

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

We want to invite you and your family to join us for Christmas Eve Worship. Below, you will find our service schedule for the day. We hope that you will come and be a part, as we worship the newborn king at First United Methodist Church!

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday Morning Worship with Communion
10 AM - SANCTUARY

J.A.M. Time Worship (4p-4th grade)
10 AM - KIDS' KORNER

Family Worship Service
2:30 PM - SANCTUARY

Candlelight Service
4 PM - SANCTUARY

Candlelight Service
6 PM - SANCTUARY

Come & Go Communion
5-6 PM - CHAPEL

Be the **light**



At our Christmas Eve services you will also be given the opportunity to make a special donation to Embrace Alabama Kids. Formerly the United Methodist Children's Home, Embrace, has been providing children and teens a place to call home for over 130 years. It is one of the state's most comprehensive and vital resources as Dr. Blake Horne shared with us a few Sundays ago. Your donation will help provide homes, healing, and hope to those who need it most. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might partner with the children's home in shining the light of Christ and sharing the gift of God's love this Christmas.

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.

C.R.E.W. & CHOIR
(Christians Ready, Equipped & Willing)
Suspended for Christmas events.

B.L.A.S.T.
(Bible Learning And Sharing Together)
Suspended for Christmas events.

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.

C.R.E.W. & CHOIR
(Christians Ready, Equipped & Willing)
Suspended for Christmas events.

CONFIRMATION
Suspended for Christmas events.

S.W.A.G.
(Saved With Amazing Grace)
5th & 6th Graders
Suspended for Christmas events.

FB: FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry

IG: Tweenfumcdothan

YOUTH

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
Suspended for Christmas events.

IG: Fumcdothanyouth

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

10 a.m. "Carols of Christmas:
Silent Night" - Luke 2:1-10

2:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve
Service

4 & 6 p.m. "Carols of Christmas:
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" -
Matthew 1:21-23

JOYS & CONCERNS

OUR SYMPATHY TO:
Robert & Carla Elswick, and Eeve & Dan
Ventress and family due to the death of
their son, and Eeve's brother, Timothy
Elswick who died Dec. 13.

Jane Shelor, and William & Maria Shelor
and their families due to the death of
Neil Shelor, Jane's husband
and William's father, who died Dec. 15.

IN THE HOSPITAL:
Natalie Woods

RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL:
Alan Livingston
Meredith Flowers

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Madison & William Andre who
announce the birth of their daughter,
Margot Joan Andre, born Dec. 8.
Grandparents are Amy & Charles Andre.

Meredith & Davis Flowers who
announce the birth of their son,
Daniel "Quin" Flowers, born Dec. 13.
Grandparents are
Laura & George Flowers.

55 FORWARD

**Jan. 11 - Lunch Fellowship 11:30
a.m., Cactus Flower.** Meet us at
5412 Montgomery Highway, for fun,
food and fellowship! Reserve your seat
by 1/9! Call the church office
at 334-793-3555.

**Jan. 25 - Movie Afternoon -
2 p.m., Room 165.** Join us for
popcorn and the movie, *Sense
and Sensibility (1995)*. For more
information, contact Ashley Brasington
at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

**VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER
TRAINING**
(Next meeting Jan. 10)

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
(Next meeting Jan. 18)

The support group meets on the 3rd
Thursday of each month in Rm. 165.

JOIN THE FUMC STAFF

For job descriptions, and how to apply
for the positions listed below, visit
fumcdothan.org/join-our-team

POSITIONS:

- PT Nursery Worker
- FT Daycare Worker

HONORARIUM

Respite Care Staff & Volunteers
Mr. Paul Thomas & Ms. Patricia Thomas

Mary Adams
Dawn & Bob Theune
Mary Kaye & Dan Bailey
Susan & Alan Livingston

Cindy Crews
Katharine Forrester
Dan & Cathy Denny
Charles & Amy Andre
Debra & Philip Dozier
Dawn & Bob Theune

Sue Dunseth
Susan & Alan Livingston
Wanda & Rob Emblom
Dawn & Bob Theune

Sue & Collier Espy
Dawn & Bob Theune
Judy Harris

Susan & Alan Livingston
Denise & Michael Hawke
Dawn & Bob Theune

Pem Helms
Katharine Forrester
Bill & Katie Holland
Danna & Jim Holland
David & Maurine Johnston
Charles & Amy Andre

Judi Kelley
Jane Williams

Kevin & Julie Kramer
Charles & Amy Andre
Bill & Paula Mallis
Charles & Amy Andre

Gary & Lisa McGowan
Charles & Amy Andre

Jan Rollins
Dawn & Bob Theune
Dale & Fred Saliba
Dawn & Bob Theune

Charles & Amy Andre
David Saliba
Gina & Sam Stanfield

Neil Shelor
Susan & Alan Livingston
Jeanie & Art Solomon
Susan & Alan Livingston

Mary Alice & George Veale
Dawn & Bob Theune

Jane Williams
Susan & Alan Livingston
Annette & Steve Wilson
Dawn & Bob Theune

Debbie & George Wilson
Dawn & Bob Theune

MEMORIAL

Dean Coe
Katharine & David Forrester
Lynn & Walker Epps
Mr. Paul Thomas & Ms. Patricia Thomas

