

# connections First United Methodist Church Dothan - January 25, 2024

## *You are the branches*

Students learn about abiding in Christ while on retreat



I cannot think of a better way to start the new year than on winter retreat with the junior high students! We were able to take time away to kick off 2024 with worship and fellowship together.



Anne Claire Langford  
Junior High Ministries  
Director

Laguna Beach Christian Resort hosted us January 12-14, as we learned what it means to abide in Christ. We focused our minds and hearts on Christ's words from the book of **John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."**

Students learned practical ways to grow in their faith every day through spiritual discipline. From prayer and scripture to meditation and fasting, our students were taught ways to maintain their relationship with God and remain grounded in their faith. I could not be more excited to have shared in this time of worship and fellowship with our junior high students!

We were blessed to have time together to play games, hang out on the beach, sing praises to the Lord, and roast s'mores around the bonfire. I am so grateful for this opportunity to spend time getting to know each one of our students.

We are looking forward to the Spring semester with our youth at FUMC Dothan! The youth department offers many

opportunities for worship and study on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Resuming in February, students are also welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall for Tuesday morning breakfast from 7-7:30 am. This semester, we will meet on the first Tuesday morning of the month! These are just a few of the many ways students can get involved at FUMC.

For more info on what's happening with our students, please contact our Youth Ministries Director, Robbie Amunds, our Tween Ministries Director, Sonia Crutchfield, or myself.

**Anne Claire Langford**  
Junior High Ministries Director

**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.

**B.L.A.S.T.**  
(with Chimes option for 1st-2nd, 3rd-5th)  
(Bible Learning And Sharing Together)  
Sundays, 4:50-6 p.m. 4p-5th.

**C.R.E.W. & CHOIR**  
(Christians Ready, Equipped & Willing)  
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. 4p-4th

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**IG:** fumc\_childrens\_ministry

## TWEENS

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

**B.L.A.S.T.**  
(with Chimes option for 1st-2nd, 3rd-5th)  
(Bible Learning And Sharing Together)  
Sundays, 4:50-6 p.m. 4p-5th.

**CONFIRMATION**  
6th Graders, Sundays, 5-6 p.m.

**S.W.A.G.**  
(Saved With Amazing Grace)  
5th & 6th Graders  
Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.

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**IG:** Tweenfumcdothan

## YOUTH

**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH**  
Youth Snack Supper - 6-6:30 p.m.  
Youth Worship - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**BIBLE STUDY**  
Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m.  
Bring your own food!

**IG:** Fumcdothanyouth

## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

### First Light Chapel Communion

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

### Bridge and Sanctuary Worship

"Do Not Be Afraid: Fear of Failure"  
Joshua 1:1-9

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**  
Sallie Harper who celebrated her 92nd birthday on January 17.

Marialyce Grubbs who celebrated her 92nd birthday on January 19.

Clarence Hinson who celebrated his 90th birthday on January 20.

**IN THE HOSPITAL:**  
John Byrd - Flowers

**OUR SYMPATHY TO:**  
The family and friends of Dr. William P. Hood, Jr., who died January 21.

## 55 FORWARD

**Lunch Fellowship – February 8, 11:30 a.m., at The Basketcase Cafe,** located at 228 South Oates Street. To reserve your seat, please call the church office at 334-793-3555, by February 5.

**Movie Afternoon – February 29, 2 p.m., Room 165.** Join us for popcorn and the movie, *Redeeming Love*. For more information, contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

## RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

### **VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING** (Next meeting Feb. 14)

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

### **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** (Next meeting Feb. 15)

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](http://fumcdothan.org/join-our-team)

### **POSITIONS:**

- PT Nursery Worker
- FT Daycare Worker

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

### **January 31 Menu**

**Adults:** Catfish filets, cheese grits, coleslaw, green beans, hush puppies, dessert, beverage

**Children:** Fish nuggets, cheese grits, green beans, hush puppies, dessert, beverage. For more information or to pay in advance, visit [fumcdothan.org](http://fumcdothan.org).

## WORSHIP PERFORMING ARTS

**Chancel Choir rehearsals take place on Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m.** For more information, contact Erin Smith at [erin@fumcdothan.org](mailto:erin@fumcdothan.org).

## SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING



**Adults volunteering with our children's, tweens, youth, or any of our vulnerable adult ministries including Respite or Church Party are invited to join us for Safe Sanctuary training. Please plan to attend one:** Sunday, Feb. 25, during Sunday School at 10:05 in the Youth Room or Wednesday night, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m., in Room 152. This training is essential as we live out our call to be a safe place for all of God's children, and is part of our Safe Sanctuary policy adopted at charge conference.

## CHURCH COOKBOOK

If you are interested in helping with the church cookbook, please contact **Sarah Elizabeth Carroll to find out more, at 334-618-3211 or email her at [seccarroll411@gmail.com](mailto:seccarroll411@gmail.com).**

To sign up now, please visit [fumcdothan.org/events](http://fumcdothan.org/events).





## Baptism



Margaret Elizabeth Doty was baptized January 21. She is pictured with her parents Walt & Elizabeth Doty and siblings, Ries, Mary Evelyn, and Lucy.



*"Let the little children come to me ..."*  
Matthew 19:14

## Welcome new members to FUMC Dothan



Shane & Monica Hagler, joined our church January 21. They are pictured with their children, Asher, Darbi, and Holt

## Come on Ring Those Bells: A Hymn Sing Event

Join us for Wednesday evening supper, then stay to sing hymns! We will use a "ring -along" hymn book for anyone who would like to try the handbells!

**January 31 - 5:30 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**



→ FEBRUARY 6 ←

11:45 AM

PARLOR

LUNCH: \$6

Speaker: Betty Helms

To make lunch reservations, call (334) 793-3555  
or email [betty@fumcdathan.org](mailto:betty@fumcdathan.org).



**MIDDAY**  
FUMC  
**MIDDAY**  
Wednesday, February 7

Lunch 11:45 AM  
Fellowship Hall



 **FIRST UNITED  
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55 Forward

*Valentine's Lunch*

Basketcase Cafe

**February 8 - 11:30 AM** ♥



**Churchwide Lenten Bible studies begin soon!**

*Sign up now at [fumcdothan.org/lent2024](http://fumcdothan.org/lent2024),  
or call the church office at 334-793-3555 for more information.*

**Sundays** - Led by Pastor Matt Langford, Feb. 11-Mar. 24, 5-6 pm, Rm 157

**Wednesdays** - Led by Pastor David & Elizabeth Saliba, Feb. 21-Apr. 3, 6-7 pm, Rm 157

**Thursdays** - Led by Pastor Liz Hinton, Feb. 15-April 4, 6-7 pm, offsite



**SHROVE TUESDAY**

**PANCAKE DINNER**

**February 13 - 5:30 PM - Fellowship Hall**

9TH-12TH GRADES

**HIGH SCHOOL  
WINTER  
RETREAT**

*Ski Trip to Beech Mountain, North Carolina*



**COST: \$400, DEPOSIT OF \$200  
DUE DEC. 10 TO SAVE YOUR SPOT**

**FEBRUARY 16-19**

**FOR MORE INFO:  
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