

# connections

REACHING OUT...IT'S WHO WE ARE!

## First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Dr. James B. Sanders III, Senior Pastor | May 7, 2020

### We're still serving

When I think about our church during this pandemic, I immediately think of the saying, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." We have had so many drastic changes over the past month, yet the best things about our ministries, our people, and our staff remain the same. Many of our ministries, including The Harbor, Bread of Life, and Respite Care, are finding ways to still serve those in need while maintaining social distancing guidelines. Sunday School classes are still meeting over video conferencing and finding ways to still be in community with a group of believers. Our staff is loving on, praying over, and reaching out to our congregation even though we can't do those in person. If you would like to join us in serving or in a Sunday School video conference, please let me know. I would love to get you connected! Below, I've shared some quotes from those who have participated in our Online Sunday School.

Hannah Chapman  
Director of Adult Discipleship

*Meeting for Sunday School over Zoom has been one of my connections to continuing to worship God and with us sheltering in place it's a great way to connect to my classmates. It does not replace being physically at church, but it is better than no connection.*

~ Earl Kelley, Navigators Class

*One thing we have prayed for during this time is for God to work in our hearts and get us closer to Him. God has used our Zoom Meeting to do just that. Our virtual meeting has provided community, prayer, and Bible study that we have so desperately needed. A plus is that our group ranges in ages from 1 to 71!*

~ Kash Deaton, Seeker Class

*Our class has always had a very casual atmosphere that has allowed for a good bit of interaction between the teacher and the class during and after the lesson. The YouTube presentations were good, but the interaction was missing. Zoom has allowed us to get that back to some extent and also afforded us the opportunity to "see" our fellow class members. This platform will work well until we can really get back together. We have had a few visitors from other classes to join us already and we encourage them and others to join us again!*

~ Rhett Williams, Progressors Class

*Our class is so thankful that several have stepped up to the challenge to teach Sunday School through Zoom. Not only is it important for us to all be together for a lesson but for us to share our prayer requests and joys with one another. Now, more than ever we need to be checking on our neighbors and friends. Sunday School through Zoom gives us a chance to share God's word and check on each other. If you don't have a Sunday School Class or your class is not meeting through Zoom, please join us! Until we can all be in HIS house again, we will worship him online..... "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" Matthew 18:20.*

~ Laura Hatcher, Emmaus Class



Though our building is closed,  
our hearts are open.

## CHILDREN

### What is a Mother?

*A heart that can hear every unspoken need, Wisdom to know when to quietly lead, Hands that reach out, always helping and sharing- A mother is caring!*

*Eyes that reflect every joy that you find, Arms to encircle, but never to bind, A talent for making the most out of living- A mother is giving!*

*A voice that can soothe or inspire or delight, A smile that keeps shining when things don't go right, An angel God sends us from Heaven above- A mother is caring and giving and love!*

To all the very special women in our lives that have given, cared for and loved us along the way - we say THANK YOU and HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

~ Lee Anne Holland

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## TWEENS

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

*A mother - when you're a child she walks before you to set an example. When you're a teenager she walks behind you to be there should you need her. When you're an adult she will walk beside you so that, as two friends, you can enjoy life together.*

*She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue.*  
Proverbs 31:26

Check out the church website and Tween page for Sunday School videos and activities.

~ Sonia

Follow Tweens on Instagram  
[@Tweensfumcdothan](https://www.instagram.com/Tweensfumcdothan)

Follow Tweens on Facebook  
[@FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry](https://www.facebook.com/FUMC-Dothan-Tween-Ministry)

## YOUTH

We will NOT have Sunday School this week. Youth Zoom sessions will continue Wednesday evening (May 13) from 6-7. The links for the Zoom meetings will come from a Remind text message.

If you have not signed up for our Remind messages, please text @fumc19-20 to 810-10.  
~ Brad

## ADULTS

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

If you would like to join a Sunday School class via Zoom, please let me know and I would love to connect you!  
~ Hannah

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Hey Chancel Choir,  
I will be hosting a series of Zoom meetings about a project coming up for us to participate in. Please be checking your emails for details about the zoom meetings. If you have any questions about how to get on to zoom don't hesitate to call. See you soon.  
Blessings,  
Mike

## RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

Masks are still in production. If anyone needs a mask, please email [maria@fumcdothan.org](mailto:maria@fumcdothan.org).

Respite Care Zoom Support Group meets every Thursday at 10:30. Email [katie@fumcdothan.org](mailto:katie@fumcdothan.org) for more info. If you are not great at ZOOM, we will help you get started!!

Respite Care Weekly Activity Email is great fun for everyone! Email [margaret@fumcdothan.org](mailto:margaret@fumcdothan.org) to be added to list.  
~ Katie

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### Our Sympathy to:

~ Nina Lisenby and family due to the death of her husband, Bill Lisenby, who died May 4.

### Congratulations to:

~ Rudy and Janet Heintzleman who are announcing the birth of a grandson; Eric Adams Parker was born April 30. Parents are Carmen and Steve Parker.

*This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through Wesley Place on Honeysuckle and especially our Fountain of Love Outreach to the residents.*

## HONORARIUMS

**Billy & Martha Wilson**  
Ray & Tillie Dempster

## MEMORIALS

### Ann & Charles Baker

Jean Hufham

### Sue Bridges

Mary Hartzog

Tag Hogue

Jean Hufham

### Hilda Church

Mary Hartzog

### Susan Hart

Jean Hufham

### Warren Rollins

Jean Hufham

### Celeste Snell

Jean Hufham

### Ann Todd

Tom Fortner


### Catherine Waid

Jean Hufham

# Livestream CHURCH SERVICES

WATCH FROM HOME ▶

  [fumcdothan.org](http://fumcdothan.org)



Submit your prayer and other requests at [fumcdothan.org/prayer](http://fumcdothan.org/prayer)

## A Good Word

Devotional Videos

New Every Monday - Thursday  
Church website: [fumcdothan.org](http://fumcdothan.org)  
Sign up to receive by email: [www.fumcdothan.org/email-sign-up](http://www.fumcdothan.org/email-sign-up)



### LIVE STREAM WORSHIP TECH SUPPORT


Should you need assistance or help connecting to our LIVE Sunday worship, we will have volunteers in the church office for technical support. Please call 334-793-3555 to speak with someone between 8:45 and 10:00 on Sunday morning.


### COVID-19 and Methodist Conferencing


The May 2020 General Conference is tentatively rescheduled for August 31 - September 10, 2021.

The 2020 Alabama - West Florida Annual Conference will be a *virtual-only* Annual Conference on June 28-29, 2020.

## Ways To Give

 **Give Online**  
[fumcdothan.org/give](http://fumcdothan.org/give)

 **Text To Give**  
text "give" to 1-334-219-0240

 **Mail In**  
1380 W. Main St.  
Dothan, AL 36301

## Help Wanted



### Meals on Wheels Driver

- ~ Route 2 on the First, Second or Fifth Monday
- ~ Route 2 on the Second Thursday

If you are available to help with these routes, please call Mark Warren at 596-4282.