

Advent 2024



On December 4, we will begin this Advent season by "decking the halls" of God's Sanctuary. Children will help decorate the tree, families will process inside with greenery, candles, and evergreens, as we learn about bringing light and beauty to our surroundings as we celebrate the season of Christ's birth.

O come ... December 8, for an evening of joyful worship as we journey to Bethlehem through scripture and music led by our pastors, Chancel Choir, Westminster Handbell Choir, Children's Choirs and Chimes, and guest instrumentalists from the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra. After the service, you are invited to the Parlor to meet and greet the musicians, fellowship with our community, and partake of tasty treats.



Join us in an evening of contemporary Christmas worship, featuring the praise band, Promise. We will accept donations of paper goods, non-perishable food items, blankets, men's and women's coats (sizes L-5XL), and men's athletic shoes (all sizes) to give to The Harbor. Refreshments will be 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.

This week & more 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.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & CHIMES
Suspended for the Holidays

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY & CHOIR
Suspended for the Holidays

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
Dec. 1

FB: FUMC Dothan Children's Ministry

IG: fumc_childrens_ministry

TWEENS

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

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP ARTS
Suspended for the Holidays

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Suspended for the Holidays

TWEEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
Dec. 1

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YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Youth Cafe, Sundays, 10-10:45 a.m.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
Dec. 1

YOUTH SHOPPING DAY FOR THE HARBOR
Dec. 8, 1 p.m. - meet at Garden Center entrance at Northside Walmart.

JOIN THE FUMC STAFF

For job descriptions, and how to apply for the positions listed below, visit fumcdothan.org/join-our-team.

POSITIONS:

- Food Services Director
- Jr. High Ministry Director
 - PT Nursery Worker
 - FT Daycare Worker

JOYS & CONCERNS

OUR SYMPATHY TO:
Jane & Tom Ziegenfelder and family due to the death of Jane's brother, Henry Cole who died Nov. 13.

IN THE HOSPITAL:
Cheryl Gibson - UAB
Ray Gibson - Flowers
William Speigner - Boston
Gloria Daughtry - UAB

RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL:
Nancy Maloney
Ashley Waller
Paul Thomas

Let us know if you, or someone you know, has concerns, joys, hospitalizations, upcoming surgeries, or is expecting a baby. Please call the church office at 334-793-3555, or email prayer@fumcdothan.org.

RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING
(Next meeting Dec. 11)
The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Rm. 158.

RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
(Next meeting Dec. 19)
The support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Rm. 165.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

First Light Chapel Communion
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Bridge and Sanctuary Worship
"Gratitude:
Made for Gratitude"
Luke 17:11-19

All church offices and programs will be closed beginning at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 27, through Friday, Nov. 29, in observance of Thanksgiving.

MEMORIALS

Kandi Dotson
James Gueli
Natalie Woods
Diana & Bob Hagler

BAPTISM HONORARIUM

IN HONOR OF THE UPCOMING BAPTISM OF WILLIAM "LIAM" RHODES SPRY
Terry & John "Dink" Turner

55 FORWARD

Christmas Brunch – Dec. 11, 10 a.m., Parlor. If you would like to fellowship with us, please sign up by calling the church office at 334-793-3555 by **Dec. 4**. For more information, contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914, Cultural Arts Center – December 13, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$22. To save your spot on the church van, sign up by calling the church office at 334-793-3555 by **Dec. 6**. For more information, contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

EMMAUS WALK

Emmaus Walk Meeting
Dec. 1, 3 p.m. - Parlor
For more information, contact Linda Isley at lpisley1@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHIMES

Children's Choir and Chimes Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m., Sanctuary
We will practice for the Hanging of the Greens and Lessons and Carols services. Afterwards, the children will attend a Christmas party in the children's wing. For more information, please contact Erin Smith at erin@fumcdothan.org.

•• MORE WORSHIP SERVICES



•• NEW THIS YEAR!

Join us for our first churchwide Christmas fellowship night, Crafts & Carols. We will gather for fellowship, crafting, and caroling! Please bring your favorite salty or sweet snack to share. At 5:30 p.m., we will begin caroling in the Garden District neighborhood. To learn more, email Megan Carter at megan.w.carter@gmail.com or Blair Parker at blairwise@gmail.com.



•• PARTIES



•• DON'T MISS THESE NOVEMBER EVENTS!



**HOLIDAY
BAKE SALE**

NOVEMBER 24
8-NOON | THE PARLOR

Hosted by:
ignite FUMC
WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP
Benefitting Respite Care Ministry



The Harbor
SERVE DAY
Saturday, November 30
7:30-9:30 AM

A Church-wide Ministry Opportunity
For details: Ryan@fumcdothan.org

Ways to Serve:

- Serving Breakfast
- Completing intake forms
- Praying with participants
- Organizing supplies
- Street ministry

The Harbor
A Refuge From Life's Storms

•• YOU CAN SERVE WITH US! • EMAIL RYAN@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG



CHRISTMAS with the **HARBOR**

Gift Wrapping
December 15: 2 pm, gym
Wrapping Volunteers Needed



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Santa 4 Seniors

DEC 12 | FELLOWSHIP HALL | 9 A.M.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR
UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS VISIT:
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