

OCTOBER 2025

The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This summer, I have been preaching and we have been thinking about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We know that Jesus said if we want to be his disciple, we must deny ourselves, pick up our cross daily and follow him. There is no other way.

I would hope that we have collectively come to the place where we can begin to pray as a church how each of us individually can be cross bearers for Jesus. It's a very simple prayer that I hope each one of us can begin to pray - "Lord, reveal to me how you wish me to bear my cross for you."

I'm filled with great joy at the thought of everyone in our church Praying this prayer together. Only God knows the plans that he has for us in the awakening that is going to take place in our community. But I am excited to see how each one of us is going to be an instrument of that awakening. Selah.

God bless you.

In Christ,

Steve



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FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY

This year's stewardship theme is **Generosity**. We believe that "you never know how far your generosity will go." When we open our hands in faith, the living God knows how to carry generosity further than we could ever imagine.

Jesus reminds us in **Luke 14:12-14** that true generosity isn't about giving where we expect something in return, but about giving freely and faithfully, trusting God with the results. Every gift, every act of kindness, every offering of time, talent, or treasure becomes part of God's greater work in the world.

As we enter this season of stewardship, let us consider how we can live generously both within our church family and in the wider community. Together, our generosity will not only sustain the ministry here but also plant seeds of hope and love that God will cause to flourish.

Thank you for the many ways you have already given. May we continue to walk together in faith, trusting that God will bless and multiply every offering of generosity.

With gratitude and hope,

The Stewardship Committee



Widows Small Group - All Welcome!

A time of fellowship will be on Monday, October 6 at 10 AM. Please join us as we gather at the home of Linda Beth Gilreath, 2933 Cavender Creek Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533. Anyone who is a widow is welcome to join us.

Fridays with Friends

This fellowship time is for anyone who is home with children. The next gathering will be Friday, October 10th at 10:00 at Dahlonega City Hall Park. If it rains, we will meet at the Lumpkin County Library. Email kara@dahmc.org to sign-up for email reminders.

Globetrotters

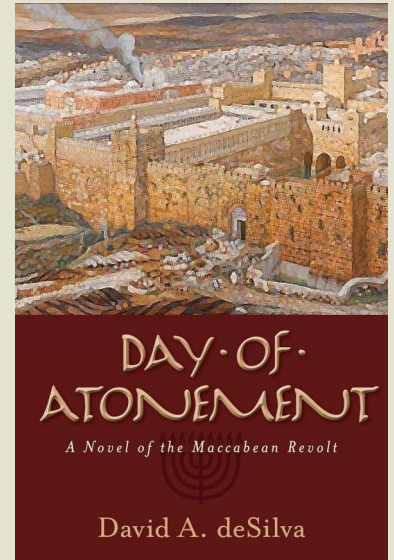
Put on your sneakers because we're winding our way through Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze! Join us as we head to Dawsonville, **Friday, October 10, 2025**. We will depart the Walmart parking lot at 9:30 am. Team up or conquer the maze on your own, while navigating the twists and turns! Visit the pumpkin patch and enjoy some of the fun, festival food, (think corn dogs, roasted corn, funnel cakes, etc). Embrace the Fall season and enjoy the outdoors! USA Today's Readers' Choice 2025 Awards has ranked Uncle Shuck's as No. 9 on its top 10 list of mazes!!

The corn maze spans 15 acres and six miles of trails. Over the years, Uncle Shuck's corn maze has paid tribute to Georgia companies, historical figures and nature. This year, the maze celebrates Northside Hospital. **RSVP to Deena Rankin, 678-923-1034, or, Cindy Williams, 706-973-9272, no later than 6 October, if you plan to attend.**

Join the Church Sunday!

Join the Church Sunday will be Sunday, December 14th at all services. Anyone who has been attending the church and would like officially to join the church, please contact deborah@dahmc.org or Nancy@dahmc.org or call the church office.