Frank Gannon
Katharine & David Forrester
Fred & Jo Garrett
Kathy & Malone Garrett

Furnie Johnston
Katharine & David Forrester
Mary Jane McArthur
Gloria Sorrells

Jane Shelor
Susan & Alan Livingston

Loyd Smilie
Gloria Sorrells

Welcome new members to FUMC Dothan



Mechelle & James, and sons, Will, Wes, and Walt Moody joined our church December 17.



Hannah & Blake Peters joined our church December 17. They are pictured with their daughter, Lainey Leigh.

Baptism



Lainey Leigh Peters was baptized December 17.
Her parents are new members,
Hannah & Blake Peters.



"Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14

Announcements

Church office hours: Our offices will be closed in observance of Christmas on Monday, Dec. 25, through Wednesday, Dec. 27. **The finance office** will be open Sunday, Dec. 31, until 5 p.m. The offices will be closed in observance of the New Year, on Jan. 1 & 2, 2024.

Join us for Serve Day at The Harbor, located at 320 North Foster Street, on Saturday, Dec. 30, 7:30-9:15 a.m. Come volunteer to serve food, distribute clothing and hygiene items, and pray for the needs of others. We hope to see you there!

All four worship services will be offered Dec. 31. Come and join us as we welcome the New Year!

United Women in Faith Meeting takes place Jan. 9, at 11:45 a.m., in the Parlor. Betty Helms will share news about what our work and pledges are accomplishing in the U.S. and around the world. Lunch is \$6. Make lunch reservations by calling the church office, or by email to betty@fumcdathan.org.

Board of Stewards - A called Charge Conference takes place Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 5:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided

starting at 5 p.m. Please RSVP for dinner by emailing karla.jackson@fumcdathan.org. A nursery will be provided. The meeting will end promptly at 7 p.m.

Middle School Winter Retreat - Jan. 12-14, at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat, Panama City Beach, Florida.

For information, please contact Anne Claire Langford at anneclaire@fumcdathan.org, or call 334-793-3555. Register online now at fumcdathan.org/ministries/youth.

Wednesday Night Suppers resume Jan. 17, 4:45-6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

The Parent Recharge Conference, Jan. 26 & 27. Children's programming and a nursery will be available. Friday night: 6-8:30 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. until noon. For more information, contact Ryan Deaton at ryan@fumcdathan.org, or call 334-793-3555. Register online now to secure your spot at fumcdathan.org.

High School Winter Retreat 2024 - Feb. 16-19, Beech Mountain, North Carolina. For more information, contact Robbie Amunds at 334-793.3555, or email robbie@fumcdathan.org. Registration is underway at fumcdathan.org/ministries/youth.

Christmas Poinsettias 2023

In Memory of:

Kristen Suzanne Barnes
Curtis R. Batchelor
Leonard and Edith Blalock
Sam and Caroline Bridges
Clay Bryars
Tim Byrd
Danny Carmichael
A.B. and Runell Clark
Runell Clark and June Mayson
Dean Coe
Roy and Eileen Cole
Betty Coleman
Cleve Creel and Oscar Tidwell
Jerry and Martha Creel
Dr. and Mrs. Fred F. Crews
Mary Jay Crocker
Josh and Shane Dagostin
Alex and Evelyn Dauphin
Carson James Davis
Jim Dayton
Bill and Peggy Deavours
Walker Epps
Quin Flowers
Flowers
Frank Gannon
Ellen Gauntt
Lawrence and Marjorie Harris
Celeste Hart
Susan Hart
William Hart
Carrie Gaines Harville
and Frank Gaines
Bernice L. Hawke
H. Paul Hufham, Jr.
Jeff Hutto
Furnie Johnston
Huntley Johnson
John Allen Jones, IV
Bob Kirkby
Dr. and Mrs. Roy R. Kracke Sr.
Bill and Pat Lies
Bill Lisenby
Karen McCarroll
William C. McGowan
Carolyn Mitchell

Our Parents
Jerry and Josephine Poole
Wayne and Ellen Read
Warren Rollins
H. Manning Sanders

Frances Sawyer
Ruth and R. V. Seymore
Bobby Sirmon
Billy Solomon
Janie and John Solomon
Judge Sorrells
Lynne Summerford
Arnold Swallows
James R. Tarrant, II
Paul M. Tarrant
Ollie Theune

Given by:

