Connections First United Methodist Church Dothan - June 19, 2025

WORSHIP ARTS CAMP 2025 The Seven Seasons: Exploring the Church Calendar

n July of 2024, we embarked upon a great adventure that was the culmination of a spiritual calling I received many years ago to design and lead an arts camp focused upon developing the future worship leaders of our faith. Our first camp was a roaring success; it was a privilege to take part in the process of inspiring and fostering a passion for worship leadership among our thirty campers through various artistic endeavors during a fun and learning filled week.

This year, we are expanding the camp from four sessions to eight distinct performing and visual art fields. These have been organized into four curriculum tracks, which allow the children and families to focus upon individual artistic talents and preferences. Each session is led by an experienced artist, many of whom are worship leaders from our own congregation and staff. Donor contributions have made it possible for us to engage Meredith Bernal Peden, the dance clinician from last year, and add Tiffany McGuire Nishibun, a vocal/choral clinician, to lead our dance and choir sessions for the week. These artists have been working closely with Rev. Lynn Smilie Nesbitt and me as we prepare to explore the church calendar.

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Camp takes place Monday-Friday, July 7-11, 9 a.m. to noon



Photos from Worship Arts Camp 2024.

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 Sundays, 10-10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study Suspended due to Camp

Confirmation Fellowship July 9, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner & swimming

Thursday Youth Lunch - 11:45 a.m. TBA

July 10 • July 24 • July 31

Camp Oakwood - June 23-27 at Blue Lake

Youth Mission Trip in Copper Hill, Tennessee - July 13-18 -Students will be working on constructionbased projects including: painting, landscaping, ramps, decks, roofs, drywall, framing, sheds or insulation.

Staff will be on-site leading through the projects as well as skilled help available as needed. There will be worship each night and we will end the trip by white water rafting down the Ocoee River! Questions? Contact Robbie Amunds robbie@fumcdothan. org. Cost: \$300. *Full payment due July 1*.

JOIN THE FUMC STAFF

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

Positions:

- PT Ministry InternPT Nursery Worker
- PT Sports Camp Counselor
 - FT Daycare Worker

RESPITE MINISTRY

Volunteer & Caregiver Training (Next meeting July 9) The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Rm. 158.

Respite Ministry Caregiver Support Group (Next meeting July 17)

The support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Rm. 165.

JOYS & CONCERNS

In the hospital: Ashley Spears Cannon Bob Theune

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.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

First Light Chapel Communion

l Kings 19:1-15a Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

Bridge and Sanctuary Worship "Sinful7: Lust"

2 Samuel 11:2-5

MEMORIALS

Jane Adkinson

Wyndal Adams LouAnn Casper Nancy & David Hanks Susan & Pervis Hester Fran & Mike Jones Traci & William Newton Mitzi & William Watson Jim Hemby Sandra & Butch Binford Eddy Keel Sandra & Butch Binford LouAnn Casper Fran & Mike Jones Priscilla & Don Tucker Mitzi & William Watson **Rhett Williams Molly White** Sandra & Butch Binford

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Menu for June 25: Burgers, chips, fruit

Menu for July 9: Ribs, macaroni and cheese, green beans

For more info or to pay in advance, visit fumcdothan.org/wns

55 FORWARD

Senior Adult Ministry Lunch Fellowship – July 9, 11:30 a.m. - Join us at My Pie Pizza, located at 3835 W Main St Suite 3. To reserve your seat, please call the church office at 334-793-3555 by July 1.



Taste of Thomasville Food Tour
July 31, departing at 8 a.m.
Experience an exclusive culinary tour through the heart of historic downtown Thomasville, Georgia.
Enjoy the city's rich traditions as you sample signature dishes from beloved restaurants and hidden gems. Guided by a local expert, you will hear the captivating stories that make Thomasville's history—and its food—

truly unforgettable. Cost: \$60 Limited seats are available, so reserve your spot on the bus asap by calling 334-793-3555. For more information, contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

HARBOR SERVE DAY



Harbor Serve Day scheduled for June 28, has been rescheduled for Aug. 30. We hope to see you there!

FUMC Dothan Welcome new members to



Katie Banister joined our church June 15. She is pictured with her fiance, Jake Hutto.



Emi & Jason Flebotte joined our church June 15. They are pictured with son, Will Bancroft.

THE BOOK NOOK

borrow a book. Enjoy your reading!

The Book Nook in Room 249 is hosting a Book giveaway.You are invited to visit and browse the selection on the metal cart just inside the entrance. Additionally, other books in the room are available for borrowing at your convenience. Kindly review the provided instructions on display, and complete the checkout form if you







ARE YOU LOOKING FOR CHURCH PHOTOS?





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July 1

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The most effective way to revitalize visual and performing pursuits in worship is to identify and nurture the talents and interests of our youngest members. My goal is to empower the children of Dothan to find their artistic inspiration and enable them to lead in their churches and community as musicians, artists, dancers, speakers, and technicians.

I ask that all FUMC members and staff take a moment to share the red, registration QR code found here and around the church with family, friends, and neighbors. **Registration closes on June 30, and the deadline to order a T-shirt is Monday, June 23.** Although we will accept applicants at the door, once our Safe Sanctuary ratios are met potential campers will be turned away.





If you would like to serve as a **Tour Manager** leading groups from one session to another or at snack time, please use the purple QR code. **All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt if they sign-up before the June 23 deadline.** If you cannot physically be with us, donations in support of this and other Worship Arts programming as well as prayers are always welcome. For further information, please contact me at erin@fumcdothan.org or register at fumcdothan.org/summer. Thank you for your continued support at this exciting time of growth!

Soli Deo Gloria, Erin M. Smith, Worship Arts Director

Scan this code to <u>register</u>

Scan this code to volunteer



DOORS OPEN FOR DINNER @ 5 · LIVE MUSIC BEGINS @ 6 · RSVP TO ANNE CLAIRE BY NOON JULY 17TH anneclaire@fumcdothan.org