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First United Methodist Church of Dothan
September 23, 2021



HOURS:

Sept 27 - Oct. 31
Monday - Friday: 10-6
Saturday: 8-7
Sunday: 12-6

It's that time of year again! Leaves are changing colors, the temperature is dropping, and of course our annual Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser is coming up! We are really excited that in spite of all that is going on in this country, we get to offer this joyful event for our community to come together and relax. We hope that this event allows you to forget about the stress of life and let you feel the love of the community that we all need so much right now! Hopefully this year's pumpkin patch will help us all feel a sense of normalcy in our ever-changing world!

In previous years, purchases at the FUMC Pumpkin Patch have helped raise money for our Youth Missions fund and Christmas with the Harbor. But, this year, we're excited to announce that things will be a little bit different!! **This year's pumpkin patch will not only support the FUMC Youth Ministry and The Harbor, but will also support the FUMC Children's Ministry, Tweens Ministry, and Weekday Children's Ministry!** This event will truly be church-wide in its support this year! We are excited to see other ministries sponsoring different weeks of the patch to help with more adult volunteers, while still providing plenty of opportunity for our youth to raise money and gather service hours regardless of whose week it is!

This loving church has always been extremely supportive in these ministries and we are sure this year will be no different! If you would like to volunteer for a two-hour shift at any time during the pumpkin patch, please click the orange button below to sign up! It takes a lot of work to run the pumpkin patch and we always need at least one adult to be on site so that we can operate.

If volunteering is not something you can participate in, but you still want to support these ministries, simply come to the patch and buy a pumpkin or five! Donations are also accepted! Like previously stated, the money goes towards many great ministries! Thank you for all your support in the past and thanks in advance for all that you will do this year!

Robbie Amunds
Director of Youth Ministry

PUMPKIN PATCH SETUP:

This Sunday, September 26th at 2:00!
We welcome any help we can get beginning at 2:00pm.
Since pumpkins will be messy, don't forget to wear your outdoor working clothes and bring some gloves. The more help we have, the faster we get it done!

[CLICK TO VOLUNTEER AT THE PATCH!](#)

This week at FUMC

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 10:00-10:45 am

Sunday School is available for all ages, children, tweens, youth, and adults. We would love for you to join one of our classes.

Our Progressors Class is available on Zoom each Sunday for any adult wishing to join a class from home.

Contact Gene McGriff
for the Zoom link.
gmcgriff7618@gmail.com

CHILDREN

BLAST TIME

We have three times for the same program; so, you can choose what works best for your family!

Sunday, September 26

1st-4th grade only
• 5:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 29

4P-4th grade
• 3:30-4:30 pm
• 5:30-6:30 pm

[Click to Sign Up](#)

PUMPKIN PATCH OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer to assist Children and Tweens as we work to secure funds for mission projects! Our week to "work the patch" is October 10-16.

[Click to Volunteer](#)

 FUMC Dothan Children's Ministry
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TWEENS

SWAG:

Saved With Amazing Grace!

3 opportunities (same program, different times) to choose from each week as we draw closer to Christ.

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 FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry

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YOUTH

Sunday, September 26

- Bible Study 6:00-7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 28

- Breakfast 7:00-7:30 am

Wednesday, September 29

- Small Groups 6:00-7:30 pm

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RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY

RESPIRE VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING
LAST SESSION!

Wednesdays, Sept. 29
10:00 am-12:00 noon
Room 157

Please email
margaret@fumcdothan.org
to register.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our Sympathy to:

~ Ben and Holly Braswell due to the death of Ben's grandfather, Bobby Braswell, who died September 6.

Released from Hospital:

~ Frances Bailey

In the Hospital:

~ Jane Adkinson

Congratulations:

~ Happy Birthday to Joanne Norby who celebrated her 92nd birthday on September 17.

This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through our Youth program, welcoming both our members and those in our community.

B.L.E.S.S. Sermon Series

SEPTEMBER 26:

"Living a life of blessing others like Jesus did is not a journey of the spectacular. In fact, it's usually best lived out in the regular, in the everyday. In these seemingly mundane moments of life, we can get within arm's reach of another person and actually listen to what's going on in their hearts and thoughts. That's when we may have our greatest opportunity to love and bless someone."

