

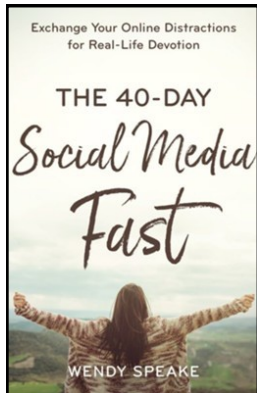
MARCH 2023

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Dahlonega United Methodist Church

Church Wide Study

Join the church wide study for Lent. 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 in the foyer 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, news-feeds, 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 everyone 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.

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Announcements

Lenten Services

Lent, the season that helps prepare us for the celebration of Easter, commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry. As Lent draws to a close during Holy Week, we remember Jesus' death on a cross for us. Then on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection, that Jesus is alive.

The Lenten services will be at St. Luke's Catholic Church at 12 noon. A light lunch will be served following the services.

February 28 – John Hamilton – John 3:1-17: *Nicodemus*

March 7 – Mari Turner – John 4:5-42 – *Woman at the Well*

March 14 – Matthew Dalrymple – John 9:1-41 – *Man born blind*

March 21 – David Bost – John 11:1-45 – *Raising of Lazarus*

March 28 – Rich Good – Matthew 21:1-11 – *The Triumphal Entry*

Maundy Thursday—Dahlonge UMC—6:00pm

Good Friday—Dahlonge UMC 12:00 PM



Dahlonge United Women in Faith

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

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 are 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.

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!

**Fearfully
and
Wonderfully
Made**

Mothers and Daughters (middle and high school)

The Retreat

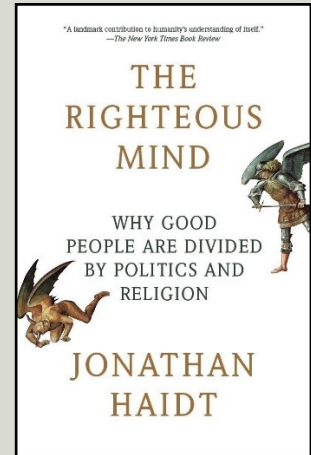
March 10 and 11, from 5 PM - 5 PM

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

Scholarships available



BOOK CLUB



The Book Club reading for March will be *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion*, by Jonathan Haidt. We will discuss the book on **Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30 pm in the Library**. To purchase the book click here: <https://a.co/d/aF6lm4d>

Drawing on his twenty-five years of groundbreaking research on moral psychology, Jonathan Haidt shows how moral judgments arise not from reason but from gut feelings. He shows why liberals, conservatives, and libertarians have such different intuitions about right and wrong, and he shows why each side is actually right about many of its central concerns.

*In this subtle yet accessible book, Haidt gives you the key to understanding the miracle of human cooperation, as well as the curse of our eternal divisions and conflicts. If you're ready to trade in anger for understanding, read *The Righteous Mind*.*

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

Care and Support

EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP 2023 REPORT - GOD AT WORK!

The Mission Team has just returned from a successful trip to El Salvador. Yes, there was much physically accomplished, but more important was the spiritual growth of our team, and the relationships formed and strengthened with our friends in El Salvador. One of the highlights of the trip was the team's nightly devotional time together. Each night, after the devotion, Pastor Steve asked us, "Where did you see God today?" We did not have any problem answering this, as His Holy Spirit permeated everything about this trip.



God showed up in a mighty way throughout this trip! He was with us in the hot physical labor of working alongside of our local friends on the foundation of the already-needed new four classroom building. He was with Linda and Susie as they helped the

teachers in the classrooms throughout the week. God was with us as we worshiped with our La Magdalena church family. We saw God in the children as they greeted us and interacted with us each day. We saw God in the wonderful ladies who lovingly made meals for us each day and served us so graciously. He was in the connections made that will result in much-needed financial help with the school. And He was in the relationships and friendships that were formed and will last a lifetime.



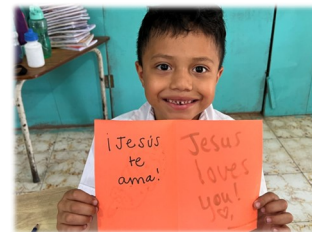
We delivered needed physical items, such as Bibles for the older children, the rest of the computers for the computer lab, and more. We also delivered gifts for the children and teachers, made lovingly by members of our church, such as Salvation Dolls for the Kindergarten children, and pocket crosses for all of the children. Vanessa had the DUMC children make cards for all of the children of the La Magdalena school, which they received and read with delight! One little boy said



that he was happy that he just learned how to hold a pencil so that he could reply to his letter!



We cannot say "Thank You" enough for your support of this Team for this trip, and your continued support of the school and children in the little village of La Magdalena. God, through you, is definitely making a lasting difference in the lives of these children and their families! God Bless You!



