

## CHRISTMAS IN *September*

FOR ORPHANAGE EMMANUEL GUAIMACA HONDURAS

### WHAT IS ORPHANAGE EMMANUEL?

After receiving a vision from the Lord, David and Lydia Martinez obediently sold everything they owned and moved to Honduras to follow God's will in providing for abandoned and unwanted children. There they founded Orphanage Emmanuel in December 1989. Without electricity and running water, Emmanuel opened its doors for the first five children, and Emmanuel has continued to grow ever since. Emmanuel now houses and cares for over 250 unwanted, abandoned, and abused children of all ages. It is located approximately 70 miles northeast of Honduras' capital, Tegucigalpa. Emmanuel's facilities include a church and homes for the children, staff, and volunteers. It also features dining halls, laundry facilities, a warehouse, bakery, medical and dental clinics, soccer field, and gymnasium. Emmanuel is a Christian ministry whose vision is to evangelize and disciple children so that they may grow to be living lights and good examples in the ways of God to their countrymen.

### WHAT IS CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER?

Our church has been sending Christmas gifts to the Orphanage since the Fall of 2020, as we "adopt" boys and girls from the Orphanage to purchase the only Christmas gifts they will receive.



### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

At the conclusion of each worship service, on September 21 and 28 you will have the opportunity to "adopt" a child and purchase Christmas gifts for them. Then on Sunday October 12 from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall we need your help to wrap the gifts that are collected in September.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT RYAN DEATON AT [RYAN@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG](mailto:RYAN@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG)

# 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.

**Tuesday Breakfast**  
7 a.m. at Chick-fil-A located at 3418 Ross Clark Circle

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
6-7 p.m.

**Mission Trip Meeting - Sunday, September 21, at 5 p.m. - Youth Room** - Students currently in 10th grade through college, along with their parents, are invited to learn more about the 2026 mission trip to Honduras. For more information, contact Robbie Amunds at [robbie@fumcdothan.org](mailto:robbie@fumcdothan.org).

**Xtreme Air Mega Park - Sunday, September 28, at 4-6 p.m.** - Join us for an evening of fun! We will meet at 441 Nypro Lane, in the parking lot to start the night. Bring \$20 and socks. For more information, contact [robbie@fumcdothan.org](mailto:robbie@fumcdothan.org).

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

*From 4:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.*  
**Menu for Sept. 24**  
Adults & Children: Pasta with meatballs, seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls, salad bar, dessert

**October 1**  
Fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, green beans, salad bar, and dessert.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**Our sympathy to:**  
Debra Jennings and Family upon the death of her mother, Bertie Loggins, who died August 18.

Charles (Ed) Judy upon the death of his wife, Randa, who died September 13.

**Released from hospital:**  
Armeto Reynolds  
Mary Beth Key  
Carol Jones

**In the hospital:**  
Ann Swanson  
Elizabeth Whitfield

**Happy birthday to:**  
Hugh Overton who celebrated his 94th birthday on Sept. 8.

June Layton who celebrated her 91st birthday on Sept. 11.

J. C. Lewis who celebrated his 91st birthday on Sept. 12.

*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](mailto:prayer@fumcdothan.org).*

## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

**First Light Chapel Communion**  
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

**Bridge and Sanctuary Worship**  
"Back to the Basics:  
Blessed are the Peacemakers"  
Romans 12:17-21

## RESPITE CARE

**Respite Ministry Caregiver Support Group (Next meeting Oct. 16)**  
The support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Rm. 165.

**Volunteer & Caregiver Training (Next meeting Oct. 8)**  
The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Rm. 158.

## RESPITE 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@fumcdothan.org](mailto:katie@fumcdothan.org) before Sept. 23**, if you would like to ride the bus with us, need more information or would like a ticket to attend.

## 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@fumcdothan.org](mailto:terri@fumcdothan.org).

## JOIN THE FUMC TEAM

For job descriptions, and how to apply for the positions listed below, visit [fumcdothan.org/join-our-team](http://fumcdothan.org/join-our-team)

### Positions:

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

## MEMORIALS

**Bill Adams**  
Katie & Bill Holland  
Lisa & Ben Martin  
Donna & Tyrone Parrish  
**Johnny Hollomon**  
Ann & Jim Ellis  
**Camille Sherer**  
Ann & Jim Ellis  
Katie & Bill Holland  
Paige Everett & John Thompson  
Julia Lee  
**Patricia Sirmon**  
Dot Bristow  
Beth & Thomas Cain  
Ann & Jim Ellis  
Kathy & Tim Gannon



