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First United Methodist Church of Dothan - April 20, 2023

What is your favorite Word?



I do not make it a practice to give absolute favorites, but I think it is safe for me to say that the best word in the entire world is **GRACE**.

Grace is the unmerited love of God given to all of God's children. Grace is the knowledge that God is always with you, has always been with you, and will always be with you. Grace is God giving us His only Son to live, die, and rise so that we might have life eternal. Grace is the opportunity that all of us have been given to find salvation in Christ. Grace is what we will be exploring in our upcoming sermon series.

We invite you to join us in a rediscovery of the holy scriptures that teach us how to better receive and to share grace. For you see, like any other gift, grace must be received, and it might very well be that your reaching out and receiving grace is itself a gift of grace as well.

I hope you will join us each Sunday as we discuss the meaning of grace and the practice of receiving and sharing God's grace in our series, **What's So Amazing About Grace?**

Each Sunday during this sermon series there will be some special symbol of grace: on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m., our Respite Ministry will offer their Heart to Heart Concert; on Sunday, April 30, I will be leading our confirmation class in worship on their retreat in Dahlonga, GA; on Sunday, May 7, the greatest symbol of grace will be celebrated in Christ's Table of Holy Communion and at 11 a.m. we will recognize our newest members of the Christian church through the Confirmation Service; on Sunday, May 14, we will have our annual recognition of Mothers as well as receive a love offering for our Senior Citizens through the Fountain of Love Partnership with our United Methodist Homes for the Aging; and on Sunday, May 21, we will recognize and bless our high school seniors on Senior Sunday.

Please make every effort to be with us and to invite others to join you here at God's House, the place of grace, Christ's Church!

God's Peace,
David

This week at FUMC Dothan

CHILDREN

J.A.M Time (Jesus and Me Time)
Available during the 8:30 & 8:55 a.m. worship services.

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

C.R.E.W.
(Christians Ready, Equipped & Willing)
Sundays, 5 - 6 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Wednesdays, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Rm. 201 or 217

B.L.A.S.T.
(Bible Learning And Sharing Together)
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.

FB: FUMC Dothan Children's Ministry

IG: fumc_childrens_ministry

TWEENS

SUNDAY SCHOOL
5th & 6th Graders
Tween Rm. 266, Sundays, 10 -10:45 a.m.

C.R.E.W.
5th Graders, Sundays, 5 - 6 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES
(for 6th graders)
Sundays, 5 - 6 p.m. in Rm. 261.

S.W.A.G.
(Saved With Amazing Grace)
5th & 6th Graders
Wednesdays 6 - 7 p.m.

FB: FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry

IG: Tweenfumcdothan

YOUTH

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
Meet every Sunday from 6-7:30 p.m.
Dinner provided for \$3.

TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST
Begins at 7 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m.
bring your own food!

IG: Fumcdothanyouth

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

POSITIONS:

- FT Administrative Assistant
- FT Associate Director of Student Ministry and Girls Ministry
- PT Music Intern
- PT Nursery Worker
- FT Daycare Worker
- FT Custodian

WORSHIP PERFORMING ARTS

SUNDAY EVENING
Beginner Handbells, 4:15 - 5 p.m.
Westminster Handbell choir, 6 - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING
Children & Tween choirs,
4:30-5:15 p.m.
Chancel choir
6-7:30 p.m.

RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY

RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY
VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER
TRAINING
(Next meeting May 10)

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

RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY
CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
(Next meeting May 18)

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

April 26 menu: Adults & Children:
Spaghetti with homemade sauce,
Green Beans, Sliced Carrots, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream, Salad, and Beverage.

MEMORIALS

Ada Christian
Pam & Jim Paxton
Benton Harrison
Sis & Bill Lee
Juleann Torrence
Jane Williams
Lynne Summerford
Sha'nah Martin

JOYS & CONCERNS

OUR SYMPATHY TO:
~Barbara Stockman & family due to the death of her brother, Jimmy Gordon who died April 10.

~The family and friends of Dr. Jimmy Carter who died April 12.

