

SEPTEMBER 2023

The Prospector

Dahlonega United Methodist Church

We're Having a
COOKOUT!

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 6TH
5:30PM AT THE PAVILION

MENU:
HAMBURGERS. HOTDOGS. SIDES
All are welcome!

It's Free!!



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Dahlonge United Women in Faith

All ladies from the church are invited.

September 5th at 10am:

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.

October 3rd: Mandy Williams, Founder and CEO of Northern Star, Inc. is our guest speaker. She will present A Life Skills Program for Young Adults Changing from an At-Risk Environment to Independence.



Wednesday Night Suppers will resume September 13th!!

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

REFRESH YOUR WITNESS SEMINAR

REFRESH YOUR WITNESS



**RE-DISCOVER
PRACTICAL FAITH-SHARING**

by Winston Worrell

**September 14th -15th 10AM—11:30AM
in the Fellowship Hall**

Please mark your calendar for a free 2-day seminar that will enrich your everyday spiritual life. **Please call the Church office to sign up or email deborah@dahlongeumc.org.**

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*

Faithful Stewardship

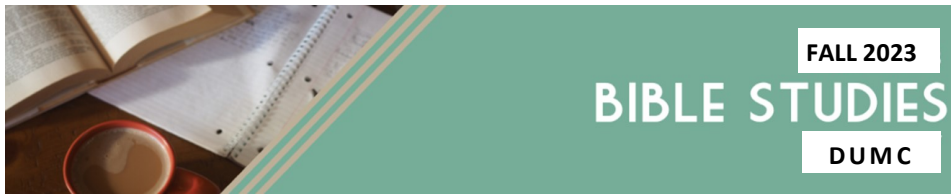


Stewardship is the central commitment of one's self and possessions to serve in obedience to God, recognizing that we are in fact called to: Acknowledge the ownership of all that we have belongs to God.

1 Corinthians 4:2 says "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." Proverbs 16:3 tells us to "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established". Psalm 31:24 tells us to "Be strong and take courage, all of you who wait for the Lord." It takes courage and commitment to follow Jesus, to trust Him and to be faithful in our stewardship.

Our Stewardship campaign will consist of four Sundays and will begin in October. We ask that you begin to prayerfully consider your commitment to DUMC for 2024.

Announcements



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/>

Please note some dates have changed for the *When Heaven Meets Earth* and *Methodism 101* class, and the *Upcoming Events* schedule.

Check out the *Native Americans and Faith* class. Rev. Jeff Ramsland will speak on *Native Americans and Faith* on September 11th & 18th at 6:30pm—8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Steve invites you to join the *Disciple 1* class beginning September 17th at 4:00pm in the Library. Overview of the OT and NT, foundational for any Christian who desires to know God through His Word! **Books may be purchased for \$28 in the church office.**

Evening of Prayer and Worship

Bring The Fire Home

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP
LET'S JOIN TOGETHER FOR A SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGH

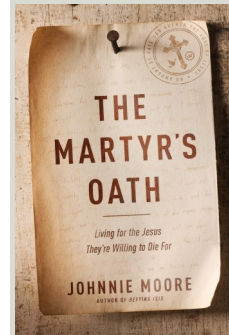
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 7:00 PM
WHERE: DAHLONEGA METHODIST CHURCH
WHO: ANYONE WHO IS HUNGRY TO "BRING THE FIRE HOME"

"LOOK AT THE NATIONS AND WATCH-- AND BE UTTERLY AMAZED. FOR I AM GOING TO DO SOMETHING IN YOUR DAYS THAT YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE EVEN IF YOU WERE TOLD."
HABAKKUK 1:5

Church Work Day

The Church work day for this year will be Saturday, September 30, from 7:30am to 3:30pm. So mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details and instructions. Volunteer sign up sheets are in the foyer. Contact Tim Powell at tsp222@gmail.com with any questions.

Book Club September Reading Selection



The Book Club will be discussing *The Martyr's Oath: Living for the Jesus They're Willing to Die For* by Johnnie Moore, Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 6:30pm in the Library.

Be Inspired by Amazing Eyewitness Stories of Hope and Courage from the Persecuted Church. We are witnessing an astonishing escalation in Christian persecution like we have rarely seen since the first century. Some estimate that every five minutes, a Christian is martyred for his or her faith. Countries like Egypt have experienced more Christian persecution in the last five years than in the previous six hundred years combined. And who could have missed the atrocities of ISIS in Syria, Boko Haram in Nigeria, and the continued persecution of Christians in North Korea?

