

Celebrations

- ◆ Our Rachel's Blankets ministry has made and distributed 245 yarn hats this fall- 60 to Burnett Elementary School, 35 to DFUMC Little Scholars Academy preschool, 20 to Factory Shoals Elementary Backpack Ministry, 30 to Cornerstone Class Backpack Ministry, 100 to DFUMC Dinner Church. Thanks to all who made hats and donated yarn or gift cards to purchase yarn.
- ◆ We received an anonymous gift of \$2,500 to support our Dinner Church ministry. 105 people worshipped together at our last gathering November 17 at Good Samaritan. Dinner Church will worship again on December 1, 15, and 22.

ACTIVITIES | WEEK OF DECEMBER 2

Sunday, December 2

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
 Young Adults, 5:00pm, B220

Monday, December 3

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-A107
 Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136
 Reserved, 6:30pm, AHH
 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC

Tuesday, December 4

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-A107
 Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136
 Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, 7:00pm, BPTH
 Chamber Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 5

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-A107
 Men's Lunch & Bible Study, 12:00pm, AHH
 Little Scholars Enrichment, 1:00pm, A101
 Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136/G6

Youth Activities, 6:00pm, CYAC/B224/B226
 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, B132
 Host Team Meeting, 6:30pm, B222
 Kids' Dinner, 6:00pm, AHH
 Kids' Pageant Rehearsal, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
 Disciple Class, 6:30pm, B122

Thursday, December 6

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-A107
 Little Scholars Academy Enrichment, 1:00pm, A101
 Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136

Friday, December 7

Memorial Service (Jean Warren), 1:00pm, Sanctuary/HH
 Christmas Parade, 7:00pm, Downtown Douglasville
 Chamber Singers Concert, 8:00pm, Sanctuary/HH

Saturday, December 8

Scouts District Meeting, 2:00pm, CYAC

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

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Sunday School- Sundays 9:45am

Small Groups- Begin Again February 11

Young Adults- Sundays 5:00pm

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"MY CHURCH" DFUMC SMARTPHONE APP

Text DVILLE APP to 77977

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GENEROSITY REPORT

11/25 Operating Receipts.....\$18,709
 December Operating Needs.....\$140,000
 Faith Promises Received.....\$47,126
 Capital Campaign Received.....\$532,964

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Larry Morris by Janice, Brad, Kristen, Jake, Ellie and Ada.

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.

DECEMBER 2, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent. Color: Purple

*Please stand as you are comfortable. | Please silence cell phones. | Hearing devices are available if needed.
Acolytes: 8:30am Kurt Meador and Sam McCumpsey, 11:00am Ian McConnell and Caraline Izenour

WELCOME

PRELUDE: “Nun komm der Heiden Heiland” (Now come, Savior of the heathens).....J.S. Bach

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING (Jeremiah 33:14-16).....8:30am Julie Koon, 11:00am John and Cindy Price

***HYMN (UMH #211)** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

SERMON: “God With Us: In the Valley” (Psalm 84:5-7; Psalm 139:7-10).....Rev. Heather Jallad

BIDDING 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.

THE FIRST LESSON- Genesis 3:1-15

Carol - “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”.....Alan Bullard

THE SECOND LESSON- Isaiah 40:1-11

*Hymn (see insert) “Comfort, Comfort You My People”

THE THIRD LESSON- Jeremiah 31:31-34

*Hymn (UMH #196) “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

THE FOURTH LESSON- Micah 5: 2-4

Carol - “Away in a Manger”.....Ola Gjeilo

THE FIFTH LESSON- Isaiah 35:1-10

*Hymn (UMH #202) “People, Look East”

THE SIXTH LESSON- Zephaniah 3:14-18

Carol - “Rejoice and Sing”.....Anna Laura Page

THE SEVENTH LESSON- Luke 1:26-38

*Hymn (UMH #692) “Creator of the Stars of Night”

OFFERTORY: “O Dayspring” (Christopher Mosley, violin).....Karen Marrolli

***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.

***COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING-** *You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.* (Matthew 5:14,16)

***SENDING FORTH** (Sung by All)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***POSTLUDE:** “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” (Awake, calls the voice to us).....Johann Gottfried Walther

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

Douglasville Christmas Parade, December 7

Help decorate our float and participate in this year’s parade Friday night at 6:30pm. To serve, please contact StephenR@douglasvilleFUMC.org or 678-428-7997.

8 Kids Still Left for Adopt-A-Child for Christmas

We are collecting gifts to bless some of the families at Burnett Elementary School. Sign-up by contacting Suzie Stephenson at stephenson9094@gmail.com or 404-660-6718. We could also use some additional \$50 gift cards from Walmart or Target. Gifts for your family need to be turned in by December 17.

2019 Estimate of Giving Pledge Cards Due

As we grow in generosity, it deepens our relationship with God and allows us to participate more fully in God’s mission through the church. The church is asking that you prayerfully consider your 2019 giving and to complete and turn in a “2019 Estimate of Giving” pledge card soon. Know that estimates can be adjusted at any point during the year by contacting the church office.

Special Music during Sunday Traditional Worship

December 9 Kids’ Christmas Pageant (11:00am only)

December 16 UWG Tuba/Euphonium quartet

December 23 Choir Cantata

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.

Good Samaritan: December 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.

Kids in December

For the month of December, we’ll be learning about WHY we call it Christmas. Our series will be the first four weeks of December (December 2, 9, 16, and 23) and is based on the VeggieTales creation. Our kids will be on a journey that will cover the big questions of Christmas. Join us in A201 Sundays at 10:50am.

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).

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 nursery will be provided. A hot cider and cocoa reception to follow the service.

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. Donate red, white, and green tissue paper and new or gently-used Christmas gift bags. Place in the bin marked DFUMC on Mission in the elevator lobby.
3. 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.

Christmas Offering

Our Christmas offering will go to Douglasville Dinner Church and our international mission partner in Thailand. Please write “Christmas Offering” on the memo line of your check to DFUMC or give online at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/give.

FX (Family Experience) Christmas Eve, December 24

Bring the whole family for a unique, fun worship experience including music, games, cookies and hot chocolate. Invite your friends and join us at 1:00pm Christmas Eve in Patricia Tidwell Hall (B-Building).

Christmas Eve Worship, December 24

Celebrate the reason for the season: 5:00pm Contemporary in Patricia Tidwell Hall (B-Building), 7:00pm Traditional in the Sanctuary (A-Building). Be sure to invite everyone you know.

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/give
- ◆ In the Grey Donation Boxes
- ◆ Mail a Check to the Church
- ◆ Give IRA Distributions, Stocks/Bond
- ◆ Remember the church in your will or trusts