

Celebrations

We had an amazing season of generosity this Christmas: Over 400 kids blessed through Operation Christmas Douglas County, gifts for 62 kids through our Adopt-A-Child for Christmas at Burnett Elementary, \$2,865 Christmas Missions Offering for Douglasville Dinner Church and our Thailand missionaries, over 4,000 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes gathered here as the Douglas County OCC Collection Center, and additional blessings shared by Sunday School classes.

ACTIVITIES | WEEK OF JANUARY 6

Sunday, January 6

Traditional Worship, 8:30am, Sanctuary
Cokesbury Preview, 8:30am, B220
Sunday School Officers' Meeting, 9:00am, B220
Breakfast, 9:00am, AHH
Cokesbury Preview, 9:40am, B220
Sunday School, 9:45am, All areas
Worship, 11:00am, Sanctuary
The Journey Worship, 11:00am, BPTH
Boy Scout Meeting, 12:30pm, B220
Young Adults, 5:00pm, B220

Little Scholars Enrichment Classes, 1:00pm, A101
Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136
Rachel's Blankets, 4:30pm, B220
Dinner, 5:30pm, AHH
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, B132
Youth Activities, 6:30pm, CYAC/B224/B226
Kids' Activities, 6:30pm, A201
Disciple Class, 6:30pm, B122
Discipleship Group Coaching Session, 6:35pm, AHH

Thursday, January 10

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-A107
Little Scholars Enrichment Classes, 1:00pm, A101
Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136
Boy Scout Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, CYAC
Stephen Ministry, 6:30pm, B220
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30pm, B228

Tuesday, January 8

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-A107
Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136
Cub Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC/A201/A204
Girl Scouts, 7:00pm, A206
Emotions Anonymous, 7:00pm, B220
Chamber Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, B132
Survivors of Suicide Support Group, 8:00pm, B226

Saturday, January 12

Servant Saturday, 8:30am, Confirmation, 9:00am, Sanctuary/B220
Memorial Service, 10:00am, BPTH/AHH
Reserved, 11:00am, CYAC

Wednesday, January 9

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-A107
Men's Lunch & Bible Study, 12:00pm, AHH

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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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

12/24 Attendance.....559
12/30 Worship Attendance.....193
Christmas Missions Offering.....\$2,865
Faith Promise Receipts.....\$49,687
Organ Console Receipts.....\$116,501
Capital Campaign Receipts.....\$548,875
Debt Eliminated in 2018.....\$182,867

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Shirley Anderson 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). 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.



NEW YEAR
New You!

Sermon Series | January 6 – February 3



Connect people to Jesus, make disciples, transform the world.

JANUARY 6, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Epiphany of the Lord. Color: White

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE: “Galleries ancient”.....Dennis Janzer

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Rejoice and Sing”.....Anna Laura Page

*HYMN (UMH #383) “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

Pastor: Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

COMMISSION 2019 CHURCH LEADERS

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Ashley Buchanan, soloist

SERMON: “New Year, New You: Practices of Transformation– Sanctification Self-Reflection”.....Rev. Brett DeHart

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. The Lord be with you.....**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.....**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.....**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his light. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said: "Drink from this, all of you; This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.** Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OFFERING: “Joy to the World”.....David Schelat

*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 #140) “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH (Sung by All) - ***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

*POSTLUDE: “Toccata In F major”.....Dietrich Buxtehude

“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.

Servant Saturday, January 12

We'll #lovedouglasville with a prayer walk, acts of kindness, food and hygiene kits for the homeless camp, and a hot chocolate station at a local grocery store. Please sign-up at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/servant.

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.

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.

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.

Good Samaritan: January Items of the Month

Please donate noodles and pasta sauce. Place items in the bin located in the elevator lobby (B Building). New or used Bibles also appreciated.

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.

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).

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