

connections

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

July 28, 2022

There is JOY in the House of the Lord!



If you have been able to worship with us recently, then you know that we are preaching through the Acts of the Apostles and exploring the Biblical details of the First Church. The Holy Spirit was surely at work empowering and blessing the first members of the original church to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in our midst, making disciples and transforming the world for God's kingdom. Everyone was important; everyone was given the blessing of the Spirit; everyone was necessary for the church to be the Church.

More than 2000 years later, we praise God that His Holy Spirit is still at work empowering and blessing us to continue that very same mission of *making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*. To this day, everyone is important, everyone is given the blessing of the Spirit, everyone is necessary for the church to be the Church. That means you too!

Your **prayers** are needed for us to be a people that discerns and follows God's will. Your **presence** is needed for us to continue to offer the holy worship and loving fellowship that gives life and purpose to all of Jesus' followers. Your **gifts** are needed that we may continue to minister to every generation and provide intentional

faith development opportunities to each soul that we are responsible for stewarding. Your **service** is needed so that we may live into God's sacred call to be the Body of Christ at work in the world – His hands and His heart. Your **witness** is needed so that the church may continue to testify to the fallen world that there is grace, redemption, and salvation awaiting us all at the feet of Jesus Christ.

When you make the conscious decision (and it is a decision of faith) to give to God's church your **prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness**, then we become the very people God has been calling the church to be since its inception. Friends, there is no greater joy than to be the person God has created and called you to become. And if you wonder whether or not this preacher knows what he is talking about, then I ask you to try it: commit yourself to giving your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to your church and just see how The Holy Spirit will bless you with greater rejoicing. There truly is joy in the House of the Lord!

See you Sunday,

David

This Week at FUMC

CHILDREN

ROCK SOLID

Room 202, Sundays during worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Bldg., 10-10:45 a.m.



FUMC Dothan Children's Ministry



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TWEENS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Tween Rm. 266, Sundays, 10 -10:45 a.m.



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WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FULL-TIME POSITIONS

Our Weekday Children's Ministry is currently hiring for full-time positions, with benefits available.

Email weekday@fumcdothan.org to apply, or stop by the daycare to pick up an application, and visit online at fumcdothan.org/join-our-team.

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING

(Next meeting **August 10**)

The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Rm. 158.

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (Next meeting **August 18**)

The support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Rm. 158.

For more information, visit our website at fumcdothan.org/ministries/respice-care.

JOIN THE FUMC STAFF

For job descriptions, and how to apply for the positions listed below, please visit our website at fumcdothan.org/join-our-team

PART-TIME POSITIONS:

- Church Nursery Worker
- Recreation Coordinator
- Custodian

JOYS & CONCERNS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

~Moe Sigmon who turns 92 on July 30.

IN THE HOSPITAL:

~Marion Hall - Flowers Hospital

HONORARIUM

Phillip Reid Davitz
Allyce & Joe Read

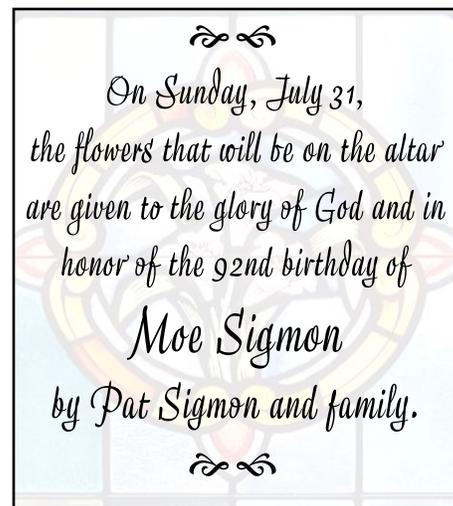
Rev. Lynn Nesbitt
Allyce & Joe Read

MEMORIALS

Timothy Byrd
Amy & Warren Cobb

Quin Flowers

Amy & Warren Cobb
Debbie & Mitchell Dowling
Ann & Jim Ellis
Carol & Robert Flowers
Nancy & Ron Harrell
Paula & Brooks Heller
Cynthia & Hayne Hollis
Marilyn Hoyt and Family
Sis & Bill Lee
Laura & Gerald Martz
Sandra & Gene McGriff
Pete McInish
Jeanette Rollins
Carolyn & Tom West



District Lay Meeting
with Bishop David Graves
Tuesday, Aug. 23
6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Join us for
Service Day 
at **The Harbor**
A Refuge From Life's Storms

Sat. July 30, at 7:30 a.m.
320 N. Foster St.

Baptism ~

"Let the little children come to me..."
~ Matthew 19:14



Mary Warren Bailey was baptized July 24.
She is the daughter of Jonathan & Emily Bailey.

FREE!

The Book Nook Lending Library

is reorganizing, and will now lend books only.

Beginning July 31, drop by the table outside Room 257 to pick up free DVD's and CD's while they last!



Small group LEADERS TRAINING Meeting

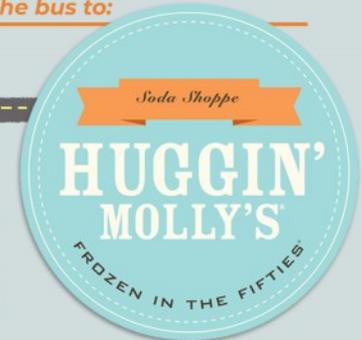
Room 157

Aug. 5, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Aug. 6, 9 a.m. - noon

Ryan Deaton • ryan@fumcdothan.org

Senior Adult Lunch Fellowship

is taking the bus to:



When: Thursday, August 11, 10:45 a.m.

Call the church office before Aug. 10 to reserve your seat!

JOIN US AT THE COME-AND-GO Blessing of the Backpacks* and Ice Cream Social



AUG. 14, 4 - 5 P.M.

*BRING AN ADDITIONAL BACKPACK TO SEND TO A NAVAJO STUDENT!

FREE! At First United Methodist Church of Dothan Caregiver Renewal & Training Course



Every Thursday at 10 a.m. beginning Sept. 15 - Nov. 17



FREE! with registration

with Elaine K. Sanchez

Author, Speaker & Co-Founder of CaregiverHelp.com

Youth: Sharing Christ's love through service



Several members of our youth traveled to Tuskegee last week on a mission trip to assist the Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM) in their efforts to serve people who live in poverty.

While working on three houses, our team of students helped install two floors and two metal roofs, they painted the exterior of an entire house and installed multiple hand rails. The team also hosted a VBS Day Camp for kids every day that week.

The youth gave and learned a lot from their mission experience and we are thankful for them and what they were able to accomplish. Thank you, youth!

