

CONNECTING

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Services
Sundays 8:30am and 11:00am
Contemporary Service
Sundays 11:00am

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Sunday School- Sundays 9:45am
Young Adults- Sundays 5:00pm @ Panera

SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASSES

douglasvilleFUMC.org/SF

CONTACT US (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

LOOKING AHEAD

April

- 1 Easter
- 8 Dinner (Baseball theme)
- 14 Rise Against Hunger
- 15 One Worship Service 11:00am
- 18 Dinner (BBQ)
- 21 Dinner Church (Good Samaritan)
- 22 Evensong
- 23 Women's One Day Study
- 25 Dinner (Luau theme)
- 27-28 Rummage Sale

May

- 6 Graduating Seniors Lunch
- 9 Preschool Mothers' Tea
- 12 Servant Saturday
- 17 Preschool Graduation
- 20 Pentecost Sunday

June

- 9 Servant Saturday
- 11-14 VBS
- 18 UMW Picnic
- 22-25 Youth Retreat to Panama City

Rise SM

AGAINST HUNGER



APRIL 14

BRIGHTEN ACADEMY





The Adventurers Sunday School Class and our Little Scholars Academy are sponsoring a Rummage Sale to benefit missions, church projects, and the preschool. Hours are Friday 8:00am-4:00pm and Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm. Your donations (jewelry, furniture, books, small appliances, tools, children's clothes, toys, etc.) may be brought to Patricia Tidwell Hall on Thursday, April 26 from 9:00am-5:00pm, no pickup available. Tax receipt available upon request. Contacts: Joo Fouts (770-942-0884) or Cheryl Smith (770-605-0211).

RSVP Required for Rise Against Hunger, April 14

A new name but the same great mission. Join in this fun family experience this year at Brighten Academy. Registration required at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org. Choose your shift (9:00-10:30am or 11:00am-12:30pm) and join the effort to eliminate hunger in our world. Contact: Donald Pridgen at donaldpridgen@icloud.com.

One Combined Worship Service, April 15

The church will unite for one worship service at 11:00am in the Sanctuary to celebrate together the Confirmation of eleven of our students who are professing their faith in Christ and joining the church.

Congratulations to our Confirmands

Austin Rader, Brandon Hawkinson, Daniel Swanepoel, Jackson Wynn, Kurt Meador, Miles Powers, Nicholas Hemmings, Samuel McCumpsey, Valerie Davis, and Will Roberson.

One-Day Women's Study, April 23

Our United Methodist Women invite women of the church to join in a mission study on "Living as a Covenant Community" from 10:00am-2:00pm in Huffine Hall. The study will examine: where the major covenants are throughout the Bible, what these covenants reveal about God's character, how God's love for us is displayed in the covenants, and when and how God works with us, in us and through us. The study is free (although a study resource is recommended). A light lunch will be served. Register by April 8 with Cindy Price at 678-517-4226 or cindykprice@bellsouth.net.

Donate Used Kids Bikes

If you have bicycles that are no longer being used, Phil Detore will fix them and donate them to Burnett Elementary for deserving students ages 8-12. Contact Phil at phildetore@live.com or 404-947-1775.

Download Our "My Church" App for Smartphones

Text DVILLE APP (leave a space between the two words) to 77977 for a link to get the free smartphone app.



*Thank You
Pastor Shari*

April 29 will be Pastor Shari Rates' last day at Douglasville First United Methodist Church as the Bishop will be appointing her to serve a new church in June. We thank her for blessing so many during her three years of service here. Ministry highlights include a defined discipleship path, a rejuvenated profitable Preschool, a revitalized Kids' Ministry, formation of a Hospitality Team and a Care Team, community engagement, and becoming a Stephen Minister. Thank you, Shari! We love you.

Sanctuary Altar Flowers

The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God and in:

[April 1] Easter Lilies

[April 8] Loving memory of Brad Wilborn by Marianne, Chase and Jay.

[April 15] Honor of Melissa and Lamar Sanders as they celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

[April 22] Loving memory of Todd Huey Austin and Curtis Ray Austin by their family.

[April 29] Loving memory of Brian Scott Anderson by his family.



Join us in the Sanctuary as we celebrate the Festival of God's Creation! Prelude music will begin at 5:30pm with our guest organist, Dr. Joyce Johnson, Professor of Organ at Spelman College in Atlanta. Evensong begins at 6:00pm. Come celebrate all that God has created for us through the gift of music.

