

# connections

First United Methodist Church of Dothan - May 18, 2023

## Welcome our newest staff member

Church family,

We are excited to announce the hiring of **Jessica Murdock, as an Administrative Assistant.**

Jessica comes to us with years of experience in ministry, serving in various leadership roles. She has previously served as a Preschool Teacher, Nursery Coordinator, Children's Ministry Director, and in other support staff roles.

Jessica has an Associate's degree in Elementary Education and was in the process of completing the coursework and requirements to become a Certified Medical Assistant when the Lord called her back into ministry. Her experience in planning and directing various ministry programs and events will serve her well in her new role. She will support our Executive Leadership Team as well as assist Paula Harrison, our Office Manager.

Jessica resides in Taylor and is mom to five children, three of which are triplets! She is well-equipped to handle multiple tasks at once and balance a number of responsibilities and projects. Jessica has a passion for ministry and serving others, and we are thrilled to have her join our staff. **Please help me in welcoming Jessica to FUMC!**

~ **Wendy Hicks, Church Administrator**

### *A Word from Jessica ...*

**Hello FUMC church family!**

I am excited and thankful to be given the opportunity to assist the associate pastors and staff and become part of the team working to spread the love of Christ to the city of Dothan.



I have served in ministry as a volunteer and staff member, and have worn many hats while doing so. I won't claim the work has always been easy, but I have never doubted that God has a purpose for my life nor will He ever leave me to face the journey alone.

He created in me a heart for service. I truly feel at my most content when I can use my efforts and time to make someone else's day better, reminding them of their importance to God.

I look forward to getting to know this community and learning how I can get involved using service to praise our Heavenly Father.

# 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
June 5 - 8  
9 a.m. until noon  
**FAMILY NIGHT AT WATER WORLD**  
June 7 - 5:30 - 7:30 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.

**SHINE**  
June 5 - 8  
9 a.m. until noon  
**FAMILY NIGHT AT WATER WORLD**  
June 7 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**FB:** FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry

**IG:** Tweenfumcdothan

## YOUTH

**BIBLE STUDY**  
May 31 - 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](http://fumcdothan.org/join-our-team)

### POSITIONS:

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

## WORSHIP PERFORMING ARTS

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
Chancel choir  
6-7:30 p.m.

## RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

**VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER  
TRAINING**  
**(Next meeting June 14)**  
The training group meets on the 2nd  
Wednesday of each month in  
Rm. 158.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**  
**(Next meeting June 15)**  
The support group meets on the 3rd  
Thursday of each month in Rm. 158.

**VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION**  
June 22, 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall  
**Speaker:** Bishop Lawson Bryan  
RSVP to [susan@fumcdothan.org](mailto:susan@fumcdothan.org) by  
June 19.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**OUR SYMPATHY TO:**  
~Tom Upchurch and his family due to  
the death of his wife, Denise,  
who died May 13.

**IN THE HOSPITAL:**  
~Bill Castlen - Southeast Health

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**  
Elizabeth Talmadge & Henry Smith T  
who were married May 13.  
Elizabeth is the daughter of  
Liz & Dan Talmadge.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**  
Pat Sigmon who celebrated her 90th  
birthday on May 13.

## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

### FIRST LIGHT CHAPEL COMMUNION

Acts 1:6-14  
I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

### BRIDGE AND SANCTUARY WORSHIP

What's So Amazing About Grace?  
Prevenient Grace  
I Corinthians 15:6-11

## 55 FORWARD

**June 1**  
Spring 2024 Travel Meeting  
Room 131, 10 a.m.

**June 13**  
River Nile lunch fellowship - 11:30a.m.  
To reserve your spot, please call the  
church office at 334-793-3555,  
by **June 12**.

## HONORARIUM

**Ellise Ryan**  
Judy & Allie Freeman  
**Dee & George Tatom**  
Tillie & Ray Dempster

## MEMORIALS

**George Adams**  
Martha & Philip Atkinson  
Sis & Bill Lee  
**Josephine Coston**  
Kash & Ryan Deaton  
**Walker Epps**  
LouAnn Casper  
Wileria & Sam Casey  
Tillie & Ray Dempster  
Donna & Carter Fowlkes  
Judy & Allie Freeman  
Pat & Moe Sigmon  
Progressors Sunday School Class  
Juleann Torrence  
**Walker & Lynn Epps**  
Sally & George Lancaster  
**Benton Harrison**  
Pat & Moe Sigmon  
**Bernice Hawke**  
Dawn & Bob Theune  
Juleann Torrence  
**Rachel Sugg**  
Dawn & Bob Theune

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN**  
**June 21, 6-7 p.m.**  
Sign up at [fumcdothan.org](http://fumcdothan.org)

### Studies:

- Ignite Women's group -  
"Get Out of Your Head"
- Pastor's Study with Sean Peters -  
"The Road Back to You"
- Marriage Study group -  
"You and Me Forever"
- Men's Discipleship Group -  
"Be Disciples"

*Nursery provided.*



# Welcome new members!



Emily & Chris Breedlove joined our church May 14. They are pictured with their children, Luke and Mena.



Mary Drue Wheeler joined our church May 14.

## LOVE DOTHAN

May 20

Saturday  
8a - 12p

Love where you live.

Love what you do.

Love Dothan.

Love Dothan is a community campaign which focuses on enhancing the quality of life. Love Dothan by volunteering and giving back to your community.

For more information  
Contact Ryan Deaton  
[Ryan@fumcdothan.org](mailto:Ryan@fumcdothan.org)

Meet us at  
Heritage Baptist Church  
for a neighborhood clean up day.



## SPRING 2024 TRIP



Meeting to Vote on Destination  
June 1st · 10am · rm. 131

CANADIAN ROCKIES | ALASKA | ICELAND  
FEATURING THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER | LAND AND SEA | LAND OF FIRE AND ICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ASHLEY BRASINGTON [ASHLEY@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG](mailto:ASHLEY@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG)





PRAYER SERVICE  
IN SONG

*This We*  
**PRAY**

June 4, 2023  
5:00 pm

*First United Methodist Church*  
1380 W Main St, Dothan, AL 36301

*Offered by:* Chancel Choirs of First United Methodist Church & Covenant Methodist Church  
*Accompanied by chamber orchestra*

\*Fellowship on the grounds immediately following



SAVE THE DATE  
VBS & SHINE  
JUNE 5-8

Sol

Ringo

**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT



**SUMMER SPORTS**

**CAMP**

Click here for more info!

**CAMP DATES:**

June 12 -16	Basketball
June 20 - 23	Cheer
June 26 - 30	Wiffleball
July 10 - 14	Football
July 17 - 21	Soccer
July 24 - 28	Dodgeball



Choose your  
training date:  
June 14  
or  
June 15  
10 am until 12 pm

**STARS**

Student Training in Alzheimers  
and Respite Care for Summer  
**SUMMER STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**  
visit [fumcdothan.org](http://fumcdothan.org)