

SEPTEMBER 2022

The Prospector

Dahlonega United Methodist Church



We're Having a



Wednesday,
September 7th
at 5:30pm
at the Pavilion.

It's FREE.

The menu:
grilled chicken skewers,
hibachi bacon fried rice,
salad,
dessert

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Announcements



Wednesday Night Suppers will resume September 14th!!

Remember to make reservations for Wednesday Night Suppers on **Tuesdays by 12 noon**. Reservations can be made by emailing linda@dahlongaumc.org, RSVP Card located in the pews, or call the Church Office. Those with reservations will be served at 5:45 pm. Non-reservations are welcome to be served after 6:10pm provided food is available.

The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 years and under.



Spending time studying God's word can be transformative. If you are ready to take another step in your personal faith journey, join us this season. You are invited to be a part of DUMC's commitment to the study of God's word.

So Come! Come to the Fellowship! Come and Be Transformed!

To view the 2022 Fall Bible Study Brochure and to register for classes click here: <https://dahlongaumc.org/spiritual-growth/>

Time Change for Disciple II

There has been a time change for Disciple II Bible Study. The time will be 2-4pm in room 308 on Sundays beginning September 18th.

Small Group Informational Meeting

For those interested in small groups there will be an informational meeting on September 11th at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall and September 14th at 6:45 in the Library.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship is the central commitment of one's self and possessions to serve in obedience to God, recognizing that we are in fact called to: Acknowledge the ownership of all that we have belongs to God.

1 Corinthians 4:2 says "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

Proverbs 16:3 tells us to "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established". Psalm 31:24 tells us to "Be strong and take courage, all of you who wait for the Lord." It takes courage and commitment to follow Jesus, to trust Him and to be faithful in our stewardship.

October 23 is the first Stewardship Sunday of a four Sunday campaign and we ask that you begin to prayerfully consider your commitment to DUMC for 2023. ASK yourself "AM I COMMITTED TO BEING A STEWARD FOR THE LORD TO FURTHER HIS KINGDOM?"

Announcements

Dahlonega United Women in Faith

All ladies from the church are invited.

MORNING meetings, 1st Tuesday of the month, 10AM, Fellowship Hall

EVENING meetings, quarterly, 7-8PM, Fellowship Hall

Sept 6th MORNING: Vanessa Myers, Director of Children's Ministry and Angie Mayo, Director of MMO/Preschool will share their spiritual path with us. Come witness how these women truly represent how "Love in Action can change the World through Faith, Hope, Action and Sisterhood". Let us stand together to support them with our love & presence.

Sept 20th EVENING: "The Family and Lumpkin County's Public Education"

Contact Linda Herman at lhherman@windstream.net with any questions.

Oct 4th MORNING: We are blessed to have strong & dedicated young male leaders for our youth & college students! Chris Davis, Director of Youth Ministry and Nathan Dickens, UNG Wesley Director will be sharing their spiritual journeys with us. Let's open our hearts to see possibilities for influencing young people in our lives!

Samaritan Purse-Build a Shoebox Online!

Dahlonega United Methodist Church shares the Good News of Jesus through your shoebox gift!



Building a shoebox online is so easy! Our goal is 160 boxes by November 15, 2022! Shoeboxes go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the hardest-to reach places to deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides or one of 1,000 pacific islands. Online boxes are carefully prepared, abiding by strict customs regulations to safeguard partners who will

deliver the gifts, as well as the boys & girls who receive them. Send yours today - be that disciple!

It's only \$25. You can also add \$6 to provide a child the opportunity to participate in The Greatest Journey and receive discipleship materials, including a graduation certificate and New Testament written in the child's language. The Greatest Journey is an investment not only in children, but also in the teachers and the local churches that will learn, grow, and continue to serve Christ with the momentum gained through the program.

You can choose items for the box or let them pick it for you (this is the easiest & quickest - after all they know what is needed!)

