

EVENTS THIS MONTH!

- May 30 June 2 Anything's Possible Musical Theatre Camp
- June 3-9 Sports Camp Mission Trip in Sweetwater, TN
- June 3-10 Guatemala Mission Trip
- June 4 Admin Board Meeting/Charge Conference @ 12:30
- June 5-8 VBS and After VBS Sports
 Camp
- June 10 Ladies' Tea

- June 12-15 Preschool Summer Camp, Magic Treehouse Camp
- June 12-16 Princess Dance Camp, Kindermusik Camp, Pottery Camp
- June 15 Men's Fellowship @ Governors G.C.
- June 19-22 Soccer Camp
- June 19-23 Princess Dance Camp 2
- June 25 Freedom Sunday
- June 26-30 Science Camp, On Broadway Musical Camp, Art Camp

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Expenses & Giving through April 2023

• **Budgeted Expenses:** \$1,864,000.00

YTD Expenses: \$1,670,475.00

• YTD Giving: \$1,588,668.00

HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

Serving God for Fifty Years! Due West United Methodist Church 50th Anniversary Celebration

When: Sunday, September 10, 2023

Who: You are invited if you ever considered Due West UMC "home" - whether it was for a day, a month, a year, or many years. You do not have to be (or ever have been) a member.

What: A special service, a delicious meal, and an interesting exhibit

Service: There will be ONE service in the North Campus sanctuary beginning at 10:30 a.m. The service will include a bit of history and a lot of memories. Former pastors have been invited to participate. Former choir members are encouraged to rejoin for this memorable Sunday. Rev. Doug Gilreath will be delivering the message. (Doug was our former youth director. He is currently the Northeast District Superintendent.)

If overflow seating is needed, it will be available in the Gathering Place and in the Family Life Center.

Children of all ages are welcome in the service, but if you prefer, dwKids (age 4-5th grade) will be offering a Homecoming breakfast during the service along with fun activities to celebrate this special occasion. Your kids can join them on the lower level of Building A. Nursery will be available for newborns through age 3. Nursery rooms are also located on the lower level of Building A.

Following the service:

Lunch: Lunch will be served in the Family Life Center. We ask that the tables in the Family Life Center be reserved for people with limited mobility (and their families). Additional seating will be available in the pavilion. We also encourage you to bring chairs and/or blankets to picnic on the Large Activity Field. There is no charge for lunch; however, to ensure that we prepare enough food, a link will be provided in the near future for families to register for this event.

50 Years of Due West UMC in Action: A "look at the past" exhibit will be along the walls inside the Family Life Center and in the Scout Hut. Take your time enjoying all the pictures and memorabilia that will be on display.

As I sit down to write a newsletter article for June, I am not sure where to start. June 25th will be a big day here, of course. It is our annual Freedom Sunday. Each year, we celebrate two freedoms. Of course, there is the freedom we enjoy as citizens of our nation. Therefore, we are grateful to all those who have served our nation in the military and all of those who have served our nation by supporting them. But, we also celebrate another freedom we have. The freedom that comes from Christ Jesus. It says in John 8, "If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed." That is worth celebrating! I could take this whole article to talk about **that.**

This month we also celebrate Father's Day. I was blessed to have my dad with me until about two and a half years ago. For all the men in our lives who have loved us, nurtured us and guided us in the faith, we give thanks. But, we are also grateful for our Heavenly Father. The Apostle Paul says, "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father'." For that we give thanks every day! I could take the whole article to talk about **that.**

And, of course in early June, we will have Vacation Bible School. I hope that you are signed up to volunteer. This is always a highlight of the summer. I could take the whole article to talk about **that**.

June usually brings around the gathering of our Annual Conference. This year, we actually start at the end of May and end on June 3rd. We will gather in Athens at The Classic Center. There is business we conduct each year. But there is much more. We will see new pastors ordained. Having served for several years on our Board of Ordained Ministry, I have been blessed to work with these people as they have moved through the process. It is a great celebration. We will honor our sisters and brothers who are retiring. And we will also remember some of our sisters and brothers at the memorial service. But for me, the best part is that I will be returning to Due West for our seventh year together! I could take the whole article to talk about **that**.

