

JANUARY 2026

The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we exit 2025 and embark on a new year, I think it will help us to follow the encouragement found in Scripture. The bible teaches that in times of uncertainty and change, there is something strengthening about focusing on the person of Jesus, the *"image of the invisible God...For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form."* (Colossians 1:15;2:9). God has guided us through so much, so *"let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."* (Hebrews 12:1-2).

We focus on Jesus because He came to earth not only to save us, but to enlighten us about the spiritual reality of life and give us strength for the journey—He is the *"true light that enlightens everyone..."* (John 1:9). He came into the world to give us heavenly spiritual blessings of knowing who He is and who we are: *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."* (Ephesians 1:3)

We will be studying in the first few months of 2026 how becoming a disciple of Jesus ultimately leads you to becoming a disciple maker. As we grow in grace and truth we realize that the purpose of our lives is to invest our lives in other people.

Steve



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Announcements

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume January 7th. The menu is chicken enchiladas. Remember to make or cancel standing reservations for Wednesday Night Suppers on **Tuesdays by 12 noon** by emailing nancy@dahmc.org, 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/\$6.00 for children, 12 years & under.

Globetrotters

You are invited to join the Globetrotters, Monday, January 12, 2026, from 11-1, in the Fellowship Hall, for a Lunch & Learn. We'll turn ordinary stems into lovely arrangements. Learn the tips, tricks, and secrets behind professional-looking floral arrangements with Levi Hansard of Gus and Bloom, a Floral and Decor Shop, on the square. Come for the food, (a light lunch will be provided), stay for the flowers-and leave with something you created! A \$10 non-refundable, pre-payment is required and attendance is limited to 20. Please RSVP, by January 5, to Deena Rankin, 678-923-1034, or Cindy Williams, 706-973-9272. Payment can be left with the Church office staff.

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

The Sportsman's Group will meet at 6pm, January 19th at the Ivey Lodge on Camp Glisson for a meal and fellowship. Please contact Ray at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we can have a good headcount.

Confirmation Classes 2026



Confirmation classes are for 5th graders and older. Classes will begin on Sunday, **January 25th** from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Church Library. Pastor Steve will lead the classes. If you would like your child to participate please email deborah@dahmc.org to sign up. (Classes are ten weeks) Confirmation Sunday

will be April 19th at the 9:25 service.

Celebrating the Good Samaritan Ministry

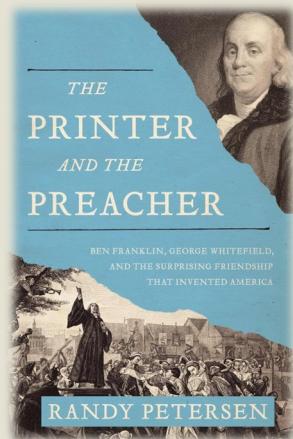
In case you are not familiar with the DMC Good Samaritan ministry; we help community members with service projects they may not be able to complete or afford on their own. Through the giving and service of our church members, we have completed a variety of projects in the community this year. Examples include Cutting Trees for a church member, Replaced an Entrance Deck and Stairs, Cleaned Gutters, Built a Roof over a deck so a blind person can enjoy the outside, Landscaping, Trench Work to eliminate flooding, participated in a larger effort to completely Renovate a Trailer, and most recently Renovated a Playroom for a disabled 6-year-old.

Our thanks to everyone that participated with their time, talents and giving to make the ministry a success!

Anyone in need of home assistance or if you would like to support the ministry, you can contact the church office.



Book Club



The Book Club will be discussing *The Printer and the Preacher*, by Randy Petersen, on Thursday, January 22nd at 6:30 in Room 308. The book may be purchased from this link: <https://a.co/d/hCD0Hso>

They were the most famous men in America. They came from separate countries, followed different philosophies, and led dissimilar lives. But they were fast friends. No two people did more to shape America in the mid-1700s.

Benjamin Franklin was the American prototype: hard-working, inventive, practical, funny, with humble manners and lofty dreams. George Whitefield was the most popular preacher in an era of great piety, whose outdoor preaching across the colonies was heard by thousands, all of whom were told, "You must be born again." People became excited about God. They began reading the Bible and supporting charities. When Whitefield died in 1770, on a preaching tour in New Hampshire, he had built a spiritual foundation for a new nation—just as his surviving friend, Ben Franklin, had built its social foundation. Together these two men helped establish a new nation founded on liberty. This is the story of their amazing friendship.

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

Soup Bowl Sunday



No tickets necessary-Pay at Door
Make checks payable to Side by Side

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Dahlonega Methodist Church
St. Luke Roman Catholic Church
Dahlonega Baptist Church

\$ 10 per person or \$ 25 per family
All proceeds support Side by Side in Service

Side by Side in Service Workday is
Saturday, April 25, 2026

Join the Outreach Committee of Dahlonega Methodist Church on Sunday, February 1st from 10:30-2:00pm in the DMC fellowship hall for a Soup Lunch fundraiser supporting Side by Side in Service. All proceeds will go to Side by Side as they prepare for the 2026 day of service on April 25th.

If you are willing to donate a crockpot of soup and a dessert, please email nancy@dahmc.org or contact the church office.

Women's Circle of Faith

January 20th: Terry Peters, GMC North Georgia Conference Disaster Relief Team organizer, will talk about how they work with other organizations such as Samaritan's Purse and local churches to help communities return to normal as quickly as possible after a disaster.