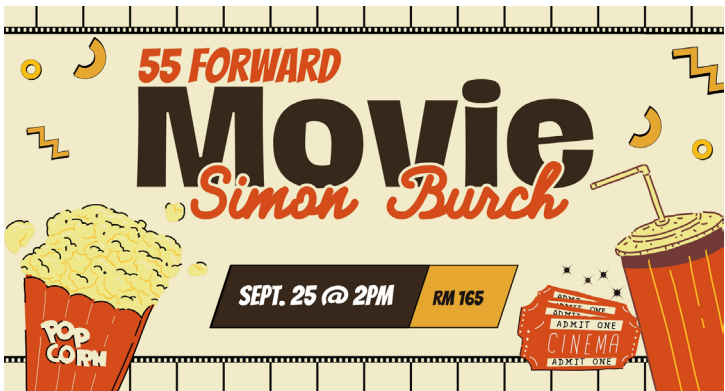
## MEMORIALS, cont'd

Julie & Stan Jones III  
Sheila & Joe Kelly  
Oliver Kigsley, Jr.  
Julia Lee  
Lisa & Gary McGowan  
Lisa & Ben Martin  
Ben Shepard & David Toomey  
Sisters of DHS '78  
Traci & Michael Paramore  
Donna & Tyrone Parrish  
Allyce & Joe Read  
Mary & Sara Singletary  
Joy & Otto Voellinger  
**Bob Theune**  
Ann & Jim Ellis  
Kathy & Tom Gannon  
Katie & Bill Holland  
Lisa & Ben Martin  
**Janet Walker**  
Katie & Bill Holland  
**Malcom Walker, Jr.**  
Cheryl & Larry Hughes  
Ann & Jim Ellis  
MidSouth Bank  
Anne & Jimmy Womack

## Welcome new members to FUMC Dothan



Ryan and Ciara Folsom, and their children, Finn and Piper



## A Season of Growth and Connection

Fall programming is in full swing at FUMC Dothan! From children's choirs and youth gatherings to adult Bible studies and fellowship groups, there are opportunities for everyone to connect, grow, and serve this season. It's a wonderful time to strengthen our faith and community together. For more information, contact Ryan Deaton at [ryan@fumcdothan.org](mailto:ryan@fumcdothan.org).

A Women's Spiritual Retreat

# **MOVING Faithfully FORWARD**

**Oct 3 -4  
at Blue Lake**

questions?  
elizabeth@fumcdathan.org

Sign up:  
fumcdathan.org/events

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat  
**2025**

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 5



# BLESSING OF THE PETS

**October 5 | 4-5 p.m.**

**Burdshaw Street Portico**  
Any leashed, kenneled or properly  
contained pets are welcome.



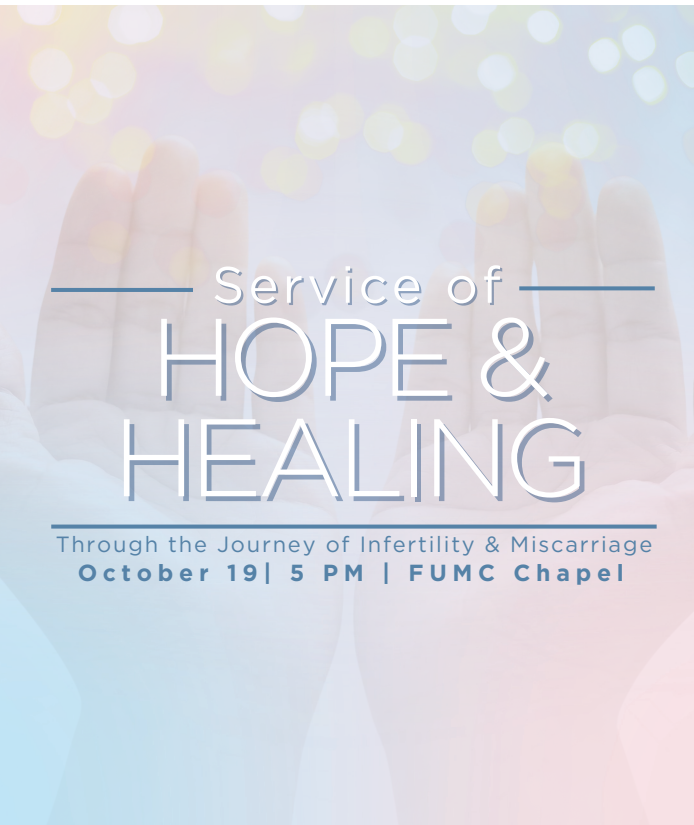

United  
Women  
in Faith

**October 7, 11:45 am - Fellowship Hall**

Executive Meeting: 11 am, Rm 134  
Call 793-3555 to register for lunch.

# Service of HOPE & HEALING

Through the Journey of Infertility & Miscarriage  
**October 19 | 5 PM | FUMC Chapel**



# FALL FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DAY

**OCTOBER 26, 4:00PM**  
**APLIN FARMS**

fumcdathan.org/events for details




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