For Susan and me, June brings a vacation. We are scheduled to fly out on June 5th for Europe. We will spend some time in Austria and Italy. We are looking forward to that trip. I could take the whole article to talk about **that**. (And, I might just do that when we get back!)

Maybe I should just say that June will be a busy month. If you are getting time away, enjoy. Be in worship when you are in town! And, pray for all that God is doing in and through this place.

If it's Sunday, you want to be at Due West, David Campbell



ONGOING EVENTS

Support Groups

Dementia Ministry Meetings - Dementia Talks Article

Weekly Exercise Classes

For a full break-down and schedule of relevant events, please see the <u>ongoing events article</u>.

DWPRESCHOOL

Due West United Methodist Church Preschool is now accepting registrations for the upcoming school year of 2023-2024. However, please note that we only have a limited number of openings available in the Ones, Twos, and Fours classes. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the other classes, we welcome you to add your child to our waiting list. To learn more about our preschool or to schedule a tour, please feel free to contact Shelly Kubek or Courtney Kunkel at 770-590-0982 or via email at skubek@duewest.org or ckunkel@duewest.org. It is worth noting that our preschool has received recognition as a "Program of Excellence" by the N. GA Conference Preschool Association since 2001!





DWKIDS

Important Things:

Summer Camps: Learn more here!

VBS: June 5 - 8

Read the dwKids article for more information.









IGNITE YOUTH

Important Dates

June 4th - Sent Together (Week 3)

June 11th - Sent Together (Week 4)

June 18th - Father's Day Special Lesson

June 25th - Please Explain (Week 1)

Click here to register for all youth events!

Read the Youth Ministry's article for more information.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Important Dates:

June 1st and June 29th - Watercolor Classes for Adults

June 12th-15th - Magic Treehouse Adventure Camp

June 12th-16th - Pottery Camp

June 26th-30th - Art Camp

Read the CFA article for more information.

Visit us online to register for classes and events.





WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Important Dates:

June 10 - Ladies' June Tea: The 5 Senses

Read the Women's article for more information.







MUSIC

Important Dates:

June 25: Freedom Sunday

Read the Music article for more information.

MISSIONS

Important Dates:

June 1: Deadline for Guatemala Mission Trip

June 3-9: Youth Sports Camp in Sweetwater, Tennessee

We now have an individual Missions Newsletter that will have all of our events!

Read the Missions article for all the information!





RECREATIONAL MINISTRY

Due West UMC has its very own fitness program offering classes for all levels and open to anyone age 12 and up. Classes are \$4.00 (includes childcare on Monday, Wednesday & Friday) and you can find our class schedule on Facebook at Due West Adult Fitness Classes.

Punch Cards are also available and cover 11 classes for \$40.00. These cards are available from the class instructors.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

If you or a loved one is no longer able to attend services, please let our ministry bring the Church to you by contacting Brenda Wyatt at (770)-605-3709 or brendahwyatt@hotmail.com.

Please read CCM's article for more information.











VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School Volunteers

dwKids Sunday School Volunteers - Contact Alicia lles at ailes@duewest.org for details.

Caretaker of Potted Plants

Needed: Someone who loves taking care of plants to water the indoor and outdoor container plants weekly. It takes 30-45 minutes to cover both buildings A and C. You can choose your own schedule for watering.

Join Our Usher Team

We are in need of ushers for the 11:00 am church service in Building A. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Dianne Harrison at cdharrison830@gmail.com or 678-522-4909.

ONLINE GIVING

You can give online using your smartphone, tablet or computer. Click <u>here</u> to begin giving through our system.

Contact Amber Wilson at awilson@duewest.org if you have any questions.





MARKET, FLOWERS, AND PRAYER

Due West Market

Click <u>here</u> to shop! We are taking orders for congregational name tags!

Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one with altar flowers displayed in front of the pulpit on Sunday mornings. <u>Learn More & Purchase</u>

Prayer Requests

Need prayer? Click **here** to submit a prayer request!







