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The Prospector

Dahlonega United Methodist Church



GOOD SAMARITAN

The Good Samaritan Ministry is a new ministry at DUMC. It is designed to help community members with service projects that they may not be able to afford or complete on their own.

If you would like to volunteer with the Good Samaritan Ministry, please complete the form by scanning the QR code or click on link. This form is designed to help us best use your skills and experience while serving our community.



SCAN ME

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMOKOHw7O8JxoKFMuw1Kal7H5_UDTWWMlInve09ZaLYcA5Q/viewform

For more information contact Chris Davis at 404-693-5387.

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Side by Side Work Day-Saturday, April 22nd



Side by Side is a one day event uniting Lumpkin County churches of all denominations together in Christ to serve this community. Although each church is doing local mission work on a smaller scale, imagine the impact when the faith community gathers together and cooperatively works to meet the needs of our county! Churches and people come together to provide services for those in need. This can be low income families or elderly individuals who are no longer able to complete projects around the house. Get your family, friends, church, classmates and yourself involved in the mission. This event is both multi-generational and multi-congregational. Side by side offers a range of projects from the highly skilled to simple projects and is open to all ages. Our volunteers range from age 5 to 80+ years, there is a job for everyone.

If you would like to volunteer for the Side by Side in service event day or to suggest a project go to: <https://sidebysideinservice.com/> or complete the form located in the church foyer and drop in box. Everyone will meet at Dahlonega Baptist Church on April 22nd, around 7:00-7:30am, to be assigned to a work group. For more information you may contact Kayd Thrasher at 706-482-8639.



BRING THE FIRE HOME
Rekindling the Spirit

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD 4:00-6:00 PM	WHERE: DAHLONEGA UMC 107 S PARK STREET DAHLONEGA, GA	WHO: ANYONE WHO IS HUNGRY TO "BRING THE FIRE HOME" ROBIN@DAHLONEGAUMC.ORG 770-530-5310
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Announcements

The UNG Wesley Foundation has their fundraising dinner, "Taste of Wesley", on April 15th, 2023 at the Dahlonega Market Place from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Cost per plate is \$25 and their goal is to raise \$40,000. If you're interested in attending sign up through the QR Code below. For more information contact Nathan Dickens by emailing him at ungwesley@gmail.com.



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TASTE OF WESLEY



When

April 15, 2023
6:30pm-8:00pm



Where

Dahlonega Market Place

100 Public Square N.
Dahlonega, GA 30533



Why

Fundraising Dinner
\$25 A plate

This is an opportunity to...

- Learn more about the ministry
- Meet Wesley students
- Become a partner with Wesley (Our goal is to raise \$40,000)
- Sign up through evite through the QR code below.



See you there!

Announcements

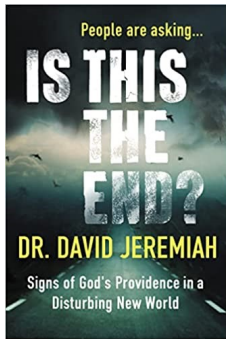
JESUS REVOLUTION

The exciting new movie chronicles what has been called 'the largest public movement of the Holy Spirit in the United States since the celebrated revivals of the nineteenth century.' On Monday, April 10, 6:30-8:30PM in the Fellowship Hall, Jeff Ramsland will share his testimony about what it meant for him as a young person going through these exciting times during the late 1960's and early 1970's as a 'seeker' then becoming a born again Christian at Explo '72.

Ministry with Native Americans

Is it possible to reconcile Christianity with Native American spirituality? What does current evangelism with Native Americans look like? On Mondays April 17 & 24, 6:30-8:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, Jeff Ramsland will explore these and other issues, sharing experiences and insights from his ministry with Native Americans.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study



Tuesday Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the church library. April 11 we will start the David Jeremiah study: *Is This the End? Signs of God's Providence in a Disturbing New World*. You will need the study guide. The book is optional. Tuesday Bible Study is group led. Participants take turns leading each lesson.

Never have headlines been this jarring, cultural changes this rapid, or moral decay this pronounced. What on earth is happening? After each new occurrence, the most oft-heard questions are, "Will the world ever be the same again?" and "Where is God in all of this?" Over the last few decades, Dr. David Jeremiah

has become one of the world's most sought-after Christian leaders on topics that deal with biblical application and modern culture.

Congratulations 2023 Confirmands!



