

AUGUST 2023

The Prospector

Dahlonega United Methodist Church

A Back-To-School Prayer

There will be a special time to recognize and pray for our educators and students on Sunday, Aug. 6 at the 9:30 service. The DUMC family would like to take this opportunity to thank teachers and all those in the education field for your service to our community and to pray God's blessing over you as the new school year begins.



Loving God,
Sometimes a new school year seems
exciting or scary or both.
We pray for our children and
teachers as they begin their new
school year. Bless and protect them
and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace, wisdom
and knowledge. Watch over all,
replacing fear with joy, anxiety with
peace, and tiredness with energy.
Grant teachers wisdom patience, and
joy in serving the students.
We ask this through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

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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>

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

Please join the Sportsmen for a meal and fellowship at the Church Pavilion Monday, August 28th at 6pm. Please email Ray at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Church Family First Responders Month

The Nurture Committee will be focusing on our church family First Responders/ Police Officers/Firefighters in the month of August. Please email the names and addresses of your family members who are current or retired in any of these fields to linda@dahlonegaumc.org

Dahlonega United Women in Faith

All ladies from the church are invited.

There will be no meeting in August.

The next UWF meeting will be September 5th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

One Church, Many Tribes – Perspectives on Native American Ministry

Rev. Jeff Ramsland served as Pastor of the United Methodist Church on the reservation at Cherokee, North Carolina, and in various capacities in Native American ministry for over 25 years in Florida and North Carolina. He will share his experiences and offer perspectives on Native American ministry.

REFRESH YOUR WITNESS



RE-DISCOVER
PRACTICAL FAITH-SHARING
by Winston Worrell

REFRESH YOUR WITNESS SEMINAR on September 14th -15th in the Fellowship Hall (time to be announced). Please mark your calendar for a free 2-day seminar that will enrich your everyday spiritual life. Faith-Sharing is at the heart of who we are in our commitment to God and to follow Christ's teachings. These practical faith-sharing training classes can be rewarding to you, whether you are a long-time disciplined Christian or a novice to the faith. It offers many practical ways of sharing, guidance in refreshing your skills and abilities for your witness with others. Our guest instructor is Rev. Dr. Winston Worrell, Consultant/Coach to Congregation. He has extensive experience with

Faith-Sharing Training Ministry in Association with World Methodist Evangelism. Hope you will join us.
DUMC Witness Ministry



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 Dahlonega 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

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, August 8, 5:30 pm
Dahlonega Lumpkin Chamber
342 Hill St Suite E, Dahlonega, GA 30533
To sign up scan the code below or
contact Fran Parks @ 706-969-8837 |
outreach@enotahcasa.org.

CASA has an urgent need for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact on children in our local foster system.

Currently there are 12 cases in Lumpkin County that do not have a CASA volunteer.

Enotah CASA's vision is a North Georgia community in which every child in the foster care system has an advocate and the opportunity to achieve a safe, permanent, and loving home.



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 23rd** 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

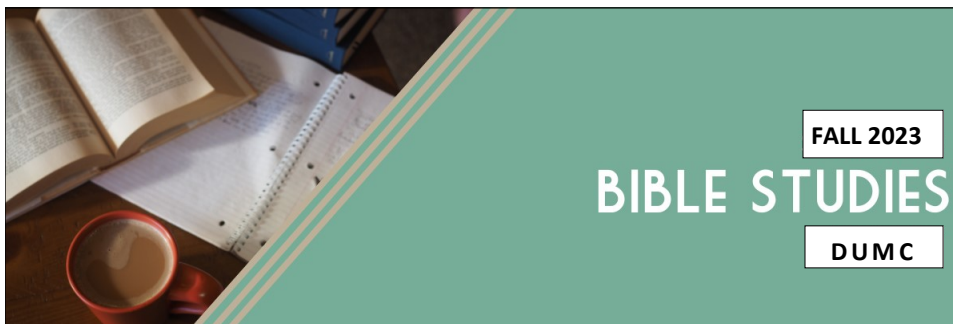
The Selfish Giant,
by Oscar Wilde

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@dahlonegaumc.org. Everyone is welcome to join!



