

JULY 2023

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Dahlonega United Methodist Church



16th Annual
TOMATO
Sandwich
SUPPER



BENEFITS ANNE GREENE FREE
CLINIC

Thursday July 20, 2023

5:00-6:30pm

BLT Sandwich, Chips and a Homemade Dessert!

\$12/PERSON \$35/FAMILY

GET TICKETS AND SPONSOR ONLINE
communityhelpingplace.org



5:00-6:30pm Dine- in or Take Out:

DAHLONEGA BAPTIST

DAHLONEGA UNITED METHODIST

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Join us for live music and family fun from 6:30- 8:00 in Hancock Park

Making a difference one tomato at a time

Questions?:
Contact Paula at 706-867-9621

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Announcements

Wednesday Morning Prayer Service and Communion Every Wednesday – 7 AM – Sanctuary

John Wesley said, "It is the duty of every Christian to receive the Lord's Supper as often as he or she can." Wesley called Holy Communion "the grand channel" of God's grace to us; grace being nothing less than empowerment and pardon made possible by God's very presence with us. Christ is present at the table. When Christ said, "I have longed desired to share this meal with you," his words are as much for us today as they were for the disciples so long ago.

Furthermore, Christ also told us that miracles cannot happen without prayer. For this reason, the sacrament of Holy Communion and the power of prayer are vital ways that we connect with the Triune God, "becoming one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world." These Means of Grace are two of the vital ways that we become "Holy as Christ is Holy."

We are at a critical point in history in which Christ is asking us to be His Bride. Although a part of the world, we stand apart from the world. We cannot be his disciples, nor his church, if we do not pray and receive Holy Communion as often as we possibly can.

Revival and Holy Communion go hand in hand. Wesley believed that when we receive Christ, our lives are transformed. Over and over again in his journal we see examples of God working mightily as the faithful gathered for Holy Communion, prayed together, and received Christ together.

I know that you feel the very power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our church. The Spirit is hovering over the waters of our baptism as He did so long ago at the precipice of creation. We know that God is about to work a tremendous miracle, but are you prepared?

Each Wednesday we have a prayer and communion service from 7:00 AM until 7:35 AM. We are asking our congregation to make every possible effort to attend this service, especially as we enter into a season of discernment regarding the future of our church. As I said, we all know that the Holy Spirit is doing something miraculous in our church, but the Spirit needs us to put on the full armor of Christ in order to receive His Word and act on His Will.

Will you join Steve and me as we pray for the vision Christ has placed within us, and within our church. Let us feast together with Christ as the Holy Spirit guides us into fully transformed lives who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Rev. Robin Parr

Holy Land Trip

Led by Dan & Robin Parr, October 27-November 8th 2024. There will be an informational meeting Sunday, September 10th at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.



*Preserve
the
Spirit*

Church Conference August 6

Remember to mark your calendar for
August 6 at 2pm for the vote on the
future of our church!

The doors open at **1:00 p.m.** and
will close precisely at **2:00 p.m.**
You MUST be present to vote.

You MUST be a Member of DUMC to Vote.
You MUST present a valid ID to vote.

**(Confirmed children may use a school ID but
not necessary if they are accompanied with a
voting parent)**

A Nursery will be provided.

Below is a sample ballot for your study.

Do you want the Dahlonge UMC to disaffiliate from the UMC for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues which follow as provided in Paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline?

Yes No

**An easy way to understand the ballot is to
vote "Yes" to Disaffiliate from the United
Methodist Church or vote "No" to stay with
the United Methodist Church.**

**We need you to be in prayer that our church
will be faithful to the call of
God for us!**

**For more information, scan the
QR Code below:**



Announcements

Sportsmen's Group - Faith, Fletching, Flintlocks and Fly Rods

Please join the Sportsmen for a meal and fellowship at the Church Pavilion Monday, July 17th at 6pm. Please email Ray at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Back-to-School Benefit Sale

Back To School Clothing Sale/Item Sale (baby and children's), benefiting One Child El Salvador Mission, Saturday, July 22nd from 8am – 2pm at DUMC. All used and gently worn baby and children's clothing, baby items, furniture and toys starting at \$1.00. Pre-event donations can be dropped off **ONLY** on Friday, July 21st, from 9AM - 5 PM, in the fellowship hall. Help us clothe children in El Salvador!

The DUMC Young Adult Ministry will also be selling furniture (all types) at the same time and location to benefit their ministry. Arrangements can be made for pickup of these items prior to the event. For more information contact Megan Pendley at 706-429-7533 or megan.pendley@lumpkinschools.com.

Church Family Educators Month

The Nurture Committee will be focusing on our church family educators in the month of July. Please email the names and addresses of your family members who are current or retired educators to linda@dahlongaumc.org.

Dahlonga United Women in Faith

All ladies from the church are invited.

There will be no meeting in July and August. The next UWF meeting will be September 5th.

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.

The Good Samaritan ministry is a new ministry at DUMC. It is designed to help



**GOOD
SAMARITAN**

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



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMOKOHw7O8JxoKFMuw1KaII7H5_UDTWWMlInve09ZaLYcA5Q/viewform

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.

Summer Book Club Reading Selections

This Summer we will be reading a selection of short stories from some of great authors of literature around Christian themes. Our next meeting will be August 30th at 6:30pm in the Library. Copies of the short stories are available in the church office.

