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

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Dr. James B. Sanders III, Senior Pastor | November 19, 2020

Nostalgia and Music

A familiar tune can bring on a flood of memories! I recently read that your favorite Christmas carol reveals what makes you the most nostalgic about your childhood. I found that to be so true for me! The moment I hear "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," I am immediately transported to the sanctuary of FUMC in Eufaula, Alabama. It was circa 1975, and I had finally graduated from stable animal to "angel" in the Christmas pageant! I remember every detail: the golden tinsel halo, the cardboard cutout wings lined with more golden tinsel, and a tinsel tie around the waist of my white robe! Then, right on cue for the chorus, the angels stepped on the balcony, and you guessed it! We belted out "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" with all our hearts!! The feeling comes back every year, every time I hear that carol!!! Christmas carols from your childhood bring back memories of family, traditions, loved ones that are no longer with us, tree trimming, hearty meals, and most importantly, a child in a manger.

Please save the dates and join us on Thursday December 17th at 6:00 pm or Saturday December 19th at 3:00 pm as we carol outdoors with our FUMC family! We will carol at the homes of our Respite Care participants and caregivers, FUMC homebound families, and neighbors in our community.

Do you have a Christmas carol that brings back a rush of old memories? Share YOUR story with others this year and sing YOUR song with us! Email Katie@fumcdothan.org or Jack@fumcdothan.org to sign up!

Katie Holland, Director of Respite Care Ministry

Christmas Caroling

with your church family

Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 19 at 3:00pm

for our Respite families, homebound members, and our community



this week at FUMC

CHILDREN

ADVENT COUNTDOWN

Sunday, Nov. 29, 5:00-5:45pm

Come and create an Advent countdown chain that will remind us of the story of Christ's birth each day of the Advent season. Look for a signup link in your email!

[Click to Sign Up](#)

TWEENS

TWEENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday 9:45-10:30

Masks, temperature checks, and signed waiver required. I hope you will join us for worship and in class this Sunday.

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YOUTH

CHRISTMAS WITH THE HARBOR

Dec. 4: Gift Shopping
Dec.13: Wrapping and Packing
Dec. 16: Delivering Gifts

Email Robbie@fumcdothan.org if you would like to help the youth shop, wrap, and/or deliver gifts for the Harbor.

RESPITE MINISTRY

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Thursday, 10:30am, Zoom

CHRISTMAS MEAL DELIVERY

Help deliver a meal or sponsor a meal in honor of someone you love for Christmas. You will be giving the gift of Respite to a caregiver! Email Katie@fumcdothan.org for more info.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our Sympathy To:

- ~ Cheryl Gibson and family due to the death of Cheryl's brother, William Larry Webber, who died on October 29.
- ~ Darlene Hillman and family due to the death of Darlene's brother, Eugene Pugalee, who died November 8.

Congratulations:

- ~ Charles and Randa Judy on the birth of their first great-grandchild, Evelyn May Wheeler, born November 12 to proud parents, Madelyn and Matt Wheeler.

This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through our In Christ's Name ministry who is helping the hungry and the underserved with food and assistance.

Give Thanks

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FUMC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, NOV.25 - FRIDAY, NOV. 27
FOR THANKSGIVING

LIVING WELL GOAL UPDATE

Commitments Received

\$1,192,774

CARDS: 194 OUR GOAL: \$2,249,172

NOW HIRING

PART-TIME NURSERY WORKERS

To apply, please email jobs@fumcdothan.org or learn more at fumcdothan.org/jobs.



Bread of Life MINISTRY

Feeding Hungry School Children on the Weekends

FUMC Children and Tweens packed 260 food bags to be delivered to Girard Primary School on Wednesday. These meals are ready-to-eat so the students can manage themselves while they are out of school during Thanksgiving break. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Lee Anne Holland at 596-2859.

Discipleship Corner

Dr. Phil Maynard, Director of Discipleship Ministries

Who is your Spiritual Friend?

Proverbs 27:17 reads: ***As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.***

In the tradition of the church, the type of relationship between believers where we support each other in growing as disciples is often referred to as "spiritual friends". A Spiritual Friendship is usually an informal relationship between two disciples who commit to encourage, support, and hold each other accountable for their discipleship.

They usually meet weekly (in-person or by phone/zoom) for 30-60 minutes and have conversation about how they have experienced God at work in their lives and challenges they are facing. Then they pray for one another.

