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Dahlonega United Methodist Church

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP LOVE * SERVE * GIVE * GROW

LOVE - 1 John 4:7-8 says, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

SERVE - Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven."

GIVE - Deuteronomy 15:10, "You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake."

GROW - Colossians 2:7, "Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."

The Bible teaches us that stewardship begins with strong faith in God and his plans for us. By trusting in the Lord, we will become good stewards of the gifts that God has blessed us with; including our time, riches, and talents. At DUMC, we have witnessed generations of virtuous stewardship, which has resulted in God's work being done through DUMC.

Over the next several weeks, let's continue to be in prayer, asking the Lord to show us how we can be good stewards of the blessings he has bestowed upon us and how he can use our gifts to further his Kingdom. We pray the Lord's blessing on our congregation and that each of us will submit to God's will in making our commitment to the 2023 Stewardship Campaign.

The Stewardship Committee

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Announcements

2022 Musical Recital

Join us for the Musical Recital at DUMC benefitting Connectability, featuring Chuck Bell, Piano; Debbie Schofield, Flute; Nick Shreiber, Piano, Sunday, November 6th at DUMC, 4:00pm opening reception, 4:30 pm recital begins. For more information and to reserve your free ticket, click here: https://connectability.churchcenter.com/unproxy/registrations/events/1454936?fbclid=IwAR2NNrT8bSxrYCFV2E0IDajZWCfiLYJdMG7ipq2x_NTAy15DfbqNCkQJA&fbclid=IwAR2NNrT8bSxrYCFV2E0IDajZWCfiLYJdMG7ipq2x_NTAy15DfbqNCKkQJA

Golf Tournament

UNG Wesley Foundation's 14th Annual Golf Classic November 7th!

For more information and to register, please click here: <https://www.ungwesley.org/golf-tournament>

Wednesday Night Suppers

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 \$5.00 The menu will be a variety of soups, salad and desserts.

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 \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12th grade and under.**

Town Hall Meetings



As we continue our journey of discernment of our place in Methodism our Town Hall Meetings 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. Please do not hesitate to continue to reach out to members of the Study Group or your pastoral team with any questions or concerns.

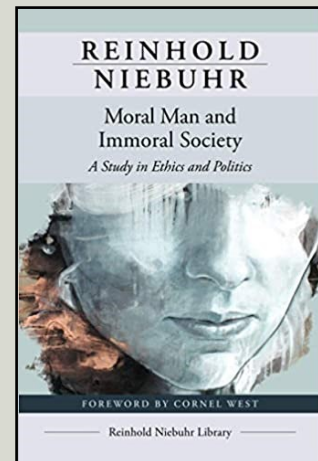
The Study Group needs your feedback! Please take 5 mins to complete this survey: <https://forms.gle/E1nwaq45ACXprGHx5>

In Christ, The DUMC Study Group

North Georgia Chamber Symphony

The North Georgia Chamber Symphony Fall Concert is Saturday, November 19th, 7:30, at Lumpkin County High School. Free admission and plenty of parking .

BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will be discussing *Moral Man and Immoral Society: A Study in Ethics and Politics*, by Reinhold Niebuhr on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30pm in the Library. You may purchase this book by clicking on the link below.

<https://a.co/d/7p4yBdh>

This isn't a new book, but its a very important one — arguably, even more important right now. *Moral Man and Immoral Society* attempts to explain why individuals can be good, but once they're clustered together into groups, societies can commit terrible actions.

One of the theological classics of the twentieth century, Niebuhr's *Moral Man and Immoral Society* argues that using moral persuasion and shaming to affect the behavior of such collectives as corporations and nation states is fruitless, as these groups will inevitably seek to promote only their self-interest. He calls for a realistic assessment of group behavior and enumerates how individual morality can mitigate social immorality.

United Women in Faith

Dahlonge United Women in Faith

All ladies from the church are invited.

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

Nov 1st at 10AM, Fellowship Hall: We will embrace two people we love and 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. 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.

Dec 6th at 12 Noon: The United Women in Faith will meet at Dahlonge Baptist Church for the Ecumenical Advent Service, which starts at noon, and lunch afterwards.

United Women in Faith will host the Wednesday night supper on November 9th to raise needed funds for One Child El Salvador's La Magdalena school. Come and enjoy delicious homemade soups, salad and desserts. Please mark your calendars and make your reservation by Tuesday, November 8th at noon.

Half Baked Cake Sale Thank you!

Our Dahlonge United Women in Faith (UWF) recently implemented a project to raise funds to support the Christian school in El Salvador. The project was our "Half Baked Cake Sale." We set our goal as \$750, and we prayed we would reach our goal. THANK YOU to this wonderful church of individuals and families, young and old, who provided special cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, and other baked goods! Many church members participated, bought a cake or two, and donated money. Thank you, CHURCH, for your donations totaling almost double our target! ALL monies raised will go to our church-supported Christian school in El Salvador for purchasing science equipment and materials for their new science classroom there. Thank you to Lynn Pfeiffer for providing the One Child El Salvador displays and photos. God bless this church and its love toward our neighbors, near and far.

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. Dahlonge 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.



Samaritan's Purse Build a Shoebox Online!

**Dahlonge 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>

Announcements



Spirit of Christmas is the Community Helping Place's holiday outreach program which provides eligible families food to make a Christmas meal, vouchers for clothing & books, and gifts for the children (ages birth to 18). The on-going pandemic has had an overwhelming impact on our community. **The number of families we serve for client services (Food Pantry, financial, case management, excluding the Free Clinic) has gone from 159 families in January to 351 families in September; therefore, we are anticipating a large number of recipients this year.**

Financial uncertainty has moved beyond those whose situation is already fragile to include those who have not had to worry about financial insecurity. Your donation of food, toys and money will go a long way in providing a special Christmas for these families.

