

connections

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

October 14, 2021

MINISTRY FAIR



Have you ever wondered how many ways our church serves people? We have the perfect opportunity for you to find out!

On Commitment Sunday (October 31), from 9:45-11:00 am in the Parlor, we will have a ministry fair! That morning, the parlor will be full of booths with different ministry representatives ready to show you what we do and how we could use YOUR help! If you've ever wondered about what In Christ's Name does, or how Respite Care works, or how to be involved with The Harbor... all of these ministry areas will be present along with many, many others!

Our church is doing some incredible things for the Kingdom of God and we would like to help get you connected with a ministry you can be passionate about. This ministry fair is a great time to come and see the many ways you can be the hands and feet of Jesus as we seek to transform the world and be the disciples that God is calling us to be.

Come ask questions, learn about service opportunities, and get plugged in!

Some of the great opportunities you can learn more about include:

Church Party
In Christ's Name
Meals on Wheels
Missions
Adult Choir
Westminster Handbells
Prayer Shawls/Blankets
The Harbor

Note Cards
Recreation
Respite Care
Bread of Life
Children's Ministry
Youth Ministry
Tween Ministry

Adult Discipleship Ministry
Ignite Women's Discipleship
Photography
Live Stream
Congregational Care
We Care
Baked Blessings

Join us **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST**
9:45 -11:00 am in the Parlor

This week at FUMC

PUMPKIN DELIVERY

This Sunday, October 17

We welcome any help we can get beginning at 2:00 pm. Since pumpkins will be messy, don't forget to wear your outdoor working clothes and gloves. The more help we have, the faster we get it done!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 10:00-10:45 am

Sunday School is available for all ages, children, tweens, youth, and adults. We would love for you to join one of our classes.

Our Progressors Class is available on Zoom each Sunday for any adult wishing to join a class from home.

Contact Gene McGriff
for the Zoom link.
gmcgriff7618@gmail.com

CHILDREN

BLAST TIME

We have three times for the same program; so, you can choose what works best for your family!

Sunday, October 17

1st-4th grade only
• 5:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 20

4P-4th grade
• 3:30-4:30 pm
• 5:30-6:30 pm

[Click to Sign Up for BLAST](#)

 FUMC Dothan Children's Ministry
 [fumc_childrens_ministry](#)

TWEENS

SWAG:

Saved With Amazing Grace!

3 opportunities (same program, different times) to choose from each week as we draw closer to Christ.

Sunday, October 17

- 5:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 20

- 3:30-4:30 pm
- 5:30-6:30 pm

[Click to Sign Up for SWAG](#)

 FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry
 [tweensfumcdothan](#)

YOUTH

Sunday, October 17

- Bible Study 6:00-7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 19

- Breakfast 7:00-7:30 am

Wednesday, October 20

- Small Groups 6:00-7:30 pm

 FUMC Dothan UMYF
 [Fumcdothanyouth](#)

JOYS & CONCERNS

In the Hospital:

~ Molly White
~ Beckett Nichols

Released from Hospital:

~ Catie Nichols
~Carolyn Ashwander
~ Mick DeJulius

Congratulations:

~ Catie and Stetson Nichols on the birth of their son, Beckett Gregory Nichols, born October 4. Grandparents are Cara and Mark Dennis.

~Carolyn and Walton Ashwander on the birth of their daughter, Anne Francis Ashwander, born October 5. Grandparents are Cara and Mark Dennis.

This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through our Pumpkin Patch as we welcome the Weekday Ministry who is telling the gospel story through pumpkins.

B.L.E.S.S. SERIES: OCTOBER 17

"God's Continuing Story"

This week we wrap up our series "BLESS: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World," by looking at the last S, which stands for "Share Your Story." The apostle Peter writes in his First Letter: "Whenever anyone asks you to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it. Yet do this with respectful humility, maintaining a good conscience." (I Peter 3:15-16) Once we Begin with Prayer, Listen, Eat Together, and Serve Others, we will almost always have a chance to answer the question: "Why are you doing this?" This world is full of self-centered people trying hard to get what they want and caring little for others; so, when we encounter people who truly want to BLESS us, we are going to wonder why. That opens the door for us to Share our Story. This Sunday we will look at ways that we can do that comfortably and confidently. **Remember this, people might argue with your doctrine, or they might argue with your theology, but they can't argue with your story!** See you Sunday!

Churchwide Fall Fellowship at Aplin Farms

October 31, 4-6 pm

We are excited to have the whole church family share in a time of fun and fellowship at Aplin Farms on October 31! There will be fun for all ages, from the petting zoo, to a corn maze. From rubber duck races to wagon rides.

Two ticket options - \$12 and \$6
(details at fumcdothan.org)

Contact Sonia Crutchfield, sonia@fumcdothan.org, for more information.

GREAT OUTDOORS MINISTRY

Hike the Apalachicola Bluffs and Ravines Preserve

Saturday, November 6

Deadline to sign up is Thursday, Nov. 4.
Visit fumcdothan.org for more info.



Baked Blessings

Baked Blessings is an FUMC ministry providing frozen meals to families with new babies, those released from the hospital, or those who are sick. Containers are provided by the church. If you would like to bake and/or deliver meals to families in our church, please contact Lynn Nesbitt to get connected with Baked Blessings.

lynn@fumcdothan.org

VISIT THE PATCH AND GET THE PERFECT PUMPKIN!

MON - FRI: 10-6

SAT: 8-7

SUN: 12-6

PUMPKIN PATCH



NOW OPEN!!!

SIGN UP ONLINE TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES BY WORKING AT THE PATCH!

FUMCDOTHAN.ORG/EVENTS

Looking back...

Presenting Third Grade Bibles!



Third Graders

(from left to right)
Savannah Waller
McCarty Clark
Taylor Creel
Ademaro Owens
Laney Thomas
Evelyn Enfinger

Feeding Dothan's football teams!



Football Teams

We fed the Dothan Prep 8th and 9th grade football teams to get them game-ready!

A Note from Robin

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community. – Proverbs 6:16-19

I wonder if you have things that really annoy you, pet peeves that just irritate you like nothing else. I have friends who cannot stand bad grammar, gum-smacking (or any other mouth noise), the over-use of the word "like," and the smell of smoked meats. We all have something that bothers us more than it should.

Many people develop church pet peeves along their years of being a part of a congregation. Sometimes, things that should not annoy us so dramatically, make us uber-annoyed at behaviors of our sisters and brothers in Christ. In our weakest moments, we fixate on our pet peeves and lose sight of the joys of worship and Christian community! Our pet peeves with each other become stumbling blocks in our faith development.

I wonder if we need to look past the things that would annoy us about one another's behavior and choices and see each other as Christ sees us. Christ loves us all so much in spite of the ways our actions and behaviors must displease him! In spite of the ways our sin and selfishness must irritate God, love and grace are constantly offered to us all. May we have the grace to show love and mercy to others, as Christ has done toward us.

Yours,
Robin