Johnnie Moore, like many American Christians, didn't fully appreciate the extent of what was going on—until he witnessed the graduation of theology students in India. Unlike graduation ceremonies in America—where feel-good speeches made by visiting celebrities are common—this one featured a remarkable oath. It wasn't an oath to excel or succeed. It was an oath to be willing to die, if necessary, for the cause of Christ. This was no empty promise. This was a choice, choosing the eternal over the temporal.

Johnnie knew he was witnessing a raw, first-century Christianity that his comfortable American version had shielded him from. "For the first time, I really understand my faith," says Johnnie Moore. Now, he's on a mission to give this same experience to others. He and his team have crisscrossed the world, recorders in hand, gathering eyewitness accounts from dozens of people who survived persecution—and the stories of some who didn't.

You may purchase the book by clicking on link:

<https://a.co/d/2AsFFpP>

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Holy Land Trip

Led by Dan & Robin Parr, October 27-November 8, 2024. There will be an informational meeting Sunday, September 10th at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more information click: <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl24102724p58142#eotours>
Brochures are available in the foyer.



Support Groups for Moms

If you are a mom with young children and are interested in joining a Life Group with other moms who have children 5th grade and younger, please contact Kara Reyenga at kblount88@gmail.com.

Small Group Meeting

There will be an informational meeting for those interested in joining a small group on Sunday, September 10th at 4pm in the Fellowship. If you are retired and looking for a small group join us for this meeting.

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

Please join the Sportsmen for a meal and fellowship at the Church Pavilion Monday, September 18th at 6pm. Please email Ray at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Community Helping Place



The availability of food from the food banks is still low but getting better. Your assistance in restocking our shelves is greatly appreciated.

September needs: Jelly, Canned Fruit, Juice, Canned Meat

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!

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:

[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,
Dahlonaga, 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.





A BIG Thank You!

The Children's Ministry would like to thank each of you for your help with the 100 Envelope Challenge! We successfully completed the challenge as ALL 100 envelopes were taken! Thank you!!!! The generosity and kindness of this church is simply AMAZING!! I cannot thank you enough for your help in making our programs for the kids here at DUMC and in our community happen! We could not do what we do without your support and I am genuinely grateful for your support. I love DUMC! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

KidVenture kicks off on Sunday, Sept. 10th! We meet from 4:00-6:00 pm on the Children's hall. This program is for ages 3 years – 5th grade. Our first night will be Messy Game Night! Come dressed in clothes you don't mind getting dirty!



IT'S APPLE PICKING TIME!

If you are interested in helping the teachers and children of Mother's Morning Out and Preschool program as we start our new year, we have a few opportunities for you to choose from. We have our Giving Tree Mid-September and in October Amazon Wishlist, and Rail Offering. You are welcome to pick from the opportunities that best suits you.



The Giving Tree will be up mid-September and full of apples. Our tree is located in the Fellowship Hall hallway. Red apples are for classroom needs for specific teachers and golden apples for program needs. Please stop by our Giving Tree and pick an apple or two! Please attach the apple with your donation and place it in the basket under the tree or bring it by the church office.

Your support of the MMO/Preschool program helps us provide an amazing year for many new and returning families. Thank you for blessing and supporting the children of MMO-Preschool.

Youth Ministry

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

FALL 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

September

3rd—NO DUMY

10th—Youth Worship

17th—Youth Worship

24th—Youth Worship

October

1st—Yonah Hike Worship

8th—NO DUMY

15th—Youth Worship

20-22—Gold Rush Weekend

29th—Trunk or Treat Prep

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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
September 3rd
at 10am.**

Communion Rail Offering for September 3rd

The Communion Rail offering is the outreach/missions ministries of our church. These gifts will be used for mission trip scholarships, mission trip expenses, outreach ministries, and our community partners who daily work to minister to our neighbors in need.

Special Offering on Sunday, September 10th

The special offering for Sunday, September 10th will be for *Wellroot Amazing Grace*.

As a ministry of the United Methodist Church in North Georgia, Wellroot's programs are designed to make an impact on children and families through faith-centered service. Wellroot helps people reach their God-given potential through the encouragement and love of a healthy home and family. By participating in the Amazing Grace offering, you join in making this possible.

Please mark your check "Amazing Grace" offering.



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.

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.

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.



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