Below is a list of food items that each family will receive this year, along with some cold items CHP will provide on the day of distribution. There is also a suggested toy list below; this is not an inclusive list. You are welcome to use your own creativity; we just ask for no clothing as we do not get sizes of each child. **Please drop off your donations at CHP, 1127 Highway 52 East, Dahlonge in the red building in the lower parking lot by December 2nd. Call Debi at 706-967-9621 to schedule your drop-off. You can also call her with any questions. They will accept donations up until December 23rd for those late registrations.**

Food List for the Spirit of Christmas:

1 can corn	1 box cornbread mix
1 cans green beans	2 cans cranberry sauce
1 box stuffing	1 can yams
1 can chicken broth	1 cake or brownie mix
1 box instant potatoes	1 container frosting

Suggested Toys for Spirit of Christmas

Baby's

Size 6 Diapers, Pull-ups, Wipes, Teething Toys

Young Girls

Easy Bake Oven, Anything Frozen

Girls Age 8-12+

Art Sets, Soft Blanket with Book, Hair Appliances (dryer, straightener, Curl wand Curl brush)

Boys Age 8-12+

Legos, Nerf guns, Football, Baseball glove, Art sets, Pokémon cards, Board games

Teen Girls

Art Sets, Spa Basket Supplies, Jewelry, Wireless/Bluetooth Earbuds, Wireless/Bluetooth Speakers, Board Games, Gift Cards

Teen Boys

Fishing Poles, Watches, Art Sets, Wireless/Bluetooth Earbuds, Wireless/Bluetooth Speakers, Tools (tool sets, electric screwdriver, hand held drill, car tools)

This is a list of suggested items based on what we already have and the areas with the greatest need. You are not limited to only these items, they are suggestions.

Contact Debi when you are ready to bring them to CHP, 706-867-9621, ext. 303.

Food Pantry needs for November

Jelly, Cooking Oil, Grits, Green Beans

Personal Care Pantry is very bare

Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap

Christmas Events



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 27th, at 6:30p.m.

Please join us for a wonderful musical service to prepare our hearts and minds for the Advent season and to watch the Sanctuary come alive with its Christmas décor!

The offering at the Hanging of the Greens will be for CHP Spirit of Christmas.

Advent

Location: Dahlonge Baptist Church

Time: 12:00 noon

Dates: November 29, December 6,
December 13, December 20

Theme: *Angels Among Us*



Luncheon: Soup, Salad & Dessert will be provided immediately following the service at Dahlonge Baptist Church

Blue Christmas

December 18th—3:00pm

Live Nativity—Outside in front of Sanctuary

December 10th—6:00-8:00pm

December 17th—6:00-8:00pm

DUMC Christmas Music Service

Sunday, December 11th—11:00 Service

Join us for a service of Christmas worship featuring the trio, quartet, soloist, ensemble, bell choir and much more.

MMO Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 14th—5:00pm

Christmas Eve Services

Time: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 11:00pm

ONE Service Christmas Day—10am

Christmas Day Meal—11:30—3:00pm

Volunteers are needed to decorate, serve, kitchen crew, cleanup, welcome table. If you can help please text Janet Rose at 678-697-7892 or call at 706-216-6308.

Children's Ministry

Thanksgiving Feast

We plan to have our annual Thanksgiving Feast on **Sunday, November 13 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm**. All children ages **3 years – 5th grade** are invited to come! We will provide the main dish and drinks. **Parents are asked to help provide food by bringing a side dish or dessert for the meal. Please do NOT bring any dishes with NUTS OR POTATOES.** We have kids with these allergies, and we want make sure we keep them safe while they are here. You will drop-off and pick-up your children in the classrooms on the first floor as normal.

KidVenture

For the month of November, KidVenture will meet on the 6th and 13th. We will NOT meet on the 20th or 27th due to the Thanksgiving Break.

Hanging of the Greens

All families are invited to join us for our church's Hanging of the Greens service on **Sunday, Nov. 27th at 6:30 pm** in the sanctuary. A nursery will be provided for children **ages 2 and under**. It's the first Sunday of Advent and we will begin this season with a special service for all ages! Hope your family will join us!



Are you looking for something fun
and special to do for Christmas??
Well, here it is!

A Special Evening Presented by
Wolf Mountain Vineyards & Winery
Benefitting the children of Dahlongga United Methodist
Church MMO-Preschool Program.
Beautifully decorated for Christmas.
Friday, Dec. 9th, 2022, from 6-8pm.
Dinner Buffet \$50.00 Per person
Gather your friends & get a table together.
Call & make your reservations at the Preschool Office
706-864-8521 or email dumemmo@gmail.com.
An event to remember!

Thank you for your support of our MMO & Preschool "Amazon Wishlist."
The teachers and students really appreciate the new fun learning materials.

Youth Ministry

DUMC Youth strive to live **LIFE**.
Love Everyone
Inspire many
Fulfill God's Call
Empower 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

November

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

December

4th—Worship
11th—Progressive Dinner
14th—Tacky Christmas Sweater Party
18th—Progressive Dinner for MS and HS

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/>

Remember....
Daylights Saving Time
Ends November 6th.
Move clocks back 1 hour.

We will have special
Veterans day services on
November 13th.

Communion Rail Offering for November

Sunday's communion rail offering is for Jeremiah's Place.

Jeremiah's Place is a transitional housing community that provides families with a clean, safe, and stable place to live while they are taught how to start new, prosperous, and productive lives.

Scheduled Holiday Office Closures

Office Closed	November 23rd—25th
Office Closed	December 22nd 23rd, 26th,
Office Closed	December 30th
Office Closed	January 2nd

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, replenishing water for pastors. If you can help please contact 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.