The Binford Family
Shirleen Batchelor
Molly Blalock and Neece Tarrant
Joseph and Hope Johnson
Joe, Allyce and Braden Read
Dustin and Jennifer Byrd
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Alan and Marty Clark
Deavours and Kelsey Clark
David and Katharine Forrester
Tom and Jane Ziegenfelder
William and Mitzi Watson
Phillip and Debbie Tidwell
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Marc, Cindy and Ethan Crews
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Mike and Jean Dagostin
Katie and John Morris
Hillary and Brett Singletary
Becky, Terri, Mark and Troy
Alan and Marty Clark
Ellise Ryan
Dan Adee, Gail Fain and Annie

David and Katharine Forrester
Michael and Denise Hawke
Joseph and Hope Johnson
Katie DeJong and Lamar Hart
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Lamar Hart and Bonny Hart

Cathy Gaines
Michael and Denise Hawke
His Family
J. T. and Sarah Elizabeth Carroll
David and Katharine Forrester
Joseph and Hope Johnson
Kelton and Harrison Morris
Helon Kirkby and Family
Virginia Peelen
Art and Jeanie Solomon
Nina Lisenby
Art and Jeanie Solomon
Michael and Denise Hawke
The Crutchfield and The Holt
Families
Ben and Lisa Martin
Tom and Nina Thomas
Joe, Allyce and Braden Read
Jan Rollins
Joe, Senthly, Manning, Mary Daniel
and Rhett Sanders
Art and Jeanie Solomon
Susan and Pervis Hester
His Family
Art and Jeanie Solomon
Tracy and Arch Solomon
Gloria Sorrells and Family
Keith and Reta Creel
Arlene Swallows and Alicia Cox
Neece Tarrant and Molly Blalock
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Bob and Dawn Theune

In Memory of:

Harold and Estelle Thomas
Townsend Thomas
Lester Trotter
Ann Tyson

William G. Voynich

Tommy Wells
Tommy Wells
Mildred and Burt Williams, and
Burt Williams, Jr.
Glenn and Sara Wise
Tom and Elva Ziegenfelder

In Honor of:

Beverly Bromfield
Sally Callahan
Debbie Cheney
Alan and Marty Clark
Boyd and Kristyn Clark
Deavours and Kelsey Clark
Dorothy Clark
Graham Elise Cleveland
Mary Holland Carroll
Robert Doss Cleveland, Jr.
Mike and Jean Dagostin
Walker Epps Progressors Sunday
School Class Leaders and Teachers
Katharine Forrester
FUMC Respite Care Ministry
Bo Gholson
Pem Helms and Cindy Crews
Andy Jones
Mary Neal and Ryan Metcalf
Our Children's Birth Mothers
Our Children and Grandchildren
Our Children and Grandchildren
Our Children and Son-in-law, Ashley
and Jackson Britton, Anna Grace Tidwell
Our Church Staff
Our Eight Grandchildren
Our Family
Our Grandchildren
Our Grandchildren, Allen, Walter,
and Julianna
Our Pastors and their Families
David Saliba and Family
Tanner, Amelia and Mary Mott Shelley
Patricia Sirmon

Art & Jeanie Solomon
Freida Spikes
Evelyn Theune
Clarice Thompson
Angel Watkins
Jane Williams
Larry Williams and Mark Saliba
Libba Williams
Rosemary, McCarty, A.B., Monroe,
June, Bishop and Clark

Given by:

Tom and Nina Thomas
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Tracy and Arch Solomon
Justin and Catherine Wright and
Family
Chris Warren and
Melissa Voynich Warren
Cynthia Wells
Allison, Adam, Sledge and Wells Brew-
er

Jane Williams
Bob and Dawn Theune
Tom and Jane Ziegenfelder

Given by:

Dan Adee and Gail Fain
Ryan and Katy Shingler
Jackson Ann Deaton
Deavours and Kelsey Clark
Alan and Marty Clark
Alan and Marty Clark
William and Mitzi Watson
Bob and Kathy Cleveland
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Lee and Mikell Thomas

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Jackson Ann Deaton
Branham and Jarrod Hanchey
Melissa and Web Gholson
Katharine Forrester
Mike and Fran Jones
Alan and Marty Clark
Mary Olivia and Turner Jones
Alan and Susan Livingston
Art and Jeanie Solomon

Phillip and Debbie Tidwell
Ben and Lisa Martin
Bob and Dawn Theune
Lee and Mikell Thomas
Ben and Lisa Martin

Leanne and Page Todd
Art and Jeanie Solomon
Angie and Mark Saliba
Phil and Jan Shelley
Her Children, Grandchildren,
and Great Grandchildren
Lee and Mikell Thomas
Helon Kirkby
Bob and Dawn Theune
Ryan and Katy Shingler
Jackson Ann Deaton
Sharon Church
Lee and Mikell Thomas
Jackson Ann Deaton

Alan and Marty Clark