

Advent & Christmas 2023

The Advent season calls us to be ready and to wait with anticipation for Christ to come. The four-week Advent season is always abruptly ended by the coming of the Christ Child. This year Advent ends on the very day we celebrate the Birth of Christ on Christmas Eve.

This year we will have our final worship service for Advent on Sunday Morning, December 24, at 10 a.m., in the sanctuary. This service will include communion. We will then offer a Family Christmas Eve Service at 2:30 p.m., and two Candlelight Worship Services at 4 and 6 p.m. All three services will be held in the sanctuary. In order to accommodate our worshippers who may not have received Holy Communion that morning, we will offer Come-and-Go Communion from 5-6 p.m., in the chapel.

We would love for you and your family to join us as we worship the newborn King. O come, O come Emanuel!

WEDNESDAYS:

Dec. 6	Rise Against Hunger	5 pm	Gym
Dec. 13	Jesse Tree: Christmas Production	6 pm	Sanctuary
Dec. 20	Christmas with The Harbor	6 pm	Fellowship Hall

SUNDAYS:

Dec. 3	Family Advent Fair	3 pm	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 10	A Service of Lessons & Carols	5 pm	Sanctuary
Dec. 17	Promise of Christmas	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall

CHRISTMAS EVE:

10 am	Sunday Morning Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
2:30 pm	Family Worship Service	Sanctuary
4 & 6 pm	Candlelight Service	Sanctuary
5 - 6 pm	Come & Go Communion	Chapel

CHRISTMAS PARTIES:

Dec. 3	Youth	6 pm	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 3	Tweens	6 pm	Youth Cafe
Dec. 6	55 Forward/Senior Adults	10:30 am	The Parlor
Dec. 12	Church Party/Special needs	6 pm	Gym
Dec. 17	Children	5 pm	Kid's Korner

THE LONGEST NIGHT:

Dec. 19	A Service of Hope and Healing	6 pm	Chapel
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For more information on the ministries of our church, visit fumcdothan.org.

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.

C.R.E.W. & CHOIR
(Christians Ready, Equipped & Willing)
Suspended for Christmas events.

B.L.A.S.T.
(Bible Learning And Sharing Together)
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.

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.

C.R.E.W. & CHOIR
(Christians Ready, Equipped & Willing)
Suspended for Christmas events.

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

S.W.A.G.
(Saved With Amazing Grace)
5th & 6th Graders
Suspended for Christmas events.

FB: FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry

IG: Tweenfumcdothan

YOUTH

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
Suspended for Christmas events.

IG: Fumcdothanyouth

JOYS & CONCERNS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Minna Appleby who celebrated
her 90th birthday on November 26.

55 FORWARD

Christmas Brunch in the Parlor
takes place at 10:30 a.m.,
December 6. Afterwards, we hope
you'll join us for lunch and our Midday
worship service beginning at 11:45
a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

December 12 - Atlanta Pops at
the Dothan Civic Center - 7 p.m.
Tickets are \$15, and there are a
limited number available.
To reserve your spot, please call
Ashley at 334-350-1088.

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 Nursery Worker
- FT Daycare Worker

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER
TRAINING
(Next meeting Dec. 13)
The training group meets on the 2nd
Wednesday of each month in
Rm. 158.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
(Next meeting Dec. 21)
The support group meets on the 3rd
Thursday of each month in Rm. 165.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

December 6 Menu
Adults: Roast beef, carrots & potatoes
with gravy, green beans, roll, salad,
dessert, beverage

Children: Hamburger, waffle fries,
dessert, beverage

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

FIRST LIGHT CHAPEL COMMUNION

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

BRIDGE AND SANCTUARY WORSHIP

"Carols of Christmas: Come, Thou
Long-Expected Jesus"
Matthew 25:1-13

HONORARIUM

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Atkinson
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Goodman
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Helms
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Holland
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lee
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Mrs. Shea Mendheim
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Mr. David Payne
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Roney
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Miss Merian Saliba
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Pat Sigmon
Suzanne, Billy and Lily Woods
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Stuckey
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Mr. & Mrs. John Watson
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms
Mr. John Mark Wilson
Brenda & Bobby Bottoms

MEMORIAL

George Adams
Sha'nah Martin
Betty Coleman
Linda Kelly
Sha'nah Martin
John Danner
Suzanne, Billy and Lily Woods
Becky Davis
Beverly & Paul MacGregor
Celeste Hart
Sha'nah Martin
William Hart
Sha'nah Martin
Vicky King Howell
Mary Lou King
Furnie Johnston
Sha'nah Martin
Lisa & Gary McGowan
Suzanne, Billy and Lily Woods
Bob King
Mary Lou King
Mary Jane McArthur
Linda Kelly
Elene Powell
Sha'nah Martin
Moe Sigmon
Beth Harrison
Sha'nah Martin
Glois Speigner
Sha'nah Martin
Barbara Stockman
Sha'nah Martin
Rachel Sugg
Suzanne, Billy and Lily Woods
Giovanna Wright
Sha'nah Martin

Baptisms



Luke Christopher and Mena Brooke were baptized November 26. They are pictured with their parents, Emily & Christopher Breedlove.



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

A note from the finance office



The month of December is a busy month and this holds true for the finance office as well. We always receive an abundance of memorials during the month of December and all of the ministries that benefit from memorials are grateful for these gifts.

Because of this, **we would ask that any memorials you wish to be acknowledged and printed in the Connections Newsletter for 2023 be turned in to the finance office by December 11.**

Also, in order to receive credit for your 2023 contributions, if you are mailing your gift, please make sure to have it postmarked by December 31, or bring your check in to the office by 5 p.m. that day. If making online contributions, please remember to complete the transaction by midnight, December 31.

Thank you, and we hope everyone has a joyful and blessed Advent season. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Barnett at 334-793-3555.



Reminders for this Sunday, December 3

Every Sunday in December - Before or after Sunday School, you and your family are encouraged to come by our Advent Photo Booth, in the Parlor.

Family Advent Fair - takes place from 3-5 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season!

Dress rehearsal for The Jesse Tree: A Christmas Production, will take place in the Sanctuary from 5-6 p.m.

Our Tweens will enjoy their Christmas Party from 6-7 p.m., in the Youth Cafe.

The FUMC Youth will enjoy their Christmas Party from 6-8 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Family Advent Fair

December 3

3-5 PM

Fellowship Hall





JOIN US FOR LUNCH & WORSHIP AT

MIDDAY

FUMC

11:45a-12:45p

December 6 - Fellowship Hall

Rise
 AGAINST HUNGER

Volunteers Needed
December 6
 1st shift: 5-6 p.m.
 2nd shift: 6-7 p.m.
CLC Gym

Sign up online at fumcdothan.org or email Ryan Deaton at ryan@fumcdothan.org for more information.

Please Join us for

Santa 4 Seniors

To Benefit SARCOA

FELLOWSHIP HALL

DEC. 7 9 AM-3PM

For more information, contact Ryan Deaton at ryan@fumcdothan.org.

Girls of all ages invited

Girls' Christmas Cookie Swap

December 8
Grove Park, 6-8 PM
 RSVP: anneclaire@fumcdothan.org
 or (334) 482-4715

A Service of Lessons & Carols

December 10
Sanctuary
5 PM