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The Prospector

Dahlonega United Methodist Church

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP LOVE * SERVE * GIVE * GROW

The Lord has blessed each one of us with individually unique talents, time, and resources. He has called us to share these gifts in order to further his kingdom. As we near our 2024 Stewardship Campaign, I ask that you consider how you can share the gifts God has given you in order to help DUMC grow the Lords kingdom.

Matthew 6:21 says: ²¹*"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."*

Are we following Christ so that our hearts desires are those that please the Lord? If so, has that resulted in planting seeds for the Lord through our stewardship commitments?

October 29th marks the beginning of our Stewardship Campaign for 2024. For four consecutive Sunday's (October 29th, November 5th, 12th, and 19th) we will hear inspiring sermons and testaments of stewardship and how its ministries and stories of spiritual growth will bear witness to the power of a full life through Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:35 tells us, *"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

As we prepare our hearts for the beginning of this campaign, please prayerfully consider your commitment to DUMC. Will I be a planter of seeds to help grow God's Vision for Our Church? What will my commitment be for 2024?

The Stewardship Committee

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Announcements

Dahlongega United Women in Faith **All ladies from the church are invited**

October 3rd at 10am, 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.*

November 7th: Donnie and Kathy Carder will talk about their ministry of many years, *Kentucky Outreach Christmas*, reaching children who would have so little in the small town of Closplint, just outside Harlan. Small Bibles, pillows, blankets, personal items, and toys are provided to the children by the loving generosity of others.

Half Cake Bake Sale

United Women in Faith are holding a bake sale on Sunday, November 5th in the Fellowship Hall after each service. We are asking everyone to join our mission by baking a cake, cutting it in half, place on separate paper plates, then cover them with see-through wrap. Other options are ½ dozen brownies, cookies, bars, etc. We will be asking for a \$5 donation for each item. These funds will go toward two missions:

- 1) Kentucky Outreach Christmas (for Donnie and Kathy Carder)
- 2) Wesley Foundation Outreach

We encourage all in our church family to participate by bringing baked goodies and by shopping on Sunday morning! Baked goods may be brought on Sunday morning, or dropped off the day before, Saturday November 4th. Someone will be in the Fellowship Hall between 10AM – 4PM. Please enter through the Fellowship Hall outside door.

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

Please join the Sportsmen for a meal and fellowship at the Church Pavilion Monday, October 16th at 6pm. Please email Ray at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Young Adult Small Group

YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRY

The Young Adults meet on Sunday nights from 6:30 -8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study and bring your own dinner. For more information contact Chris Davis at 404-693-5387 or chris@dahlongegaumc.org.

The Good Samaritan



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. Anyone in need of home assistance please contact the church office to leave a message for The Good Samaritan ministry. If you would like to volunteer with the Good Samaritan Ministry please contact the church office. For more information contact Chris Davis at 404-693-5387.



Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has partnered with local churches around the world to deliver 157 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to children in need in 160 countries. Each one-packed full of fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items by a family or individual and sent with prayer that the child who received it will experience God's love through their simple gifts. Many of these children have never before received a present or heard the true meaning of Christmas until they open a gift-filled shoebox from a person like you.

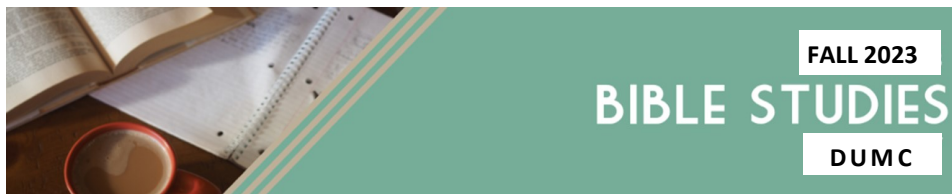
Beginning **Oct 15th** please take a box from the foyer, fill it, and pray for the child who will receive it. Directions will be inside the box. For more information on gift suggestions click on link below:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

The deadline to turn in boxes at the church is November 12th.



