## 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

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#### 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

#### **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 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

#### 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!



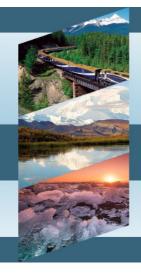
Emily & Chris Breedlove joined our church May 14. They are pictured with their children, Luke and Mena.



Mary Drue Wheeler joined our church May 14.









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

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# SUMMER SPORTS 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