



As a new school year begins, children and adults can experience many different emotions. We may be scared, nervous, excited, wishful, sad or happy. Whether this year is your child's first year of preschool, of college, or if they are somewhere in between, chances are high you are experiencing a combination of these emotions and so are your children!

We would like to invite you, your children, your neighbors, your teacher and administrator friends, or anyone you pass in the school supply aisle at Walmart and Target to join us for our annual **"Blessing of the Backpacks" event on Sunday, August 13, from 5 – 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** We will have hamburgers, hotdogs with all of the toppings, and for dessert, we will make ice cream sundaes. YUMMY!

Bring your favorite bag (a book bag, purse, teacher's bag, or briefcase) you want blessed! The ministers will be available to bless your bag and cover the year in prayer. The tags this year will feature the main theme from VBS – SHINE JESUS' LIGHT! We hope these tags will be a reminder of how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness and joy to the world - and how we can do the same with His power.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday!

**Lee Anne Holland** – Children's Ministry Co-Director  
**Tracy Pruitt** – Children's Ministry Co-Director  
**Torrie Lyn Burke** - Children's Ministry Assistant

# 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.

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION**  
August 13, 8:55 - Bridge Worship  
For more info, contact  
Lee Anne Holland at  
leeanne@fumcdothan.org.

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## TWEENS

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

**CONFIRMATION**  
**Calling all 6th Graders!**  
**Parent's Meeting:** Sunday, Aug. 13,  
at 10 a.m. in Rm 263  
**Fall Retreat:** August 25 & 26  
**Classes begin** Sept. 10, 5 p.m.  
in Room 261  
Contact Sonia at  
sonia@fumcdothan.org if your 6th  
grader plans to take part!

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## YOUTH

**Youth programming returns**  
**Sunday Aug. 13.**

**Youth Lock-In** takes place August 18,  
from 8 p.m.-8 a.m. in Room 283.  
For more information, contact  
Robbie Amunds at  
robbie@fumcdothan.org.

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## BLOOD DRIVE

**LifeSouth will be on our campus**  
Sunday, August 20, from  
8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.  
in the CLC Parking Lot.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL:**  
Lee Britt  
Helen Newton  
Bob Theune

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**  
Savannah & Josh McCoy on the birth of  
their daughter, Anne Mills McCoy  
born August 3.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**  
Addie Summers who celebrated her  
90th birthday August 1.  
Beverly Bromfield who celebrated her  
92nd birthday August 3.

**OUR SYMPATHY TO:**  
The family of Elene Powell upon her  
death, Thursday, August 3.

## 55 FORWARD

**August 15**  
**Lunch Fellowship - 11:30 a.m.,**  
**Firestone Woodfire Grill.** Meet us at  
250 South Oates Street for fun, food  
and fellowship! Reserve your seat  
by 8/14! Call the church office  
at 334-793-3555.

**August 24**  
**Movie Afternoon - 2 p.m., Room**  
**165.** Join us for popcorn and the  
movie, *Sabrina*. For more information,  
contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@  
fumcdothan.org.

## 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 Music Intern
- PT Nursery Worker
- FT Daycare Worker
- FT Custodian

## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

### FIRST LIGHT CHAPEL COMMUNION

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

### BRIDGE AND SANCTUARY WORSHIP

"Redeeming your Routines: From  
Hurrying to Journeying"  
Matthew 11:28-30

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**TEACHERS NEEDED**  
We are seeking teachers to teach  
2nd and 4th grade  
Sunday School classes.  
If interested, contact Tracy Pruitt  
for more information at  
tracy@fumcdothan.org.

## HONORARIUM

**Bill & Katie Holland**  
Allyce & Joe Read  
**Ted Williams**  
Diana & Bob Hagler

## MEMORIAL

**Sara Brewer**  
Susan & Alan Livingston  
**Rick Bronaugh**  
Susan & Alan Livingston  
**Walker Epps**  
Susan & Alan Livingston  
Walker Epps Progressor's  
Sunday School Class  
**William Hart**  
Sis & Bill Lee  
**Bernice Hawke**  
Susan & Alan Livingston

## ACOLYTE, SERVER, AND COMMUNION STEWARDS

**Acolyte, Server, and Communion**  
**Stewards training takes place**  
**Sunday, August 27, at 10 a.m.**  
**or 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

We are seeking new people  
(3rd grade and up) to join us!  
For more information, please email  
Amy Cobb at amywcobb@gmail.com  
or call 334-803-6855.

## RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY

### VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING

**(Next meeting Sept. 13)**

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

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

**(Next meeting Aug. 17)**

The support group meets on the 3rd  
Thursday of each month in Rm. 158.



# Snack 'N' Sing



Wednesdays in August  
6-7 p.m. - Room 255

All are welcome 16 years and older.

Join us for some joyful choral singing, a delicious snack supper, and fun fellowship. Nursery provided.

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# Third grade Bible Presentation Day

When: Sunday, August 13,  
during Bridge Worship service at 8:55



For more information, contact Lee Anne Holland at [leeanne@fumcdothan.org](mailto:leeanne@fumcdothan.org).

Begin the new school year with FUMC Dothan's...

# Blessing of the Backpacks

August 13  
5:00-6:30 PM  
Fellowship Hall

You're invited to a family cookout with ice cream sundaes!

## Children's

# SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!

August 13 | 10 am | Children's Building

For information:  
Tracy Pruitt at [tracy@fumcdothan.org](mailto:tracy@fumcdothan.org).

# Confirmation Class

is for Sixth-Graders desiring to claim the name of Christ and join our church.

Our next class begins September 10

Contact Sonia Crutchfield at [sonia@fumcdothan.org](mailto:sonia@fumcdothan.org).



## JOIN US for lunch at Fire Stone

WOOD FIRED GRILL

Aug 15 at 11:30a

MEET US AT  
250 SOUTH OATES STREET  
DOTHAN, ALABAMA

TO SIGN UP, CALL 334-793-3555  
BY AUG 14

FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL  
[ASHLEY@FUMCDOOTHAN.ORG](mailto:ASHLEY@FUMCDOOTHAN.ORG)

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WOOD FIRED GRILL



**Returning  
August 15!**

# Men's Bible Study

*With Pastor David*

**Tuesdays at 6 a.m. in Room 165**

## Introduction to Handbell Ringing

Learn to read music  
and basic techniques.

Age 13 and up

Aug. 17 | Rm. 256

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Nursery provided.



# Church Party!

**A TIME OF RECREATION, FUN & FOOD  
FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN**

A MINISTRY OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DOTHAN

Church Party is a ministry of FUMC Dothan for children with special needs. We will resume programming Sept. 5! We follow the Dothan City School calendar, and meet every Tuesday from 6 until 7:30 p.m.

Children are picked up from their homes by the church van at 5:15 p.m. and are brought to the church to enjoy recreation, food and fun. At 7:30 p.m. we begin taking everyone home.

We need your help! If you would like to volunteer to drive, (NO CDL needed!) play in the gym or sponsor a meal, please contact Susan Warren at 334-596-1205, or Nina Lisenby at 334-714-7108.

## LIFESOUTH BLOOD DRIVE

Save lives, be a HERO!

Sunday,  
August 20

CLC Parking Lot  
In the bloodmobile

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

