

# Celebrations

- ◆ The LIFE Circle of our United Methodist Women collected and delivered items to Murphy-Harpst Children's Center for their Campus Store. Kids are able to use their earned points to purchase candy, toys, games, art kits and other fun items.
- ◆ Randy, a regular attender at Douglasville Dinner Church, has begun playing piano for our hymn sing when we gather. Moving attenders into servant roles is a key goal for us.

## ACTIVITIES | WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18

### Sunday, November 18

Traditional Worship, 8:30am, Sanctuary  
 Breakfast, 9:00am, AHH  
 Sunday School, 9:45am, All areas  
 Kids' Church, 10:50am, A201  
 Traditional Worship, 11:00am, Sanctuary  
 The Journey Worship, 11:00am, BPTH  
 Trustees Meeting, 12:30pm, B120  
 Young Adults, 5:00pm, B220  
 Chamber Singers Messiah Concert, 6:00pm, Sanctuary/AHH

### Monday, November 19

Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC

### Tuesday, November 20

Emotions Anonymous, 7:00pm, B222

### Wednesday, November 21

Church Office Closed  
 Scoutmaster Meeting, 6:30pm, C103

### Thursday, November 22

Happy Thanksgiving  
 Church Office Closed  
 AHH- Huffine Hall (A-building)  
 BPTH- Patricia Tidwell Hall (B-building)  
 CYAC- Youth Activity Center (C-building)



## CONNECTING

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Traditional** (Sanctuary)  
 Sundays 8:30am and 11:00am

**Contemporary** (Patricia Tidwell Hall)  
 Sundays 11:00am

**Dinner Church** (Good Samaritan Center)  
 1st and 3rd Saturdays 5:00pm

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### DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Sunday School- Sundays 9:45am

Small Groups- Begin Again February 11

Young Adults- Sundays 5:00pm

### CONTACT US

Phone (770) 942-3146

### WEBSITE

douglasvilleFUMC.org

### "IN THE LOOP" TEXT UPDATES

Text LOOP to 770-285-5600

### "MY CHURCH" DFUMC SMARTPHONE APP

Text DVILLE APP to 77977

### GET SOCIAL WITH US



## GENEROSITY REPORT

11/11 Worship Attendance.....	300
11/11 Operating Receipts.....	\$13,574
Faith Promises Received.....	\$45,142
Capital Campaign Received.....	\$530,225

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Thanksgiving arrangement is dedicated to the Glory of God and is placed on the altar by the Worship Committee.

## WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad that you are here and hope that you're blessed by the experience. Please be sure to fill out the connection card or just text the word WELCOME to 770-285-5600 for quick registration. Our Pastors would love to meet you following the service.

### KIDS

We love kids in worship but if you prefer, a nursery is available for infants and those up to age four (exit forward, take a right and go all the way to the end of the hallway and take another right). Kids' Church is available for kindergarten through fifth graders. Kids should be checked in by 10:50am in Room A201. A greeter is happy to escort you to either of these locations.

### RESTROOMS

Exit forward, take a right, and the men's restroom is on the right and the women's is straight ahead at the end of the hallway.

### WIFI (DFUMC-Guest)

Password: #lovedouglasville

## INVITATIONS

### AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

Jesus loves you and desires to be in relationship with you. Jesus offers you abundant life (peace, joy, meaning, purpose, love, fulfillment) now and forevermore.

### AN INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

While membership is not required to worship or participate at Douglasville First UMC, membership is integral for the maturing believer. Along with devotion to Christ, the Christian life includes learning, living and growing together with other Christians as a part of the Body of Christ. To be a member is to be part of a living organism- a vital community animated by the Spirit to love and to serve.

To discuss either invitation, please contact Rev. Brett DeHart via email at BrettD@douglasvilleFUMC.org or call 770-942-3146.



*Connect people to Jesus, make disciples, transform the world.*

**NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost. Color: Green

\*Please stand as you are comfortable. | Please silence cell phones. | Hearing devices are available if needed.  
Acolytes- 8:30am Sam McCumpsey and Kaylee Story, 11:00am Lilly Ash and Caraline Izenour

### WELCOME

PRELUDE: “Lobe den Herren”.....Johann G. Walther

\*HYMN (UMH #559) “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

(11:00am) SERMON: “Welcome- Company's Coming. Are We Ready?”.....Rev. Brett DeHart

(11:00am) ANTHEM: “Offertory”.....John Ness Beck

### PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN (UMH #395) “Take Time to Be Holy”

*(please place your 2019 “Estimate of Giving” card on the altar rail during the hymn)*

(8:30am) ANTHEM: “Offertory”.....John Ness Beck

(8:30am) SERMON: “Welcome- Company's Coming. Are We Ready?”.....Rev. Brett DeHart

OFFERTORY: “Meditation on ‘Beach Spring’”.....Hal Hopson

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND DOXOLOGY (Sung by All) - ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*HYMN (UMH#328) “Surely the Presence of the Lord” (sing twice)

\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING- *Sisters and brothers, we are not dismissed. We are not just free to go. Christ sends us! Go in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord.*

\*POSTLUDE: “All Glory Be to God on High”.....Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

