

# connections

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

## First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Dr. James B. Sanders III, Senior Pastor | March 18, 2021

MORE

with Bishop Lawson Bryan

Wed., March 31  
12:00 Noon  
Online Only

Facebook, YouTube, [fumcdothan.org](http://fumcdothan.org)



# Easter

APRIL 4

*Sunrise on the Green*

6:10 AM

*Sanctuary*

8:55 & 11:00 AM

*The Bridge*

8:55 & 11:00 AM

\*Nursery available for all Easter services.



# this week at FUMMC

## CHILDREN

### B.L.A.S.T Time

SUN. 5:00-6:00  
OR  
WED. 3:30-4:30

**SIGN UP**

## TWEENS

### Tweens Time for God

SUN. 5:00-6:00  
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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME!

**SUN. 10:00-10:45**

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

## RESPITE MINISTRY

**RESPITE  
CARE  
GRAND  
RE-OPENING**



TUESDAY, APRIL 20

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### **Released from Hospital:**

~ Alan Richards

### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations to Katie and Ike de Jong on the birth of their daughter, Mary Hart de Jong, who was born on March 11, 2021. Mary Hart's grandfather is Lamar Hart and her great grandmother is Celeste Hart.

*This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through our Bread of Life ministry giving food locally to hungry children.*



**Bread  
of Life**  
MINISTRY

Children and Tweens packed 270 bags for Girard Primary to hand out before the long Easter weekend.

**PHOTO GALLERY**

## BAPTISM

Barrett Grace Green Cantrell was baptized Sunday, March 14. Parents are Steve and Elizabeth Cantrell. Grandparents are Bunk and Bronwyn Hanahan.



## MEMORIALS

### **Barbara Crook**

Allyce & Joe Read

### **Chuck Dunseth**

Ruth Horn

### **John K. Selfe, Sr.**

Beverly Johnson

Mrs. William J. Silvernail, Jr.

### **Charles Weeks, Sr.**

Mary Ann & Marbury Spann

### **Martha Wilson**

Renece & Steven Wise

## Don't Forget Hygiene Items!

\*Details on Page 4.



## Wrapped in the Word

During worship this Sunday, our pastors preached about the importance of reading the Bible and applying it to our lives. Here are some tools to help you with reading and applying the Bible:

[www.biblica.com](http://www.biblica.com)  
[www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)  
[www.navigators.org](http://www.navigators.org)



# Discipleship Corner



## GOAL:

Experience your ordinary life through the lens of "the little way."

*"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your every day, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking around life– and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking."*

*-Romans 12:1 (The Message)*



## ACTION:

St. Therese of Lisieux was a Catholic nun, born in France in the late 1800s. Having a strong passion for serving God and originally dreaming of epic adventures of faith, she came to embrace the holiness of serving in small ways and honoring God in the daily tasks of existence as a way to show her love to others. She called this way of living –of identifying the holiness of every chore and embracing the joy of every relational interactions, no matter how mundane– as "the little way," and so powerful was her witness, that she was eventually canonized as a saint. List some of your daily tasks and routine interactions and how they might be experienced as holy territory.



## JOURNAL REFLECTION:

How would thinking about the day-to-day details of life in this manner allow you to experience God's blessings differently? How would this approach make you a more effective conduit of God's love? Be as specific as possible.

## S.H.A.P.E. WORKSHOP

[click for details](#)

Spiritual gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

Join us at 9:00 am!  
Saturday, March 27  
Fellowship Hall & Online

## Military Care Packages

Do you know a currently-deployed service member? We want to send care packages in time for Memorial Day.

Send names and addresses to  
[ryan@fumcdathan.org](mailto:ryan@fumcdathan.org) or call Ryan (712-9223).

## Don't Forget Easter Lilies

\$25 per lily

Order deadline:  
March 21

Purchase in office,  
by mail, or at  
[fumcdathan.org](http://fumcdathan.org)

NOW HIRING

PART-TIME  
NURSERY  
WORKERS

fumcdothan.org/jobs



LOVE   
DOTHAN

Community Service Day

April 3rd / 9-12am / Dusy & Alice St.

Near Alfred Saliba Center & St. James Baptist Church

Give the  
gift of...

CLEAN

First United Methodist Church  
is taking up donations of  
personal hygiene products for  
a Palm Sunday ministry of  
assembling personal hygiene  
kits for The Harbor.

