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

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Dr. James B. Sanders III, Senior Pastor | July 23, 2020

VBS, Shine, & Sunday School Updates

Five Things We Know Will Happen When We Are Able to Return to Church

1. Your child will be loved!
2. Your child will learn about God.
3. We will remain as safe as we possibly can.
4. We will do our best to keep everyone healthy.
5. Your child will be loved!

Oh boy, have we missed seeing little faces here in this big church building each week! We miss the sound of their footsteps as they walk or sometimes run down the halls. We miss hearing their voices and laughter as they make their way to Rock Solid, Time for God, Being Fed, and Sunday School, and we have certainly missed not having our summer filled with special events and fun times together. Can this change in our routine be helped at this time? We all know the answer to this question - no. However, our commitment to your child remains the same. We are adapting and will do our very best each and every week to help your child grow in faith.

As summer approached, we sent out a survey to see if parents preferred a virtual Vacation Bible School/ Shine or if they preferred to wait until we could safely hold a more traditional form. The survey overwhelmingly showed that the parents wanted to wait. However, we do not want to leave anyone out. So, for those of you that would like to try a virtual option, here are two websites to explore with your child: www.umcna.org/virtualvbs and www.fumcmontgomery.org/armorup.

We would also like to remind you that each week we are sending home an option of Sunday School stories, videos, songs, and printables. If you are not receiving these emails, please contact Sonia Crutchfield or Lee Anne Holland. Another Sunday School option is a Livestream Cokesbury Kids Class on Facebook. That address is https://m.facebook.com/Cokesburykids or you can search for "Cokesbury Kids" on Facebook.

One last thing, we want to hear from you! Please let us know of things you might need for your child or things we could be doing to make the faith journey with your child a little easier. We are here for you and want to assist in any way that we can! **Know that we are praying for your child every day. Your child is loved!**

Blessings,
Sonia and Lee Anne

this week at FUMC

CHILDREN

Do you think Adam laughed when he saw an ostrich? Maybe Eve cracked up when she heard the name of the Dodo bird. God must like to laugh too. He created some pretty funny things.

Laughing can help pull us out of a grumpy mood and put a smile back on our faces. We can laugh with others when we see, hear, or say funny things. Do you make silly faces or tell jokes to make the people around you laugh? That is a blessing! Thank God for the gift of laughter today!
~ Psalm 126:2

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TWEENS

Turn up your radio! Music speaks to our hearts in such a special way. This week find time to check out *Way Maker* and consider the Lord's role in our lives:

Way Maker
Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper
Light in the Darkness
My God
That is who you are!

As the song continues the artist declares:
I worship you, I worship you.

While our worship looks different during these days our ability to worship has no limits.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
~ John 1:5

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YOUTH

2 Corinthians 4:18

Summer Youth T-shirts now available! Check the website to order. Deadline approaching!

Youth Zoom:
Sundays at 10am
Sundays & Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Our competition with Covenant ends tomorrow! Check Instagram for updates.

VIRTUAL YOUTH OLYMPICS
July 26th at 8:15 pm. Check the remind group for the Zoom link! (get your videos in ASAP)

Join our Youth Remind: text **@fumc19-20** to **81010**

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ADULTS

Book Club with Cheryl Hinnen will meet at 11:00 on Tuesday, August 11 in the Parlor. We will discuss Lisa Sharon Harper's, *The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right.*
~ Hannah

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

Memory Café was a blast! We had a great group and a great time together sharpening our minds, our Respite Care training skills, and connecting with each other! Stay tuned for another Zoom Memory Café opportunity coming soon!

Caregiver Zoom Support Group
Thursdays at 10:30

We have caregivers from several different states and cities attending. If you know a caregiver that needs support, even if they live far away, email katie@fumcdothan.org for Zoom info. We would LOVE for anyone to join us!
~ Katie

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Released from Hospital:
~ Gloria Weeks

Our Sympathy to:
~ Glenn and Sally Northcutt and family due to the death of Glenn's sister, Sue McCrory, who died July 17.

Happy Birthday to:
~ Evelyn Theune who celebrated her 91st birthday on July 14.

This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through our Weekday Children's Ministry.

MEMORIALS

Elizabeth Allen
Dr. Lester & Patricia Stewart
Randy Barnes
Joe & Tril Ausley
Karen & David Avery
Mary Crittenden
Megan Key
Catherine & Lester Killebrew
Donna & Ted Paulk
Dr. Lester & Patricia Stewart
Laurie Wrenn
Dr. Jim Dees
Henry Guilford, Jr.
Margaret Owens
Sarah Shepard

Special Musical Guests

ONLINE WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY!
8:55 am Sanctuary Service
with special music by
married violinists

Edward Charity &
Petra Bubanja

Members of the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, Mobile Symphony, Pensacola Symphony, Valdosta Symphony, and Northwest Florida Symphony

Weekday Openings!

Kindergarten
& 4P

2020-2021
School Year

For info or to register,
call 793-2179.

Ways To Give

Give Online
fumcdothan.org/give

Text To Give
text "give" to 1-334-219-0240

Mail In
1380 W. Main St.
Dothan, AL 36301

SANCTUARY 8:55 AM

Livestream
CHURCH SERVICES
WATCH FROM HOME ▶

BRIDGE 8:55 AM

MASK ON. SO WE CAN ALL BREATHE EASY.

Masks now required in Alabama.

Do you need one?

Our mask ministry would love to supply you with one!

Contact Katie Holland
katie@fumcdothan.org

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