



55 Forward group members enjoy fellowship with a few “non-members” recently at a local restaurant.

## *Living well and giving back to others*

**55 Forward senior adults volunteer to serve the community, and enjoy God's goodness**

Our 55 Forward crowd has had a busy year! What a blessing it is to be able to gather together with so many varied personalities, glean wisdom while listening to the best stories.

We have enjoyed everything from a Valentine's banquet with delicious food and chocolate prizes, to road trips to see phenomenal shows. Our monthly movie day has returned with the always-popular fresh-popped popcorn and our monthly lunches fill us up with local foods and tons of laughter!

The way our 55 Forward group serves not only our church, but our community, makes my heart swell. There are various Bible studies, book clubs, and exercise classes our members enjoy. Many in our 55 and older gang are respite volunteers, Harbor volunteers, and take an active part



Movie of the month attendees recently enjoyed the romantic comedy, “You’ve Got Mail.”

in supporting our local area by both assisting and leading ministries.

Our 55 and older members' ages actually span half a century! It is a scientific fact that wisdom comes from a balance of brain activity paired with life experience.

I am humbled that I am being given the opportunity to serve people who have a living treasure trove of advice,

while being taught how to be the hands and feet of Jesus by those who know best.

As we soak up the last of summer, we are already making plans for loads of activities for the remaining months of 2023 and into 2024. Stay tuned for information about road trips, shopping, opportunities to serve, international travel, and more!

**Ashley Brasington**  
**Sr. Adult Ministry Coordinator**

# 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.

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE  
PRESENTATION**  
August 13, 8:55 - Bridge Worship  
For more info, contact  
Lee Anne Holland at  
leeanne@fumcdothan.org.

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## TWEENS

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

**CONFIRMATION**  
**Parent's Meeting:** Sunday, Aug. 13,  
at 10 a.m. in Rm 263  
**Fall Retreat:** August 25 & 26  
**Classes begin** Sept. 10, 5 p.m.  
in Room 261

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## YOUTH

**Youth programming returns**  
**Sunday Aug. 13.**

**IG:** Fumcdothan youth

## RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY

**VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER  
TRAINING**  
**(Next meeting Aug. 9)**  
The training group meets on the 2nd  
Wednesday of each month in  
Rm. 158.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**  
**(Next meeting Aug. 17)**  
The support group meets on the 3rd  
Thursday of each month in Rm. 158.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**IN THE HOSPITAL:**  
Bob Theune - Mayo Clinic  
Helen Newton - SE Health  
Steve Francis - SE Health

## 55 FORWARD

**August 15**  
**Lunch Fellowship - 11:30 a.m.,**  
**Firestone Woodfire Grill.** Meet us at  
250 South Oates Street for fun, food  
and fellowship! Reserve your seat  
by 8/14! Call the church office  
at 334-793-3555.

**August 24**  
**Movie Afternoon - 2 p.m., Room**  
**165.** Join us for popcorn and  
the movie, "*Sabrina*." For more  
information, contact Ashley Brasington  
at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

## 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

## MISSION TRIP: HONDURAS

**ORPHANAGE EMMANUEL**  
The last day to submit paperwork  
to join the Mission Team heading to  
Orphanage Emmanuel in Honduras  
Oct. 5-10 is **Monday, July 31**. Please  
contact Ryan Deaton for more  
information at 334-793-3555.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

**TEACHERS NEEDED**  
We are seeking teachers to teach  
2nd and 4th grade  
Sunday School classes.  
If interested, contact Tracy Pruitt  
for more information at  
tracy@fumcdothan.org.

## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

### FIRST LIGHT CHAPEL COMMUNION

Genesis 29:15-28  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### BRIDGE AND SANCTUARY WORSHIP

"Your Offering"  
John 6:1-14

## HONORARIUM

**Melba & James Chasteen**  
Larry & Laura Blumberg  
**Sandra & Sean Peters**  
Allyce & Joe Read

## MEMORIAL

**Sara Brewer**  
Patsy & Ralph Crutchfield  
Ann & Jim Ellis  
Rebecca & John Fleming  
**Rick Bronaugh**  
Ann & Jim Ellis  
**Denise Upchurch**  
Ann & Jim Ellis

## Third grade Bible Presentation Day

**When: Sunday, August 13,**  
**during Bridge Worship**  
**service at 8:55**



For more information,  
contact Lee Anne Holland  
at leeanne@fumcdothan.



# Welcome new members to FUMC Dothan



Lois & Don Freeman joined our church July 23.



Hugo Ochoa joined our church July 23. He is pictured with his wife, FUMC Dothan associate pastor, Rev. Elizabeth Hinton.

**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@fumcdathan.org

 **The Harbor**  
A Refuge From Life's Storms



**Senior ladies  
exercise class**

**Begins August 1  
at 8:45 a.m.  
In the CLC Gym**

**Children's**

**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE!**

**August 13 | 10 am | Children's Building**

**For information:  
Tracy Pruitt at [tracy@fumcdathan.org](mailto:tracy@fumcdathan.org).**

**CHURCH  
FAMILY  
NIGHT**

**ADVENTURELAND  
THEME PARK**  
August 1, 5:30 PM

3738 W. Main St. Dothan







JOIN US FOR

# SMALL GROUP LEADERSHIP

*Training*

ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN LEADING A SMALL GROUP, THIS TRAINING IS FOR YOU.  
BRING YOUR BIBLE AND A FRIEND.

**ROOM 157**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**

**BREAKFAST PROVIDED**

For more information and to RSVP, contact Ryan Deaton at (334) 793-3555 or email [ryan@fumcdothan.org](mailto:ryan@fumcdothan.org) by August 2.




# Snack 'N' Sing

**Wednesdays in August**  
**6-7 p.m. - Room 255**

All are welcome 16 years and older. Nursery provided.  
Join us for some joyful choral singing, a delicious snack supper, and fun fellowship.

[www.fumcdothan.org](http://www.fumcdothan.org)

Begin the new school year with FUMC Dothan's...



## Blessing of the Backpacks

August 13  
5-7 PM  
Fellowship Hall

You're invited to a family cookout with ice cream sundaes!



## Confirmation Class

Parent's Meeting

Sunday, August 13  
10 a.m. in Room 263

Contact Sonia Crutchfield at [sonia@fumcdothan.org](mailto:sonia@fumcdothan.org).