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.

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 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.

Rise Against Hunger



You are invited to join a Meal Packaging Experience with South Bend UMC-Gainesville 3512 Clarks Bridge Rd, Gainesville, GA 30506, on March 11th from 10-12 noon. They may look like simple bags of rice and soy, but Rise Against Hunger meals represent the hopes and dreams of people worldwide. Volunteers are the heart of the mission to end

hunger and they could not send millions of meals around the globe each year without them. Click on link for more information about Rise Against Hunger:

<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>.

Methodist Women of Faith Fieldtrip to Wesley Woods at Emory

On January 3, 2023, Tuesday, five ladies from the Dahlonga Methodist Women of Faith traveled to the Wesley Woods Center of Emory University, Wesley Woods Towers. This organization has focused on the needs of older adults for nearly half a century. Our church and women's group donate money and a rail offering to the Wesley Woods community.

The Wesley Woods Towers is affiliated with Emory University's School of Medicine. The address is 1825 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329, 404-728-6600. Mr. Joshua King is the Marketing Manager at joshua.king@wesleywoods.org, 404-728-6963.

Reverend Karen Kagiya and Chaplain Susan Amick greeted the team and shared information about the Wesley Woods Towers and about the other Wesley Woods communities across Georgia. This particular community is for older adults who can live independently. One and two bedroom apartments are available for residents. However, on one floor there are one bedroom apartments for those needing 24 hour assistance with activities such as medication management, bathing, dressing, and housekeeping. There is dining on site and also many activities to promote wellness and learning.

The Dahlonga ladies observed residents walking about, talking with others, and working in the outside gardens. The chaplain shared the faith-based services. This community, though a Methodist sponsorship, is open to everyone of any faith.

The Sewing Hearts Circle gave pillows to the deaconess to share with residents as she meets with residents in individual or small groups.

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**. Dahlonga 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.

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.



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

Jelly, grits, soup, cereal, crackers vegetable oil, canned meat, canned potatoes

Personal Care Pantry

Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, deodorant, laundry detergent, baby wipes



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, Dahlonga, 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

KidVenture in March

KidVenture will meet on March 5, 12, & 19. We will NOT meet on March 26 due to our Family Easter Event.

March 12 is National Napping Day! Wear your pajamas to KidVenture!

Family Easter Event

All families with children are invited to join us on **Sunday, March 26th at 4:00 pm** for our Rock & Roll Family Easter Event! We will have craft stations, along with an egg hunt and food!

Families will first gather in the Sanctuary to hear instructions about the egg hunt. They will then be released to hunt for eggs. After that families are free to explore the stations and eat! Come join us!

You've Been Egged

DUMC families with children will have their homes egged the week of March 27-30 (M-Th). Watch for Easter eggs (and candy) to appear in your yard one day that week!

Save the Dates

Please mark your calendar for these important dates:

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)



Thank you to all our sponsors and our race participants for making our 11th Annual Chasing Away Winter 5K/Fun Run a great success. We had 95 run/walkers to participate. It was a beautiful cool morning. We avoided the rain, Praise Jesus, and had a great run/walk. Thank you all again! See ya next year!!



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

March

3rd - 5th—Converge Retreat

12th—Youth Worship

19th—Youth Worship

26th—Youth Worship

Converge Retreat

March 3rd—March 5th at Camp

Woodlands

Cost: \$175

Contact Information

Chris Davis: chris@dahlongeumc.org
404-693-5387

Bailey Tam: bailey@dahlongeumc.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/>

Confirmation Sunday is March 26th at the 9:30 service.

This is a great time to join the church
and/or be baptized at Camp Glisson.
The baptism will take place at 12:30pm.

Please contact
deborah@dahlonegaumc.org
if you would like to join the church and/or
be baptized at Camp Glisson.

Communion Rail Offering for March

The Communion Rail offering Sunday, March 5th will support the work of Side by Side. Side by Side is a one day event uniting Lumpkin County churches of all denominations together in Christ to serve this community. The hands-on mission blitz meets the physical and emotional needs of our community. It offers a range of projects from the highly skilled to simple projects and is open to all ages. **Side by Side is Saturday, April 22nd.** *Loving in deed and in truth... I John 3:18"*

Join the Chancel Choir!

Your chancel choir needs you. Now is the time to join us for the special music during the Lenten/Easter service. All voices are needed. The choir practices 6-7:30 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, text 706 300 1839, or show up at Wednesday's practice.

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

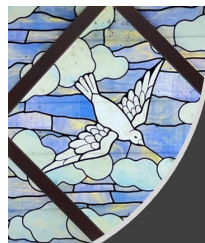
Facilitators: Nancy Goodyear

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