Day	Gym Open (8:00-7:00)
8:45-9:45	Senior Stretch and Strengthen (Gym)
10:00-2:00	Respite Care (Rooms 157, 158)
12:00-1:30	Bob King's Table Top Men's Lunch and Study (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, March 22nd

Adult Trip to Tuscany and the Italian Riviera	
8:00-5:00	Gym Open

Saturday, March 23rd

Adult Trip to Tuscany and the Italian Riviera	
9:00-12:00	Gym Open