The Grand Inquisitor,
by Fyodor Dostoevsky

The Student,
by Anton Chekhov

Master and Man,
by Leo Tolstoy

A Worn Path,
by Eudora Welty

The Minister's Black Veil,
by Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Hammer of God,
by G.K. Chesterton

A Good Man is Hard to Find,
by Flannery O'Connor

The Last Word,
by Graham Greene

What Men Live By,
by Leo Tolstoy

The Selfish Giant,
by Oscar Wilde

Listening to Your Life,
by Frank Griswold

The Peasant Marey,
by Fyodor Dostoevsky

The Crowd is Untruth,
by Soren Kierkegaard

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



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 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. (See Link Below) 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

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.



Here is an opportunity to go as a church and bring Jesus, make disciples through the gifts the Lord has blessed us with. There is a need for doctors, nurses, over the counter medicines, training pastors, home visits, vacation bible school, baseball and softball coaches. We will also do vacation bible school, do home visitations, street evangelism and speak in the house churches.

Host: Jeff Siegel, President of Go Global Ministries.

Cost: \$2,450—Costs from the USA including religious visa in Cuba. Cost includes room, food, air travel, and Cuban medical insurance. For more information and registration, contact Jeff via [email](mailto:sjsiegel1@cs.com) or call (678) 595-1931. sjsiegel1@cs.com

Click here for the itinerary: <https://dahlonegaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Cuba-Itinerary-Thursday-November-2-Friday-November-10-2023-003.pdf>

Click here for info Cuba 10 pieces: https://dahlonegaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Info-for-Cuba-10-pieces_-003.pdf

Israel Trip

October 9-21, 2023

For more info: <https://dahlonegaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Israel-from-Orlando-and-New-Jersey-October-9-21-2023.pdf>

For more info for Israel 10 pieces: https://dahlonegaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Info-for-Israel-10-pieces_.pdf

The Intervene Challenge



The Intervene Challenge returns to North Georgia August 9th from 9am till 2pm at the Convocation Center UNG Dahlonega. Doors open at 8:30. Open to all community members. The Intervene Challenge is a world-class training event featuring the Listen Learn Lead Model of Suicide Intervention. The training is hosted by the UNG Alumni Association and underwritten by the efforts of the UNG Corps of

Cadets. Lunch is available for a charge of \$15. Seating is limited to 55 and registration is required. Register today at StopSuicideUSA.org. For more information click here: <https://dahlonegaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/UNG-august-9th.pdf>.

Children's Ministry

Grow Day Camp

Spots are still available for Grow Day Camp!
This 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 at: www.growdaycamps.org.

July 24-28

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

Cost is \$160.00 (scholarships are available)



VBS Thanks

I want to thank each and every adult and youth volunteer who helped out with VBS last week. Whether you were here one day or all four days, you are very much appreciated!! We had over 100 adults and youth helping us out and I could not have done it without your help! We had **241 kids** attend our VBS this week and you so graciously gave of your time and energy to show God's love to each of them. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Thanks also to every person who donated money or food items. Your generosity helped us provide the BEST VBS!!! Thank you so much!!

Thank you most especially to the parents for bringing your children to VBS this past week. We had so much fun learning how to shine Jesus' light! I love being part of such a supporting and loving church family.

No July Kidz Church

There will be **No Kidz Church for the month of July. Kidz Church is for those who have completed K-5th Grades. Classes for Pre-K and under are still available.**

Kidz Church will resume the 2nd Sunday in August and children will be promoted to their new classes.



Preschool is out for the summer!!

Hope everyone enjoys their time with their family.

If you are interested in enrolling for the school year 2023-2024, the MMO-Preschool is currently full. However we would be happy to place you on our waiting list. Please email dumc-mmo@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Youth Ministry

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

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday

MS Worship & HS Small Group

Sunday Afternoons 4—6pm

Meet at DUMC field/Fellowship Hall

MS Worship & HS Small Group

Wednesday

HS Worship & MS Small Groups

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

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

Middle School Summer Camp

July 13th through July 16th

Ocoee Retreat Center

Cost: \$220

Contact Information

Chris Davis:

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404-693-5387

Bailey Tam:

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706-962-2614

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/>

Mark Your Calendar!

There will be
**ONE Service at
Hancock Park on
July 2nd at 10am.**

Communion Rail Offering for July

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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 – canyouhear.me). 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.



Sunday Adult Growth Groups—Third Floor, Education Building

9:30 a.m.

Primetime Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Chris Buice

Beginning this summer the Primetime Sunday School Class will begin a new study of the Gospel of John. In this edition of the One-Book Daily-Weekly, noted New Testament scholar Dr. Ben Witherington III leads disciples on twelve-week study of the Gospel of John. With Witherington’s incisive insight and compelling observations, learners will gain clarity on the powerful and practical ways of the Son of God. Through the process, students will grow in holy love, both for God and neighbor, by becoming better readers of Scripture and truer followers of Jesus.

Friendship Class—Room 308—Facilitators: Tom & Karen Slavicek

The Friendship Class has begun a new study on Genesis, chapters 1, 2, and 3. We will be going into the original Hebrew and discovering where Jesus is the focus of Genesis. Study notes and reference materials will be provided.

11:00 a.m.

11th Hour Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Jeff Ramsland

The 11th Hour Class invites you to join with them as they begin a new study on 1 Corinthians.



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”.

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