ONGOING EVENTS

Support Groups

AA Open Meeting - Sundays @ 7:00 pm (Bldg A)

AA Women's Group - Thursdays @ 7:00 pm (Bldg A)

GriefShare - Sundays @ 6:00 pm (Bldg C)

GRASP Support Group - Second Tuesday @ 7:00 pm (Bldg C)

S.O.S. Support Group - Second Thursday @ 7:00 pm (Bldg C)

Parkinson's Support Group - Second Sunday @ 3:00 pm

Dementia Ministry Meetings

Spouse Support Group meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am.

Spouse Group meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm.

Family Support Group meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Currently, all meetings are being held via Zoom. For more information, please email <u>dementiaministry@duewest.org</u>.

Weekly Exercise Classes (Bldg B)

Monday- Tone & Tighten @ 9:30 am (Nursery)

Tuesday- Pilates @ 9:30 am

Wednesday- Cardio-Sculpt @ 9:30 am (Nursery), Slow Flow

Yoga @ 10:30 am

Thursday- Zumba @ 9:30 am

Friday- Boot Camp @ 8:30 am (Nursery), Stretch & Tone @ 9:30 am (Nursery)

June 10th at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in the Building C Sanctuary

Join us for a lovely time enjoying the 5 Senses that God provided to us.

Kim Arrowood Brady and her pastor husband are lifelong residents of West Cobb. Kim wasn't always blind, but has always put her faith in God and His blessings. She will be giving her testimony and sharing her faith journey.

Click here to register.

Lunch will be provided.

Cost of this event is \$30.00. Please register here early to ensure your spot!

DWKIDS: INFORMATION

Preschool Sunday School

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Memory Verse: "Jesus said, 'Come follow me.' " Matthew 4:19, NCV

This summer, we're talking about the best friend ever with our preschoolers. We want every preschooler to know that not only is Jesus the best friend ever, but Jesus wants to be THEIR friend ... forever!

We want our preschoolers to hear over and over that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. And not only does Jesus want to be their friend, but Jesus is a friend worth following. That way, when the time comes, our preschoolers will be ready to follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere!

Elementary Sunday School

Faith - Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

Memory Verse: "Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1, NIRV

Since the beginning, God has always been deeply involved in the world. We see God's handiwork on display in creation. We see God's love on display through Jesus, who came to rescue us. We respond to God in faith, believing in what we can't see because of what we can see. When we focus on what we know to be true about God and the world God created, we can have faith in what we can't see or fully understand. We put that faith into action as we follow Jesus and show His love to the world.

Summer Camps

Due West is offering a variety of summer camps for kids of all ages. Sports Camps, Science Camps, Preschool Camp, and Musical Theater Camps are just a few. <u>Be sure to check them out here!</u>

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 5 - Thursday, June 8

At Stellar VBS, kids will learn to Shine Jesus' Light! We will experience crafts, games, Bible adventures, snacks and unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends! VBS packets will be available for pickup from May 30th - June 1st in the Admin 2 office from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and June 4th in the dwKids check-in area from 9:00 - noon.



YOUTH: JUNE AND UPCOMING EVENTS 1/3

June Sunday School Dates

- June 4th Sent Together (Week 3)
- June 11th Sent Together (Week 4)
- June 18th Father's Day Special Lesson
- June 25th Please Explain (Week 1)

Youth Sunday School



PLEASE EXPLAIN: A 4-WEEK STUDY FROM THE GOSPELS ON JESUS

Some things are hard to understand — like chemistry, verb conjugations, the blockchain, or why your friend is mad at you. When we face a problem, situation, or idea we're struggling to understand, it always helps to know someone we trust can explain it to us. When Jesus was here on earth, He spent a lot of time helping His followers understand some pretty hard-to-understand ideas about God. One of the ways Jesus often made complicated ideas simpler was by explaining them through stories and metaphors, which we call parables. In this four-week series from the Gospels, we'll explore four of the parables Jesus told His followers to explain four important truths about God. These parables help us see that God's words are a firm foundation, in God's kingdom, everyone belongs, God's words invite a response, and that God's kingdom is always growing.



