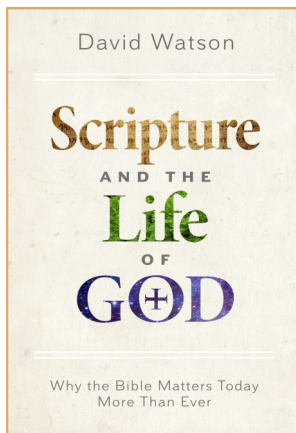


March 2022

The Prospector

Dahlonega United Methodist Church

Church-wide Bible Study



During Lent this year, Steve and Robin will be leading the congregation in a church-wide book study of David Watson's *Scripture and the Life of God*. The book is divided into 5 chapters and the ministers will be preaching on a chapter for 5 weeks each Sunday beginning March 6. On Wednesdays, Bill Finesilver will continue the study as he offers a time of devotion and discussion. We encourage all small groups to study this book through Lent. We have purchased a book for each person in the congregation. Books will be available on Ash Wednesday or any Sunday during Lent. The books are free but we are always willing to take donations. If you are worshipping with us online and would like to participate, we have purchased several copies of the book via eBook or Kindle. Please contact our church office to receive the code so that you may download the book for free.

Entering into the life of God is like walking into the ocean. The further you go, the more immersed you become. You become more aware of its overwhelming power, its vastness and mystery. The difference is that if you walk too deeply into the ocean you will die, but walking deeply into the life of God brings life. Our desires, our character, the way in which we regard ourselves and other people—all of these change. And this newness of life does not end when our physical bodies die, but extends into eternity. The life of God never ends, and you and I are being drawn into that divine life.

In *Scripture and the Life of God*, David Watson takes us on a journey through what it means to enter into the life of God through texts that God has inspired and made authoritative for the teaching of the Church. Many of us read the Bible during private devotion time, and this is a very helpful practice, but there are also many other ways to walk down the pathway of Scripture into the divine life. Prayer, meditation, music, corporate worship, and other practices facilitate the work of the Holy Spirit through Scripture in drawing us into the divine life.

Preaching Schedule:

March 6: Chapter 1 / A Path into the Life of God
March 13: Chapter 2 / Reading for the Life of God
March 20: Chapter 3 / Guides into the Life of God
March 27: Chapter 4 / Expectation and the Life of God
April 3: Chapter 5 / One Book for the Life of God

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Lenten and Easter Services

Join us for the Lenten and Easter Services! Lent, the season that helps prepare us for the celebration of Easter, commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry. As Lent draws to a close during Holy Week, we remember Jesus' death on a cross for us. Then on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection, that Jesus is alive.

Ash Wednesday Service—March 2nd at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Palm Sunday Baptism—April 10th—There will be a water baptism at Camp Glisson at 12:30pm. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact deborah@dahlongaumc.org.

Maundy Thursday Service—April 14th at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Community Good Friday Service at Dahlonga Baptist Church—April 15th—12:00-1:00pm—No Lunch

Easter Sunrise Service—April 17th—Hancock Park at 7am.

Easter Services at DUMC— April 17th—8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

I Bear Witness

Dahlonga Lumpkin County Ministerial Association

Lenten Services

Tuesdays, March 8—April 5, 2022

Dahlonga United Methodist Church

Noon (12—1 PM)

Light Lunch Following

3/8 John the Baptist, John 1:29-34,
John 3:22-30

Rev. David Bost, St. Paul UMC

3/15 Simon Peter, Luke 5:1-11

Rev. Dr. Steven Wright, DBC

3/22 Mary and Martha, Luke 10:38-42
John 11:17-33, John 12:1-11

Rev. Carl Tolbert, DBC

3/29 Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-10

Rev. Frank Colladay

4/5 The Samaritan Woman, John 4:1-26

Rev. Robin Parr, Dahlonga UMC



Laundry for Lent

March 3rd – April 14th

Lent is a time to serve others. In service we prepare ourselves for the Risen Savior. *Would you like to serve someone this Lenten Season in a very helpful and practical way?* From March 3rd - April 14th, volunteers can go to the local laundromat to bless customers by paying to have their laundry cleaned. We recommend a contribution of \$20 to be used in assisting the customers. It is preferable that this be in \$1 dollar bills since the machines run on tokens purchased at the location.