– Dave and Jon Ferguson,
BLESS: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World.

Join us this Sunday as we look at how Jesus blessed others by listening.

Memorials and Honorariums

MEMORIALS

Theresa Brackin

Jerry & Judy Lurie

Mary Alice Cleveland

David & Lea Duncan

Paul & Barbara Flowers

Herb & Toye Gannon

Lenore Hilbert

Ben & Lisa Martin

Donna & Tyrone Parrish

Susan Price

Brian & Nancy Shelley

Mary Ann & Marbury Spann

Juleann Torrence

Cleve Creel

Nagel & John Byrd

Mary Ann & Marbury Spann

MEMORIALS

Jim Dayton

Sam & Wileria Casey

William & Mitzi Watson

Juanita Dicks

Sam & Wileria Casey

William & Mitzi Watson

Pat Flowers

Donna & Tyrone Parrish

Mary Ann & Marbury Spann

Juleann Torrence

Dr. George Gilbert

Arlene Swallows

Betty Hendricks

Mike & Fran Jones

Rev. Dr. Edwin Sells

Rick & Lisa Yates

Bobby Sirmon

Sam & Wileria Casey

Ron & Nancy Harrell

Ben & Lisa Martin

Hazel Patton

Mary Ann & Marbury Spann

Scott & Kay Stevens

Arlene Swallows

Wiley Sprayberry

Sam & Wileria Casey

Bob Stockman

Ron & Nancy Harrell

Hugh Wheelless

Mary Ann & Marbury Spann

HONORARIUMS

Alan & Susan Livingston

Arlene Swallows

Dr. Jim Sanders

Arlene Swallows

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

September 26
8:55 Sanctuary Worship



Blessing of the Animals

October 3
4:00-5:00 pm
Under Burdeshaw Portico



Any leashed or kenneled pets welcome.

Christmas Choir

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm

We have begun working on Christmas music with regular choir and seasonal singers. If you are a seasonal singer and/or would like to sing with the choir on our Christmas program, please join us on Wednesday evenings.

LIFESOUTH
BLOOD DRIVE!

Sunday, October 3rd
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Church Parking Lot

EMERGENCY NEED!



WISH LIST:
 Socks
 Lip Balm
 Peppermints
 Hand Sanitizer
 Thermometers
 Travel Kleenex
 Soft Toothbrushes

Chemotherapy Care Packages!

Respite Care will be making these soon!
 But, we're in need of some items first!
 Can you help by dropping off any wish list items to the
 Respite Shop or Church Office in the coming weeks?

A Note from Robin

If there is one thing churches (from all tribes) can agree upon, it is that our faith is a relational faith. We are offered a relationship with God through Jesus. We live in relationships with other believers that grow and strengthen our faith. And we are sent to be in relationship with a world that God loves. As we grow in each of these three relationships each of the others is strengthened. – Phil Maynard, Connect

Dear FUMC family,

I love this quote from our very own Director of Discipleship Ministries, The Rev. Dr. Phil Maynard. It reminds me of both who we are and who we are called to be. With the disruption that Covid-19 has caused in our world and in our lives, I wonder how each of you are doing in nurturing these relationships. Have you spent serious and intentional time in God's Word? Have you spent intentional time in relationship with other believers? Have you spent intentional time in relationship with this world outside of these walls?

I know I have neglected all three at different times during this pandemic. I got absorbed with the news and not the scriptures early on. I found myself critiquing everyone else's reaction - from schools to Disney World! I got absorbed in Netflix (remember the Tiger King) and didn't spend that time in connection with others. Now granted, I didn't do this all throughout our pandemic days, but it's confessional to admit some of these feelings to you! And I think that now, we have to own that we all have been a little remiss in this relationship triad that Phil Maynard describes above.

But don't beat yourself up about it...do something about it instead! If you have neglected your relationship with God, your fellow Christians, or this world that God loves, come worship, fellowship, and be sent into glorious mission with your brothers and sisters in Christ here at FUMC! Come hear the Good News proclaimed and shared as we love one another. We are blessed to be a blessing. Don't forget it!

Yours,
 Robin