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/>

Methodism 101 Class

A Class for all those new to the United Methodist Church or even if you have been a Methodist all your life but have always had questions, Pastor Steve will help you better understand and identify the structure of the United Methodist Church, the historical roots and beliefs of United Methodists, and the growth and core principals of Modern Methodism. An informative class for all Methodists!

Topics include Theology—Catholic, Luther, Calvin, Pietist, Wesley view of Gospel; Character of a Methodist/Wesley's sermon on "the law established by faith"; History of Wesley, Early Revival Movement; History of class meeting, structure; Doctrine & Discipline; Current movements in the Church

Class Schedule: Session 1—October 4th, Session 2—October 11th, Session 3—October 18th, Session 4—November 1st



A cook and a substitute are needed to help Bill Finesilver prepare meals on Wednesday nights. Please contact Bill at 706-867-5665 if you can help!

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 \$6.00 for children 12 years and under.

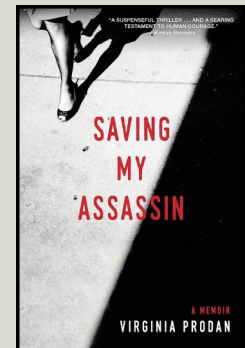
Holy Land Trip

Led by Dan & Robin Parr, October 27-November 8, 2024. For more information click:

<https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl24102724p58142#eotours>.

Brochures are available in the foyer.

Book Club October Reading Selection



The Book Club will be discussing *Saving My Assassin: A Memoir (The True Story of a Christian Attorney's Battle for Religious Liberty in Romania)*, by Virginia Prodan on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30pm in the Library. Follow this link to purchase the book:

<https://a.co/d/23f319b>

A must-read for all generations, Saving My Assassin is the unforgettable account of one woman's search for truth, her defiance in the face of evil, and a surprise encounter that proves without a shadow of a doubt that nothing is impossible with God.

At just under five feet tall, Virginia Prodan was no match for the towering 6' 10" gun-wielding assassin the Romanian government sent to her office to take her life. It was not the first time her life had been threatened—nor would it be the last.

As a young attorney under Nicolae Ceausescu's brutal communist regime, Virginia had spent her entire life searching for the truth. When she finally found it in the pages of the most forbidden book in all of Romania, Virginia accepted the divine call to defend fellow followers of Christ against unjust persecution in an otherwise ungodly land.

For this act of treason, she was kidnapped, beaten, tortured, placed under house arrest, and came within seconds of being executed under the orders of Ceausescu himself. How Virginia not only managed to elude her enemies time and again, but how she also helped expose the appalling secret that would ultimately lead to the demise of Ceausescu's evil empire is one of the most extraordinary stories ever told.

Announcements

New Wesley "Dinner Bell" Ministry!

Want to connect with some amazing young people? This new ministry is looking for anyone willing to help provide a "truly home-cooked" meal once a month for the Wesley students. The first one was provided by the 11th Hour Sunday School Class on Sept. 28th. The next one up for grabs is scheduled for Oct. 19th—individuals or groups (committees, small groups) are encouraged to participate. Their list of likable foods is long & varied, so it should be easy to please them. Each month it will be on a Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Wesley House for approximately 40 students. Those providing the food are encouraged to eat with them & get to know them. Coordinator is Kara Martina: text 706-300-4210 or email karamartina45@gmail.com. Please include your name in your response.



4TH ANNUAL BBQ, CONCERT & SILENT AUCTION FOR ONE CHILD EL SALVADOR MISSION

It is time once again for our fun family-oriented event in Hancock Park to raise much-needed funds for operating expenses for the La Magdalena Christian School in El Salvador. This year's event will take place on Thursday, October 26 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM., so the fall weather should be perfect! As always, the event features a Barbecue, Raffle, and a Silent Auction, as well as a free concert featuring local favorites Radford Windham and Step Back Cadillac, as well as Tom and Juli. This is our largest and most important fundraiser of the year. It takes over \$11,000 per month to operate the school, and this event gives us a much-needed boost.