Announcements

Dahlonega United Methodist Women

Building Together Through Love in Action Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month, 10AM, Fellowship Hall. **All ladies from the church are invited.**

March 1st—Janet Burkett will lead us in Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

Every year, women are invited to gather in their local units and communities for 'A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial,' a faith-filled time to assemble with lifted hearts and hands before our Creator God. Organized by United Methodist Women, the sisterhood observance welcomes all to join in a celebration of selfless giving and spiritual communion with God. Our 2022 theme, 'Love, Justice and Service: Answering the Call,' honors deaconesses and home missionaries who have said yes to the call God has placed on their lives. You are heartily welcomed into this holy moment as we come together as one in spirit and in faith, on behalf of women, children and youth across the globe.

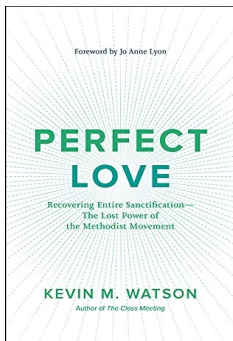
Monday, April 4th: Pledge Program for 2022-2023, Suzanne Crossan

April is Dahlonega United Methodist Women's pledge program. Most of our pledge dollars go to local needs and efforts. What we send on multiplies as other units are contributing worldwide. The mission dollars go to organizations all over the world to help women, youth, and children. Your dollars make a difference. The theme this year is "Healing Leads to Joyful Sacrificial Giving."

Also, Mary Lanford will talk about the Daily Prayer Guide 2022.

This guide is an inspiring devotional resource and tool for reflection and connection with stories and prayers concerning the global outreach of United Methodist Women.

Perfect Love Bible Study



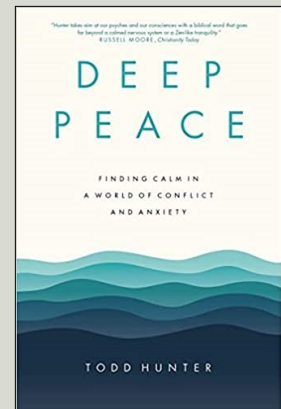
Perfect Love is a wake-up call to the people called Methodists. According to John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, God raised up Methodism in order to spread the central teaching of entire sanctification. The church has offered an unbalanced understanding of the gospel for too long. The promise of forgiveness and pardon through faith in Jesus Christ has been emphasized in many parts of the body of Christ. Initial conversion and new birth are good news indeed! But they are also just the beginning of the life that is promised to us in the Bible. Jesus came not only so that we could be forgiven, but so that we

could have life abundantly. ***Perfect Love Bible Study*, led by Dan Parr, will begin Monday, March 7th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The class will be 8 weeks. Cost of the books is \$10 and are available in the Church Office.**

Altar Guild Volunteers

The altar guild is a ministry - a gift of time and talent to serve God in His house. The housekeeping and decoration of God's house should be done with sincere devotion. The work of the Altar Guild is to prepare all the things necessary for the worship services, such as, restocking the pews with envelopes & etc., replenishing oil in candles, changing liturgical altar cloths, replenishing water for pastors. Volunteers are needed April through December. If you can help please contact linda@dahlonegaumc.org or call the church office at 706-864-2521.

The Book Club



The Book Club will be discussing *Deep Peace: Finding Calm in a World of Conflict and Anxiety* on Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30pm in the Library. **Below is the link where the book can be purchased.** <https://www.amazon.com/Deep-Peace-Finding-Calmit-Anxiety/dp/B08QW88VMN>

We live in a fearful, anxiety-driven age where the problems and challenges of the world assault us from every direction and every media source, and they far exceed our abilities to respond to them. The sense of desperation that often comes of this leads to discord and violence: from bitter, cutting remarks to the atrocities of war; from pervasive racism to knee-jerk micro-aggressions. It contributes to our current, peace-bankrupt social discourse, leading to patterns of dismissing, dividing from, condemning, or hating people.