[click for a list of items needed](#)



# Respite Care Ministry

Packed and Delivered Bird Seed and Bird Feeders

MORE  
PHOTOS

*He will cover you  
with His feathers,  
and under His wings  
you will find refuge*  
-Psalm 91:4



# Are you waiting for a sign from God to tell you how you can make a difference in the world?



Become a Children's Ministry volunteer!

Want to make a difference in the lives of our children and tweens at FUMC?

Our children and tween ministries have some amazing opportunities for anyone and everyone! Sunday School volunteers get to introduce children to Jesus, talk with them about the Bible, pray with them, and get a front-row seat to watch a child's life change forever as they follow Christ.

Jesus showed his love for children and the importance of children in our society throughout his life and ministry. He modeled how children are to be treated by embracing them and blessing them. Sunday School volunteers will have the opportunity to do just as Jesus did and embrace our children and bless them as He commanded. So, if you're an "empty nester," you're retired and looking for something to keep you busy, you enjoy serving the church in different ways, you have a heart for elementary/tween-aged children, or you are a child at heart yourself...we've got a spot for you!

Please contact Lee Anne Holland ([leeanne@fumcdothan.org](mailto:leeanne@fumcdothan.org)) or Sonia Crutchfield ([sonia@fumcdothan.org](mailto:sonia@fumcdothan.org)) to discuss ways you might help serve in their ministries. We promise you won't regret getting involved!

## Thank You



In appreciation of our Chick-fil-A lunches, the employees of Southeast Health signed and delivered this wonderful banner expressing their gratitude for our generosity and hospitality. Stop by the long hall adjacent to the Burdeshaw entrance to see all the signatures and be blessed by their kind words.

Ryan Deaton

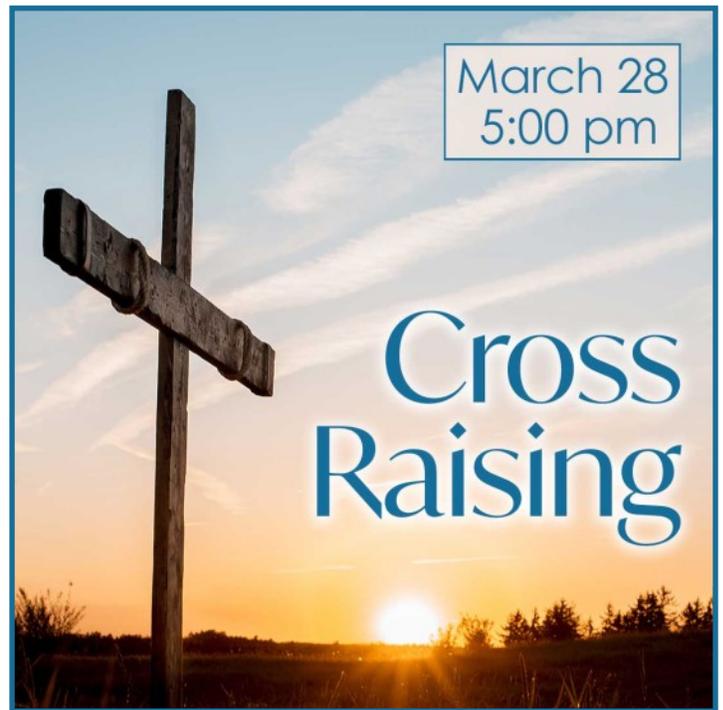
HAPPY WORK  
ANNIVERSARY

Thanks for  
**10 YEARS**  
of incredible ministry!