Rachel's Blanket Ministry Requests Donations

Please help us by making a donation of a gift card to Michaels, JOANN, Walmart, Hobby Lobby or any place that sells yarn. An individual prayer shawl takes about six balls of yarn, a baby blanket 3 to 4 balls. Our ministry members go through lots of yarn as they make baby blankets, hats, prayer squares, prayer shawls, chemo hats, lap robes, etc. Contact Janet Deal at jdeal@bellsouth.net or 678-983-4148.

High School Senior Scholarship Deadline April 10

The LIFE Circle (UMW) is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship for graduating high school seniors at Douglasville First UMC. For an application form, contact Nancy Hunt at NancyH@douglasvilleFUMC.org.

Celebrating Our Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL: If you or your son or daughter will be graduating from high school, please submit the form at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/SeniorSunday by Sunday, April 22. Be on the lookout for an Evite to our Senior Lunch following worship on May 6.

COLLEGE: If you or your son/daughter will be graduating from college this spring, email the following information to Katie Faller at KatieF@douglasvilleFUMC.org by April 22: student's name, college graduating from, degree receiving and future plans (if you would like that included).

All grads will appear in the June Messenger and in the Sunday bulletin on May 6.



VBS 2018, June 11-14

DFUMC Kids First will host "SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus" June 11-14. Let's go on an adventure through music, games, crafts, and interactive Bible stories to learn about how Jesus cares for us personally and rescues us in life's toughest circumstances. We'll be a wreck without you volunteering so please contact Suzie Stephenson to serve at SusanS@douglasvilleFUMC.org. Register your kids now at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/dfumc>

Serve in Kids' Ministry

Kids First is looking for volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers for our kindergarteners through fifth graders during the summer months (June, July, August). We meet upstairs in the Kids' Wing (A201) from 9:45 to 10:45am every Sunday morning. For more information, please contact Jessica Suh at JessicaS@douglasvilleFUMC.org.

Join us in April for Special Themed Wednesday Night Dinners

 <p>APRIL 11 BASEBALL Hot dogs and Hamburgers on the Grill, Cotton Candy, & Cracker Jacks!</p>	 <p>APRIL 18 SOUTHERN BBQ Great Eats from Shane's and Games, too!</p>	 <p>APRIL 25 HAWAIIAN LUAU We are roasting a pig and there will be a Hula Dance Contest!</p>
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APRIL REGULAR EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

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, 5:00pm, Panera Bread

MONDAYS

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-
 A106
 Little Scholars Academy Extended
 Session 12:30pm, A201/A106
 Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136/
 G4
 UMW Life Circle (3rd), 7:00pm, de
 Klerk Home
 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC

TUESDAYS

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-
 A106
 Habitat Building Committee, 9:00am,
 B120

Staff Meeting, 1:30pm, B120
 Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136
 Mission Team Meeting (3rd), 7:00pm,
 B220
 Cub Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC
 Emotions Anonymous, 7:00pm, B222
 Survivors of Suicide Support Group
 (2nd) 8:00pm, B226

WEDNESDAYS

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-
 A106
 Mother's Morning Out, 9:00am, A106
 Upper Room (3/14-5/2), 10:00am, B220
 Men's Lunch & Bible Study, 12:00pm,
 AHH
 Little Scholars Extended Session,
 12:30pm, A106
 Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136/
 G4
 Rachel's Blankets (2nd), 4:30pm, B220
 Dinner, 5:30pm, AHH
 Scoutmaster Meeting (3rd), 6:30pm,
 C103
 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, B132

Renew Youth, 6:30pm, CYAC/B224/
 B226
 Kids' First, 6:30pm, A201
 Nursery, 6:30pm, A101

THURSDAYS

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-
 A106
 Musik Garden, 1:00pm, BG4
 Stephen Ministry (2nd & 4th), 6:30pm,
 B220
 Boy Scout Committee Meeting (2nd),
 6:30pm, CYAC

FRIDAYS

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101-
 A106

SATURDAYS

Servant Saturday (2nd), 8:30am

AHH- Huffine Hall (A-bldg)
 BPTH- Patricia Tidwell Hall (B-bldg)
 CYAC- Youth Activity Center (C-bldg)

APRIL BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO YOU!

PLEASE NOTE: If your name or a family members name is missing from the birthday calendar, please contact the church office at 770-942-3146.