If you want to jump start your growth as a disciple, you may find a spiritual friendship to be just the type of support you need. Try it. You might just like it!



13th Annual
Interfaith
Thanksgiving
Service

This service will be live-streamed only.
Join us on Facebook, YouTube, or at fumcdothan.org.
Tuesday, November 24th at 6:00 pm



Feeling
DISCONNECTED
???

CONNECT class

10 AM on Sundays: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6

Join us as we talk about the Bible, discipleship, faith, and why FUMC matters in our community.

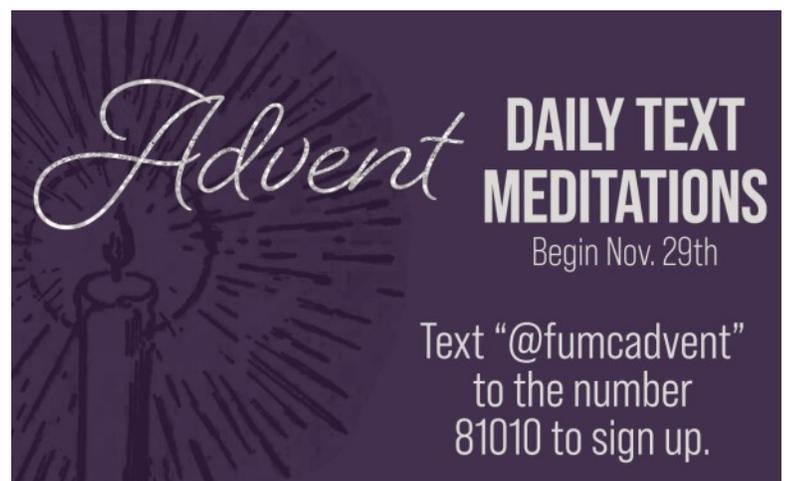


Poinsettias are Coming!

Christmas Poinsettias Deadline
is Sunday, Dec. 13th.

Red poinsettias are \$25.00 each.

Order at fumcdothan.org or
by calling/visiting the church office.

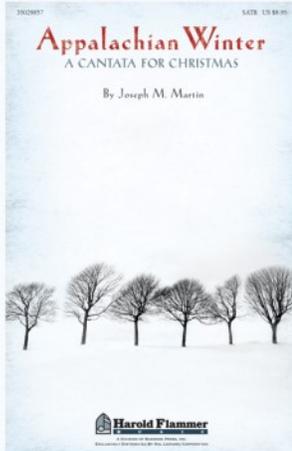


Advent

DAILY TEXT
MEDITATIONS

Begin Nov. 29th

Text "@fumcadvent"
to the number
81010 to sign up.



Appalachian Winter
A CANTATA FOR CHRISTMAS
By Joseph M. Martin

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
2020 CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 6th
8:55 and 11:00 am

presented by:
FUMC Ensemble & String Quartet

will also live stream on Facebook, YouTube and fumcdothan.org

Harold Flammer
Appalachian Winter
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WE NEED YOUR HELP
DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY

Children's ministry is in need of drive-thru nativity helpers on December 10 and 11. We need set directors, cast members, traffic patrol, cleaners, costumes, etc.



Contact Lee Anne Holland at 596-2859

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE
LISTENING SESSION

SUNDAY
11/22



4PM IN
FELLOWSHIP
HALL



2020 CONFIRMANDS
OF FUMC DOTHAN

DECEMBER 3, 3-6PM
CLC PARKING LOT

WE'RE TEAMING UP WITH THE JOY FM BY HOSTING A T-SHIRTS FOR TURKEYS STOP THIS YEAR!



Come out on Dec. 3rd from 3-6pm, and donate a frozen turkey (or \$10 cash/gift card) and receive a free JOY FM t-shirt. The frozen turkeys you donate will go immediately to the freezers of area food banks and homeless shelters. From there, they will be turned into food boxes, holiday meal plates, and the warmth of hope and God's love for the unfortunate in our community, many of whom are children. Let's use this opportunity to SERVE and LOVE our local community.

Come out and trade a frozen turkey for a newly designed JOY FM T-shirt! And yes, we also accept "paper turkeys" (\$10 cash) or \$10 gift cards from any local grocery stores if you don't want to do the shopping.