On June 19th and 20th, rising 6th graders through College age are encouraged to join us in a local mission effort at a Senior Center! Their biggest requests are to wash their cars, prep their lunches, eat and fellowship with them, and worship with them. We will meet for our mission project at the youth center at 9:30 am and should be finished around 1:30 pm! Lunch is provided.

In the afternoons, we'll have some fun outings! Monday we plan to attend a movie at NCG Acworth and Tuesday we're headed to Sparkles! We'll meet at the location!

The activities are open to all youth, but those who participate in the morning mission get to attend the evening activity for FREE! Sign up for each event for which you'd like to participate in the ADD-ON section of the registration!

Sign up using this link!



Summer Beach Retreat



DEADLINE JUNE 7TH





Register now!

We are excited to be part of this NEW Youth Beach Camp! It was built by Methodist Youth Leaders for our teens! This trip is open for rising 6th grade students through rising college freshmen!

Come fellowship in the sun and worship in a big way at Laguna Beach Christian Center in Panama City Beach, Florida!

Deadline is June 7th.

Sign up here!



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is going to be OUT OF THIS WORLD! VBS is right around the corner and we NEED our youth to help lead the children of West Cobb in one of our greatest outreach events of the year!

Sign up by June 3rd to be a crew leader, a station leader, or a helper online with this link!

MUSIC MINISTRY ARTICLE

Freedom Sunday - Veterans and Service People needed!

As we prepare to honor our veterans and celebrate God's foundation in our country this coming Freedom Sunday, June 25th, we want to engage the congregation in two very meaningful ways.

First, we are asking representatives—either active or veteran—from each branch of the military to carry that branch's flag. We need a representative at each traditional service, 8:30 and 11:00 am. Time commitment is only the morning of June 25th, for about an hour. Email csalazar@duewest.org to secure your position!

Second, if you have served, or would like to recognize immediate family that have served or are currently serving in the armed forces, and have never before had their photo in the slideshow, please submit a clear photo with their full name, branch, and rank. Email photo submissions with details to csalazar@duewest.org by June 15th.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS: EVENTS 1/3

- Watercolor Classes for Adults: June 1st and June 29th
- Magic Treehouse Adventure Camp: June 12th-15th
- Pottery Camp: June 12th-16th
- Art Camp: June 26th-30th
- Seussical Jr. Auditions: July 10th 14th

The Center for the Arts invites you to join us for one of our fun camps in June! We offer sibling discounts and a multi-camp discount. Email cfa@duewest.org with any questions or for more information.

Summer Camps

We have lots of great summer camps to offer - theatre, sewing, art, pottery, and adventure play! All CFA camp signups can be

found at this link.

Anything's Possible May 30th - June 2nd Register Here

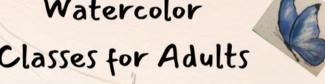
DUE WEST CENTER FOR THE ARTS STORYBOOK PLAYHOUSE **PRESENTS**

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MAY 30 - JUNE 2

DUE WEST CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Watercolor Classes for Adults



No experience necessary! Commit to only one class at a time. 1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month 10:30 am - 12:00 pm South Campus, Building C, room 243

\$18 (first class - includes supplies)

\$13 (bring your own supplies)

Send a text to 404-664-9906 to reserve a spot

Click here to sign up for events!





JUNE 12-16 JULY 17-21

9am -12pm

Have fun learning from a local artist how to hand build both functional and decorative pottery pieces. Kids will end the week with 3-4 finished pieces that will then be fired and can be picked up within 2 weeks.

Space is limited to 12 students

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW at www.duewest.churchcenter.com

Meet your instructor!

Hi there! I'm Taylor Gindlesberger and I'm a local potter out of Dallas, GA! My husband Sam and I moved to the area in September with our two young kids. I took my first pottery class in 2018 with the dream of creating a space where people could rest and play. I have a bachelors in Public Relations from Auburn and a Masters in Intercultural Studies from Asbury Theological Seminary. My faith has played a huge role in the creation and continuation of this business and I love incorporating ideas about God and how he forms and shapes us though analogies with clay.

