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We love kids in worship! However, if you prefer, a nursery is available for infants to kids age four on the first floor of the A-building. 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 there.

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Exit a rear door of the worship space, take a left, and the restrooms are on the right near the end of hall.

WiFi (DFUMC-Guest)

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GENEROSITY REPORT

Operating Giving.....\$18,709
December Needs.....\$140,000
Faith Promises Total....\$47,126
Capital Campaign.....\$532,964



In The Valley

Psalm 84:5-7; Psalm 139:7-10

CELEBRATIONS

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8 Kids Left for Adopt-A-Child for Christmas | We are collecting gifts to bless some of the families at Burnett Elementary School. Sign-up by contacting Suzie Stephenson at stephenson9094@gmail.com or 404-660-6718. We also need additional \$50 gift cards from Walmart or Target. Gifts need to be turned in by December 17.

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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.

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AN INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

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