*Members of our Prayer Team are available for personal prayer in the Prayer Chapel (across from Huffine Hall) following worship.*

### Sermon Notes

Romans 12:13 *Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.*

Hebrews 13:1-2 *Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

Romans 15:7 *Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

*“To greet (people) with generosity and welcome in the name of Christ, to make a place for them in God’s house, is not just friendliness – it is a saving grace. You are showing the hospitality of God.” - Thomas Long*

Guest Experience: (1) Anticipation (2) Arrival (3) Experience (4) Departure (5) Savor

### 2019 “Estimate of Giving” Pledge Cards Due Today

Each fall, the church Finance Committee asks that supporters of the church make an “estimate of giving” pledge for the coming year. A pledge is an estimate of giving that helps you better plan your finances and helps the church plan its finances responsibly, too. You will have an opportunity to place your commitment card on the altar Sunday, November 18 during worship.

### Prayer Ministry Expands

You are invited for a short time of prayer each Sunday morning from 9:30-9:40am in the Prayer Room on the ground floor of the B-Building. Also, members of our prayer team are available for personal prayer following worship in both the Prayer Chapel (A-Building first floor across from Huffine Hall) and the Prayer Room (B-Building ground floor across from PTH).

### Sanctuary Poinsettias On Sale

Each Christmas, our Sanctuary is decorated with beautiful poinsettias that individuals purchase in honor or memory of a loved one. We will be taking orders on Sundays through December 9 in Huffine Hall. The Worship Committee asks that poinsettias be left in the Sanctuary until after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service. Thank you for your support of this tradition.

### Adopt-A-Child for Christmas

We are collecting gifts to bless some of the families at Burnett Elementary School. Sign-up today during breakfast in Huffine Hall or in The Journey elevator lobby following worship or by contacting Suzie Stephenson at stephensonl09615@bellsouth.net or 404-660-6718. Gifts for your family need to be turned in by December 17.

### Final Days of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

OCC is a ministry that gives shoeboxes filled with toys, personal care items and things like socks or t-shirts to children all around the world. A book is added to share the gospel with each child in their own language. Want to make a box? Grab a brochure or go online to [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ). You can even put a shoebox together online and pay with your credit card. DFUMC is the Douglas County collection location and we need volunteers to help Monday, November 19 from 8:30-10:30am. To serve, contact Lenore Lantz at [lenore4god@gmail.com](mailto:lenore4god@gmail.com).

### Love Offering for Our Staff

As we prepare for this November’s Thanksgiving holiday, the Staff Parish Relations Committee invites you to express “a thank you” and contribute to a Love Offering for DFUMC’s dedicated clergy and staff. Please write “Love Offering” on the memo line of your check or you can give online through our app or website at [www.douglasvilleFUMC.org](http://www.douglasvilleFUMC.org). Please make your donation by November 30.

### Good Samaritan: November Items of the Month

Please donate holiday meal side items (vegetables, cornbread mix, stuffing mix, gravy mix, marshmallows etc.) by placing them in the bin located in the elevator lobby (B Building). New or used Bibles also appreciated.

### Home for Sale

The Trustees are selling the former parsonage located at 8886 Vansant Street. The listing price is \$160,000 and will be sold “as is.” Offers from church members only will be received until November 30. If interested, please contact Cheryl Smith [cgsmith516@aol.com](mailto:cgsmith516@aol.com).

### Special Music during Sunday Traditional Worship

December 2 Advent Lessons and Carols  
December 9 Kids’ Christmas Pageant (11:00am only)  
December 16 UWG Tuba/Euphonium quartet  
December 23 Choir Cantata

### Douglasville Christmas Parade Volunteers Needed

Help decorate our float and participate in this year’s parade on Friday, December 7 at 6:30pm. The theme is “Miracle on Main Street.” To serve, please contact [StephenR@douglasvilleFUMC.org](mailto:StephenR@douglasvilleFUMC.org) or 678-428-7997.

### Operation Christmas Douglas County, December 15

We have the opportunity to bless 300+ boys and girls ages 5 through 18 in our local community.

1. Donate toys at DFUMC through December 12.
2. Serve on Saturday morning, December 15. Join the celebration and sign up to serve as we celebrate the greatest gift by giving back to our neighbors with a light breakfast, crafts, shopping, and gift wrap.

### Blue Christmas Worship Service, December 13

Not all Christmases are white; some are blue. Though most people are singing, socializing, and enjoying life to the fullest some feel more lost, more abandoned, and more lonely this time of year more than ever. Losses, hardships, or shattered hopes are especially painful alone. In this service of light and shadows, our prayer is that we might awaken to new paths of joy and light while being honest about our deepest fears. Stephen Ministers will be present for prayer. The service begins at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. A hot cider and cocoa reception to follow.

### Nine Ways to Give to the Church

- ◆ Recurring, Consistent Gifts Online or on the App
- ◆ In the offering during worship
- ◆ On our DFUMC “My Church” App
- ◆ Text **DVILLE** to 77977
- ◆ Online- [www.douglasvilleFUMC.org](http://www.douglasvilleFUMC.org)
- ◆ In the Grey Donation Boxes
- ◆ Mail a Check to the Church
- ◆ Give IRA Distributions, Stocks/Bond
- ◆ Remember the church in your will or trusts