~The family and friends of Mr. William "Bill" Owens who died April 15.

55 FORWARD

COMING IN MAY

May Movie Afternoon - May 4, 2 p.m.

Lunch at KBC - May 16, 11:30 a.m.

May 24

Empty Tomb Tour and Meal at the Biblical History Center in LaGrange, GA, including the Hills and Dales Estate.

MISSION TRIPS

Fall Mission Trip
Informational Meeting
Takes place **Sunday, April 23**, 10 a.m. in Room 134. The mission team will minister to various needs in and around Guaimaca, Honduras, Oct. 5-10. For additional details, contact Ryan Deaton at 334-793-3555 or ryan@fumcdothan.org.

Summer Mission Trip
(June 25-29)
Team meeting
Takes place Sunday, April 30 at 10 a.m. in the conference room. This meeting is for anyone who is planning on going, or for anyone interested. For more information, contact Ryan at ryan@fumcdothan.org.

Bride's Room adorned with new painting



This painting was graciously given by local artist and FUMC Dothan member, Leslie Cox, (pictured above) to hang in the Bride's Room. We appreciate her time and talent in creating such a lovely piece of artwork for this space.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

First Light Chapel Communion

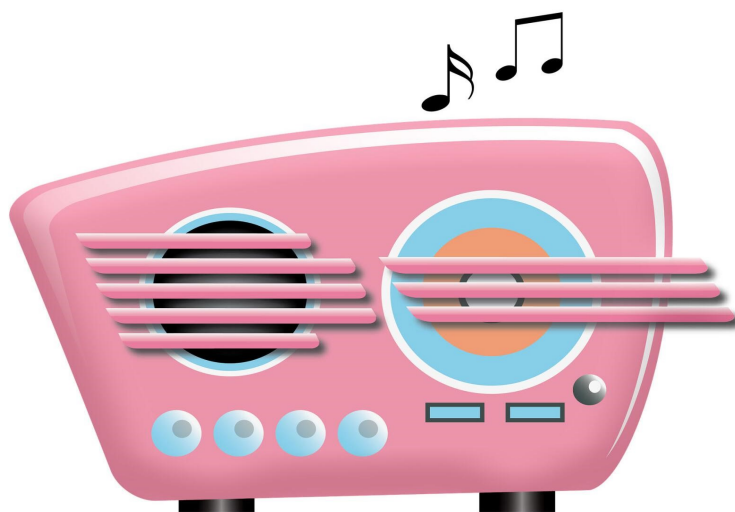
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
I Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Bridge and Sanctuary Worship

What's So Amazing About Grace?
Oddballs, Jesus and Me
Matthew 8:1-13

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith meet **May 2**, at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be William Holman of The Dothan Area Botanical Gardens. The UWF executive committee meeting takes place in the Parlor at 11 a.m. To register for lunch, please call the church office at 334-793-3555.



RADIO DAZE

Old Radio Tunes | Hits from the Past

Heart to Heart Singers

SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Fellowship Hall | 2:00 p.m.



First United Methodist Church
1380 West Main Street | Dothan, Alabama



**Our Confirmation class will be taking part in
their spring retreat the weekend of April 28-30.**

*Please be in prayer for these young people as they
prepare to complete their confirmation journey
and enter into church membership.*

THE HARBOR SERVE

church-wide ministering opportunity

2023

- April 29
- July 29
- September 30
- December 30

SATURDAY MORNINGS

7:30a - 9:15a

Ways to serve:

- serving breakfast
- completing intake forms
- praying with participants
- organizing supplies
- street ministry

Contact Ryan Deaton for more information
Ryan@fumcdothan.org



Disaster Response Team Training

This training is mandatory for anyone who would like to participate on our Disaster Response Team.

Lunch will be provided.
(\$10 donation suggested)

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH
8A - 4P
FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOR MORE INFO

contact Ryan Deaton
ryan@fumcdothan.org

Neighborhood Clean-Up Day

Meet at Heritage Baptist Church

May 20

Saturday
8a - 12p

LOVE 
DOTHAN

Love where you live.

Love what you do.

Love Dothan.

For more information
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