Nykole Cooper



Cole Johnson



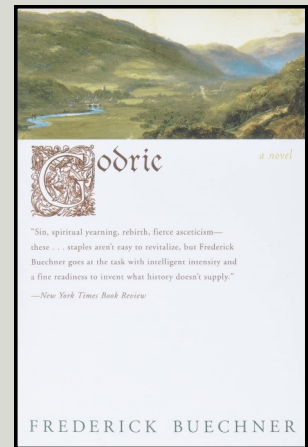
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Caroline Tinney

On Sunday, March 26th the Witness Committee hosted the Pastors Confirmation Breakfast for the Confirmands that completed their classes. In addition to a biscuit breakfast, each confirmands picture was taken with Pastor Steve and framed for their remembrance. We love & enjoy giving our faith, support, & kindness to these kids and their families. Thanks to everyone who attended and for all the Witness Committee's help in putting this together. *Jane Yasui*

BOOK CLUB



The Book Club reading for April will be *Godric: A Novel*, by Frederick Buechner.

We will discuss the book on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30 pm in the Library. To purchase the book click here: <https://a.co/d/aAJ3EZp>

In the extraordinary figure of Godric, both stubborn outsider and true child of God, both worldly and unworldly, Frederick Buechner has found an ideal means of exploring the nature of spirituality. Godric is a living battleground where God fights it out with the world, the Flesh, and the Devil."

Frederick Buechner's Godric "retells the life of Godric of Finchale, a twelfth-century English holy man whose projects late in life included that of purifying his moral ambition of pride...Sin, spiritual yearning, rebirth, fierce asceticism—these hagiographic staples aren't easy to revitalize but Frederick Buechner goes at the task with intelligent intensity and a fine readiness to invent what history doesn't supply.

If you would like to join the Book Club, please email deborah@dahlongaumc.org. Everyone is welcome to join!

Announcements

Security Team Recruitment

If you are interested in serving on the DUMC Security team, please call Wally Woods at 706-244-4981. Thank you.

Wednesday Night Suppers

There will be NO Wednesday Night Supper on April 5th. We will resume April 12th and end for the summer on April 26th. We will resume in September. 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 \$5.00 for children 12 years and under.

Cookout Fundraiser for El Salvador

On Wednesday, April 19th from 6-7 PM there will be a free (for donation) cookout at the Pavilion to benefit the children of the La Magdalena Christian School in El Salvador. Hamburgers, hot dogs and sides. Enjoy good food and fellowship in the great Spring

Dahlonga United Women in Faith

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

April 4th: Pledge Program for 2023-2024

presented by Suzanne Crossan *Who is This Jesus - What Does He Have to Do with My Money?* Most of our pledge dollars go to local needs and efforts. The monies we send multiply as other units are contributing worldwide. Mission dollars go to organizations worldwide to help women, youth and children. Learn how your pledge dollars make a difference!

May 2nd: Dr. Melinda Frausto, the Executive Director of the Rainbow Childrens Home will be our guest speaker. She has held that position for 23 years and considers it her calling. The Home is a safe haven for children who need to be removed from their home or who are in trouble with the law, and it keeps them from being incarcerated. The facility is only for girls and can accommodate only 8 girls at a time.

Assisted Listening Capabilities

DUMC is now offering assisted listening capabilities through Listen Technologies. Please download the app "Listen Everywhere" from the APP or Google Play Store to your smart phone and pair your Bluetooth hearing aids or headphones to your device. Connect to the wifi "Listen" (Password – canyouhearme). Open the app and select "DUMC Sanctuary". For more information, contact Chuck Bell @ chuck@chuckbellmusic.com or stop by the audio booth on Sunday morning.



Lions of English Christian Faith Trip

Join Christy Greenwald and Katie Greenwald Reid on October 3-10, 2023 for a six day tour of the homes, pubs, schools, and churches in Oxford, Bristol and London, England, frequented by John Wesley and C.S. Lewis, "Lions of English Christian Faith." To sign up and for more information contact Christy Greenwald at 706-429-7818.

Nurture Committee Update

Large Print Bibles Needed

The Nurture Committee met with a representative from Chelsea Park. One of the first items on her list of needs was large print Bibles. Preferable, KJV or NIV. If you have extras to donate please place in box in the foyer.

Graduates 2023

This year the Nurture Committee is praying for a specific group of members each month and sending them notes of encouragement. In March we recognized everyone who was in active military service. In April we will be supporting our DUMC 2023 graduates. Chris and Bailey are aware of most of our high school graduates, but for college graduates who may not already be on their list, there are sign-up sheets on the table outside the sanctuary or ask an usher for one on Sunday. We are so proud of all our graduates and want them to know their church family is supporting them with our prayers in the next exciting phase of their lives.

