

OCTOBER 2022

# The Prospector

Dahlonega United Methodist Church

## FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP LOVE \* SERVE \* GIVE \* GROW

Just as plants need nourishment for a healthy and strong root system, so does the Dahlonega United Methodist Church. The seeds of stewardship are planted today by loving, serving, and giving so that we might grow God's vision for our church for generations to come.

Colossians 2:6-7 says: *"Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed and overflowing with gratitude."*

Are we following Christ that we might be rooted in our faith and strengthened from the nourishment we receive through the Word of God? Are we planting seeds through our stewardship commitments?

October 23<sup>rd</sup> marks the beginning of our Stewardship Campaign for 2023. For four consecutive Sunday's (October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>) we will hear inspiring sermons and testaments of stewardship and how it's ministries and stories of spiritual growth will bear witness to the power of a full life through Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:35 tells us, "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

As we prepare our hearts for the beginning of this campaign, please prayerfully consider your commitment to DUMC. Will I be a planter of seeds to help grow God's Vision for Our Church? What will my commitment be for 2023?

The Stewardship Committee:

Ryan Kiefaber, Chair	Jane Osley
Maggie Moers	Linda Carr
Deb Simmons	Chuck Bell



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# Announcements

## Healing the Heartache of Abortion

If you have experienced the heartache of abortion and desire healing and peace, you are invited to join a small group on October 4th from 6-7:30pm. The group is intentionally small and private, judgement-free, full of love and grace, and completely confidential. For details and to reserve your spot, you may confidentially contact Nancy at 706-974-4625.

## Methodism 101 Class

Pastor Steve invites you to join the Methodism 101 Class beginning October 5th at 6:30pm in the Library. A Class for all those new to the United Methodist Church or even if you have been a Methodist all your life but have always had questions, Pastor Steve will help you better understand and identify the structure of the United Methodist Church, the historical roots and beliefs of United Methodists, and the growth and core principals of Modern Methodism. An informative class for all Methodists!

## Town Hall Meetings



As we continue our journey of discernment of our place in Methodism, we have two Town Hall Meetings planned. The first of these meetings will take place on Sunday, October 23rd at 4:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Lathem Postell, who is the Senior Pastor of Sam Jones Methodist Church in Cartersville, GA, a congregation who disaffiliated from the UMC in June 2022. Rev. Postell is a

member of the Wesleyan Christian Association, which is a group of current and former United Methodists whose purpose is to preserve the orthodoxy of our Wesleyan heritage and as a result formed the Global Methodist Church.

Our guest speaker for the second Town Hall Meeting will be Rev. Dr. Douglas Gilreath, who is the District Superintendent of our own Northeast District of the UMC. Dr. Gilreath was appointed to our district in June 2022 and has agreed to speak to us on a date to be determined - stay tuned!

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](http://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>

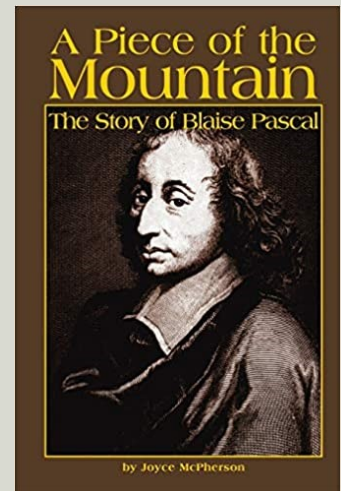
In Christ, The DUMC Study Group

## Wednesday Night Suppers

Remember to make reservations for Wednesday Night Suppers on **Tuesdays by 12 noon**. Reservations can be made by emailing [linda@dahlongaumc.org](mailto: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 \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12th grade and under.**

**On November 9th the United Women in Faith will be preparing the Wednesday night dinner as a fundraiser for the One Child El Salvador. Adult meals will be \$8.00 and youth \$6.00 The menu will be a variety of soups, salad and desserts.**

## BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will be discussing *A Piece of the Mountain; The Story of Blaise Pascal*, by Joyce McPherson on **Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30pm in the Library**. You may purchase this book by clicking on the link below.

[Amazon.com: A Piece of the Mountain: The Story of Blaise Pascal: 9781882514175: Mcpherson, Joyce: Books](https://www.amazon.com/A-Piece-of-the-Mountain-The-Story-of-Blaise-Pascal/dp/09781882514175)

A biography of one of the most important scientists and mathematicians of the 1600's. Not only was he a brilliant scientist, but he was converted to Christianity as an adult and became a devoted apologist for the Christian faith. Of special interest to home schooling families, this book recounts the recognition by Pascal's father of his remarkable talents and the provisions he made for his son's education - one of the earliest and most successful examples of home schooling! For Christians, the account of Pascal's conversion is particularly moving as well as Pascal's immediate response to share the Gospel with his father, his sister and even with the nobleman who was his financial patron.