Book Club



The Book Club will be discussing, *Day of Atonement; A Novel of the Maccabean Revolt*, by David A. DeSilva, on Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30 in the Library. The book may be purchased from this link [Amazon.com: Day of Atonement: A Novel of the Maccabean Revolt: 9780825424717: DeSilva, David: Books](https://www.amazon.com/Day-of-Atonement-A-Novel-of-the-Maccabean-Revolt/dp/9780825424717) or check it out at the Dahlonega Library.

The Greeks have taken over the world, but Jerusalem is still the same backwater city Jason has always known. He wants to help his hometown rise to a new age of prosperity and influence. If that means stretching the terms of the city's divine covenant, so be it. But how far is he willing to go to achieve Greek greatness for this Jewish city? It will take the willingness of a handful of Jews to die rather than violate the covenant in order to turn the tide back to God.

If you would like to join the Book Club and receive email updates, please email deborah@dahmc.org.

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A Night of Worship

Wednesday, October 15th at 7-8pm in the Sanctuary. This evening is meant as a night of fellowship for the church body as we come together to glorify God through worship and song. The band will be made up of many members from our church. All are welcome to join. The altar will be open for times of prayer as well. We are setting an hour of time aside for the Lord's will to be done for all those who attend.

Sportsmen's Group—Faith, Fletching, Flintlocks and Fly Rods.

The Sportsmen's Group will meet Monday, October 20th at 6pm on Camp Glisson at the Ivey Lodge for fellowship and a meal. Please email Ray at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we can have a good head count for our meal.

DMC Women's Circle of Faith

The Circle of Faith meets in the fellowship hall on **the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.**

October 21st: All women are invited to join this group of Christian women. **Our October 21 meeting** will have Kathy and Donnie Carder share information about their annual Kentucky Christmas mission. The Kentucky Outreach Christmas supports the children in the small town of Closplint, just outside of Harlan. This Christmas mission is to reach children who would have little to no Christmas with Bibles, pillows, blankets, personal items, and of course, toys. We are grateful to the Carder family for this loving mission deep in the mountains of Kentucky.

Also, Suzanne Crossan will present the Pledge Program, including a review of where our donations have been sent. We focus on local missions but support state, national and world missions as well.

November 2nd:

On Sunday, November 2, the Circle of Faith women will again have an after-services "Half-Cake Bake Sale" with funds going directly to support this Christmas mission. The donation of \$5 is requested for each half-cake. Half-cakes will be available for donation after each service on November 2.

Church Picnic

There will be a church picnic on Sunday, October 26th on the church grounds from 11:30-2:00. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share, and call the church office or email nancy@dahmc.org if you plan on attending. If anyone would like to help with cooking or set up, email kara@dahmc.org. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship together with the whole church family!

Praying for our Children and Youth

Pastor Robin challenged the congregation to pray for one or two of our children and/or youth for one year, and during that year to please send that child/youth a letter. We want to thank you for all those who accepted this challenge and who were given the name and age of a child/youth.

If you didn't receive a child/youth and would like to participate, please email Pastor Robin robin@dahmc.org. She will send you the name and age of the child/youth. We still have 25 children/youth who need a prayer warrior!

As a reminder, we are not giving out contact information and as such once you write your letter, please drop off the letter to the church office or you can drop the letter off to Pastor Robin's office. There will be a marked box on her desk.

Study on the Nicene Creed at St. Peter Lutheran Church

Dear Friends in Christ,
1700 years ago, about 300 bishops gathered in the town of Nicaea (a Greek city in Asia Minor) to formalize our understanding of our God, His nature, and His relationship to us through what would become known as the Nicene Creed. In recognition of this major event in the history of the Christian Church, the members of St. Peter Lutheran Church would like to invite you to an interactive seminar to be held on our campus on Saturday, October 11, with the theme, "The Early Church's Creed Still Speaks and Shapes Us!"

Our seminar will be led by the Rev. Dr. David Maxwell, Professor of Doctrinal Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, who will guide us through a series of presentations and group discussions that will help us to comprehend what this Creed has to say to us today, and how it can help us express our faith in today's culture. The seminar will begin at 9:00 AM (with registration beginning at 8:15 AM) and conclude by 2:30 PM. Registration is \$15.00 per person, which includes lunch and refreshments during breaks.

