

JANUARY 2023

The Prospector

Dahlonega United Methodist Church

Happy New Year!

God has so many wonderful plans for Dahlonega UMC in 2023! Here is just a small taste of the many ways that our church is called to be the Kingdom of God here on earth:

January 8 All Services

Remember Your Baptism

January 15-March 19

Confirmation Classes

January 29 All Services

UNG Wesley Sunday

February 5

Soup-bowl Sunday to
support Side by Side

February 16

Training with Connectability to learn how
our church and community may better
serve children and adults with
special needs

February 18-23

Mission Trip to El Salvador

February 22

Ash Wednesday

February 26 – March 26

One Church Study

*40 Day Sugar Fast: Where Physical Detox
Meets Spiritual Transformation*
Wendy Speake, Author

March 10-11

Moms and Teenage Daughters Retreat

March 26 at the 9:30 Service

Confirmation Sunday

February 28-March 28

DLCMA Noon Lenten Services at
St. Luke's Catholic Church

April 2

Palm Sunday

April 6

Maundy Thursday

April 7

Good Friday

April 9

Sunrise Easter Service 7 AM at
Hancock Park

April 9

Easter Sunday

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Announcements



Confirmation Classes 2023

Classes will begin on Sunday, **January 15th** from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Church Library, and are for 5th graders and older. Pastor Steve and Robin Parr will lead the classes. If you would like your child to participate please email deborah@dahlongeumc.org to sign up. Students who complete confirmation will be confirmed on Sunday, March 26th. (Classes are ten weeks)

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume January 11th



Remember to make reservations for Wednesday Night Suppers on **Tuesdays by 12 noon**. Reservations can be made by emailing linda@dahlongeumc.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 \$5.00 for children 12 years and under.

Dahlonge United Women in Faith

All ladies from the church are invited.

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

Jan. 3rd FIELD TRIP, 8:20AM: All women of the church are invited to join us for a tour of Wesley Woods Senior Living in Decatur. We will meet at DUMC to board the church bus which leaves at 8:30AM. Contact Sharon Dabbs at sbdabbs2004@yahoo.com by Dec. 30th to reserve your seat (maximum is 16). Lunch will be at a nearby eatery.

Jan. 17th: EVENING meeting, 7-8PM, Fellowship Hall

The Dahlonge United Women in Faith will hold its second evening meeting for those women who cannot attend the monthly morning meetings. This is a new effort, and we encourage all interested women to attend. Our guest speaker is Kerri Whitmire, Lumpkin County School System. Kerri will share information about services available to children and teens through the public school system. Contact Linda Herman at lhherman@windstream.net for more information. Childcare will be provided.

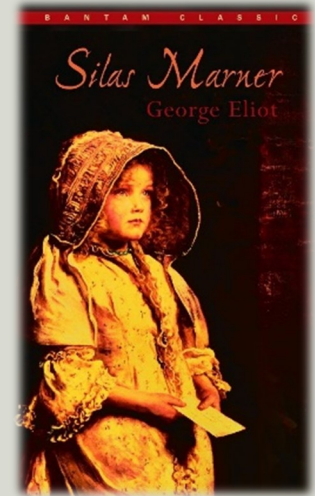
Feb. 7th: MORNING meeting, 10AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Janet Burkett will lead us in Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Women's Bible Study will resume January 17, 2-4 p.m. in the church library. Participants take turns facilitating the lessons. The topic will be *The Letter to the Romans*, a twelve week study by Ben Witherington. For more information, contact Suzanne Crossan 706 300 1839 suzannecrossan@yahoo.com.

BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will be discussing **Silas Marner (Bantam Classics)** on **Wednesday, January 25th at 6:30pm** in the Library. Check the public Library for copies available to check out or you may purchase this book by clicking on the link below.

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

Embittered by a false accusation, disappointed in friendship and love, the weaver Silas Marner retreats into a long twilight life alone with his loom. . . and his gold. Silas hoards a treasure that kills his spirit until fate steals it from him and replaces it with a golden-haired founding child. Where she came from, who her parents were, and who really stole the gold are the secrets that permeate this moving tale of guilt and innocence. A moral allegory of the redemptive power of love, it is also a finely drawn picture of early nineteenth-century England in the days when spinning wheels hummed busily in the farmhouses, and of a simple way of life that was soon to disappear.

If you would like to join the Book Club, please email deborah@dahlongeumc.org.

Announcements

Fishes and Loaves

Fishes and Loaves is a ministry that provides food when the family of a church member would like it for a gathering after a funeral/memorial service. We are about serving in love. There are three teams which rotate. The idea is to have enough on each team to cover because everyone is not available when their team's time comes up. If you would like to provide food when there is a need, please contact suzannecrossan@yahoo.com or call at 706-300-1839.

