

Celebrations

- ♦ Operation Christmas Douglas County was one of our largest volunteer efforts ever with 118 people serving December 15 to bless over 400 kids. This was our fourth year participating in this community endeavor.
- ♦ 89 people worshipped at Dinner Church at Good Samaritan Center on December 15.

ACTIVITIES | WEEK OF DECEMBER 23

Sunday, December 23

Traditional Worship –Choir
Cantata, 8:30am, Sanctuary
Breakfast, 9:00am, AHH
Sunday School, 9:45am, All areas
Kids' Church, 10:50am, A201
Traditional Worship-Choir Cantata,
11:00am, Sanctuary
The Journey Worship, 11:00am,
BPTH

Monday, December 24

FX (Family Experience) Christmas
Eve, 1:00pm, BPTH
Christmas Eve Worship-
Contemporary, 5:00pm, BPTH
Christmas Eve Worship-Traditional,
7:00pm, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25

Merry Christmas

Wednesday, December 26

Church Finance Office Open, 9:00am
-12:00pm

Sunday, December 30

Worship – One Combined Service,
11:00am, Sanctuary
Young Adults, 5:00pm, B220

Monday, December 31

Church Finance Office Open, 9:00am
-12:00pm

Tuesday, January 1

Happy New Year

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

12/16 Worship Attendance.....352
December Operating Receipts.....\$76,396
December Operating Needs.....\$140,000

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 23, 2018

Year End Giving
Thanks for a great year at
Douglasville First UMC
Help us finish strong by making a
year-end gift so we can continue to
#lovedouglasville
douglasvilleFUMC.org/give

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Fourth 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 Brandon Hawkinson

WELCOME

PRELUDE: “See Amid the Winter's Snow”.....Malcolm Archer

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING (Luke 1:47-55).....8:30am David & Judy Webb, 11:00am Melvin & Coleen Swain

CHOIR CANTATA: Cantata BWV 142 “Uns ist ein Kind geboren” (Unto us a Child is Born).....J.S.Bach

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.

SERMON: “God With Us: In the Waiting”.....Rev. Brett DeHart

OFFERTORY: “Silent Night”.....Ola Gjeilo

*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 #214) “Savior of the Nations, Come”

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING- Almighty God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- bless you and keep you, both now and forever. Amen and Merry Christmas!

*CHORAL RESPONSE: “Alleluia” from Cantata, BWV 142.....J.S. Bach

*POSTLUDE: “We Three Kings of Orient Are”.....Robert Hebble

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

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

We will only have one service next Sunday morning. Join us at 11:00am in the Sanctuary for one combined service. Dress is casual. There will not be breakfast, Kids and Youth Sunday School, or Kids’ Church that day.

Christmas Offering

Our Christmas offering goes 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.

Last Chance to Record 20,000 Hours of Love for 2018

We want to know the impact that Douglasville First UMC has made in our community this year. Please go to www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/20000 and record your service hours for 2018. You can also fill out a paper card available in the postcard racks around campus. Hours can be for any volunteer service in the community (through church programs or your own individual initiative). While we greatly appreciate all you do to serve inside the walls of the church, please don’t record those hours for this tally.

“New Year, New You” Discipleship Coaching, January 9

Make 2019 your greatest year yet! As a follow-up to the January 6 sermon, our Pastors will be offering a special one-night discipleship group coaching session from 6:35-7:45pm in Huffine Hall. Bring a completed “Self-Reflection” document (will be handed out in worship January 6) and receive free dinner at 5:30pm.

Kids’ P.R.A.Y. Program starts January 9

We are excited to introduce a new five-week program (January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 13) for kids (Grades 1-5) and parents on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. You will develop a deeper relationship with God and to understand how God is active in our lives and in the world around us. Upon completion, students will receive their P.R.A.Y. Award, which has been approved for wear on the official uniforms of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and American Heritage Girls. All are eligible to

participate in the program, even if you are not in a Scout unit. Please register by January 4 by emailing JessicaS@douglasvilleFUMC.org and bring payment (\$25 - cash or check) to the first class meeting. Scholarships are available if needed.

Red Cross Blood Drive, January 16

Give the gift of life at Douglasville First UMC on Wednesday, January 16 from 3:00-8:00pm in Patricia Tidwell Hall (B-Building). To schedule an appointment go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: douglasvillefumc. All donors receive a t-shirt and free Wednesday Night Dinner.

Ministry By Strengths, January 16

A key to personal transformation is discovering your unique God-given strengths and maximizing them to be all that God created you to be. In the three-week *Ministry By Strengths* course, you will identify your strengths and develop strategies for finding your unique “sweet spot” for life in Christ. Classes will meet Wednesdays, January 16, 23, and 30 from 6:45-7:45pm. Prior to the first class, attendees should purchase the book, *StrengthsFinders 2.0* by Tom Rath. To register, text MBS0119 to 770-285-5600.

Year End Giving Vital to DFUMC

As with all churches and non-profits, we depend on strong year end giving. With eight days left in the year, we still need \$63,604 to meet our operating budget expenses. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Last Call for 2019 Estimate of Giving Pledge Cards

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.

Sanctuary Altar Flowers 2019

Two Sundays are available for altar flowers in 2019: February 24 and October 6. The cost for the arrangement is \$55. Contact Ivy Smith at 770-942-3146 or IvyS@douglasvilleFUMC.org.