

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.
- ◆ We started Dinner Church this year as a Fresh Expression of Church away from our campus to reach people where they already are. We offered 18 services in 2018 averaging over 100 people by year's end.

ACTIVITIES | WEEK OF DECEMBER 30

Sunday, December 30

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

Saturday, January 5

Dinner Church, 5:00pm, Good
Samaritan Center

Monday, December 31

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

AHH- Huffine Hall (A-Building)

BPTH- Patricia Tidwell Hall
(B-Building)

CYAC- Youth Activity Center
(C-Building)

Tuesday, January 1

Happy New Year
Church Office Closed

Thursday, January 3

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



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

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

12/22 Dinner Church Attendance.....	129
12/23 Worship Attendance.....	394
12/24 FX Attendance.....	61
12/24 The Journey Attendance.....	198
12/24 Traditional Attendance.....	300
December Operating Receipts.....	\$99,354
December Operating Needs.....	\$140,000

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur and Julia Koon, who would have celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary today by their children.

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). A greeter is happy to escort you there. Kids' Church for kindergarten through fifth graders returns January 13.

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 30, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

First Sunday after Christmas Day. Color: White

*Please stand as you are comfortable. | Please silence cell phones. | Hearing devices are available if needed.

WELCOME

PRELUDE: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”.....Jim Cooper, Guest Organist

*HYMN (UMH #220) “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Treasure Of Jesus”.....Steven Curtis Chapman

SERMON: “God With Us: Always”.....Rev. Brett DeHart

OFFERING: “God With Us”.....Hillsong

*HYMN (UMH #246) “Joy to the World”

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING- May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

*POSTLUDE: “Prelude in C major”.....J.S. Bach

Deadline Friday to Register for Kids’ P.R.A.Y. Program

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 Friday, January 4 by emailing JessicaS@douglasvilleFUMC.org and bring payment (\$25 - cash or check) to the first class meeting. Scholarships are available if needed.

“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.

Red Cross Blood Drive, January 16

Give the gift of life at DFUMC 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.

Little Scholars Academy Playground Fundraiser, January 25

Help our preschool renovate the playground and enjoy a fun Trivia Night Event. Tables are \$150 and include seating for eight persons, along with one large pizza, salad and drinks. Individual seating is \$20 and includes a pizza slice, salad and drink. There will also be a silent auction. The fun begins at 6:30pm in Patricia Tidwell Hall (B-Building). To signup, contact Amy Thigpen at AmyT@douglasvilleFUMC.org. Childcare is free by contacting Nancy at NancyH@douglasvilleFUMC.org. Even if you can’t make the event, you can still donate for the playground online at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/give (choose “Preschool Playground” from the dropdown menu) or write a check to DFUMC with “Preschool Playground” on the memo line.

Year End Giving Vital to DFUMC

As with all churches and non-profits, we depend on strong year end giving. With one day left in the year, we still need \$40,646 to meet our operating budget needs. Please consider an additional 2018 gift to your church.

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

Still Time to Support the Christmas Offering

So far, we have received \$2,460 for our Christmas offering to support Douglasville Dinner Church and our international mission partner in Thailand. You can still give by writing “Christmas Offering” on the memo line of your check to DFUMC or giving online at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/give.

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.

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.

Final 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.