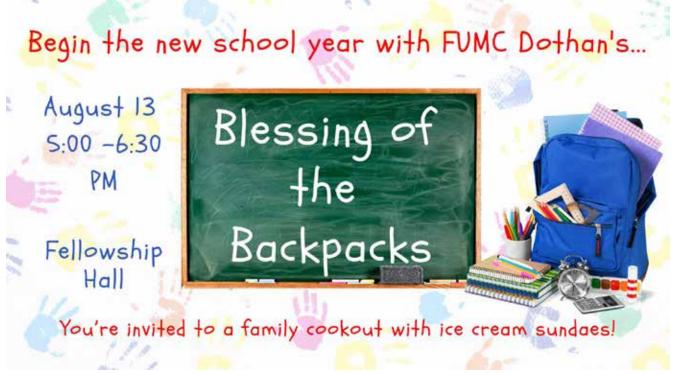
CONNECTIONS | First United Methodist Church of Dothan - August 10, 2023



As a new school year begins, children and adults can experience many different emotions. We may be scared, nervous, excited, wishful, sad or happy. Whether this year is your child's first year of preschool, of college, or if they are somewhere in between, chances are high you are experiencing a combination of these emotions and so are your children!

We would like to invite you, your children, your neighbors, your teacher and administrator friends, or anyone you pass in the school supply aisle at Walmart and Target to join us for our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" event on Sunday, August 13, from 5 – 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have hamburgers, hotdogs with all of the toppings, and for dessert, we will make ice cream sundaes. YUMMY!

Bring your favorite bag (a book bag, purse, teacher's bag, or briefcase) you want blessed! The ministers will be available to bless your bag and cover the year in prayer. The tags this year will feature the main theme from VBS - SHINE JESUS' LIGHT! We hope these tags will be a reminder of how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness and joy to the world - and how we can do the same with His power.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday!

Lee Anne Holland - Children's Ministry Co-Director **Tracy Pruitt** – Children's Ministry Co-Director Torrie Lyn Burke - Children's Ministry Assistant

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

Calling all 6th Graders!

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

Contact Sonia at sonia@fumcdothan.org if your 6th grader plans to take part!

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IG: Tweensfumcdothan

YOUTH

Youth programming returns Sunday Aug. 13.

Youth Lock-In takes place August 18, from 8 p.m.-8 a.m. in Room 283. For more information, contact Robbie Amunds at robbie@fumcdothan.org.

IG: Fumcdothanyouth

BLOOD DRIVE

LifeSouth will be on our campus

Sunday, August 20, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the CLC Parking Lot.

JOYS & CONCERNS

RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Lee Britt Helen Newton Bob Theune

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Savannah & Josh McCoy on the birth of their daughter, Anne Mills McCoy born August 3.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Addie Summers who celebrated her 90th birthday August 1.
Beverly Bromfield who celebrated her 92nd birthday August 3.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Elene Powell upon her death, Thursday, August 3.

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

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

FIRST LIGHT CHAPEL COMMUNION

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

BRIDGE AND SANCTUARY WORSHIP

"Redeeming your Routines: From Hurrying to Journeying" Matthew 11:28-30

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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.

HONORARIUM

Bill & Katie Holland

Allyce & Joe Read **Ted Williams**

Diana & Bob Hagler

MEMORIAL

Sara Brewer

Susan & Alan Livingston

Rick Bronaugh

Susan & Alan Livingston

Walker Epps

Susan & Alan Livingston Walker Epps Progressor's Sunday School Class

William Hart

Sis & Bill Lee

Bernice Hawke

Susan & Alan Livingston

ACOLYTE, SERVER, AND COMMUNION STEWARDS

Acolyte, Server, and Communion Stewards training takes place Sunday, August 27, at 10 a.m. or 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

We are seeking new people (3rd grade and up) to join us! For more information, please email Amy Cobb at amywcobb@gmail.com or call 334-803-6855.

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING

(Next meeting Sept. 13)

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.

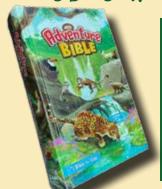






Third grade Bible Presentation Day

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



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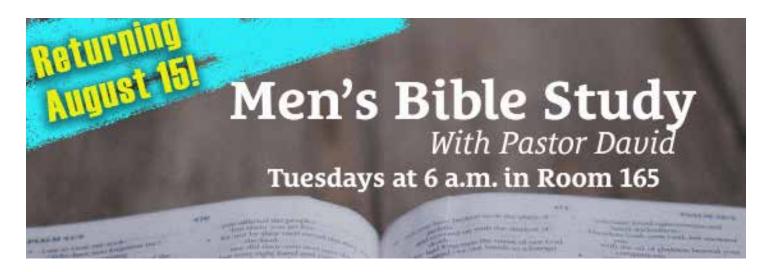
Children's



August 13 | 10 am | Children's Building

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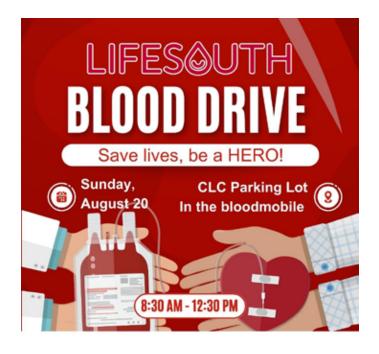




Handbell Ringing
Learn to read music and basic techniques.

Age 13 and up
Aug. 17 | Rm. 256

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Nursery provided.





Church Party is a ministry of FUMC Dothan for children with special needs. We will resume programming Sept. 5! We follow the Dothan City School calendar, and meet every Tuesday from 6 until 7:30 p.m.

Children are picked up from their homes by the church van at 5:15 p.m. and are brought to the church to enjoy recreation, food and fun. At 7:30 p.m. we begin taking everyone home.

We need your help! If you would like to volunteer to drive, (NO CDL needed!) play in the gym or sponsor a meal, please contact Susan Warren at 334-596-1205, or Nina Lisenby at 334-714-7108.