

Early childhood programs enter exciting season

Amanda Murphy joins FUMC as Early Childhood Development Center Director

FUMC welcomes Amanda Murphy to our team as the new Director of our Early Childhood Development Center, formerly known as Weekday Children's Ministry.

Amanda brings more than 20 years of experience in leadership, administration, customer service, and program management, including more than 10 years in childcare and early childhood education. She has served in leadership and supervisory roles at Army and Navy Child Development Centers within the Department of Defense, gaining extensive experience in staff leadership, curriculum implementation, family engagement, office administration, and maintaining high standards of safety and care.

Amanda holds a degree in Child Development and is pursuing further study in Human



Amanda Murphy

Resources Management. In addition to her professional experience, she is a small-business owner who brings strong organizational, relational, and leadership skills to our ministry team.

Most importantly, Amanda has a genuine love for children and families and a strong desire to serve them well. With her extensive professional experience, caring nature, collaborative leadership style, and commitment to excellence, she is uniquely equipped to lead the Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) into this exciting new chapter.

As Amanda begins her leadership, we are excited to introduce a new structure for our early childhood ministries, enabling each program to focus more intentionally on its unique mission and age group. Please join us in welcoming Amanda to First United Methodist Church, as we look forward to this exciting new season of ministry to children and families.

-Wendy Hicks, Church Administrator

Early Childhood and Specialized Educational Pathways

As part of this new structure, our early childhood ministries will now operate as two distinct entities:

FUMC Early Childhood Development Center – Directed by Amanda Murphy

- Childcare for infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds
- After-School Care for Wesleyan Day School students ages 3–5
- Summer Camp for elementary-aged children

Wesleyan Day School – Directed by Patti Flowers

- Early childhood education 3P-Kindergarten for children ages 3–5 (3P, 4P, & Kindergarten)

The Shepherd School – Directed by Patti Flowers

- A specialized learning environment designed to support students with language-based learning differences, especially those with dyslexia.

Together, these ministries will continue to provide safe, nurturing, Christ-centered environments where children can learn, grow, and flourish.

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 1, 6-7 p.m.
Completed 6th-12th Grade

Youth Lunch

July 2, 11:45 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
Completed 6th-12th Grade

Senior High Mission Trip with Alabama Rural Ministry

July 5-10
Completed 8th-12th grade

55 FORWARD



Book Club - Wednesday, July 8, 3-4 p.m. - Room 165 -

Join us as we share insights and foster friendships through our love of literature. Our book for July is *The Promised Land* by Elizabeth Musser.

Lunch Bunch - Thursday, July 9, 11 a.m. - Blue Plate Restaurant (3850 W Main St) -

Reservations required by *Tuesday, July 7*. Email hchapman@fumcdothan.org or call the church office.

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.

Info: hchapman@fumcdothan.org

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

First Light Chapel Communion

Genesis 22:1-14
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Bridge and Sanctuary Worship

Luke 24:1-12
"VBS for Grown Ups - God is Love"

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our sympathy to:

The family & friends of Dottie Johnson upon her death June 16. Her funeral takes place Monday, June 29 at 2 p.m. Visitation will take place prior to the service at 1 p.m. in the Parlor.

The family & friends of James McDowell, upon his death June 19. Please remember his wife, Penny Rotolo, in your prayers,

The family & friends of Doug Lurie upon his death June 19. A graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, at Memory Hill Cemetery. Please remember his wife, Connie, in your prayers.

In the hospital:

Riley Marie Thomas
Jim Dykes

Released from hospital:

Jennifer Cook
Dianne Galos

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:

- PT Preschool Teacher
- FT Daycare Worker
- PT Nursery Worker

More info:

fumcdothan.org/join-our-team

RESPIRE MINISTRY



Respite Care MINISTRY

Caregiver Support Group (Next meeting July 16)

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

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.

HOLIDAY HOURS



In observance of Independence Day, church offices, the gym, and Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) will be closed on Friday, July 3. The Respite Care Ministry will be closed Monday through Thursday, July 6-9.

MEMORIALS

Donna Carmichael

Shea Mendheim

Thomas Flowers

Shea Mendheim

Buddy Jones

Shea Mendheim

Stanley Jones IV

Shea Mendheim

Eddy Keel

Shea Mendheim

Carole Lee

Shea Mendheim

Donna Lewis

Shea Mendheim

Sheila Spears

Shea Mendheim

Elaine Sprayberry

Shea Mendheim

FUMC
TERRIFIC TUESDAY

COMPLETED K - 5TH GRADE

TIE-DYE DAY

JOIN US FOR A COLORFUL AFTERNOON AS KIDS CREATE THEIR OWN TIE-DYE MASTERPIECE! AS WE TWIST, FOLD, AND DYE OUR SHIRTS, WE'LL TALK ABOUT HOW GOD MADE EACH OF US UNIQUELY AND WITH PURPOSE.

JUNE 30 • 2-4 PM

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4P CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND WITH A PARENT

WORSHIP ARTS CAMP

JULY 6 - 9

COMPLETED K5 - 5TH GRADE

REGISTER NOW AT FUMCDOTHAN.ORG/SUMMER

ADVENTURE LAND

FAMILY NIGHT
JULY 7TH • 5PM

FUMCDOTHAN.ORG/SUMMER

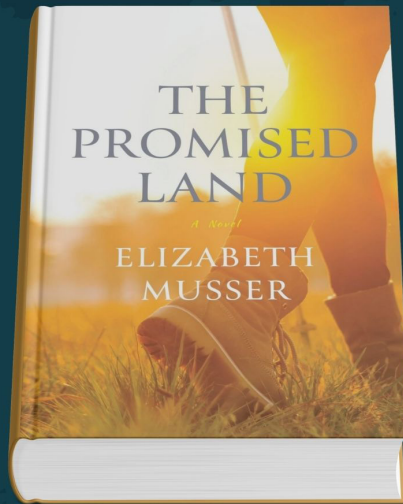
\$20 PAYS FOR ONE GO KART RIDE, ONE GAME OF MINI-GOLF, ONE BUMPER BOAT RIDE, AND 20 ARCADE TOKENS.

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BOOK CLUB

The Promised Land
by Elizabeth Musser

Wed, July 8 | RM 165 | 3 PM



Registration is now open!

[FUMCDOTHAN.ORG/CONFIRMATION](https://fumcdothan.org/confirmation)

2026-2027 CONFIRMATION CLASS

FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED 5TH GRADE
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ENROLL, CONTACT
SONIA@FUMCDOTHAN.ORG

Annual School Supply Bash

Aug. 1
8 - 11 a.m.

Supply & SERVE

Volunteers needed July 30 & 31

Sign ups begin July 1 at fumcdothan.com/events