You may click on the QR code below or copy & paste the URL into your search bar. Then the shoebox you build will count toward our goal of 160 boxes. Share this info on your social media so everyone will be able to participate in the joy of sharing our Jesus with children in remote areas of the world! Here's your chance to do some of your charitable giving early -click on this TODAY.

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanpurse.org/view/c3d7b22c-55a0-427e-a5a2-ab13370148a5>



Half Baked Cake Sale

United Women in Faith (UWIF) are sponsoring a "Half Baked Cake Sale" on Sunday, October 2, following each service. We are asking everyone to join our mission by baking a cake, cutting it in half for two paper plates, and covering with see-through wrap. An option for a cake is ½ dozen brownies, cookies, bars, etc. For each "half" cake or other dessert, we are asking a \$5 donation (or more).

ALL funds go toward the purchase of science lab supplies for the new learning lab at our church-sponsored school in El Salvador. There is a need for supplies and equipment for the children's science activities.

There are wonderful bakers and some almost wonderful bakers in our church family. We encourage all to participate in this mission!

Bring your baked goods by the church on Sunday, or bring the cakes by the church on Saturday, October 1st.

Someone will be at church on Saturday between the hours of 10am and 5pm and enter in the outside door of the Fellowship Hall.

For more information contact Linda Herman at 706-974-5694

Announcements

Young Adult Small Group

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Young Adult Small Group will meet for fellowship and Bible study on Sundays from 6:30 -8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own dinner. For more information contact Chris Davis.

Support Group for Mothers of Pre-teen Through College



A support group for mothers of 6th grade through college daughters are meeting on Tuesdays at Jethro's in Dahlonega from 8:00am – 9:00am. Rev. Robin Parr will be leading the group.

DUMC Study Group Educational Meetings



Preserve
the
Spirit

In an effort to provide the congregation with requested resources, we have decided to put together a website to help organize the information. To watch the videos of the study group educational meetings click here: <https://sites.google.com/view/dumc-study-group-resources/home> or go to DUMC website www.dahlongaumc.org. Please do not hesitate to continue to reach out to members of

the Study Group or your pastoral team with any questions or concerns.

The Study Group needs your feedback! Please take 5 min to complete this survey: <https://forms.gle/E1nwaq45ACXprGHx5>

In Christ, The DUMC Study Group

Sewing Hearts Circle Heart Pillows



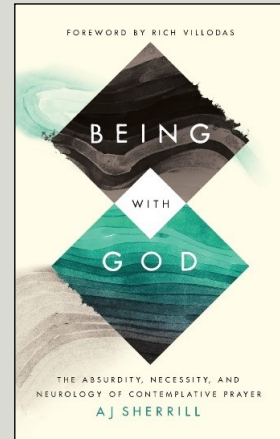
The pillows are for those who are going through a difficult time and in need of a little comfort. Loving women of DUMC have given their prayers and love in making these. If you or someone you know is in need of a heart pillow, they will be distributed the first Sunday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00am. 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.

Table Decorations for Christmas Day Meal

Christmas is still a way off, but many like to plan ahead. Last year's Christmas day meal the decorations for the tables were done by one individual - each table was different. This year we would like to have 16 individuals volunteer to decorate ONE table each. Even if you can't be present to set up that table's decorations on Christmas eve, you could have it boxed and delivered to the church with directions on how your table should look. We have six large round tables and 8 rectangular tables. The rectangular tables have limited dimensions for decorations. There will be a religious theme along the lines of nativity or angels (no Santa, reindeer, elves etc.). Choice of table (round or rectangular) will be first come choice. If you are interested in participating contact Kara Martina: Text 253-548-7829 or email karamartina45@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will be discussing *Being With God: The Absurdity, Necessity, and Neurology of Contemplative Prayer*, by AJ Sherrill, Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30pm in the Library.

