

connections

First United Methodist Church
of Dothan - July 6, 2023



I am delighted that Rev. Elizabeth “Liz” Hinton and Rev. T. Matthew “Matt” Langford will begin their ministry among us this Sunday, July 9!

We are incredibly blessed by this addition to our team. The gifts and talents they bring are invaluable to the mission and ministry of FUMC, *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

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.

Before her appointment to FUMC Dothan, she served 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.

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. 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 served on the Emerald Coast Community Solutions Board working to end homelessness in Okaloosa County.

Matt has been married to the former Anne Claire McNaughton, for just over two years. Anne Claire loves to read, paint, and spend time at the beach. Matt enjoys tennis, golf, playing music, and all things Auburn.

Join me in praying for Pastor Liz, Pastor Matt, and their families during this exciting time. *We will celebrate their appointments at the 8:30, 8:55, and 11 a.m. worship services this Sunday, July 9. A welcome reception will take place at 10 a.m. in the parlor.* We hope you make plans to attend this special day in the life of our 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.

FB: FUMC Dothan Children's Ministry

IG: fumc_childrens_ministry

TWEENS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rising 5th & 6th Graders

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

FB: FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry

IG: Tweenfumcdothan

YOUTH



Alabama Rural Mission Trip July 9-14

Please lift up our youth in prayer as they travel to the Tuskegee area to assist with light home repairs and outreach to the underprivileged.

IG: Fumcdothanyouth

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Menu for July 12:

BBQ Sliders/Hamburger Sliders, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Salad Bar, Banana Pudding, Ice Cream. For more information or to pay in advance, visit fumcdothan.org.

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING

(Next meeting July 12)

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (Next meeting July 20)

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

JOYS & CONCERNS

RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL:

Gloria Weeks

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Moe Sigmon

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Michael Lane & Amelia Thompson who were married, June 17 in Brentwood, Tennessee. Michael is the son of Linda & Hugh Overton.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

FIRST LIGHT CHAPEL COMMUNION

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

BRIDGE AND SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Christ's Witnesses
Acts 1:6-11

55 FORWARD

July 20

Blue Plate lunch fellowship -
11:30 a.m., 3850 West Main Street, Suite 300. To reserve your spot, please call the church office at 334-793-3555, by **July 19**.

July 27

Movie Afternoon - 2 p.m., Room 165. Join us for popcorn and the movie, "Cocoon." For more information, contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

HONORARIUM

Lester Stewart

Donna Howell

John (Dink) Turner

Children & Grandchildren

MEMORIAL

Sara Brewer

Donna & Mike Howell

Laura & Bill Martin

Allyson & Todd Spillane

Hallie & William Sullivan

Leanne & Daniel Webster

Afrey & Henry Wright

Jan Zahrlly

Rick Bronaugh

Nancy & Ron Harrell

Nancy Thornell McDaniel

Rosalyn Timbie

Celeste Hart

Mary Stowers Dunn

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:

- PT Music Intern
- PT Nursery Worker
- FT Daycare Worker
- FT Custodian

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

ADVENTURELAND

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 5:30 p.m.

Come on out to our Church Family Night at Adventureland Theme Park located at 3738 West Main Street in Dothan. Meet the church family for lots of fun and games!

Cost is \$15 per person for golf, go-kart, boat, and 15 arcade tokens. We hope to see you there!

Summer smiles and fun all around!



Children having fun during SALTY time at Xtreme Air, June 27.



Sonia Crutchfield shares a photo opportunity with Archie Solomon in his patriotic jacket, Sunday, July 2.



Torrie Lyn Anderson-Burke gets a hug after Sports Camp, recently.

SUMMER SPORTS

CAMP

FUMCdothan.org

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

June 20 & July 11
6:30 p.m.

Pilates Night

ignite FUMC
WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

- Sign-up: FUMCdothan.org
- 18 participants max per class
- no cost for the class

MOVE 4

PICNIC & POPSICLES IN THE PARK

Bring your picnic dinner, blankets or chairs and enjoy time with your church family at Westgate Park.

TUESDAY

JULY 18

5-7 P.M.

Vendors will be on site with cool treats for purchase. All are welcome!



**JOIN US
for lunch
at The Blue Plate**

84 WEST LOCATION

July 20 at 11:30a

MEET US AT
3850 W MAIN ST STE 300, DOTHAN, AL

TO SIGN UP, CALL 334-793-3555
BY JULY 19

FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL
ASHLEY@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG



**JOIN US
for a movie
and popcorn**

**July 27 @ 2:00p
Room 165**

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**BACK
SCHOOL
BASH**



BRING YOUR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN TO "SHOP" FOR FREE!

**Saturday
July 22 | 10a-12p
FUMC Gym**

WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE!

We have invited students from Dothan City schools

For more info & to sign up:
fumcdathan.org or call Ryan Deaton @ 334-793.3555

- ☒ Select a brand new backpack and fill it up with school supplies!
- ☒ Pick out a new pair of shoes and socks!
- ☒ Get a complimentary haircut!
- ☒ Enjoy hotdogs, and lots of smiles!