



## WELCOME DR. LORNALEE “ROCKET” CURTIS

ASSOCIATE WORSHIP ARTS DIRECTOR / ORGANIST

It is a joy to welcome Dr. Lornalee Curtis to our staff as Associate Worship Arts Director and Organist. “Rocket” brings extraordinary gifts and graces for ministry, a lifetime of musical experience, and a deep love for helping God’s people worship together.

In this role, Rocket will serve as our organist while working alongside our Worship Arts Director, Erin M. Smith, to support and strengthen the musical life of our church. Through collaboration with choirs, musicians, ensembles, and other worship leaders, she will help create meaningful opportunities for our congregation to worship and experience the love of God through music.

Rocket’s journey to FUMC Dothan reflects a unique calling shaped by both pastoral ministry and music. After many years serving as a pastor in the United Methodist Church, she returned to her first love of music and today considers music to be her ministry!

Throughout her career, Rocket has worked with choirs, handbells, brass ensembles, string quartets, woodwind trios, soloists, and congregations of all sizes. She has served as an accompanist for the choral department at Jacksonville State University and collaborated with numerous opera singers in the Tampa, Florida area.

Her musical journey has also taken her from concert halls to special celebrations. Through her family’s New York music agency, Rocket performed violin for weddings, civic events, celebrity functions, and other special occasions. During her

years at Juilliard, she performed the complete organ works of J.S. Bach over two years of monthly concerts while also pursuing a concert career in the New York metropolitan area.



Dr. Lornalee Curtis

Rocket and her husband, Fr. Ed Sellers, a retired priest in the Anglican Church of North America, share a deep love for the church and for serving others. After 48 years of ministry in the Episcopal Church, Ed now enjoys teaching adult Bible classes and has also taught philosophy and comparative religions at the college level.

Together, Rocket and Ed enjoy travel, hiking, biking, dancing, horseback riding, and spending time with family and friends. They are currently restoring a home near Thomasville, Georgia, and are excited to become part of the FUMC Dothan community.

We give thanks for the unique gifts and graces Rocket brings to our team and look forward to the ways God will work through her ministry as together we make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. I hope you will join me in warmly welcoming Rocket and Ed and encouraging them as they become part of the life of our church family.

— **Rev. Matt Langford, Executive Pastor**

# 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.

**Youth Fellowship & Worship**  
**Wednesday, July 22, 6-7 p.m.**  
Completed 6th-12th Grade

**Youth Lunch**  
**July 23, 11:45 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.**  
Completed 6th-12th Grade

## 55 FORWARD



**Movie Day - Wednesday, July 29,**  
**2:30 p.m. - Room 165** - Come spend  
the afternoon in fellowship  
with others as we watch  
*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*.  
Popcorn and snacks will be served.  
Feel free to bring a friend.  
No sign up necessary.

**Mahjong Monday - Monday,**  
**August 3, 1-4 p.m. - Parlor** -  
All are welcome!  
Info: hchapman@fumcdothan.org

**Game Day - Tuesday, August 4,**  
**1 p.m. - Fellowship Hall** - Join  
us for an afternoon of fun and  
fellowship. We will have games  
available, and you are welcome to  
bring a favorite game to share with  
the group. All are welcome to attend.

**Book Club - Wednesday,**  
**August 12, 3-4 p.m. - Room 165**  
Join us as we share insights and  
foster friendships through our love  
of literature. Our book for August is  
*Judge Stone* by  
James Patterson and Viola Davis.

## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

**First Light Chapel Communion**  
Genesis 28:10-19a  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Bridge and Sanctuary Worship**  
Matthew 13:31-33  
"The Kingdom of Heaven Is -  
Forming Us"

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**Our sympathy to:**  
Carol Flowers, Allison Ahern, Katherine  
Flowers, Rebecca Greiner, Elizabeth  
Hamon, Paul Flowers, William Flowers,  
and George Flowers and family upon  
the passing of Carol's husband,  
Katherine, Rebecca and Elizabeth's  
father and Paul, William and George's  
brother, Robert Flowers,  
who died July 12.

Kandy, Clint, Avery & Colin Groover  
and family upon the death of Kandy's  
mother, Linda Hand,  
who died July 7.

Sandra & Butch Binford and family  
upon the death of Sandra's brother,  
Larry Zachow, who died June 28.

**In the hospital:**  
Riley Marie Thomas  
Jim Dykes

**Happy Birthday to:**  
Arline Swallows who celebrated her  
97th birthday July 10.

**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.**

## JOIN OUR TEAM

- Available positions:**
- FT Early Childhood Development  
Center Office Assistant
  - PT Wesleyan Day School Office Asst.
    - PT Preschool Teacher
    - FT Daycare Worker
    - PT Nursery Worker

**More info:**  
[fumcdothan.org/join-our-team](http://fumcdothan.org/join-our-team)

## RESPITE MINISTRY



**Volunteer & Caregiver  
Training**  
**(Due to July 4 holiday, our next  
meeting takes place July 22)**  
The training group usually meets on the  
2nd Wednesday of each month in  
RM. 165.

**Caregiver Support Group**  
**(Next meeting Aug. 20)**  
The support group meets on the 3rd  
Thursday of each month in RM. 165.

## MEMORIALS

**Dottie Johnson**  
Lola Campbell  
Julia Lee  
Nina & Tom Thomas  
Walker Epps Progressors  
Sunday School Class  
**Elaine Sprayberry**  
The Morgan & Stovall Family  
**Larry Zachow**  
Gina & Sam Stanfield

## FLOWER MINISTRY

**The FUMC Flower Ministry is  
collecting medium-sized flower  
vases to help deliver fresh floral  
arrangements to those who could  
use a little encouragement.** Please  
drop off donated vases in the Parlor  
Kitchen. If it's more convenient,  
Susan Warren is also happy to  
arrange porch pick-up for donated  
vases. Questions? Contact Susan at  
334-596-1205. Thank you for helping  
us share God's love through  
this special ministry!



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

**Served from 4:45 to 6 p.m.**

**July 22 Menu:** Panko crusted  
Alaskan cod, chicken tenders, squash  
casserole, macaroni & cheese,  
coleslaw, tartar sauce, salad bar,  
dessert





Kassie Sharkey pictured with her daughter, Sadie. Joined July 12.