All fruitful doing must begin with being. For many Christians, it's easy to be swept up into the fast pace of modern life, desiring to do much for God. But we struggle to slow down and be with God.

According to pastor, Enneagram teacher, and author AJ Sherrill, being with God is what empowers doing for God. Sherrill shares his own journey from "busy" Christianity to the ancient paths of contemplative practices. He equips readers to integrate rhythms of stillness, silence, and solitude, offering step-by-step guidance and examples of finding solitude both personally and on retreats.

Sherrill warns that making these changes appears absurd in a society where time is money, productivity is central, and hurry is a way of life. He guides readers gently through the beginning and often confusing stages of contemplative practice. Citing timely insights from the world of neurology and mental health, he shows that solitude is crucial not only for Christian growth but also for holistic flourishing.

Readers will emerge, centered in Christ, well on their way to this goal: slow down, pay attention, be still, and be loved.

3RD ANNUAL BBQ, CONCERT, & SILENT AUCTION FOR EL SALVADOR MISSION - OCTOBER 13



It is time once again for our fun family event in Hancock Park to raise much-needed funds for the La Magdalena Christian School in El Salvador. This year's event will take place on Thursday, October 13, from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. We will have delicious



BBQ, music by Tom and Julie, as well as Radford Windham and

the Praise Band. There will also be a silent auction, with many awesome items available for bid. Please mark your calendars and plan to come enjoy a great Fall evening in the Park. And invite your friends, as this is a community-wide event.

MATCHING FUNDS OPPORTUNITY

A generous donor has offered to match up to \$20,000 for construction at the La Magdalena Christian School in El Salvador. The timing is perfect, as we must begin construction of the next two-classroom building right away to be ready for the next school year, which begins in January. And there are other urgent related projects, too, such as a serious drainage issue on the property that needs to be dealt with, as well as purchase of an additional piece of property to allow for expansion of the school. Please consider taking part in this wonderful opportunity by making a donation of any amount to One Child El Salvador, Inc. and designating the donation for "Construction". Donations may be made online at www.onechildelsalvador.org (choose "Construction" in the drop down box). Or you may donate by check to One Child El Salvador, Inc. and mail to PO Box 274, Dahlonega GA 30533. Be sure to notate "Construction" on the check. We thank God for the continuing generosity of DUMC in supporting this mission that will have lasting impact for the children, their families, and community, and, most importantly, the Kingdom of God.

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY TO EL SALVADOR

We are considering a mission trip to El Salvador in November to help with construction of the next classroom building. An added bonus will be the blessed opportunity of attending the kindergarten graduation ceremony, which is quite an event at our school! Preliminary dates of the trip are Saturday, 11/12 through Saturday, 11/19. We know this is right before Thanksgiving, but the school graduation is on 11/18, and, with school classes having just ended the week before, we would be able to stay on the school property while we are there (an awesome experience!). If you have any interest in going on this trip, or if you just have questions, please contact Lynn Pfeiffer at 706-265-5236, or email onechildelsalvador@gmail.org.

Our vision is for every child in El Salvador to have an opportunity to achieve his/her full potential, free from poverty, drugs, and violence. We need you to help make this vision a reality! For more information and to sign up for our newsletter, visit our website at www.onechildelsalvador.org. As always, please continue to keep this vital mission and ministry in your prayers.



Ways to contribute:

Ways to Contribute: There are many ways to contribute to CHP's mission to help our neighbors in need! You can volunteer,

provide monetary donations, donate items needed for the food pantry, baby pantry, personal care pantry, or the medical clinics. The Thrift Store sales is the main way they fund CHP programs. Consider donating your gently used items & shop with them too!

Food Pantry needs for September

Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Beans (NOT GREEN BEANS), shelf stable milk, vegetable oil.

Personal Care Pantry is very bare

Shampoo, Body Wash, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Razors, Shaving Cream.



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 Duffel 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.

