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First United Methodist Church of Dothan - April 14, 2023

A special message from Pastor David

Dear Church Family,

It is with great joy and excitement that I share with you that Bishop David Graves has projected Rev. Elizabeth "Liz" Hinton and Rev. T. Matthew "Matt" Langford to be appointed as our new Associate Pastors effective July 1, 2023. They will join me and Rev. Sean Peters as full-time appointed clergy and together we will continue to lead our congregation in *making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!* Our district superintendent Dr. Jeff Wilson introduced Liz, her husband Hugo, and Matt, his wife Anne Claire, to our Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) on Tuesday evening.

Elizabeth grew up on a farm and attended school in West Alabama. After graduating college, she pursued a career in social work in Birmingham, Alabama. Elizabeth answered her call to ministry first as a Middle School Youth Director at Asbury UMC in Birmingham. God then led her to seminary at Duke Divinity School. While at seminary, Elizabeth met her now husband, Hugo Ochoa. They were married in 2020 and have two cats, Biscuit and Dobby. She currently serves the Piney Grove, Taylor Charge. Elizabeth loves people and loves to listen and tell stories, especially those that help us connect on a deeper level. She is dedicated to intergenerational ministry and the ways we live out

our baptismal covenant in practical ways. Elizabeth sees God's grace in the midst of life even when we are busy and messy, but God is known for doing extraordinary things in the midst of the mess.



Rev. Elizabeth
"Liz" Hinton

Matt is a 2012 graduate of Fort Dale Academy, born and raised in Greenville, Alabama. He graduated with an Associate's Degree from LBW Community College where he was a member of the musical group, the LBW Ensemble.



Rev. T. Matthew
"Matt" Langford

From there Matt went on to Auburn University at Montgomery where he received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration focusing on Information Systems. While attending college both at LBW and AUM, Matt was the youth director at First United Methodist Church in Greenville, Alabama, for three and half years before becoming the youth minister at FUMC Montgomery. While still

serving as the youth minister in Montgomery, he attended seminary at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. In 2020, he graduated and received a Master's in Divinity. Matt was also blessed to serve two small churches in Russell County, Alabama, while attending seminary. Upon graduation he was appointed to Shalimar United Methodist Church in Shalimar, Florida, just outside of Fort Walton Beach as the associate pastor. Recently, Matt was awarded the honor of being one of the United Way Emerald Coast's '40 under 40' recipients, and he serves on the Emerald Coast Community Solutions Board which is working to end homelessness in Okaloosa County. Matt has been married to the former Anne Claire McNaughton, for just over two years. Anne Claire works as a Registered Nurse at White-Wilson Pediatric clinic in Fort Walton Beach. Anne Claire loves to read, paint, and spend time at the beach. Matt enjoys tennis, golf, playing music, and all things Auburn.

I ask the entire congregation to join me in praying for our church, pastors, and staff during this Glorious Easter Season, and please help us welcome Liz and Matt to our church family!

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.



FUMC Dothan Children's Ministry



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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.



FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry



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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!



Fumcdothan youth

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 Associate Director of Student Ministry and Girls Ministry
- FT Administrative Assistant
- 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 April 20)
The support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Rm. 158.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

April 19 menu: Adults: BBQ, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Waffle Fries, Texas Toast, Ice Cream, Salad, and Beverage. **Children:** Chicken Tenders, Waffle Fries, Ice Cream, and Beverage.

MEMORIALS

Edna Bady
Martha & Bo Thagard
Patty Roberts
Martha & Bo Thagard
Frances Sanders
Martha & Bo Thagard
Lynne Summerford
Hazel Patton
Martha & Bo Thagard

JOYS & CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
~Carson & Meaghan Cleveland who announce the birth of a daughter, Graham Elise Cleveland, born March 9. Grandparents are Bob & Kathy Cleveland.

IN THE HOSPITAL:
~Emily Bush, Flowers Hospital.

55 FORWARD

Wallace Community College presents - "Mary Poppins - The Broadway Musical" - Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m.
\$10 admission, performances begin at 7 p.m. The bus will leave the CLC parking lot at 6 p.m. To reserve your seat, call the church office at 334-793-3555 by April 17.

Alabama Shakespeare Festival presents - "Million Dollar Quartet" - Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m.
\$64 per person, the matinee performance begins at 2 p.m. The bus will depart the CLC parking lot for Montgomery at 9 a.m. To reserve tickets call the church office at 334-793-3555 by April 20. For more information, visit fumcdothan.org/events.

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 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.

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 join the church in membership.



New members and visitors are welcome! If you are new to FUMC Dothan, interested in membership, or if you just want to know more about what it means to become a Christian, please join us!

Welcome our New Church Member!

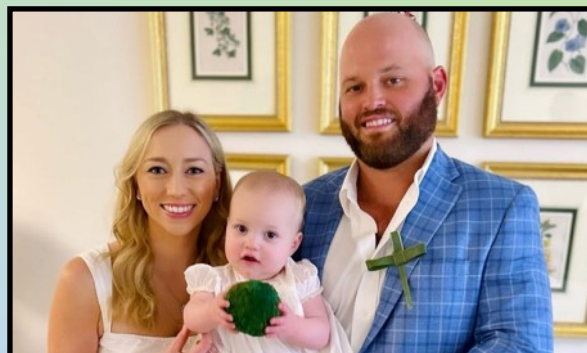


Jonathan Bailey joined our church on April 2. He is pictured with his wife and church member, Emily.

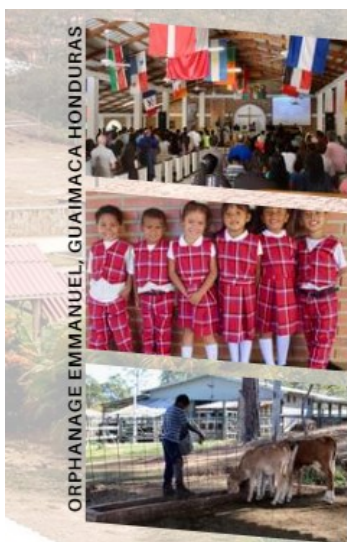
Baptisms~ "Let the little children come to me ..." Matthew 19:14



Jonathan Wade Bailey was baptized April 2. His parents are Jonathan & Emily Bailey. Grandparents are Mark & Susan Warren.




George Davis Flowers III was baptized April 2. His parents are Davis & Meredith Flowers. Grandparents are George & Laura Flowers.



FUMC Dothan Fall Short-Term Mission Trip

October 5-10, 2023



 Informational Meeting:
Sunday, April 23 at 10am
Room 134

Highlights of the trip:

- Sunday Worship
- Painting/work in the a.m.
- Playing games and arts and crafts with the children in the p.m.
- Learning about the Honduran culture and life in Honduras

Contact Ryan Deaton for more info
334-793-3555 or ryan@fumcdathan.org



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.

