

connections

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

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Dr. James B. Sanders III, Senior Pastor | March 4, 2021



Wow! What a few weeks it has been. We are now moving into our third week of the Lenten Season and many of us have actually been in-person for worship for about a month! It has been so good to be back together. We've missed seeing each other and even wearing masks and social distancing is not dampening the joy of being together again.

Those of you who have been following along in the newsletter, emails, and website may have noticed that we are in the midst of a Lenten Worship Series called *MORE: Life As Jesus Intended*. We have had some wonderful worship together. More than 150 members and friends are connected in a church-wide study around the materials *Disciple Like Jesus*, gaining a clearer picture of what it means to be a growing, maturing disciple of Jesus Christ.

Another exciting feature of this Lenten Worship Series is a focus on what we are calling Deeper Dives. There are still some great opportunities coming your way....

- March 9-11:** Experience a deepening of your prayer life as you walk a full-sized Prayer Labyrinth in the gym.
- March 17:** Join Mark Saliba for some in-depth training on how to study your Bible.
- March 27:** Discover how God has gifted you for serving in the church and beyond through the SHAPE workshop.
- April 3:** Participate in a community service project partnering with the City of Dothan and two sister churches in the Love Dothan effort.

These Deeper Dives are an opportunity to engage and put into practice some of the things we are exploring in worship and in the small group study. We have had some very practical teaching on how to have a meaningful devotional time. And, this week we're serving lunch to about 1500 frontline workers as an expression of hospitality and gratitude.

Dive right in! The opportunities are great! Visit fumcdothan.org/events for more information and sign-up details.

Phil Maynard, Director of Discipleship Ministries



this week at FUMC

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

We need BIRD SEED! Respite Care will be taking small bird feeders to our caregivers in the Month of March! If you would like to help, please drop off a bag of bird seed, large or small, by March 17th! We want to fill the feeders for our caregivers and leave them a little bag of seed for refill!!

Seed Donations Deadline
March 17

Assembly & Delivery
March 17, 1:30pm

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our Sympathy to:

~ Charles & Kimberly Weeks and family due to the death of Charles' father, Charles Segrest Weeks, Sr., who died February 26.

~ Billy Wilson and family due to the death of his wife, Martha S. Wilson, who died February 26.

This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through The Harbor, especially as they reach out to make disciples of those who are less fortunate in our community.

MEMORIALS

Chuck Dunseth

Benton & Beth Harrison
Brooks & Paula Heller

Carrie Gaines Harville

Benton & Beth Harrison

Rita Hester

Sam & Wileria Casey

John Hudgens

Sara Brewer
Gail & Watkins Crockett

Lillian Ann Robison

Benton & Beth Harrison

HONORARIUMS

Healthcare Workers

Sara Brewer

Living a Life of Hospitality

Our *More: Life as Jesus Intended* Sermon Series reminds us to live a life of hospitality. In worship on Sunday, we heard Officer Pete Markow's story about how FUMC brought the church to him. If you missed his story of hospitality, you can watch online [here](#).

Rev. Jack Hinnen spoke about how "legos are a good metaphor for people (different shapes, colors, purposes). But when we come together at the communion table, we discover that God creates something beautiful with everything we bring. May we learn about our neighbors to find how we fit together in Jesus."



Pictured: Legos used in worship as a reminder that we all belong together, no matter our differences.

NEW MEMBERS

Josel Montero

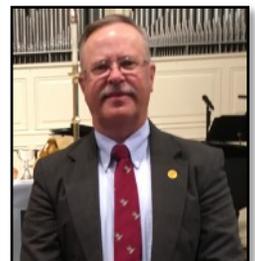
joined by restoration of faith.



He is a nurse at Jackson Hospital in Marianna, FL.

Jeff Lunsford

joined from another church in Dothan.



He is employed at J&B Carpentry.

THANKING OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS

Our **Flowers Hospital** lunch day was a huge SUCCESS! FUMC provided 700 lunches, feeding every employee that was working at the time! (Photos of appreciative hospital staff below!) We had twenty volunteers serve, and even more of you have given or prayed for this ministry opportunity!

THANK YOU  **Flowers Hospital STAFF!**



THANK YOU

for your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness in our community this week!



Join us this Saturday
as we serve employees of



We Still Need Your Help Funding This Outreach!

\$4,500 GIVEN

\$1,000 NEEDED

Discipleship Corner



GOAL:

Make room for others by living out the 'one anothers.'

The Epistles (letters in the last part of the New Testament) are full of admonitions called the 'one anothers.' Here are just a few:

- *Be devoted to one another. –Romans 12:10 (NIV)*
- *Live in harmony with one another. –Romans 12:16 (NIV)*
- *Accept one another. –Romans 15:7 (NIV)*
- *Have equal concern for one another. –1Corinthians 12:25 (NIV)*
- *Serve one another. –Galatians 5:13 (NIV)*



ACTION:

Henry Nouwen, a Catholic priest and prolific author, writes that hospitality is about "making room" for someone in our lives. He notes that the person does not have to be someone we would usually relate to or someone who lives the same lifestyle that we do. In fact, Nouwen encourages us to get to know people outside of our normal circle, to hear their stories and to share ours, to engage them in a way that expresses acceptance and value.



JOURNAL REFLECTION:

How have you "made room" for someone in your life this week by practicing the 'one anothers?' Be as specific as possible.

Prayer Labyrinth

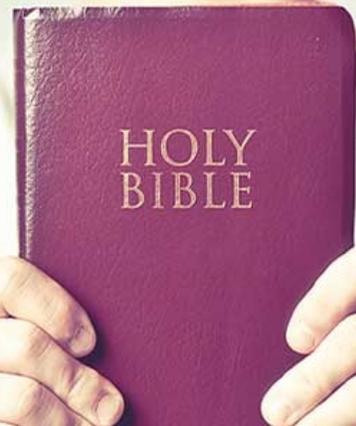
*Experience God's
presence at the
prayer labyrinth.*



March 9-11
FUMC Gymnasium

Click for details

How To Study Your



LED BY: MARK SALIBA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 – 6:00 PM

Order Your Easter Lilies

We are now taking orders for Easter lilies in memory or honor of your loved ones.

Lilies are \$25 each, and can be purchased in the church office, with check by mail, or at fumcdothan.org.

Click for Details



EXCITING UPDATE!

We are now holding in-person worship and Sunday school on weeks that ADPH rates Houston County as **green, yellow, or orange!**

(Effective March 7th)



DAYLIGHT
SAVING
TIME

Sunday, March 14



Give the
gift of...

CLEAN



Accepting donations of personal hygiene products for The Harbor [click for more info](#)

How are you GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP?

Find out with our personal discipleship survey tool. [CLICK HERE!](#)



Weekday Ministry
Registration Open!

2021-2022
School Year
or
Summer
Camp 2021

[CLICK FOR DETAILS](#)



Happy Birthday Jim Sanders!

We are blessed and thankful to have you lead First United Methodist Church of Dothan. We pray many blessings on your life!