Community Helping Place

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 April

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Juice, Grits



LA MAGDALENA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - HERE WE GROW!

The construction work continues for the much-needed new classroom building at the school we sponsor in La Magdalena, El Salvador. We discovered that the Ninth Graders are currently having to meet in the Science Lab - squeezed in between the lab tables! They are certainly looking forward to the completion of the new classrooms.



We are excited to share with you the recently-received complete site plan for the entire school, showing what the school will look like when all construction and infrastructure is completed. Currently, some of the rooms shown for future uses (Library, Infirmary, Teacher Office, all required by the Government) are being utilized as classrooms until the construction of new classrooms is completed. The section in green is the recently-acquired property, with the set of four classrooms currently under construction shown on the right of that property. The set of classrooms shown on the left will be future construction, as funds are raised. Also, there is currently not a multi-purpose athletic field as shown on the site plan (also required by the government), but rather just a grassy field with fissures in the hard, volcanic earth during the current dry season.

Click here to view the School Architect Plan:

https://dahlonegaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Complete-School-Architect-Plan_English-version-copy.pdf



Of course, the lives of the children being affected by their attendance at this school are far more important than mere bricks and mortar. That is what this school and ministry are truly about. But without the infrastructure, there would be no place for this Kingdom work to occur.. No safe place for these children to receive the high-quality, Christ-centered education that they are receiving here.

Your generous support through the years - and the Grace of God - has brought the school so far! Currently we serve 213 students, grades K4 through 9th Grade, who will have a brighter future, thanks to this school. The children, teachers, and staff of the La Magdalena Christian School truly want to convey their deepest gratitude to all who have supported and continue to support this school through your financial support, and, more importantly, your constant prayers.



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.

One Child El Salvador

Please contribute directly to One Child El Salvador, Inc. instead of to DUMC.

Mail your checks to
One Child El Salvador, 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.

Children's Ministry

Kidz Church

There will be NO Kidz Church for K-5th graders on April 2nd & April 9. April 2nd is First Sunday Family Worship and April 9th is Easter Sunday. K-5th graders will worship in the service with their families on these 2 Sundays. Classes still available for babies-PreK.

KidVenture

For the month of April we will meet on April 16, 23, & 30. We will NOT meet on the 2nd & 9th due to Spring Break and Easter. On April 16th we will celebrate National Kickball Day! Come for a fun night of kickball and Jesus! Our last KV of the school year will be on May 7.

Vacation Bible School

June 19-22 (Monday-Thursday) - 9am-12pm

VBS is for children who are 3-years old - 5th Grade (completed). We do have 2-year old classes available for our church families, MMO families, and VBS volunteers.

A Nursery is also available for our VBS volunteers who have children under 2.

Register your child now for Monumental VBS! **Register online now at:**

www.dtownkidz.org



Grow Day Camp

July 24-28

9am-5:30 pm (except Friday which is 9am-12:30 pm)

Cost is \$160 (some scholarships are available)

Grow Day Camp is for kids who are rising 1st-rising 6th graders. This is an awesome day camp your child will love to attend! You can register now at:

www.growdaycamps.org.



Spring break week of April 3-7.

**The preschool office
will close that week as well.**

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

April

2nd—Spring Break Activity

9th—No Youth: Easter

16th—Youth Worship

23rd—Youth Worship

High School Mission Trip

June 23rd through July 1st

Mission Trip to Dayton, Ohio

Cost: \$250

Middle School Summer Camp

July 13th through July 16th

Ocoee Retreat Center

Cost: \$175

Contact Information

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706-962-2614

Sunday Worship



Join us in celebration of our Lord and King! His Life, His Death, His Resurrection!

Maundy Thursday Service

DUMC's Maundy Thursday service, set for April 6 at 7:00 pm, will include Holy Communion and a Tenebrae service in which scripture readings and music responses will dramatically depict the passion of our Lord. The DUMC Choir, along with congregational participation, will provide the musical responses for the service.

Community Good Friday Service at DUMC—April 7th—12:00-1:00pm—No Lunch

Community Easter Sunrise Service—April 9th—Hancock Park at 7am.

Easter Sunday (April 9th) Worship Schedule

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/>

Communion Rail Offering for April

April's Communion Rail offering will be for DUMC youth who need help going on mission trips and summer youth camp.

Join the Chancel Choir!

Your chancel choir needs you. The choir practices 6:15-7:30 on Wednesday evenings. We practice before the service, meeting in the choir room at 10 a.m. All voices are needed. You can contact Suzanne Crossan suzannecrossan@yahoo.com, or Text at 706 300 1839, or show up at Wednesday's practice.



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.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