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

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Dr. James B. Sanders III, Senior Pastor | January 21, 2021



We're embarking on something designed especially for you during the Season of Lent (Feb.17 - April 2)! Our staff and worship planning team have prepared a highly experiential series based upon six dimensions of discipleship: a Life of Worship, A Life of Hospitality, A Life of Opening to God, A Life of Obeying God, A Life of Service, and A Life of Generosity. This Lenten Season can be a tremendous time of growth in our discipleship and in our relationship with God!

During Lent, our Sunday morning worship services will feature new, creative, and engaging experiences. Each of these experiences is designed to deepen our experience of the presence of God and to aid us in offering ourselves more fully in worship.

In the forty days of Lent, we will engage in a church-wide study titled, "Disciple Like Jesus." These small groups will be offered on varying days and times. In addition, these groups will meet as both in-person groups and as Zoom groups. *Disciple Like Jesus* will be a great opportunity to make new friends and grow in your personal discipleship journey. Our Director of Discipleship Ministries, Phil Maynard, has made all materials (including a PDF of the book) available at no cost to you. Thank you Phil!

To put the icing on the cake, we will also offer a series of "Deeper Dive" experiences where you can learn more and engage in practicing the discipleship theme of the week. You'll have the opportunity to serve a meal to front line workers at our local hospitals, engage in a community service project supporting *Love Dothan*, deepen your prayer life with a prayer labyrinth, and attend workshops for deeper learning.

I'm pumped about this exciting series of worship and developmental experiences. Are you? Everything that will happen has been done with you in mind and with you on our hearts! I hope you will take full advantage of all these opportunities as you learn more about them in the weeks ahead.

I look forward to taking giant steps forward with you in our growth as Disciples.

Inhale Faith; Exhale Fear.

Jim
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MORE Series: DEEPER DIVES

February 24:

How to Have a Devotional Time
by: Rev. Lynn Smilie Nesbitt

March 2 & 4:

Serving Front-Line Workers at
Local Hospitals

March 9-11:

Prayer Labyrinth

March 17:

How to Study Your Bible
by: Mark Saliba

March 27:

SHAPE Workshop
by: Dr. Phil Maynard

April 3:

LOVE Dothan Community
Service



this week at FUMMC

CHILDREN

B.L.A.S.T TIME

SUN. 5:00-5:45
OR
WED. 3:30-4:30

SIGN UP

TWEENS

TWEENS TIME FOR GOD

SUN. 5:00-5:45
OR
WED. 3:30-4:30

SIGN UP

CONFIRMATION CLASS

SUN. 6:00-6:45

YOUTH

YOUTH SMALL GROUPS

WED. 6:00-6:45

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

SUN. 6:00-6:45

ADULTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUN. 9:45-10:30

Classes available for all ages, but not all adult classes are resuming in-person gatherings at this time.

TWO WEEK ZOOM STUDY

"The Bible With
and Without Jesus"

JAN. 26 & FEB 2
TUESDAYS, 7:30pm

Two week Zoom study led by Rev. Lynn Smilie Nesbitt and Rabbi Lynne Goldsmith.

RESPITE

LIVE TRAINING WEBINAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 29
10:00-12:00

Webinar for caregivers and volunteers featuring Teepa Snow. Contact katie@fumcdothan.org for details and registration.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our Sympathy to:

- ~ Tommie Ann Hudgens and family due to the death of her husband, John Hudgens, who died January 14.
- ~ Patrick and Lysie Guin and family due to the death of Lysie's father, Roger Davenport, who died January 15.

In the Hospital

- ~ Natalie Snell (Flowers)

This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through The Settlement, a United Methodist Children's Home for boys in the Dothan area.

MEMORIALS

Barbara Crook

Mike & Fran Jones

Dr. Jim Dees

Ronald & Christine Harris

Jerry Dooling

Ray & Tillie Dempster

Gloria Sorrells

William & Mitzi Watson

Joe Dunlap

Janet & VG Martin

Billie Sue Ford

Paul & Rebecca Adams

Dee Pittman

Mary Ann, Bella, &

Marbury Spann

Jim Wheeler, Jr.

Boyd & Cobb Attorneys

at Law

HONORARIUM

Palmer Howell

Mary Ann, Bella, &

Marbury Spann

Help our church plan new discipleship training opportunities for 2021 by taking the Real Discipleship Survey online. Visit fumcdothan.org/rds to participate!

Discipleship Corner

Dr. Phil Maynard, Director of Discipleship Ministries

GOAL:

Use the 5-finger prayer technique as a basis for prayer during worship.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)



The 5-Finger Prayer Technique

- **Thumb:** Pray for those closest to you (family & friends).
- **Pointer Finger:** Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal that they will receive support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction (teachers, ministers, doctors).
- **Middle/Tallest Finger:** Pray for our leaders (the President, local, state, and national government offices, leaders in business and industry, administrators).
- **Ring/Weakest Finger:** Pray for those who are sick, underserved, or weak.
- **Pinky/Smallest Finger:** Pray for yourself last, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

ACTION:

During the worship experience we not only offer our praise to God, but also seek God's blessing in our lives. The 5-finger prayer is a framework for remembering categories of people for whom we are called to pray. As you participate in worship this week, listen to the corporate prayer (sometimes offered as a pastoral prayer).

JOURNAL REFLECTION:

How were the categories of people acknowledged in the 5-finger prayer included in the prayer time(s) you experienced during corporate worship?

UPCOMING SERIES

MORE

LIFE AS JESUS INTENDED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Live Training Webinar
for Caregivers and Volunteers
featuring Teepa Snow

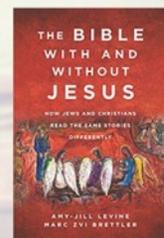


Positive
Approach
to Care®

The Preacher and The Rabbi

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led by Rev. Lynn Smilie Nesbitt and
Rabbi Lynne Goldsmith



January 26 and February 2
Tuesday Evenings, 7:30 CST

Disciple Like Jesus

Small Groups Begin Feb. 18

sign up now!



NOW HIRING

**FULL TIME
CUSTODIAN**

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ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU IN WORSHIP SUNDAY!

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COULD
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EVERYTHING**