This book provides practices to help Christians value and *actively seek peace, becoming people of reconciliation in ordinary life.* *Deep Peace:*

- Uncovers the ten things that are most harmful to peace in a person's life.
- Unpacks the "Trinity of Peace" found in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and how we can find rest in each person of the Trinity.
- Reveals spiritual practices that will teach you how to pursue an inner calm and become the kind of person that meets conflict with love and renounces fear.

Deep Peace is a timely benediction that offers a practical and spiritual guide to recenter believers in the peace of Christ.

Care and Support

Be A Greeter!



The Worship Committee is looking for smiling faces and warm personalities to welcome people once a month on Sunday mornings. No experience necessary - just smiles and cheery hellos for a few minutes before the service begins. You can still take part in the service with your family. We especially need folks for the 9:30 service, but will happily take volunteers for the 8:00 and 11:00 as well. Please contact the church office if you are interested. We need your smiling face!

What is a Stephen Minister?



Christ caring for people through people

Stephen Ministers are congregation members who go through 50 hours of Christian Care Giving training. Each Stephen Minister is then matched with a hurting person. Men help men. Women help women. They meet with that person

to listen, care, pray and encourage. *If you or someone you know might like to become a Stephen Minister or they could benefit from this Ministry, please contact one of our Leaders. Deaconess Sue Zimmerman 678-989-9386 or Lyn Klaitz 706-348-7551.*

Rise Against Hunger



You are invited to join a Meal Packaging Experience with South Bend UMC, in the movement to end hunger by the year 2030 on March 19th from 10:00-12:00pm at South Bend UMC Fellowship Hall, 3512 Clarks Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30506. At Rise Against Hunger, their work to end hunger starts with a meal, and it leads to resilience, self-sufficiency, education, empowerment and bright futures in communities worldwide.

To host the event the commitment calls for 50 + volunteers and the cost of \$3,553.20. Here is how you can help. At the moment they have 19 people committed. They need 31 more. To volunteer and/or contribute to this event you can contact michael.pinson@ngumc.net or go to the following link: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/SouthBendUMC2022>.

Lumpkin Matters Resource Fair

The Lumpkin Matters Resource Fair is Saturday, March 19th from 11am-1pm at Lumpkin County Middle School. Typically, there are lots of families that come through so it's a good opportunity to promote your ministry activities and functions. If your ministry is interested in participating, please contact Kara Martina at karamartina45@gmail.com or text at 253-548-7829.

Sewing Hearts Circle Heart Pillows

The pillows are for those who are going through a difficult time and in need of a little comfort. Loving women of DUMC have given their prayers and love in making these. If you or someone you know is in need of a heart pillow, **they will be distributed the first Sunday after the 9:30 & 11:00am services.** Dahlonega United Methodist Church is now offering a free service of creating a bereavement pillow (up to 4 pillows). You provide the fabric such as a shirt, blouse, blanket etc. from your loved one and our Sewing Hearts Circle will do the rest. Contact Kara Martina by email: karamartina45@gmail.com.



Ways to contribute:

There are many ways to contribute to CHP's mission to help our neighbors in need!

CHP March Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Vegetable Oil.

Please deliver to CHP and indicate if the donation is for the Food Pantry or Summer Food Program.

Summer Food Programs Needs:

Box of Cereal, Instant Oats/grits, peanut butter, jelly, chicken noodle soup, spaghetti o's, mac-n-cheese, 64 oz bottle of apple juice, 16oz box of Goldfish, Cereal Bars.



Rainbow Children's Home Needs

Laundry Detergent & Fabric Softener Sheets, tablets or liquid detergent for dishwasher, dish detergent—Paper Products For Kitchen: Aluminum Foil, Clear Plastic Wrap, Storage Bags, all sizes, Trash bags: Tall and Small for wastebaskets—Cleaning Supplies: Clorox, Windex, 409, Kaboom, etc., NO SHOW socks, NEW Hand Soap, Liquid, Antibacterial—Paper Products: Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Paper Napkin—Large Duffle Bags, soft, foldable for storage, NOT luggage—Batteries AAA and AA; Copier Paper; Gift Cards or Checks. PLEASE mail direct to: Melinda Fausto, Director, 247 E. Main Street, Dahlonega, GA 30533; PLEASE MEMO: DUMC/and what funds are to be used for.



