

FEBRUARY 2023

The Prospector

Dahlonega United Methodist Church

Soup Bowl 2023 Fundraiser Side by Side

Join the Outreach Committee of Dahlonega United Methodist Church on February 5 from 11:00am-1:00pm in the DUMC fellowship hall for a Soup Lunch fundraiser supporting Side by Side in Service.

The Cost is \$10 per person, \$25 per family, no tickets necessary, pay at the door. Please make checks out to Side by Side. All proceeds will go to Side by Side as they prepare for the 2023 day of service in April.

We are in need of folks in our church family to provide their favorite soup in a crock pot, a pan of cornbread, a dessert or all three if you'd like.

Please click on link below and complete the form to let us know what you'd like to bring.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUnKtCp3jjOpYNGZZn3S0TYjNksJeh6bJl2idSVktZDU07JQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

We would like to have as many soups as possible, but probably at least:

15 Crock pots of soups
7-8 (9x13) pans of cornbread
10-12 Options for desserts

Please label all crock pots, utensils and pans with your name.

Please arrive no later than 10:30 in the fellowship hall to drop off your items.

(You can drop them off earlier if needed to attend one of the three services that day.)

**If you make a recipe that has peanuts or other tree nuts in it, please label it as such and let the volunteers know so it can be protected from anyone with a nut allergy.



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Announcements

Church Wide Study

Join the church wide study for Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. The focus will be on fasting. We will be using two different books, 40-day Sugar Fast and 40-day Media Fast. The books will be available starting Ash Wednesday and you may choose which one to take and read. The books are free, donations are welcome.

May our craving be for God and not for the world.



Are you addicted to your phone? Do you find yourself engaging online but unengaged at home with the people right in front of you? Do you spend hours scrolling through Facebook, Instagram, newsfeeds, and YouTube videos? Have your devices become divisive--dividing you from family and friends and, most importantly, God? What would happen if you took some time to fast from social media in order to get social with God and others once more? This "screen sabbatical" is designed to help you become fully conscious of your dependence on social media so you can purposefully unplug from screens and plug into real life with the help of a very real God. Take a break from every-one and everything you follow online. Disconnect in order to reconnect with the only One who said "follow me."



Many of us sign up for a physical detox program, thinking that if our bodies are healthier, then we're healthier. But a healthy body doesn't do us a lot of good if we are spiritually malnourished.

Welcome to the 40-Day Sugar Fast, a fast that begins with us giving Jesus our sugar and ends with Jesus giving us more of himself--the only thing that can ever truly satisfy our soul's deep hunger. On this 40-day journey you'll learn how to stop fixating on food and other things you use to fill the voids in life and instead fix your eyes on Christ.

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Mothers and Daughters (middle and high school)

The Retreat

March 10 and 11, from 5 PM - 5 PM

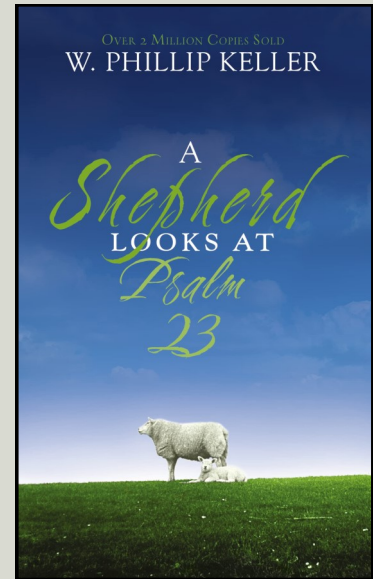
Cost: \$15 per person, covers lodging, food, and materials

Scholarships available



For more information or to register
please contact Pastor Robin at
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770-530-5310

New Monday Night Bible Study



A new Monday Night Bible Study will begin on Monday, February 20, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing Psalm 23 using the book, *A Shepherd Looks at the 23rd Psalm* by W. Phillip Keller.

You may purchase the books using the following link:

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=a+shepherd+looks+at+psalm+23+phillip+keller&i=stripbooks&crd=104MCDND0R7TY&sprefix=a+shepher%2Cstripbooks%2C100&ref=nb_sb_ss_ts-doa-p_1_9

Schedule:

February 20: Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2

March 6: Chapters 3 - 5

March 13: Chapters 6 - 8

March 20: Chapters 9 - 10

April 10: Final Chapters 11 and 12, and concluding thoughts

For more information contact Pastor Robin or Dan Parr.

dan@weaverlawfirmga.com / robin@dahlongaumc.org

Announcements

Dahlonega United Women in Faith

Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month, 10AM, Fellowship Hall
All ladies from the church are invited.

February 7th: 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. This sisterhood observance welcomes all to join in a celebration of selfless giving and spiritual communion with God. Our 2023 theme, '**We Believe Love in Action Changes the World**' 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.

March 7th: Our guest speaker is Angela Ewers, founder of Rock Goodbye Angel, a 501(C)3 ministry in Gainesville that supports families of pregnancy and infant loss. Her passion and calling is to help guide individuals and couples through the grieving process while restoring and strengthening their faith in God. Angela is a Licensed and Ordained Minister and has a masters degree in Pastoral Counseling.

Sewing Heart Pillows, by Kara Martina Excerpts from Response Magazine

The idea of making heart-shaped pillows came from a church member who noticed the pillows while visiting another church. Even though that church member moved away from DUMC, she encouraged others to continue sewing

heart-shaped pillows. In the past three years, the ministry has grown, attracting women who want to fellowship and share in the joy of making, stuffing, and distributing pillows to those in need of a reminder of how much they are loved.