Spending time studying God's word can be transformative. If you are ready to take another step in your personal faith journey, join us this season. You are invited to be a part of DUMC's commitment to the study of God's word.

So Come! Come to the Fellowship! Come and Be Transformed!

To view the 2023 Fall Bible Study Brochure and to register for classes click here: <https://dahlonegaumc.org/spiritual-growth/>

Native Americans and Faith

Rev. Jeff Ramsland will have a class on Native Americans and Faith on September 11th & 18th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

For centuries, European contact with Native Americans has been complicated, daunting, and often tragic. ***What has been the progress of Christian ministry with Native Americans? Does it share a similar history?*** Rev. Jeff Ramsland has been involved in Native American ministry for over 25 yrs. and will share experiences and perspectives in two presentations. "One Church, Many Tribes: Native American Ministry"

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.

One Child El Salvador

We are blessed to have such dedicated teachers and staff at the La Magdalena Christian School. They love the students and they love God. They are very happy to be a part of what God is doing in their school.



2023 La Magdalena Teachers

Our teachers need your support and prayers. Please remember them in your daily prayers. Pray for good health and safe travels to and from the school. Pray for their success as educators, continuing to guide students with integrity and kindness. Pray for good relationships between students, parents, and teachers; and prayers for a close walk with Jesus, recognizing the Holy Spirit's guidance each day.



The cost of living is much lower in El Salvador than here in the United States. A significant percentage of the population falls below the poverty line. The average individual living wage is about \$325/month. There are few career choices available outside of sugar cane and coffee.

To be a teacher in this economic environment is truly a sacrifice of love. The total monthly disbursement for teacher salaries at our school is just under \$8,000. That doesn't sound like much but we struggle each month to raise the funds to cover it. Our school is funded solely by your donations. There are no grants or federal assistance. Your donations make a difference in the lives of these teachers! When you give a reoccurring monthly financial gift of any amount, it gives our teachers peace of mind that they can continue making a living doing what they love. In their hearts, teaching at La Magdalena is fulfilling God's call on their life.



Lorena Garcia
English Teacher

Lorena Garcia is one of our new teachers this year. She teaches English for the 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades. She tells us that she feels blessed to be working at a place where God is the pillar in education. Lorena says that as teachers, we guide the students into the learning path, but at this school, we also have the opportunity to share with them God's salvation; I feel grateful to be part of that.

Want to know more about the La Magdalena Christian School and the mission of One Child El Salvador, Inc ?

FOR MORE INFORMATION TO GO TO THE WEBSITE
www.onechildelsalvador.org

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.



Children's Ministry, MMO & Preschool, Youth

Children's Ministry

Slip & Slide Night (for 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders)



Calling all 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders for a fun Slip & Slide Night! Join us on **Sunday, August 6th from 4:00-6:00 pm** at the home of Chris & Becca Davis. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel. We will have a light dinner, too!

The 100 Envelope Challenge



Look for the 100 Envelope Board to arrive on Sunday, August 13th!! Grab an envelope and help support our Children's Ministry!

Back-to-School Bible Bingo Family Event



Pre-K through 5th grade kids **AND** their parents are invited to our Back-to-School Bible Bingo Night on **Sunday, August 20th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. There will be Bingo, prizes, a photo booth, and dinner! Hope your family will join us for a fun night!



We're so excited for the new school year 2023-24. Looking forward to meeting you and your family at Open House. Here are some important dates for your calendar:

Thursday, Aug 24th Open House
Monday, Aug 28th 1st day of school

See you soon!

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

Contact Information

Chris Davis:

chris@dahlongaumc.org

404-693-5387

Bailey Tam:

bailey@dahlongaumc.org

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://dahlongaumc.org/services/>

Mark Your Calendar!

There will be
**ONE Service at
Hancock Park on
September 3rd
at 10am.**

Communion Rail Offering for August goes to the support of the DUMC Children's Ministry, to provide excellent programs for the kids in our church and community.

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 OneBook 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.

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.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