Two new things this year:

1. You will be able to bid on auction items via the Auctria App prior to the event (in case you are unable to attend). Please watch for details coming soon on the church Facebook Page and the One Child El Salvador Facebook Page.
2. Something we are very excited about! We will be rolling out the sale of our very own El Salvadoran coffee brand – One Child Coffee! Come and be among the first to buy a bag (or more)!

This is a community event, so please spread the word and invite your family and friends!



Red Bird Mission Beverly Kentucky

We invite you to join us on a Christmas Mission of Love. On November 27th Ed Wright will lead a team to take 100 canned hams, 100 fresh hams and 100 turkeys to Appalachia at Beverly Kentucky for Christmas suppers in support of families in need. The area was supported by coal mining but now has no mining jobs due to mine closures. The Red Bird Mission, a Methodist organization, has a food pantry that supports the community. They have support for Thanksgiving but lack any support for Christmas. The cost for this Mission last year was about \$6,400 but this year it will be higher due to the rise in food cost. Most of the cost is funded but donations are still appreciated. On the 27th the trip to Red Bird will be made up and back in one day. If anyone has any connection with food suppliers, i.e.. meat suppliers, please contact Ed Wright at 770-561-3143 or the church office.

Lumpkin County Family Connection

Invites You To Their:

Halloween Bash! Resource Fair

Saturday, October 28th—11am-1pm

Location: LC Middle School

Fall snacks, drinks & trick-or-treating, airbrush tattoos, games, crafts & hay rides. Wear your costume & be entered into a raffle. Learn about community resources. Any questions, contact Brigette Barker at brigette.barker@lumpkinschools.com.



KidVenture

- ⇒ This month, KidVenture will meet on **Oct. 1, Oct. 15, and Oct. 29 from 4:00-6:00 pm.**
- ⇒ No meetings on Oct. 8 & 22 due to Fall Break & Gold Rush.
- ⇒ Oct. 15 is Glow Night! Come dressed in neon colors!



Treat Street

Families are invited to join us on **Tuesday, October 31 at 5:00 pm** for **Treat Street!** Our event will be held outside on the field at DUMC. Kids will be able to trick-or-treat from car to car, play games, and eat dinner! Kids can come dressed in costumes. Join us for a fun night with your family!



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 for October our Amazon Wishlist, as well as the Rail Offering. You are welcome to pick from the opportunities that best suits you.



The Giving Tree was up mid-September and full of apples. It is 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 to the church office. A big thank you to those who have already chosen apples! If Amazon is your thing here's the link to purchase items from the wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2F9JK1182GKLV?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_2

*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

October

1st—Yonah Hike Worship

8th—NO DUMY

15th—Youth Worship

20-22—Gold Rush Weekend

29th—Trunk or Treat Prep

Gold Rush Weekend

DUMY Fundraiser, Oct. 20-22. Keep an eye out for signs so your youth can earn some \$\$ to put towards trips.

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/>

**Gold Rush Weekend
ONE SERVICE**

**There will be
ONE service on
Sunday,
October 22nd
at 8am.**

Communion Rail Offering for October

If you missed out on the Giving Tree opportunity, you have 2 other opportunities to choose from: the Rail Offering and the Amazon Wishlist. This year the rail offering will be going towards the preschool curriculum and classroom needs. Here is the address for the list if you wish to help with the Amazon Wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2F9JK1I82GKLV?ref=lst_d_wl_lfu_nav_2

Sunday Adult Growth Groups—Third Floor, Education Building

9:30 a.m.

Primetime Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Chris Buice

Primetime class will begin a new study called Acts A-12 weeks study. This guide explains the biblical text with clarity and passion—helping us understand the history-shaping events that took place in the years following Christ's resurrection and ascension.

11:00 a.m.

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

The 11th Hour Class invites you to join with them as they study 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