I've been offering workshops for both kids and adults since the fall of 2019: from Christmas ornament workshops, to birthday parties, and ladies night out. In addition to workshops, I sell my personal wheel thrown and slab built pieces online and at craft markets. Check out my website, http://liveoakspottery.com, to see some of my work. If you're interested but have more questions, please feel free to reach out to me at

liveoakspottery@gmail.com







Engage your creativity and imagination, and learn new art skills exploring the themes of summer!

REGSITRATION IS OPEN NOW AT www.duewest.churchcenter.com

Meet your Instructor!

Beth Morris is an Ohio native who has called West Cobb home for the last 25 years. She has been teaching art to students from preschool to retirement age for over 2 decades. She completed her undergraduate degree in Studio Art and also holds a Master of Arts in Art Education. Beth has experience teaching art in museums, art centers, summer camps, and private and public schools. When not doing something related to art, she enjoys gardening, traveling, or spending time with her two almost-grown children.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY: INFORMATION

James 5:14, "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the Church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."

In His ministry on earth, Jesus showed that He cared about the needs of the people. We are all given individual gifts to serve, help and teach. Jesus saw people as individuals and addressed their needs in spiritual and physical ways. As we follow His example, we are reminded in Matthew 25:40, "Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Just a few years ago, we trained our first class of Congregational Care Ministers to meet our congregation's physical and spiritual needs. Today, we are blessed with nineteen CCMs who have felt the call to minister to the needs of our congregation alongside our Pastors. CCMs will visit when you are ill and walk alongside you as you grieve the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, or any life crisis.

Grief Share classes are offered twice a year. CCMs are available to serve Holy Communion in your home when you are unable to come to services as well as administer healing oils that remind us of God's presence supporting us in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for you daily and send encouraging cards and notes as we walk alongside you during difficult times.

Our ministry is ready and waiting to be there for you when you need us. To be assigned a CCM, please contact Pastor David Campbell or lay leader, Brenda Wyatt at brendahwyatt@hotmail.com, 770-605-3709.

In His Service by Your Side, Brenda Wyatt Congregational Care Minister

GriefShare - Comforting Others

After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped coming, most of the people around you return to their normal lives, but your grief continues and you may feel alone. Often, friends and family want to help you, but don't know how. That's the reason for GriefShare. GriefShare is a network of over 15,000 churches and grief support groups.

Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief due to the loss of a loved one and have successfully rebuilt their lives. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief.

The support group meets weekly on Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Bldg. C, Room 240. The current 13-week cycle started March 26, 2023.

If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please contact Connie at cmm10500@gmail.com or 904-651-2732.

Click here to learn more about GriefShare.



The Dementia Ministry at Due West United Methodist Church

The question I am most often asked: What is the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia?

Dementia, often referred to today as Neurocognitive Disorder, is NOT a disease. It is the term used for a group of symptoms which include difficulty in thinking and saying and doing things as we once did... a loss of cognitive abilities that interferes with everyday life and daily activities.

Alzheimer's IS a disease and the most common cause of dementia. Lewy Body Dementia is the second most common cause, and Vascular Dementia is the third. There are 114 known causes for the symptoms referred to as dementia.

So, how do I know if my loved one or I may need an evaluation? If you or your loved one has difficulty doing the things that have come easily for all of your life, seek an evaluation. Among those might be: driving, getting lost, missing payments or appointments, choosing from a menu. Difficulty in thinking and reasoning.

If you have questions or concerns about you or a loved one, your Loving Through Dementia ministry is here to help.

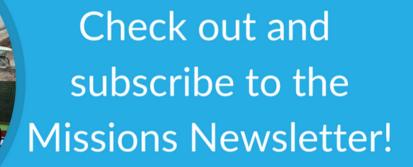
Blessings,

Sheila Welch

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www.lovingthroughdementia.org





CLICK HERE

June Missions Newsletter

Here at Due West, we want every person to be engaged in our missions' ministry. From the youngest to the oldest, we want to get everyone involved in serving God! We are so excited to announce that we have a new format for mission's information.

Click here to read the new Missions Newsletter for June.

Click here to subscribe to our Missions Monthly Newsletter.

We pray that you find a place to serve and join us as we live out our Mission Statement, "Inviting the community to join us as we Gather Together, Grow in Jesus Christ, and Go Serve."