N1A
No One Alone

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, cleaning supplies, twin size sheets, bath towels. Please place in NOA bin. Thank you for your donations!

Children's Ministry

A BIG Thank You!

The Children's Ministry would like to thank each of you for your help with the 100 Envelope Challenge! We successfully completed the challenge as ALL 100 envelopes were taken! Thank you!!!! The generosity and kindness of this church is simply AMAZING!! I cannot thank you enough for your help in making our programs for the kids here at DUMC and in our community happen! We could not do what we do without your support and I am genuinely grateful for your support. I love DUMC! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

KidVenture

KidVenture kicks off on Sunday, Sept. 11th! We meet from 4:00-6:00 pm on the Children's hall. This program is for ages 3 years – 5th grade. If your child would like to participate, please fill out this Google form: <https://forms.gle/MCF9pFDAWnFJcKvt6>
This year in KidVenture we will be learning about the 10 Commandments and the Armor of God. Our fun theme nights this year will be centered around National Holidays! Our first one is Sept. 11 and we will celebrate National Hot Cross Buns Day!

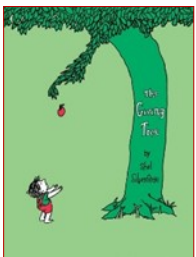
Fall Retreat

Calling all 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders! Our fall retreat to Glisson will Sept. 16-18! Cost is \$155. If you would like for your child to attend, please see Vanessa.



IT'S APPLE PICKING TIME!

If you are interested in helping the teachers and children of Mother's Morning Out and Preschool program as we start our new year, we have a few opportunities for you to choose from. We have our Giving Tree Mid-September and in October Amazon Wishlist, and Rail Offering. You are welcome to pick from the opportunities that best suits you.



The Giving Tree will be up mid-September and full of apples. Our tree is located in the Fellowship Hall hallway. Red apples are for classroom needs for specific teachers and golden apples for program needs. Please stop by our Giving Tree and pick an apple or two! Please attach the apple with your donation and place it in the basket under the tree or bring it by the church office.

Your support of the MMO/Preschool program helps us provide an amazing year for many new and returning families. Thank you for blessing and supporting the children of MMO-Preschool.

Youth Ministry

DUMC Youth strive to live **LIFE**.

Love Everyone

Inspire many

Fulfill God's Call

Empower Others

FALL SCHEDULE

Wednesdays

Middle School

5:45pm—7:30pm

High School

5:45—8:00pm

Sundays

Middle School

4:00—6:00pm

High School

4:00—6:00pm

Sunday Afternoons

MS Worship & HS Bible Study

Wednesdays

MS & HS Dinner, Worship & Small Groups

September

4th—No Youth Labor Day

11th—Worship

18th—Worship

25th—Service

October

2nd—Worship

9th—Corn Maze and Dinner

15th-16th—Gold Rush Fundraiser

23rd—Worship

30th—Worship

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/>

Special Offering on Sunday, September 4th



The special offering for Sunday, September 4th will be for *Wellroot Amazing Grace*. As a ministry of the United Methodist Church in North Georgia, Wellroot's programs are designed to make an impact on children and families through faith-centered service. Wellroot helps people reach their God-given potential through the encouragement and love of a healthy home and family. By participating in the Amazing Grace offering, you join in making this possible. **Please mark your check "Amazing Grace" offering.**

Communion Rail Offering for September will be on the 11th.

Sunday's communion rail offering is the outreach/missions ministries of our church. These gifts will be used for mission trip scholarships, mission trip expenses, outreach ministries, and our community partners who daily work to minister to our neighbors in need.

Sunday Adult Growth Groups

Third Floor, Education Building

9:30 a.m.

Primetime Class—Room: Library

Facilitators: Chris Buice, Eddie McLeod

Friendship Class—Room 308

Facilitators: Nancy Goodyear

11:00 a.m.

11th Hour Class—Room: Library

Facilitator: Jeff Ramsland



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".