This is a caring opportunity to do something when you don't know what to do for a grieving family. These times are healing when they come in after the service, but leave filled with joy after sharing memories with loved ones over food.

In His service,
Suzanne

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

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.

One Child El Salvador



Since 2006, the La Magdalena Christian School has been the major mission of DUMC. You helped to build the school. You have provided a safe, loving environment for children to receive a high-quality education. But it takes ongoing financial support to keep this school operating, and to help our children there to thrive. It currently costs about \$8000 per month to operate the school (salaries, utilities, etc.), and this amount grows each year. And there are other more specific needs.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- ⇒ Set up a recurring monthly donation of any amount.
- ⇒ Sponsor a child. Or a teacher.
- ⇒ Donate for a specific need (textbooks, computers, construction, van, etc.)
- ⇒ Make a one-time donation of any amount to our general fund.
- ⇒ Like us on Facebook at One Child El Salvador, Inc.
- ⇒ Scan the QR Code to donate.

Please contribute directly to One Child El Salvador, Inc. instead of to DUMC. Mail your checks to One Child El Salvador at P.O. Box 274, Dahlonge, GA 30533 or make online donations using QR Code or www.onechildelsalvador.org or contact us at onechildelsalvador@gmail.com or call 706-265-5236.



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 January

Canned meat, Jelly, Canned Vegetables, Canned Beans

Personal Care Pantry

Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Toilet Paper, Disinfectant



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, Dahlonge, 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 hamburger 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

January Calendar for D-Town Kidz

- Sun, Jan. 1 **No Kidz Church (K-5th Grade)** – Worship with families in service.
Classes still available for babies – PreK
No KidVenture (Christmas Break)
- Sun, Jan. 8 **Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church** at 9:30 at DUMC
KidVenture 4:00-6:00 pm
It's National Sunday Supper Night! We will eat supper together!
- Sun, Jan. 15 **Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church** at 9:30 at DUMC
No KidVenture (MLK Holiday)
- Sun, Jan. 22 **Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church** at 9:30 at DUMC
KidVenture 4:00-6:00 pm
- Sun, Jan. 29 **Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church** at 9:30 at DUMC
KidVenture 4:00-6:00 pm

Save the Dates

Please mark your calendar for these important dates:

March 26th: Family Easter Event 4:00-6:00 pm

June 19-22 (M-Th): Vacation Bible School 9:00 am-12:00 pm

July 24-28: Grow Day Camp 9:00 am-5:30 pm (Cost is \$160)



It's that time of year to sign up for our
"Chasing Away Winter 5K" Run or Walk!

Sat. Feb 11, 2023 @8:45am
\$30 per person for the 5K
\$15 per person for the 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk
@8:25am
Tot Trot Free

To register to run/walk: <https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Dahlonega/ChasingAwayWinter5K>

Pre-Registration for Current students and church members for school year 2023-24 begins in January. February will begin registration for the public. Remember first come, first serve. Contact if the preschool office if you are interested at dumcmmo@gmail.com or 706-864-8521.



Youth Ministry

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

SPRING SCHEDULE

Sunday

MS Worship & HS Small Group

Sunday Afternoons 4—6pm

Meet at DUMC field/Fellowship Hall

MS Worship & HS Small Group

Wednesday Dinner

HS Worship & MS Small Groups

MS Dinner & Small Groups-5:45-7:30pm

HS Dinner & Small Groups-5:45-8:00pm

January

Dec. 30th—Jan. 1st—MS Ski Trip

8th—Youth Worship

13th—15th —HS Ski Trip

22nd—Youth Worship

29th—Youth Worship

February

5th—Youth Worship

12th—Super Bowl Sunday! Watch party at DUMC

19th—No Youth: Winter Break

26th—Youth Worship

Contact Information

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404-693-5387

Bailey Tam: bailey@dahlonegaumc.org
706-962-2614

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://dahlongaumc.org/services/>

Communion Rail Offering for January

January's communion rail offering is for Dahlonga Pregnancy Center. When you make a financial gift, you are standing in the gap for women and ensuring they are cared for with compassion, love and empowered in their pregnancy choices. North Georgia Pregnancy Services Center is the only reproductive medical clinic in the Dahlonga and Dawsonville areas providing holistic care for women at no cost. Dahlonga Pregnancy Center is able to serve our community because of the compassionate people who feel inspired to contribute to the cause.

Scheduled Holiday Office Closures

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@dahlongaumc.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

Friendship Class—Room 308

Facilitators: Nancy Goodyear

11:00 a.m.

11th Hour Class—Room: Library

Facilitator: Jeff Ramsland

Study Group Educational Meetings



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.

In Christ, The DUMC Study Group