In the last year, we provided more the 230 pillows to each child in the church and to anyone who attends "Blue Christmas" service or regular church services on monthly basis. We've sent pillows to teachers at our church-supported school in El Salvador. Eighty pillows have been distributed to Murphy-Harpst Children's Center for children who are victims of abuse. Pillows are also given to Jeremiah's Place, No One Alone, Meals on Wheels recipients, Rainbow House, Iraq and other war-torn countries, Kentucky's Appalachian Mountains, retirement/nursing home. Recipients have written letters back to their pillow-givers, sharing stories of gratitude. One man tells us he sleeps with his pillow every naptime.

A favorite pillow for male recipients is made from repurposed men's shirts, so it includes buttons up the middle and an existing shirt pocket. Bereavement pillows are made by request with fabric chosen and donated by their recipients.

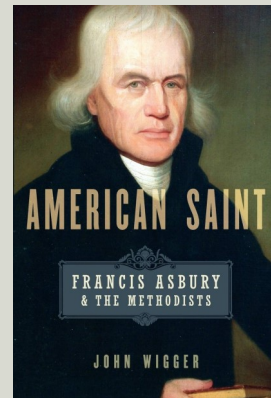
Pillows are distributed free of charge, so donations are helpful. A local store going out of business recently donated 800 yards of cotton fabric, guaranteeing the continuation of the pillow ministry.

Heart Kits are available to circle members and other volunteers to pick up the material and sew prior to monthly meetings. At the meetings, members stuff hearts and make bookmarks and crosses. While we stuff, stitch, cut, and apply stickers to bookmarks, we do a round of "Tell me something I don't know about you," in hopes of forming stronger friendships. Most things shared have made us laugh, but some stories go deeper. It all draws us closer to one another and to God.

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.**



BOOK CLUB



The Book Club reading for February will be *American Saint, Francis Asbury & the Methodists*, by John Wigger.

Due to the Ash Wednesday service scheduled for February 22nd, we will discuss the book on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30 pm in the Library. To purchase the book click here: <https://a.co/d/OHA6wxH>

English-born Francis Asbury was one of the most important religious leaders in American history. Asbury single-handedly guided the creation of the American Methodist church, which became the largest Protestant denomination in nineteenth-century America, and laid the foundation of the Holiness and Pentecostal movements that flourish today. In *American Saint*, John Wigger has written the definitive biography of Asbury and, by extension, a revealing interpretation of the early years of the Methodist movement in America. Asbury emerges here as not merely an influential religious leader, but a fascinating character, who lived an extraordinary life. His cultural sensitivity was matched only by his ability to organize. His life of prayer and voluntary poverty were legendary, as was his generosity to the poor. He had a remarkable ability to connect with ordinary people, and he met with thousands of them as he crisscrossed the nation, riding more than one hundred and thirty thousand miles between his arrival in America in 1771 and his death in 1816. Indeed Wigger notes that Asbury was more recognized face-to-face than any other American of his day, including Thomas Jefferson and George Washington.

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

Care and Support

MISSION TEAM HEADED TO EL SALVADOR IN FEBRUARY



A mission team will be going to El Salvador February 18-24 to continue our 17-year partnership with the people of La Magdalena and the school that we helped to start there. The team will be led by Pastor Steve.

The team will be there as the hands and feet of Christ, helping with construction of the next classroom building and helping in the classrooms, among other things. They will, of course, bring ministry and teaching at the local church there, too. The team will

also be delivering tangible evidence of your love for the children. Among other things, the team will be delivering handmade cards for each of the children in the school, made by children of our church, thanks to Vanessa Myers. They will also be delivering Salvation Dolls made by Debbie Gaines to all of the Kindergarten children. And they will deliver the other 10 computers for completion of the new Computer Lab at the school. Also, we recently sent the \$1,500 raised by the Women United in Faith for purchase of needed supplies and equipment to complete the Science Lab.

Please keep the team members and their families in your prayers. They are:

Steve Schofield – Team Leader

Timothy Adams—Kara Bennett—Nathan Dickens—Suzy Garmon—Linda Gilreath

Andrew Myers—Rae Lynn Myers—Jerry Reeves—Luke Schofield—Bailey Tam

We thank these dedicated people who have answered God's call to serve in El Salvador!

First day of school in La Magdalena! 213 students!



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, Dahlonega, 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.



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 February

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, 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

February Calendar for D-Town Kidz

- Sun, Feb. 5 **No Kidz Church (K-5th Grade)**
Worship with families in service. Classes still available for babies - PreK
KidVenture 4:00-6:00 pm
- Sun, Feb. 12 **Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church** at 9:30 at DUMC
KidVenture 4:00-6:00 pm
National Super Chicken Wing Day! We will eat chicken wings & play football! Wear your favorite team jersey!
- Sun, Feb. 19 **Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church** at 9:30 at DUMC
No KidVenture (Winter Break)
- Sun, Feb. 26 **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 school year 2023-24

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

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://dahlonegaumc.org/services/>

**Ash Wednesday
February 23rd at 7pm
In the Sanctuary.**

Communion Rail Offering for February

The Communion Rail offering Sunday will support the work of the Wesley Foundation for ministry to students on the UNG Campus. The UNG Wesley Foundation serves the students on the UNG Campus by building disciples of Jesus Christ. The UNG Wesley Foundation is dependent upon gracious givers and thanks you for giving and for your prayers!

Scheduled Holiday Office Closures

Office Closed - Monday, February 20th

Wednesday Night Suppers

Remember to make reservations for Wednesday Night Suppers on **Tuesdays by 12 noon**. Reservations can be made by emailing linda@dahlonegaumc.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.



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



*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.dahlonegaumc.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