

# Celebrations

- ◆ Our Little Scholars Academy has had a great first half of the school year. A total of 104 people (students and family members) attended our Thanksgiving Play and Feast on November 15.
- ◆ We hosted the Rome Carrollton District (UMC) Christmas Party on December 4.

## ACTIVITIES | WEEK OF DECEMBER 9

### Sunday, December 9

Traditional Worship, 8:30am, Sanctuary  
 Breakfast, 9:00am, AHH  
 Sunday School, 9:45am, All areas  
 Traditional Worship – Kids’ Pageant, 11:00am, Sanctuary  
 The Journey Worship, 11:00am, BPTH  
 Kids’ Church – Birthday Party For Jesus, following the pageant, A201  
 Kids’ Ministry Volunteer Lunch, 12:15pm, B220  
 Trustees, 12:30pm, B120  
 Girl Scouts, 3:00pm, A201  
 Young Adults, 5:00pm, B220

### Monday, December 10

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-A107  
 Lively Class/UMW Lunch, 11:30am, Atlanta’s Finest  
 Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136  
 Good Samaritan Center Board Meeting, 7:00pm, B220  
 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC

### Tuesday, December 11

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-A107  
 Staff Lunch, 12:45pm, Off Campus  
 Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136  
 Cub Scouts, 7:00pm, A201  
 Emotions Anonymous, 7:00pm, B222  
 Survivors of Suicide Support Group, 8:00pm, B226

### Wednesday, December 12

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  
 Rachel’s Blankets, 4:30pm, B220  
 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, B132  
 Disciple Class, 6:30pm, B122

### Thursday, December 13

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-A107  
 Little Scholars Academy Christmas Party 11:00am, AHH  
 Little Scholars Academy Enrichment, 1:00pm, A101  
 Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136  
 Scout Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, CYAC  
 Blue Christmas Service, 7:00pm, Sanctuary/AHH

### Friday, December 14

Youth Progressive Dinner, 5:00pm, Meet at Church

### Saturday, December 15

Operation Christmas Douglas County, 9:00am, BPTH  
 Dinner Church, 5:00pm, Good Samaritan Center

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

### 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

12/2 Worship Attendance.....305  
 December Operating Receipts.....\$20,600  
 December Operating Needs.....\$140,000

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Pete, and our daughter, Kelli Lynne, and in memory of the life and love we three shared together by Linda Prickett.

## 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 9, 2018

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## Second Sunday of Advent. Color: Purple

\*Please stand as you are comfortable. | Please silence cell phones. | Hearing devices are available if needed.  
Acolytes: 8:30am Kaylee Story, 11:00am Brandon Hawkinson and Jackson Wynn

### WELCOME

PRELUDE: “Twas in the Moon of Christmastime”.....David Lasky

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING (Malachi 3:1-4).....8:30am Ryan & Beverly Scholz, 11:00am Jennings & Betsy Garbade

\*HYMN (UMH #218) “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

(11:00am) KIDS’ PAGEANT - “It’s Christmas Everywhere!”.....Michael Burnaman, Pageant Director

### 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.**

(8:30am) SPECIAL MUSIC.....Ashley Buchanan, soloist

SERMON: “God With Us: On the Mountain”.....Rev. Brett DeHart

OFFERTORY: “O Come, Little Children”.....David Lasky

\*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 #203) “Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING- Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

\*SENDING FORTH (Sung by All)

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

\*POSTLUDE: “Toccata in F” .....D. Buxtehude

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

### Last Chance to Purchase Sanctuary Poinsettias

Each Christmas, our Sanctuary is decorated with beautiful poinsettias that individuals purchase in honor or memory of a loved one. Today is the last day we will be taking orders 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.

### 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 office lobby.
3. Serve on Saturday morning, December 15 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Sign-up to serve as a greeter inside, the parking lot outside, crafts with kids, or cleanup at [www.douglasvillefumc.org/servant](http://www.douglasvillefumc.org/servant).

### Special Music during Sunday Traditional Worship

December 16 UWG Tuba/Euphonium quartet  
December 23 Choir Cantata

### 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](http://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). A nursery will be provided.

### 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). A nursery will be provided. Please invite your friends.

### 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.

### 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](http://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

### 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.

### Combined Worship, December 30

Join us at 11:00am in the Sanctuary for one combined service on December 30. Dress is casual and kids are welcome to wear their PJs. Please note that there will not be breakfast, Kids and Youth Sunday School, or Kids’ Church that day.

### Sanctuary Altar Flowers 2019

The following Sundays are available for altar flowers in 2019: February 24, May 19, August 4, September 1 & 8, October 6. The cost for the arrangement is \$55. If you would like to place flowers on one of these dates, please contact Ivy Smith at [IvyS@douglasvilleFUMC.org](mailto:IvyS@douglasvilleFUMC.org) or call the church office at 770-942-3146.

### 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).

### Text Notifications

Get Douglasville First UMC news and important weather closure notifications by signing up for our “In the Loop” text service. To sign-up, text the word LOOP to 770-285-5600. To be informed by text when church members die, please text the word FUNERAL to 770-285-5600.