

Celebrations

- ◆ We continue to strengthen our partnership with GRACE Ministry in Thailand through individual child sponsorships, providing hundreds of dental hygiene kits, and faith promise gifts of \$1,200 this year. Missionaries Jon and Angie Sullivan are working to eradicate vulnerabilities of children at-risk of human trafficking and to empower families out of poverty through education, family support, and offering the hope of the Gospel in an unreached part of the world.
- ◆ The Student Leadership Team led 35 of their fellow youth in a powerful night of worship and testimony on December 5.

ACTIVITIES | WEEK OF DECEMBER 16

Sunday, December 16

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 Party, 6:00pm, BPTH

Monday, December 17

Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/
B136
Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC

Tuesday, December 18

Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/
B136
Mission Team Meeting, 7:00pm,
B120
Emotions Anonymous, 7:00pm, B222

Wednesday, December 19

Men's Lunch & Bible Study,
12:00pm, AHH
Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/
B136/G6
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, B132
Disciple Class, 6:30pm, B122
Scoutmaster Meeting, 6:30pm, C103

Thursday, December 20

Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/
B136
Scout Party, 7:00pm, CYAC

Friday, December 21

Christmas Eve Rehearsal, 6:30pm,
BPTH

Saturday, December 22

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

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WEBSITE

douglasvilleFUMC.org

"IN THE LOOP" TEXT UPDATES

Text LOOP to 770-285-5600

"MY CHURCH" DFUMC SMARTPHONE APP

Text DVILLE APP to 77977

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GENEROSITY REPORT

12/9 Worship Attendance.....312
December Operating Receipts.....\$53,053
December Operating Needs.....\$140,000

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Judith and Russell Wilkes by their family.

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 16, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent. Color: Purple

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE: “Bring a Torch Janette, Isabella”.....University of West Georgia Tuba/Euphonium Quartet

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING (Philippians 4:4-7).....8:30am DJ and Mary McConnell, 11:00am David & Megan Pendley

*HYMN (UMH #213) “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.** (**catholic = universal)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI (Sung by All)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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.

ANTHEM: “Concertato on Adestes Fidelis”.....Austin Lovelace

SERMON: “God With Us: In the Desert”.....Rev. Heather Jallad

OFFERTORY: “Break Forth, Oh Beauteous Heavenly Light” and “Silent Night”.....UWG Tuba/Euphonium Quartet

*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 #221) “In the Bleak Midwinter”

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH (Sung by All)

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

*POSTLUDE: “Joy to the World”.....UWG Tuba/Euphonium Quartet

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

Christmas Cantata in Traditional Worship, December 23

Join us next Sunday in both traditional services (8:30 and 11:00am) as our Chancel Choir presents J.S. Bach’s Cantata “Uns ist ein Kind geboren” (Unto us a Child is born). This beautiful work contains an instrumental overture, three arias, and three choruses all being sung in German. This work is accompanied by a string quartet, a woodwind quartet, and organ. Three guest artists will sing the solo movements and we will welcome Dr. Dawn Neely back to Douglasville First UMC to conduct the choir and orchestra. This is a wonderful invitational opportunity.

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. Register now at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/FX.

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.

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.

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.

Thank You from the Staff

Your church staff would like to thank all of those that contributed to the staff love offering. We love being in ministry with you and appreciate your generosity.

New Scouting Opportunity for Girls

Scouts BSA Troop 1228 is forming in 2019 just for girls between the ages of 11 and 17. This will be the same program as Boy Scouts - leadership, outdoor activities, and service. Girls can also earn Scouting’s highest rank, the Eagle Scout Award. There will be an informational session on Sunday, January 6 at 12:30pm in the SLRC (B220). Meetings begin Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00pm in Room A206. Contact Scoutmaster Georgia Deakin at ScoutsBSA1228@gmail.com or Steve Fitz at fitz.steven@yahoo.com.

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
- ◆ 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.

Fresh Expressions Vision Day, February 23

A Fresh Expression is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of those who are not yet part of any church. Our Dinner Church is one example of a fresh expression of church. Douglasville First UMC will host a full-day vision day for the North Georgia Conference (UMC) on Saturday, February 23. Our goal is for 100 DFUMC people to attend and discern how God might be calling us to expand our reach in new ways.

Sanctuary Altar Flowers 2019

The following Sundays are available for altar flowers in 2019: February 24, August 4, September 1, 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 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).