Non-perishable convenience foods like peanut butter, soup, mac 'n cheese, or ham-

burger helper. Diapers & baby wipes, full size women's toiletries, & large size laundry detergent, twin size sheets, bath towels. Please place in NOA bin. Thank you for your donations!

Children's Ministry, MMO & Preschool, Youth

KidVenture in March

KidVenture will meet on March 6, 13, & 20. We will NOT meet on March 27 due to our Family Easter Event.

March 13 is Mac & Cheese at the Movies Night!

Journey to the Cross: Family Easter Event



All families with children are invited to join us on **Sunday, March 27th at 4:00 pm** for Journey to the Cross! Families will journey to 5 stations that lead them to the Resurrection.

We will also have an egg hunt and food!

Families will first gather in the Sanctuary to hear instructions about the egg hunt. They will then be released to hunt for eggs. After that families are free to explore the stations and eat!

Come join us!



Enroll Now

Pre-registration for the 2022-2023 school year has begun. We have openings in the Toddler and Two Year Old classes.

Registration forms are available online

<https://dahlongeumc.org/mmo-preschool/>

For more info email or call at

dumcmmo@gmail.com or 706-864-8521.



Thank you to all of our sponsors and our race participants for making our 10th Annual Chasing Away Winter 5K/Fun Run a great success.

We had 92 5k run/walkers to participate and at least 25 Fun/Run & Tot Trot participants.

We endured the beautiful cold morning and faced the challenges necessitated by covid19.

Thank you all again!

Youth Ministry

DUMC Youth strive to live **LIFE**.

Love Everyone

Inspire many

Fulfill God's Call

Empower Others

SPRING SCHEDULE

Wednesdays	Sundays
Middle School 5:45pm—7:15pm	Middle School 4:00—6:00pm
High School 5:45—8:00pm	High School 4:00—6:00pm

March 2022

Converge Retreat

When: March 4th—6th

Where: Camp Woodlands,
Cleveland, GA

Cost: \$175

Sign-up/Payment will be online this year.

June 2022

High School Mission Trip

When: June 23rd through July 1st

Where: New Orleans, Louisiana

Cost: \$425, High School Only

July 2022

Middle School Camp

When: July 8th through the 11th

Where: Ocoee Retreat Center, TN

Cost: \$250, Middle School Only

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship!

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:00 am

Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30—Children's Ministry available

Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am

Live Streaming 9:30 and 11:00am Service

<https://dahlonegaumc.org/services/>

Sunday School Class Announcement

The 11th Hour Adult Sunday School Class has resumed at 11:00AM in the Library.

Rev. Jeff Ramsland will be the new class leader. Jeff and his wife, Karen, moved to Dahlonega after retiring in 2017. They served pastorates and extension ministries in the Florida and Western North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church for over 40 years. They look forward to the fellowship of this class and growing together in faith and spirit. Class members are encouraged to gather as we begin anew.

By the Way, there are two other Adult Sunday School Classes that meet at the 9:30 hour.

Primetime class meets in the Library and is facilitated by Chris Buice.

Friendship class meets in Room 308 and is facilitated by Nancy Goodyear.

The Journeys of Paul (and John)

Rev. Robin Parr and Dan Parr will be leading a trip
October 1, 2022 - October 11, 2022.

It is not too late to sign up!!!

For more information you may contact Pastor Robin or click on link: [journeysofpaulfinal.pdf](#). This is a custom trip where we will travel in the footsteps of Paul, but also some of the places of John as well. Greece, Amphipolis, Philippi, Neapolis, Thessaloniki, Veria, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth, Cenchreae, Athens, Piraeus, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini.



Honor a loved one in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or in remembrance with flowers. Sign up table is outside of Fellowship Hall or you may call the church office. The cost is **\$95.00**. Please make certain that your check is clearly marked "Altar Flowers".