

## The Promise of Christmas

### Demonstrating Christ's love within our community

This Sunday evening, we have the opportunity to join together in fellowship as our contemporary worship band, Promise, presents, **The Promise of Christmas.**

Promise will share their amazing talent as they fill the Fellowship Hall with music that will lift your spirit and fill you with the beauty and awe of the Advent season. **The night will begin at 5:30 pm with a time of fellowship and food as we ask everyone to bring a sweet or salty snack to share.**

This is the perfect chance to take a few minutes out of the busyness of Christmas and visit with your church family while sharing a yummy treat. **At 6 pm the service will begin. Promise will play songs that we will sing together as a congregation, as well as share new, special selections for the Christmas season.**

We also will have an opportunity to hear from



**The Harbor**  
A Refuge From Life's Storms

Sunday, December 17  
Fellowship Hall

### The Promise of Christmas

Refreshments served at 5:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring a sweet or salty snack to share before the service. Beverages will be provided. Music begins at 6 p.m.  
Join us in donating some of these items for The Harbor this winter.

- Plastic utensils
- Garbage bags - 55 gallon contractor/regular kitchen size
- Paper napkins
- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Paper plates
- Styrofoam carry-out containers
- Clorox
- Non-perishable food items (pull-top canned goods and individually wrapped items)
- Men's & women's coats (sizes L-5XL)
- Men's athletic shoes (all sizes)
- Blankets (no throws please)

**Pastor Sean and a member of The Harbor community who will share the ways this amazing ministry makes a difference in their life each day.** Additionally, as a church family, we will be able to love those who are tossed about by life's storms as we place donations under the Christmas tree. These items will allow The Harbor to meet the needs of those in our local community.

Above, you will find the list of some suggested items to bring.

This Sunday night, bring an item or two for The Harbor, mix up or pick up your favorite holiday treat, and join us for a night of worship and fellowship that will both bless you and allow you to be a blessing to others!

# 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)  
Suspended for Christmas events.

**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**  
Suspended for Christmas events.

**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

**OUR SYMPATHY TO:**  
Steve Brannon and family due to the death of his mother, Dorothy Brannon, who died November 29.

Marian Cobb and family due to the death of her husband, John Cobb, who died December 9.

Betty Helms and family due to the death of her brother-in-law, Dr. Jack Creech, who died December 6.

Mary Lou Miller and family due to the death of her husband, Joe Miller, who died December 11.

David Johnston and family due to the death of his mother, Jo Kirkland Johnston, who died December 13.

## 55 FORWARD

**January 11 - Lunch Fellowship 11:30 a.m., Cactus Flower.** Meet us at 5412 Montgomery Highway, for fun, food and fellowship! Reserve your seat by 1/9! Call the church office at 334-793-3555.

**January 25**  
**Movie Afternoon - 2 p.m., Room 165.** Join us for popcorn and the movie, *Sense and Sensibility (1995)*. For more information, contact Ashley Brasington at [ashley@fumcdothan.org](mailto: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](http://fumcdothan.org/join-our-team)

### POSITIONS:

- PT Nursery Worker
- FT Daycare Worker

## RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY

**VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING**  
**(Next meeting Jan. 10)**  
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.

## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

### FIRST LIGHT CHAPEL COMMUNION

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### BRIDGE AND SANCTUARY WORSHIP

"Carols of Christmas:  
O Come All Ye Faithful"  
Matthew 9:12-13; 11:28

## HONORARIUM

**Judi Kelley**  
Judy & Allie Freeman  
**Art & Jeanie Solomon**  
Lisa & Ben Martin

## MEMORIAL

**Furnie Johnston**  
Vicki & Terry McPherson  
Dick & Lorrie Freeman  
Ruth Horn  
Carolyn & Tom West  
Sara & Tim Wiggins



## A reminder from the finance office

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.

# Welcome new members to FUMC Dothan



Caroline & Wheeler Bedwell joined our church December 10.



Sondra & Allen Tanton joined our church December 10.

## Baptisms



Anne Mills and Shepard Hugh McCoy were baptized December 10. They are pictured with their parents, Savannah & Josh McCoy, and siblings, Sutton, and Fields.



*"Let the little children come to me ..."*

*Matthew 19:14*



RESPITE CARE DEMENTIA FRIENDLY  
**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH  
SANCTUARY • 1:15 PM

Join us as we prepare gifts for  
**Christmas with The Harbor**

**Gift Wrapping  
Volunteers  
Needed**

**December 17**  
**2 PM - GYM**

For more info:  
[robbie@fumcdothan.org](mailto:robbie@fumcdothan.org)

## UWF honors FUMC staff member during December meeting

The United Women of Faith of FUMC DOTHAN had its annual Christmas Party on December 5. At the meeting we honored **Lee Britt, who has been on the custodial staff of FUMC for over 30 years** and is loved by all. She always has a smile on her face.

We also enjoyed a wonderful meal and an informative program on the meaning of *The Jesse Tree*, a beautiful Christmas production which was presented in our Sanctuary, December 13, featuring our children, youth, and musical staff.



United  
Women  
in Faith

The members of **United Women of Faith** would like to **extend thanks to everyone who supported our Dressing Sale and our Tickets for the Belk Charity Sale.** With the money from these events, plus the charity sale in the spring, we were able to support three local mission projects - Christmas with the Harbor, Respite Ministry, and The Settlement. We also supported global ministries around the world with our individual pledges. We want to extend a special thanks to all the women in IGNITE for their assistance in making the dressing as well as providing us space at their bake sale. ***WE are a community working together for the transformation of the world.***

A Service of  
**Hope & Healing**

December 19, 2023  
FUMC Dothan Chapel  
6PM



Fellowship Hall

Parent  
RECHARGE



January 26: 6-8:30 PM  
January 27: 9 AM-Noon

For more information, contact [ryan@fumcdothan.org](mailto:ryan@fumcdothan.org).