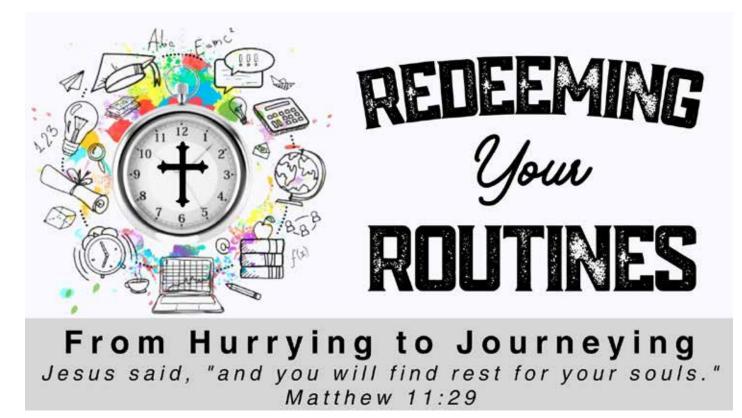
CONNECTIONS First United Methodist Church of Dothan - August 3, 2023



Busy. Hurried. Distracted. Worried. Crowded. Confused. Anxious. Do any of these words describe your day? We all have moments, days, weeks, years that feel like we are rushing through life, from one routine to the next, with little room made for contemplating the spiritual. Why? Could this possibly resemble the life to which God has called us? Do our daily routines keep us abiding in Christ or abiding in chaos!?

Join us for our upcoming sermon series, Redeeming Your Routines, August 13-September 17, as we explore the gifts of slowing down, paying attention, and abiding in Christ. We will discover how we can create holy habits that help us transform our way of life to resemble Christ's Way of Life. Each week we will be encouraged to reclaim the life of the Spirit with a daily practice learned from Holy Scripture. We will be moved "From Hurrying to Journeying," "From Commuting to Communing," "From Distraction to Devotion," "From Eating to Feasting," "From Conflict to Conversation," and "From Sunday to Sabbath."

As Summer comes to an end, children return to school, and discipleship studies return to our weekly schedules, we pray that this practical and meaningful sermon series becomes an excellent opportunity to recenter our own lives around the life of Christ. Invite someone to join you in worship as we witness God redeem our routines.

See you Sunday! David

Sunday Worship Service Times: First Light Chapel Communion – 8 a.m. | Sanctuary Traditional Worship – 8:30 and 11 a.m. The Bridge Contemporary Worship – 8:55 a.m. | Sunday School – 10 a.m. | Phone: 334-793-3555

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.

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.

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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YOUTH

Youth programming returns Sunday Aug. 13.

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RESPITE 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

RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL: Steve Francis Helen Newton

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Webb Reyner who celebrated his 90th birthday July 27.

Arne Foss who celebrated his 90th birthday July 30.

Moe Sigmon who celebrated his 93rd birthday July 30.

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

MEMORIALS

William Hart Ann & Jim Ellis Judy Harris Cynthia & Hayne Hollis Joe Mitchell Ann & Jim Ellis June Whitely Ann & Jim Ellis

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.

WANTED: STORYTELLERS!

Who: We are looking for storytellers who would like to share stories from the Bible with our 1st grade through 4th grade children.

What: Ministry leaders will provide the story for the week - and you decide how you would like to tell it.
When/Where: Deliver a 15-minute story during the Sunday School hour from approx. 10:15 until 10:30 a.m. (You're welcome to be a storyteller as often as you choose.)

If you have wondered how you could help our children grow in Christ, this might be just for you! If you would like to say **YES** to helping our little ones know and love Jesus more, contact Tracy Pruitt at 334-701-7630 or tracy@fumcdothan.org.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

FIRST LIGHT CHAPEL COMMUNION

Genesis 32:22-31 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

BRIDGE AND SANCTUARY WORSHIP

"The God of the Underdog" Matthew 9:9-13

Welcome new member to FUMC Dothan



Teresa Quick Hunter joined our church July 30.

SMALL GROUP LEADERSHIP

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

SATURDAY, August 5 9 Am - 12 Pm

BREAKFAST PROVIDED For more information or to RSVP. contact Ryan Deaton at (334) 793-3555 or email ryan@fumcdothan.org by August 2.

ROOM 157

JOIN US FOR

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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.org.





August 13 | 10 am | Children's Building

For information: Tracy Pruitt at tracy@fumcdothan.org.

Confirmation Class

is for Sixth-Graders desiring to claim the name of Christ and join our church.

Our next class begins September 10

Contact Sonia Crutchfield at sonia@fumcdothan.org.



With Pastor David Tuesdays at 6 a.m. in Room 165



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A TIME OF RECREATION, FUN & FOOD FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

A MINISTRY OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DOTHAN

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.