To register, or for more information, please visit <https://stpeter-lutheran.org/events/nicene-creed-seminar/>. Please be sure to register by 10/3/25.

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Security Team

If you are interested in serving on the church Security Team, please contact Wally Woods at 706-244-4981 for more information.

2025 DMC Charge Conference

Sunday, November 2nd at 4pm at The Highlands Church, 3678 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30506. The mission of the Global Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly and witness boldly in order to spread scriptural holiness across the globe. The North Georgia Conference serves in this mission as it facilitates the mission of the local church. Everyone is invited to attend.



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METHODIST CHURCH
NORTH GEORGIA



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 19th** 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 foyer is November 16th.



National Hospitality Week

The week of **October 13th-17th** is National Hospitality Week. We are planning to thank our amazing Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) workers by bringing them fall-themed baked treats/goodies. **We will be visiting the follow DFCS offices below:**

- **Lumpkin County DFCS:** Monday, October 13th
- **Hall County DFCS:** Monday, October 13th
- **Dawsonville DFCS:** Tuesday, October 14th

If you are interested in helping with this event please contact **Amy McConnell** at 678-978-5202 or ahanlon09@yahoo.com.

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God sets the lonely in families. Psalm 68:6

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October Calendar for D-Town Kidz

Weekly Events for Kids

Sundays at 9:30 am - Nursery, Lil' Kidz Church, and Kidz Church

Sundays from 2:00-3:00 pm - Children's Choir (K-5th)

Wednesdays from 5:45-7:30 pm - Wednesdays in the Word
(Dinner & Bible Study for 3rd – 5th graders)

NO KIDS ACTIVITIES

There will be no kids activities on Sunday, Oct. 19 due to Gold Rush. There is only 1 service at 8:00 am but no nursery or Kidz Church.

Treat Street

Families are invited to join us on **Friday, October 31 from 5:00-7:00 pm** for Treat Street! Our event will be held outside on the field at DMC. 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! If you would like to decorate your trunk and pass out candy, please let Vanessa know. We give prizes for the top 3 decorated trunks!

Youth Ministry

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

Back to School SCHEDULE

Sundays During School Year **MS Worship & HS Small Group**

Sunday Afternoons 4—6pm

Meet at DMC field/Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays During School Year

HS Worship & MS Small Groups

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

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

October

5th —Youth

12th—Youth

15th—Night of Worship

17-19th—GOLD RUSH

26th—Youth

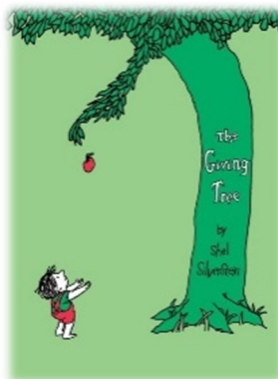
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Contact Information

Bailey Tam, *Director of Youth Ministry*
bailey@dahmc.org/706-962-2614



IT'S APPLE PICKING TIME!



If you are interested in helping
the teachers and children of MMO-Preschool,
visit our Giving Tree,
located in the fellowship hall hallway.
We've attached apples for cash, gift cards,
and Amazon Wishlist.



One Child El Salvador Events for October

Join Us for an Evening of Music, Food & Community Support!

You're invited to a special night in support of the children of
La Magdalena Christian School in El Salvador!

Date: Thursday, October 16th

Time: 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Hancock Park

Enjoy **live band performances**, a **delicious pulled pork BBQ dinner** with sides, drinks, and desserts—all while coming together for a meaningful cause.

This is more than just an evening out—it's a chance to make a difference in the lives of the students at La Magdalena Christian School.

Bring friends, bring your appetite, and bring your heart for service!

Gold Rush Days

Date: Saturday October 18th and Sunday October 19th.

Location: Square in downtown Dahlonega.

Come by our booth to purchase great fresh roasted coffee to enjoy. It also makes a great gift with a purpose. Explore opportunities to work with One Child El Salvador to continue to build and support the children of La Magdalena Christian School.

Mission Trips

We have three different groups going to visit the school in El Salvador in October and November. One are several members of the Dahlonega Rotary Club. They have supported our school with books, TV's and Computers.

