

FUMC Dothan welcomes Terri Francis to 55 Forward

We are excited to announce that **Terri Francis is rejoining our staff as the interim Director of 55 Forward Ministries.**

Terri brings a heart for ministry, a gift for connecting people, and an energy that makes everyone feel loved and included. She is passionate about making disciples of Jesus Christ and helping older adults discover new ways to grow in faith, fellowship, and service.

Terri brings a wealth of experience, and a heart deeply connected to older adult ministry. She has spent more than 45 years serving in aging ministries as an activities director, in social services, and by directing programs in nursing homes and retirement centers. She served on the staff of FUMC for 15 of these years and was part of the Bishop's Task Force for Older Adults in the Alabama-West Florida Conference during that time. She served most recently with SARCOA, the area agency on aging, as the Director of



Community Resources for 10 years. Terri's passion is creating community, building friendships, and helping everyone know they are loved and part of the fellowship of Jesus Christ.

We also celebrate the incredible work of Ashley Brasington, who has faithfully led this ministry in recent years. We celebrate her impact,

pray God's blessings on her, and support her as she begins a renewed season in social work.

Terri will be a blessing to us as we continue to stay committed to creating discipleship opportunities for every age and stage of life. We cannot wait to see how God will use her gifts, her joy, and her love for people to bless our church once again. I invite you all to welcome Terri and her husband Steve and continue to pray for them as they step into this new season of ministry with our church family.

**Complete in Him,
Matt Langford**

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.

FB: FUMC Dothan Children's Ministry

IG: fumc_childrens_ministry

YOUTH

Sunday School
Youth Cafe, Sundays, 10-10:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class
Sunday evening, 5-6 p.m.

Worship & Snack Supper
Sunday evening, 6-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study
6-7 p.m.

RESPIRE CARE

Volunteer & Caregiver Training
(Next meeting Sept. 10)
The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Rm. 158.

Respite Ministry Caregiver Support Group
(Next meeting Sept. 18)
The support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Rm. 165.

RESPIRE ROAD TRIP

The Fourth Annual Brain Science Luncheon takes place Thursday, Oct. 9, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery. Dr. Lisa Genova, Harvard-trained neuroscientist and bestselling author of *Still Alice*, will be their keynote speaker. **Please contact katie@fumcdathan.org before Sept. 23**, if you would like to ride the bus with us, need more information or would like a ticket to attend.



Scan the QR code to view church photos online!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our sympathy to:
Kat & David Forrester, Laura & Stan Hatcher and Charles Sirmon due to the death of Kat, Laura & Charles' mother, Patricia Sirmon, who died Aug. 27. Our prayers are with Patricia's grandchildren and their families: Kash Deaton, D.R. Forrester, Laura Beth Carbine and Preston Hatcher.

Released from hospital:
Helen Hargrove
Mick DeJulius

In the hospital:
Afrey Wright

Congratulations to:
Ashton & Seth McGowan who announce the birth of their daughter, Mae Collins McGowan, born Aug. 25. Grandparents are Lisa & Gary McGowan.

Meredith & Davis Flowers who announce the birth of a son, Anderson Hiller (Hill) Flowers, born Aug. 26. Grandparents are Laura & George Flowers.

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@fumcdathan.org.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

First Light Chapel Communion
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Bridge and Sanctuary Worship
"Back to the Basics:
Blessed are the Merciful"
Matthew 18:21-35

HONORARIUM

Beverly Bromfield
Judy & Allie Freeman
Jane Williams
Bettye Forbus & Bill Perkins

MEMORIALS

Bill Adams
Cathy & Dan Denney
Barbara & Billy Liddon
Peter McInish
Louis Boothe
Yvonne Williams
Susan Hewes
Barbara & Billy Liddon
Johnny Hollomon
Cathy & Dan Denney
Hope & Joseph Johnson
Lilla Jones
Ashleigh & Kevin Savoy
Bob Theune
Evelyn & Bryant Coats
Cathy & Dan Denney
Peter McInish
Janet Walker
Cathy & Dan Denney
Hope & Joseph Johnson
Stan West
Cathy & Dan Denney
Molly White
Barbara & Billy Liddon
Peter McInish

55 FORWARD

Movie Afternoon – Sept. 25, 2 p.m., Room 165. Join us for popcorn and the movie, *Simon Birch*. For more information, contact Terri Francis at terri@fumcdathan.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INTEREST

Sunday School Interest Meeting - 10 a.m. - Room 236 - Are you in your early to mid-20s and looking for a place to grow in faith and community? We will explore the start of a new Sunday School class designed especially for you. Join us as we share ideas together, and shape what this group will become. To learn more, email Ryan Deaton at ryan@fumcdathan.org.

Welcome new members to FUMC Dothan



Greg Isley is pictured with his wife, member, Linda.

JOIN OUR FUMC TEAM!

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

Positions:

- FT Preschool Director
- FT Children's Ministry Director
- PT Associate Worship Arts Director/Organist
- PT Ministry Intern
- FT Daycare Worker
- PT Nursery Worker

THIS SUNDAY!

Sept. 7

NAME TAG SUNDAY

HELLO
MY NAME IS

Church Party!

**RESUMES
SEPT. 9
6-7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall**

A TIME OF RECREATION, FUN & FOOD FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN.
A MINISTRY OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DOTHAN

Contact Susan Warren at 334-596-1205, or Nina Lisenby at 334-714-7108.

DONUTS with David

**SEPTEMBER 7
10 AM | PARLOR**

New members and visitors are welcome!
If you are new to FUMC Dothan, interested in membership, or if you want to know more about what it means to become a Christian, please join us!

DISCOVERY

New to our church?

**3-WEEK CLASS BEGINS:
SEPT 14TH | 10 AM | PARLOR**

If you are new to FUMC Dothan and aren't sure what your next step should be, we hope you will consider our new, clergy-led, short-term Sunday morning class!

For more information, contact Pastor Liz Hinton at elizabeth@fumcdothan.org.

CHRISTMAS IN September

SEPTEMBER 14 | 21 | 28

PROVIDE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR A CHILD IN NEED

"Adoption" sign-up after each service
Wrapping Party on **Oct. 12**



We enjoyed
the movies,
trips, and
food!
Thank you,
Ashley!

Ashley Brasington, pictured at bottom right, takes a selfie with a few of the 55 Forward travelers.



Enjoying popcorn and time together during a 55 Forward Movie afternoon.



Enjoying fellowship at 55 Forward luncheons.