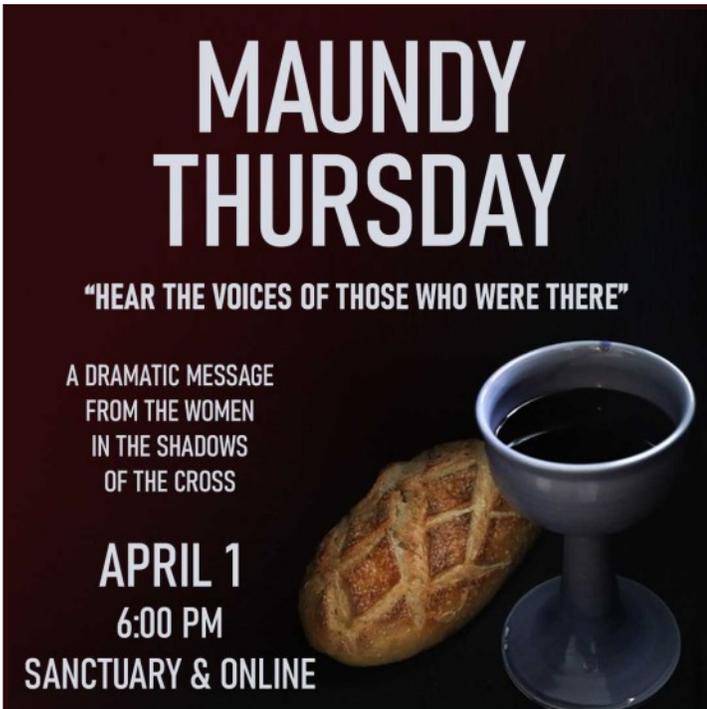
Easter  
EGG HUNT

Mar 28 - 4:00 pm



March 28  
5:00 pm

Cross  
Raising

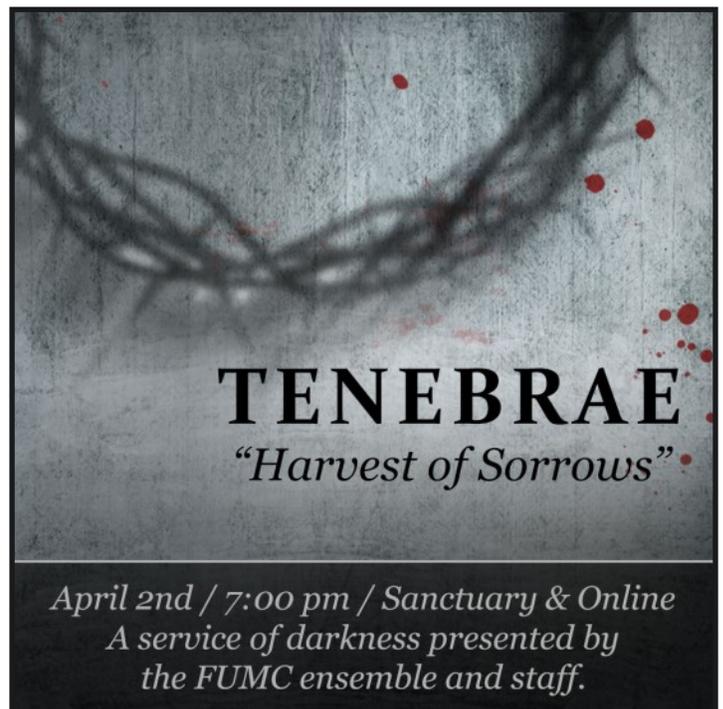


**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

"HEAR THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO WERE THERE"

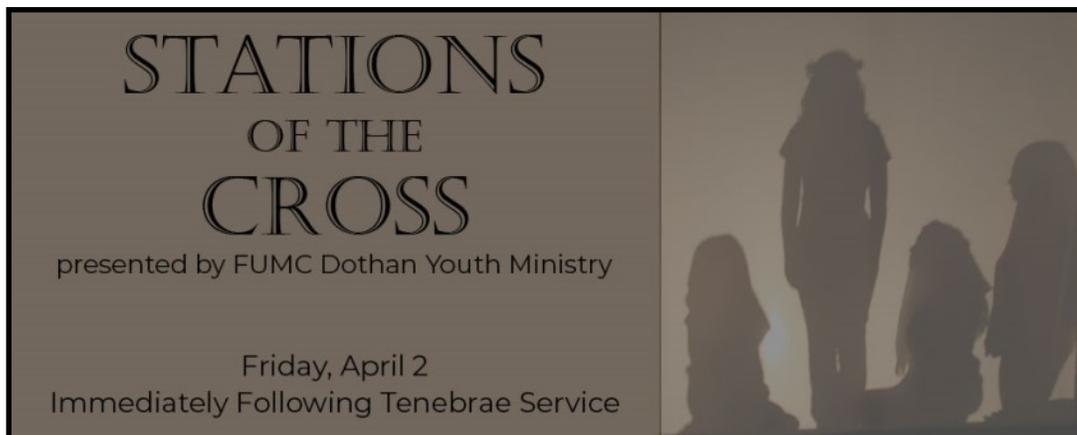
A DRAMATIC MESSAGE  
FROM THE WOMEN  
IN THE SHADOWS  
OF THE CROSS

**APRIL 1**  
6:00 PM  
SANCTUARY & ONLINE



**TENEBRAE**  
*"Harvest of Sorrows"*

April 2nd / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary & Online  
A service of darkness presented by  
the FUMC ensemble and staff.



**STATIONS  
OF THE  
CROSS**

presented by FUMC Dothan Youth Ministry

Friday, April 2  
Immediately Following Tenebrae Service