1 Warren Buchanan	9 Lesley Rowe	17 Jacquelyn Gwin	25 Tim Gabner
1 Natalie Davis	9 Laila Thigpen	17 Scott Johnston	25 Ethan Gilley
1 Sadie Flynn	9 Allison Thomas	17 Colin Milton	25 Christine Martin
1 Orlanda McLucas	9 Jack Young	17 Donna Moye	25 Elizabeth Thaler
1 Kristen Morris	10 Chris Bechtler	17 Jordan Thrash	26 Penny Clower
1 Elton Thompson	11 Katie Carlile	17 Victoria Wilson	26 Bill Frost
1 Bailey Thrash	11 Andrew Davidson	18 Jennifer Milush	26 Aaron Gerstenberger
1 Olivia Yarbrough	11 Avery Gabner	18 Paul Sears	26 Nina Henry
2 William Blair	11 William Gutmann	19 Michael Adams	26 Allison Price
2 Douglas McConnell	11 Kimberly Thompson	19 Jack Carlile	27 Emily Mayhew
3 Clint Blacker	12 Henry Garbade	19 Stephen Keen	27 Julie Tidwell
3 Troy Buyers	12 Alyce King	20 Michelle Melilli	28 William Ash
3 William Sprayberry	12 Geraldine O'Neal	20 Carolyn Spears	28 Kelsey Johnson
3 Chase Wilborn	13 John Allen	20 Pam Thomas	28 Marie Ledford
4 Beverly Hall	13 Owen Garbade	21 Arthur Brewer	28 Savana Sikes
4 Angela Hight	13 Jacob Morris	21 Diana Champ	28 Max Wallace
5 Elizabeth Awalt	13 Jeffrey VanDyke	21 Jean Rice	29 Allison Ballew
5 Sierra Jallad	14 Lynda Clark	22 Joseph Brewer	29 Beau Cooke
5 Jennifer Popham	14 Kate Jones	22 Nicholas Highnote	29 Ryan Henry
6 James Burkhalter	14 Drew Merritt	22 William Miller	29 Frances Schnare
7 Candy DeHart	15 Karen Cobb	23 Leigh Denucci	30 Mary Fowler
7 Billy Mayhew	15 Sarah Feild	23 Chase Morgan	30 Paul Hawkins
8 Mindy Elliott	15 Aaron Hudson	23 Sophie Shows	30 Jaco Swanepoel
8 Patricia Fuqua	15 Zachary Looka	23 Joan Tidwell	30 Lile Woodell
8 Heather Hicks	15 Catherine Marvin	24 Peggy Townsend	
8 Emily Jackson	16 Kimberly Blair	24 Janna Tysor	
8 Carolyn Roebuck	16 Phillip Jordy	25 Luke Cobb	

Douglasville First United Methodist Church

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 EASTER Sunrise Service, 7:00am, Outside Pancake Breakfast, 8:00am-9:30am, AHH Traditional Worship, 8:30 and 11:00am Sunday School (No Kid or Youth), 9:45am Kids' Extravaganza, 11:00am, A201 The Journey Worship, 11:00am</p>	<p>2 UMW Board Meeting, 11:00am, B220</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 No Dinner or Evening Activities</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 14 Rise Against Hunger, 9:00am, Brighton Academy Confirmation Rehears- al & Reception, 4:00pm, Sanctuary & AHH</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Rachel's Blankets, 4:30pm, B220 Dinner (Baseball), 5:30pm, AHH</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>21 Stephen Ministry Re- treat, 8.30am, Off Campus Dinner Church, 5:00pm, Good Sa- maritan</p>
<p>15 One Combined Wor- ship Service, 11:00am, Sanctuary</p>	<p>16 UMW LIFE Circle, 7:00pm, de Klerk Home</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Dinner (BBQ), 5:30pm, AHH</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>28 Rummage Sale, 8:00am -12:00pm, BPTH Reserved, 8:00am, AHH</p>
<p>22 Evensong "Festival of God's Creation", (5:30pm Prelude), 6:00pm, Sanctuary</p>	<p>23 UMW Mission Study, 10:00am, AHH</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Dinner (Luau), 5:30pm, AHH</p>	<p>26 Rummage Sale Collec- tion, 9:00am- 5:00pm, BPTH</p>	<p>27 Rummage Sale, 8:00am -4:00pm, BPTH</p>	<p>29 Reserved, 7:00pm, B220</p>