# Announcements

## **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.

## **Dahlonaga United Women in Faith**

**All ladies from the church are invited.**

*MORNING meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10AM, Fellowship Hall*

Oct 4<sup>th</sup>- 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!

Nov 1<sup>st</sup>- We will embrace two people we love & respect, Pastors Steve & Robin. Our calling from God is not to DO something (that's the fruit of our calling), but to BECOME someone. Someone who, through the power of their life, words, deeds, and relationships, reminds others of Jesus. (*J.D. Walt, Daily Text, Sept. 19*). In this sharing of their spiritual journeys, let their words from God and the Spirit of God transform us so we can participate in the Will of God.

LISTEN, THEN SAY "YES". GOD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING.

## **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. Dahlonaga 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](mailto: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](mailto:karamartina45@gmail.com).



**Samaritan Purse**

**Build a Shoebox Online!**

**Dahlonaga 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 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.samaritanspurse.org/view/c3d7b22c-55a0-427e-a5a2-ab13370148a5>

## **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 \$25,000 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 October**

Jelly, Canned Fruit, Flour, Canned Meat

### **Personal Care Pantry is very bare**

Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap,



### **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.

**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

### Pumpkin Patch Adventure



Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! We will take a trip to Burt's Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-6:00 pm. We will go on a scavenger hunt inside the pumpkin patch, take some fun photos, pick out a pumpkin for your family, and then head to dinner! It will be a fun night!

### KidVenture

This month, KidVenture will meet on **Oct. 2, Oct. 9, and Oct. 23** from 4:00-6:00 pm.



On Oct. 9 we will celebrate National Cake Decorating Day by baking and decorating cupcakes!

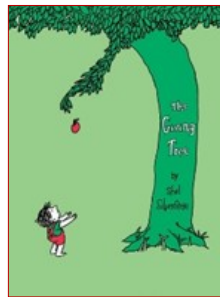
### Treat Street



Families are invited to join us on **Monday, October 31 at 5:00 pm** for **Treat Street!** Our event this year will be held outside on the field at DUMC. Kids will be able to trick-or-treat from car to car, play games, and eat yum my food! Kids can come dressed in costumes. Join us for a fun night with your family!



"Thank you for your support of our MMO & Preschool 'Giving Tree fundraiser!' FYI: If you have an apple, please return it along with your donation to the basket under the tree located near the sanctuary or bring it to the church office. It is such a blessing to have such a wonderful, supportive church body.



If you missed out on the Giving Tree opportunity, you have 2 other opportunities to choose from: the Rail Offering and the Amazon Wishlist. This year the rail offering will be going towards the preschool curriculum and classroom needs. Here is the address for the if you wish to help with the Amazon Wishlist:

<https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/2F9JK1182GKLV>

Thanks again for your donation to the preschool and making this school year a great year! We greatly appreciate your support!

## Youth Ministry

DUMC Youth strive to live **LIFE**.  
**L**ove Everyone  
**I**nspire many  
**F**ulfill God's Call  
**E**mpower Others

### FALL SCHEDULE

Wednesdays	Sundays
Middle School 5:45pm—7:30pm	Middle School 4:00—6:00pm
High School 5:45—8:00pm	High School 4:00—6:00pm

### Sunday Afternoons

MS Worship & HS Bible Study

### Wednesdays

MS & HS Dinner, Worship & Small Groups

### October

2nd—Worship  
9th—Corn Maze and Dinner  
15th-16th—Gold Rush Fundraiser  
23rd—Worship  
30th—Worship

### November

6th—Worship  
13th—Worship  
20th—No Youth Enjoy Thanksgiving  
27th—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/>

**Gold Rush Weekend**

**ONE SERVICE**

**There will be  
ONE service on  
Sunday,  
October 16th  
at 8am.**

### **Communion Rail Offering for October**

Sunday's communion rail offering is for MMO.

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<https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/2F9JK1I82GKLV>

### **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. If you can help please contact [linda@dahlonegaumc.org](mailto:linda@dahlonegaumc.org) or call the church office at 706-864-2521.



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".

### **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

### **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.