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REACHING OUT...IT'S WHO WE ARE!

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Dr. James B. Sanders III, Senior Pastor | June 4, 2020

RECREATION MINISTRIES

I, like many of you, have found myself getting acquainted with technology in new and different ways. At first, I wasn't sure how I felt about all this video technology, but the more I have utilized it, the more I am seeing God at work through it. I am being reminded that God has no limits and is using this uncertain time to further His kingdom. I have been blessed to see firsthand how he is working through the commitment of fellow followers of Christ as they are showing up in virtual spaces.

Each week, I get the privilege to watch this unfold through our senior adult workout class that meets on Zoom. It has been so encouraging to see these ladies transcend the technological challenges to stay the course. Another group that has shown this commitment is our boot camp group that has been showing up on Zoom each week to exercise and encourage one another to be the body of Christ. Lastly, I see firsthand how God is at work through our Bible study group while we work through how to tell our stories of following Christ to other people and thinking deeper about "why we believe what we do." What a blessing it is to be a part of all these groups on a weekly basis. To God be the glory for the great things He is doing.

God Bless,
Ryan
Director of Recreational Ministries





Though our building is closed,
our hearts are open.

CHILDREN

"Treat others as you want them to treat you. This is what the Law and the Prophets are all about."
Matthew 7:12

Discuss with your child that this Bible verse is called the Golden Rule, and explain what that means. As a family, make a list of your own Golden Rules. These rules will help your child grow morally and also teach them respect.

A kid-friendly list might look like this:

We are gentle.
We are kind and helpful.
We listen.
We are honest.
We work hard.
We look after property.

If you are not receiving weekly Sunday School lessons from me, please email leeanne@fumcdothan.org to let me know and I will add you to our list.
~ Lee Anne Holland

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TWEENS

This past week reminds us to turn to God in times of conflict. See the prayer below for a great example to seek his protections.

The Prayer for Protection
by James Dillet Freeman

The light of God surrounds us;
The love of God enfolds us;
The power of God protects us;
The presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, God is!

Check out the church website and Tween page for Sunday School videos and activities.

~ Sonia

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YOUTH

We are having Sunday School classes through Zoom at 10 am. We will also be having Youth Zoom sessions each Sunday and Wednesday evening from 6-7.

The links for the Zoom meetings will come from a Remind text message. If you have not signed up for our Remind messages, please text @fumc19-20 to 810-10.
~ Brad

ADULTS

Book Club with Cheryl Hinnen.

Lisa Sharon Harper's, "The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right."

Date and time to be announced soon but hoping for mid-July! For more information or to sign up, please contact hannah@fumcdothan.org.
~ Hannah

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

A huge thank you to all that participated in the Respite Caregiver Parade! Thank you to all that made signs, dressed up and came out to wave and cheer! Your presence and your efforts truly lifted the spirits of so many!! Thank you for loving God and loving others through Respite Care Ministry!

If you are a caregiver or know of a caregiver in our community in need of support contact katie@fumcdothan.org for ZOOM meeting code and password.

~ Katie

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our Sympathy to:

~ Jeanie Flowers and family due to the death of her husband, John McDavid Flowers, Sr., who died May 25.

~ The family of Jamie Elliott, who died May 29.

In the hospital:

~ Mick DeJulius (Southeast Health)
~ Jeff Groover (Flowers)

Released from hospital:

~ Bob Harris

This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through our members who work in healthcare settings, as they share love with those whose families cannot visit at this time.

BAPTISM

Henry (Buck) Thomas Crawford was baptized in the Sanctuary on May 31. Pictured with him are his parents, Maryann and Thomas, and his sister Kate. His grandparents are Gary and Susan Kirkland.



WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Weekday Children's Ministry is missing all the little smiles. So, we're having a preschool parade through the FUMC parking lots.

Join the drive-by festivities on **Friday, June 5 at 11:00 am** to see your preschool teachers!

FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR,

Brad Price, our Director of Youth Ministries served notice to our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and myself on Sunday that he has accepted a call to be the Sr. Pastor of First Baptist Church in Slocomb. That news was received with great disappointment as Brad and his family have blessed us so deeply the past year. However, we are glad for the new ministry opportunity Brad will have. I encourage you to let Brad know of your appreciation before his last day with us on June 14th. A search team will begin working this week. If you know of someone who might be interested in our Director of Youth Ministries position, please have them email their interest and resume to jobs@fumcdothan.org.

~ Jim Sanders

worship ONLINE

8:55 AM

Need to contact the church?

For immediate assistance,
call the on-call number: 334-796-9937



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staff emails listed at fumcdothan.org/clergy-staff

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The Respite Caregiver Parade was a Success!

