



'Tis the Season to be Jolly!

'Tis the Season to be Jolly ... and the worship arts department at FUMC is hard at work preparing for two celebrations of the Advent season. **First**, we will present our annual service of **Lessons and Carols** in the **Sanctuary at 5 p.m., on Sunday, December 10**. All our ensembles; including the Chancel Choir, Cherub Chanters, Wesley's Warblers, and Westminster Handbell choir will share music reflective of the events leading up to the birth of Christ. We will be joined by our seasonal choir members, a chamber ensemble, and there will be a lovely reception to follow. This is a wonderful time of year for our church family to come together with the Dothan community in worship and fellowship.

Please join us and bring your friends! The following **Wednesday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m.**, our children's music ensembles, confirmation class, and youth ministry will present **The Jesse Tree: A Christmas Production**. This program is based upon the prophetic scripture found in Isaiah 1:1, in which it is foretold that the Messiah will spring from the root of Jesse. The production includes important scriptures detailing Jesus's lineage



and the prophecies about His birth, several songs reflecting upon these scriptures, and beautifully symbolic Christmas tree ornaments handmade by artists within our congregation.

You will not want to miss these two opportunities to prepare your family for the coming of Christ!

Soli Deo gloria,
Erin M. Smith
Director of Worship Arts

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

JOYS & CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Carly & Hunter Leger on the birth of their son, Martin Taft, born December 2. Grandparents are Laura & Bill Martin.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:
Beth Harrison and family due to the death of her brother-in-law, Cecil Faulk, who died November 29.

Freida Spikes and family due to the death of her husband, Rev. Jimmy Spikes, who died December 2.

55 FORWARD

December 12 - Atlanta Pops at the Dothan Civic Center - 7 p.m.
Tickets are \$15, and there are a limited number available.
To reserve your spot, please call Ashley at 334-350-1088.

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 Nursery Worker
- FT Daycare Worker

RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING
(Next meeting Dec. 13)
The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Rm. 158.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
(Next meeting Dec. 21)
The support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Rm. 165.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

December 13 Menu
Adults: Parmesan Chicken, butter beans, baked potato wedges

Children: Chicken tenders, green beans, baked potato wedges

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

FIRST LIGHT CHAPEL COMMUNION

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

BRIDGE AND SANCTUARY WORSHIP

"Carols of Christmas: O Holy Night"
Lamentations 3:20-26

HONORARIUM

Rosemary Andrews
Nancy Harrell
Bill Hood
Nancy & Ron Harrell
Nina Lisenby
Donna, Tyrone & Julie Parrish
Jan Rollins
Nancy Harrell
Jane & Neil Shelor
Nancy & Ron Harrell
Judy Harris
Rosalyn Timbie
Nancy Harrell

MEMORIAL

Furnie Johnston
Karen & Steve Etheredge
Charles McArthur
Patricia & Lester Stewart
Rhone Parrish
Karen & Steve Etheredge
Barbara Stockman
Rhett Williams



A note from the finance office

The month of December is a busy month and this holds true for the finance office as well. We always receive an abundance of memorials during the month of December and all of the ministries that benefit from memorials are grateful for these gifts.

Because of this, we would ask that any memorials you wish to be acknowledged and printed in the *Connections Newsletter* for 2023 be turned in to the finance office by **December 11**. Also, in order to receive credit for your 2023 contributions, if you are mailing your gift, please make sure to have it postmarked by **December 31**, or bring your check in to the office by 5 p.m. that day. If making online contributions, please remember to complete the transaction by midnight, **December 31**.

Thank you, and we hope everyone has a joyful and blessed Advent season. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Barnett at 334-793-3555.

Welcome new members to FUMC Dothan



Calum & Haley Masters;
and Terry & Angel Watkins
joined our church December 3.



Ryan & Katy Shingler joined our church
December 3. They are pictured
with their children, Reed and Avery.



The Promise of Christmas

Sunday, December 17
Fellowship Hall

Refreshments served at 5:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring a sweet or salty snack to share before the service.

Beverages will be provided. Music begins at 6 p.m.

Join us in donating some of these items for The Harbor this winter.

- Plastic utensils
- Garbage bags - 55 gallon contractor/regular kitchen size
- Paper napkins
- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Paper plates
- Styrofoam "carry-out" containers
- Clorox
- Non-perishable food items
(pull-top canned goods and individually wrapped items)
- Men's & women's coats (sizes L-5XL)
- Men's athletic shoes (all sizes)
- Blankets (no throws please)





RESPIRE CARE DEMENTIA FRIENDLY
CHRISTMAS SERVICE



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
SANCTUARY • 1:15 PM

A Service of
Hope & Healing

December 19, 2023
FUMC Dothan Chapel
6 PM



Fellowship Hall



January 26: 6-8:30 PM
January 27: 9 AM-Noon

For more information, contact ryan@fumcdothan.org.