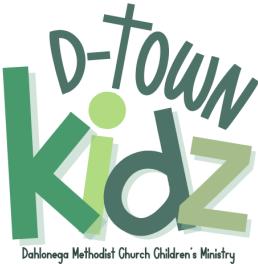
February 17th: Debra Stipe, actress and author will talk about her book *Room To Bloom*. Do you ever question whether you are living your best life? This is the guide for you. Full of prompts to direct your thoughts according to God's will, *Room to Bloom* guides you to your best life.

Circle of Faith 2026 Program

Jan. 20th—GMC Disaster Relief: Terry Peters
Feb. 17th—Book: *Room to Bloom*: Debra Stipe, DMC Member
Mar. 17th—Rainbow House: Melinda Fausto
April 21st—Kristi Tritt: Minister at ABWE, A Global Missions Agency for Evangelism & Church Planting
May 19th—The Women of Jeremiah's House: Sally Kelley, Pud English
June 23rd—Luncheon at Dahlonega Library, Members bring covered dish. Chair Yoga! Welcome Nacoochee Methodist Church Mary & Martha Group
July 21st—Field Trip to Camp Meeting, Lumpkin Campgrounds, Dawsonville
August—NO MEETING
Sept. 15th—Awakening Collegiate Fellowship: Nathan Dickens
Oct. 20th—CHP: Melissa Line, Pledge Prog.
Nov. 1st—Half-Cake Bake Sale Fundraiser
December—NO MEETING

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.



January Calendar for D-Town Kidz

Sun, Jan. 4	No Kidz Church (K-5th Grade)
	Worship with families in service. Classes still available for babies – PreK
Wed, Jan. 7	Wednesdays in the Word – 5:45-7:30 pm (3 rd -5 th Grade Bible Study)
Sun, Jan. 11	Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church at 9:30 am
Wed, Jan. 14	Wednesdays in the Word – 5:45-7:30 pm (3 rd -5 th Grade Bible Study)
Sun, Jan. 18	Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church at 9:30 am
Wed, Jan. 21	Wednesdays in the Word – 5:45-7:30 pm (3 rd -5 th Grade Bible Study)
Sun, Jan. 25	Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church at 9:30 am
Wed, Jan. 28	Wednesdays in the Word – 5:45-7:30 pm (3 rd -5 th Grade Bible Study)

Save the Dates

Please mark your calendar for these important dates:

Sunday, Feb. 8th – Wondering to Jerusalem Book Launch Party – 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Come celebrate the launch of Vanessa's new book! We will have stations for the kids and lunch for everyone!
The whole church is invited to this event!

March 29th: Palm Sunday Party (Family Event) 4:00-6:00 pm

June 15-18 (M-Th): Vacation Bible School 9:00 am-12:00 pm



*Happy New Year from the
Advisory Board and Preschool Staff!*

Christmas and New Year Break

Dec. 12th- Jan. 4th.

*School resumes on
Monday, January 5, 2026.*

A special "Thank you" to all of you who made our
Wolf Mountain Christmas Dinner Fundraiser a success.

We appreciate your love and support of the
MMO/Preschool Ministry.

Youth Ministry

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

WINTER 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

January

1st—3rd—MS Ski Trip
11th—Youth
16th—19th—HS Ski Trip
25th—Youth

Ski Trip Info:

Middle School Ski Trip: January 1st through 3rd to Beech Mountain, North Carolina. \$225 to go, \$100 deposit to secure your spot due December 3rd.

High School Ski Trip: January 16th through 19th to Winterplace, West Virginia. \$325 to go, \$100 deposit to secure your spot due December 14th.

Contact Information

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One Child El Salvador

La Magdalena Christian School recently celebrated its **first-ever high school graduation**—a milestone 15–16 years in the making. Four of our students that graduated completed their entire education at the school. This achievement reflects the faithfulness of many in our church family who have prayed, given, and supported this mission. We are blessed with a dedicated team of Christian teachers and administrators. Our mission continues as we complete additional construction and support monthly teacher salaries. The new school year begins in mid-January. Each year brings both challenges and blessings. Mission trips are planned for early 2026—please contact us if you are interested in going.



One Child Coffee

Try our Espresso infused chocolate bars. We have them in Dark, White and Milk Chocolates. The added flavor of our Espresso coffee beans to already great chocolates is a wonderful afternoon snack with coffee or a truly meaningful gift for your friends.

Go to
www.onechildcoffee.myshopify.com
to order these.



Sunday Worship

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:00 am

Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:25—Children's Ministry available

Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am

Live Streaming 9:25 and 11:00am Service

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

Communion Rail Offering for January

January's communion rail offering is for North GA Pregnancy Services Center. When you make a financial gift, you are standing in the gap for women and ensuring they are cared for with compassion, love and empowered in their pregnancy choices. North Ga Pregnancy Services Center is the only reproductive medical clinic in the Dahlonega and Dawsonville areas providing holistic care for women at no cost. North GA Pregnancy Services Center is able to serve our community because of the compassionate people who feel inspired to contribute to the cause.

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.

Sunday Verbal Announcements

If you would like to have a verbal announcement on Sunday mornings during the worship service, the announcement needs to be emailed to deborah@dahmc.org two weeks prior and approved by Steve and Robin.

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 – canyouhear me). 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.