



A Note from Pastor David ...

Dear Church Family,

The Bishop and Cabinet have announced a new appointment for Rev. Elizabeth Hinton. Beginning January 15, Pastor Liz will serve as the Director of the Troy Wesley Foundation at Troy University and as Pastor of Luverne United Methodist Church. This opportunity aligns beautifully with her gifts for discipleship, congregational care, and pastoral leadership, and we know she will be a blessing in these new ministries.

Serving Christ alongside Liz has been a true joy. Her faith, her friendship, her steady compassion, and her unmistakable love for God's people have made our church stronger and our overall ministry richer. I will deeply miss her partnership in the gospel and the everyday grace she brings to our congregation.



Pastor Matt, Pastor David and Pastor Liz

Liz's final service with us will be Christmas Eve, and we invite you to greet Liz and Hugo during a special reception on Sunday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Please join me in giving thanks for all they have meant to our church.

God's peace,
David

A Message from Pastor Liz ...



Pastor Liz and Hugo

FUMC Dothan, serving as your associate pastor since July 2023—and especially this past year in congregational care—has been one of the greatest gifts of my ministry. I am deeply saddened to say goodbye, yet incredibly grateful for every moment we have shared. I will always cherish the joy of children's ministry

(including slime!), confirmation trips, Rise Against Hunger, summer camp at Blue Lake, baptisms, Lent and Advent traditions, VBS shenanigans, and the privilege of walking with so many of you in both laughter and tears. I'm especially grateful for the day-to-day ways we have shared life and broken bread together both at the church and in your homes. I have learned so much from the other clergy, our staff, volunteers, We Care team, and the beautiful work of our Flower Ministry that carries Christ's comfort and joy into our community. Thank you for letting me be part of your lives and choosing to be part of mine. Hugo and I will miss you dearly. We also trust God with our whole hearts as we are called into our next faithful steps. We continue to covet your prayers. One of the gifts of being United Methodist is that we remain connected—I will carry you with me always.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Liz

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, 5-6 p.m.

Sunday evening
6-7:30 p.m.

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

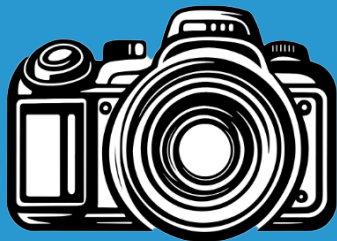
**Meals & Melodies:
Progressive Dinner**
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 5-8 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study
Suspended for Holidays

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

First Light Chapel Communion
Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Bridge and Sanctuary Worship
"Who is Jesus? The Miracle Worker"
John 2:1-11



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RESPIRE CARE

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

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

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our sympathy to:
Stan & Julie Jones, Turner, Rush, and
David Jones and their families, and
Jerry Adkinson due to the death of
Stanley Erwin Jones IV who died
Nov. 25.

Released from Hospital:
Minna Appleby
Doug Lurie
Win Pratt
Tom Thomas

In the Hospital:
Hayes Ziegenfelder
Armeto Reynolds

Happy Birthday to:
Minna Appleby who celebrated her
92nd birthday Nov. 26.

Congratulations to:
Zac & Hayley Palm who are
announcing the birth of a son,
John Zachery Palm, born Nov. 24.

**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

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

Positions:

- Respite Care Ministry
Director of Programming
- FT Daycare Worker
- PT Nursery Worker
- FT Associate Worship Arts
Director/Organist

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Please note: To ensure your memorial
or honorarium gifts are acknowledged
for 2025, the finance office must receive
your information by Monday,
December 15.

SANTA 4 SENIORS



Thursday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m. - Gym
FUMC will assist SARCOA (Southern
Alabama Regional Council on Aging)
with packing grocery bags for seniors
in the Wiregrass area. If you would
like to volunteer, please call the
church office at 334-793-3555.

CONFIRMATION Christmas Party

**DEC 7
6-7:30 PM**

**YOUTH
ROOM**

INFO: SONIA@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG



Welcome new members to FUMC Dothan



Ted Besecker
joined our church Nov. 30.



Brandon & Caroline McKee joined our church Nov. 30. They are pictured with their daughters, Eleanor and Charlotte.

YOUTH *Christmas Party*

DEC. 7 6-7:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

What to Bring:

\$5-10 wrapped gift for a game



THE BEST
is yet to come

2026 ADULT PLEDGE CARD

SCAN TO COMPLETE YOUR 2026 PLEDGE TODAY!

or visit fumcdothan.org/stewardship26





MEALS AND MELODIES

A YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

DEC 10 | 5 PM | MEET IN CLC LOBBY

SIGN UP WITH ROBBIE AMUNDS AT ROBBIE@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG





Children's Ministry Party

SWEET CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Dec 10 at 6 pm  Kids Korner



Journey Through the Steps of the Apostle Paul in

Greece and Rome!

Travel with Pastor Liz, April 18-25, 2026

Sign up by December 17

For more info scan the QR code or contact Pastor Liz at elizabeth@fumcdothan.org





Service of

HEALING & PRAYER

HOPE ON THE LONGEST NIGHT

December 17 | 6 p.m. | FUMC Chapel



Welcoming the Messiah

A Christmas Music Celebration

DEC 14 | 4:00 PM SANCTUARY