### CONNECTIONS First United Methodist Church Dothan - April 4, 2024

# Be led forth with God's peace Rev. Sean Peters appointed to Illinois church

Saying farewell is challenging! This week we will celebrate the almost three years of ministry that Sean and Sandra Peters have offered FUMC, Dothan. On Wednesday, April 10, from 5-6 p.m. we will have a farewell reception for the Peters who are moving to Pekin, Illinois, to serve the First United Methodist Church of Pekin. We will have a taco bar and an opportunity for each person to send off the Peters into this new adventure in ministry.

Being called to be one of God's ordained ministers is bittersweet because God is oftentimes moving His servants. Sean has felt and responded to a call to be the senior pastor of a local church, and while we celebrate this calling, we grieve our church's loss.





I will personally miss sharing ministry with him through the same local church, especially his friendship and leadership. I know that each of you can appreciate the magnificent ministry he offered FUMC Dothan during a time of transition, and we will forever be grateful for his excellent service. I encourage you to bring the Peters a note of gratitude, well-wishes, and Christian love. These will be collected and sent with them as our farewell blessing.

Sean and Sandra will always be welcomed in this place and thought of as a part of the FUMC Dothan family. We praise God for all they have given to us! Pekin has no idea what a blessing they are about to receive!

God's Peace, Pastor 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.

#### B.L.A.S.T.

(with Chimes option for K-5th-5-5:30 pm) (Bible Learning And Sharing Together) Sundays, 4:50-6 p.m. 4p-5th

**C.R.E.W. & CHOIR** (Christians Ready, Equipped & Willing) Sundays, 4:50 - 6 p.m Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. 4p-4th

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.

#### B.L.A.S.T.

(with Chimes option for K-5th-5-5:30 pm) (Bible Learning And Sharing Together) Sundays, 4:50-6 p.m. 4p-5th

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

FB: FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry

#### **IG:** Tweensfumcdothan

#### YOUTH

#### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Youth Snack Supper - 6-6:30 p.m. Youth Worship - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### **YOUTH BREAKFAST** Tuesday, May 7, 7 a.m. - Pancakes

HS Seniors eat free!!!

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

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

IG: Fumcdothanyouth

#### **JOYS & CONCERNS**

#### **OUR SYMPATHY TO:**

Debbie & John Cheney and family due to the death of Debbie's sister, Donna Lynn Morse, who died March 21.

RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL: Hazel Patton

OUT OF TOWN HOSPITAL: Marjorie Rynott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: George Caldwell who celebrated her 97th birthday on March 30.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Hazel Patton who is announcing the birth of her great-granddaughter, Autumn Hazel Adams, born March 5 to parents, Ashlee & Wesley Adams.

#### **55 FORWARD**

**55 Forward Senior Adult Ministry** – Lunch Fellowship – April 9, 11:30 a.m., at Blue Plate, located at 3850 W. Main Street. To reserve your seat, please call the church office at 334-793-3555 by April 4.

55 Forward – Senior Adult Ministry – Movie Afternoon – April 24, 2 p.m., Room 165. Join us for popcorn and the movie, *The Scarlet and the Black*. For more information, contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

#### **RESPITE CARE MINISTRY**

#### VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING (Next meeting April 10) The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Rm. 158.

#### HEART TO HEART SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

The Respite Care Ministry invites you and your loved one living with memory loss to a free, dementiafriendly Spring concert. **Enjoy the Heart to Heart Singers** as they sing fun, familiar songs and reminisce together, **Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. For more information, visit fumcdothan.org.

#### RESPITE CARE MINISTRY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (Next meeting April 18)

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

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

APRIL 10 Celebration Dinner honoring Pastor Sean and Sandra Peters. Menu: Taco bar, salad bar, dessert, and beverages.

#### 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
- FT Children's Ministry Director
- FT Worship Arts & Technical Director
  - FT Executive Director, The Harbor
    - FT Communications Director
    - PT Recreation Coordinator
    - PT Sports Camp Counselors

#### THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

#### **First Light Chapel Communion**

Acts 4:32-35 I John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

**Bridge and Sanctuary Worship** 

"I'm Going to Let it Shine!" Mark 5:35-43

#### HONORARIUM

#### Allie Freeman Beverly & Paul MacGregor

Sean Peters Beverly & Paul MacGregor

David Saliba Beverly & Paul MacGregor

#### MEMORIAL

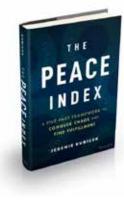
John Byrd Mary Lou Miller Jane Shelor

#### Bob Hall

Jennifer Jennings & Michael Bledsoe

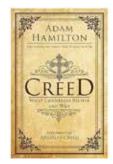
Furnie & Jo Johnston Jennifer & Walt Wilkerson

### These small group studies begin soon. Sign up now!



*The Peace Index* small group study with Josh Chapman begins Wednesday, April 3, at 6 p.m., in Room 157.

Sign up for this study which reveals how chaos affects us and ways to achieve peace in spite of the world around us. Call Ryan Deaton at 334-793-3555 for more information or sign up online! **Visit fumcdothan.org/events** 



**Creed – What Christians Believe and Why small group study with Mark Saliba and Larry Williams** begins **Wednesday, April 10,** at 6 p.m., in Room 152.

Sign up for this study which explores what we believe, as we affirm the Apostles' Creed as our statement of belief.

**Visit fumcdothan.org/events,** to sign up now, or call Ryan Deaton at 334-793-3555.





### The FUMC Respite Care Ministry Heart to Heart Singers present



Sunday, April 14 - 2 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

New members and visitors are welcome! If you are new to FUMC Dothan, interested in membership, or if you just want to know more about what it means to become a Christian, please join us!

10 AM Fellowship Hall

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April 25 : 5 PM Fellowship Hall Speaker: Elizabeth Saliba

Join us for a night of restoration as we focus on spiritual wellness.



Sign-up online @fumcdothan.org or contact Pastor Matt Langford at (334) 793-3555.