We encourage you to ask about going on future Mission Trips to E.S.

Encouragement Cards for La Magdalena Students

One Child El Salvador, Inc. invites you to join us in sending cards of encouragement to all of our La Magdalena students as they finish out the school year, which ends soon. Your words can inspire and motivate them to achieve their best. Your cards and notes will be hand delivered by our team when they visit in October. Our goal is for each and every student to receive a handful of cards!

Write your note on a colorful blank card or a sheet of paper. It is helpful to include a Spanish translation using Google Translate or DeepL. The La Magdalena High Schools students will also help with translations if needed. Make your card cheerful and colorful. Your card does not need to be addressed to a specific student. These cards will be handed out randomly.

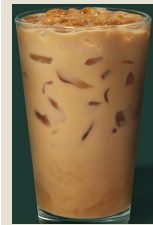
Get your cards to us before October 15th!

Bring your cards and notes to the Dahlonega Methodist Church. There is a designated basket on the 3rd floor across from the copy room, or mail them to One Child El Salvador, Inc. PO Box 274, Dahlonega GA 30533.



ONE CHILD COFFEE Coming this Fall!

We are excited to announce that **One Child Coffee** will be available, both hot and cold, on select Sundays this fall! We will serve a small variety of **flavored coffee drinks**, using **our premium Salvadoran coffee beans**. We'll also be sharing information



about our **Child Sponsorship program**, offering a simple way for you to enjoy a great cup of coffee while making a lasting impact. We'll continue offering coffee in **front of the side entrance to the church on October 5th**—weather permitting.

New Pickup Option at the Church to make things even easier, a **One Child Coffee pick-up box** will soon be located in the **foyer of the side entrance**. If you order from our online store, your bag of coffee will be waiting there with your name on it, ready for Sunday pick-up.

OneChildCoffee.myshopify.com

Looking Ahead

Our **2025 shipment of green coffee beans from El Salvador** is expected to arrive soon, and we are thrilled to see how this program continues to grow—thanks to the faithful support of this church family. Every cup you enjoy helps provide education and hope for children in El Salvador.



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://dahmc.org/services/#watch-live>

ONE Service

There will be
ONE Service
Sunday, October 19th
at 8am
due to Gold Rush.

Communion Rail Offering for October is for MMO

This year the rail offering will be going towards the preschool curriculum and classroom needs. If you missed out on the Rail Offering, you have 2 other opportunities to choose from: Giving Tree on October 12th in the foyer and the Amazon Wishlist. Here is the address for the list if you wish to help with the Amazon Wishlist https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/8HVAD9RWMWQD?ref=wl_share

He Knows My Name (...and now you can too!)

Studies show that hearing your name spoken can lead to a sense of inclusion & feeling known. So, we will begin having Nametag Sundays on the first Sunday of the month, aligning with Holy Communion and our children being present in worship services. Look for nametag stations in the Narthex on both floors of the sanctuary.

Adult Sunday School Classes—Third Floor, Education Building

9:30 a.m.— Primetime Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Chris Buice

11:00 a.m.— 11th Hour Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Jeff Ramsland
New folks always welcome and bring a friend.

Assisted Listening Capabilities

DMC 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 "DMC 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 \$110.00. Please make certain that your check is clearly marked "Altar Flowers". To allow the florist plenty of time to prepare floral arrangements, please give two weeks advance notice if you would like a specific color and/or flowers for your arrangement. Thank you.

Sewing Hearts Circle

Sewing Hearts Circle are women who join for a time of sharing, friendship, fun, talking, and praying, while all the time making and stuffing "Heart Pillows". You don't have to know how to sew to make a "Heart Pillow". You can cut out the pattern and/or only stuff the pillows and at the same time enjoy Christian fellowship. The pillows are distributed to children, teens, and adults, who need something to touch as a reminder that "God Loves Them"! We meet once a month on a Friday morning. If you or someone you know is in need of a heart pillow, they will be distributed the second Sunday of each month from 8:00-12 noon. For more information contact Betty Fisher at bettyfisher5262@msn.com.