

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

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

July

- 14 Servant Saturday
- 14-21 Costa Rica Mission Trip
- 16-19 Fine Arts Camp
- 16-19 Preschool Camp
- 21 Dinner Church

August

- 11 Servant Saturday
- 12 Youth Back to School Bash
- 13 Little Scholars Academy starts
- 17 FX: Family Experience event
- 18 Dinner Church
- 19 Youth Open House
- 22 Wednesday Dinner resumes
- 24 **Men's Dinner**
- 24 **Parents' Night Out**
- 26 Discover DFUMC

September

- 8 Great Day of Service
- 16 Trinity Soup Kitchen
- 16 Starting Point
- 28-30 Confirmation Retreat



The chance to change a life: Mentoring works

IN CONTINUING TO FOCUS OUR MISSION STRATEGY AT DFUMC, we consistently revisit how we might grow and develop deeper and more meaningful relationships with our partners. Mentoring at Burnett Elementary is one more way to get up close and personal with the students and educators at our partner school. We have set a goal of recruiting 10 mentors for Burnett Elementary School who want to make a difference by giving just one hour a week of their time to mentor.

There are many phases we go through during our lifetime, and through those phases we sometimes come across rare individuals that impact our lives in a special way. If we think back to our childhood, I am sure we can all remember someone we looked up to as a role model or mentor. A teacher, youth leader, a neighbor, friend, or relative; someone we always knew was there if we needed them. Today that mentor could be you! Mentoring is a great way to contribute to the life of a child, a way to become engaged in making a difference and impacting the community in a positive light.

The MATCH Program is a school based - mentoring program that connects participating students in the Douglas County School System with caring adults.. After submitting an application and successfully completing a background check, candidates attend a brief training on school policies, updated mentoring techniques, tutoring ideas,

and more. Once training is complete and mentors have been cleared of their background check; mentors are able to select the school of their choice to mentor at (in our case Burnett) and attend a school orientation with the designated counselor. The school matches each mentor with a student and once the student has returned the signed parent permission form they can then meet and begin establishing a mentoring relationship

Mentors spend an hour per week with student mentees at the school doing age-appropriate activities that include reading, tutoring, educational activities, talking about jobs or researching colleges. The program goals are to support students to increase school attendance, improve grades, and test scores. Mentoring helps each mentee feel supported in life and school. They know someone is coming to their school to see them! Current mentors often say they get more out of the mentoring relationship than their mentee.

Mentor training are offered once a month at various locations. For more information please email mentor@douglas.k12.ga.us or call 770-651-2039 The MATCH mentoring program is a collaboration between Communities In Schools of Douglas County and the Douglas County School System. The program is funded through individual donations and grant funds from United Way of Greater Atlanta.

If you have questions and/or make this commitment please share with Mission Team Leader Megan Pendley or Rev. Heather. We want to celebrate and support how God is using you for this life changing opportunity as well as encourage others to be a part of this transformational work. ■

Dinner Church Expanding

We are now recruiting for additional team members as we move from once a month Dinner Church to twice a month in August and weekly by year-end. To join a team, please contact Rev. Heather Jallad at 770-942-3146 or HeatherJ@douglasvilleFUMC.org.

Join the Care Team

Do you have the spiritual gifts of encouragement, mercy, faith, or intercession? The Care Team is looking for people who feel **called to share God's love and care within** our congregation. We are having an informational meeting on Sunday, July 22 from 10:20-10:50am and again from 12:05-12:20pm in the SLRC (B220). If you are unable to make these meetings, contact Care Team Director, Larry Roebuck at ldroebuck@att.net or Connections Director, Robin Payne at RobinP@douglasvilleFUMC.org.

Breakfast Volunteers Needed

Serve occasional Sunday mornings from 8:00-10:30am with dining hall set-up, coffee, and clean-up and more. Contact Jason Baker at jbaker32@yahoo.com.



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive, July 9

Give the gift of life at Douglasville First UMC on
MONDAY, JULY 9 • 2:00-7:00PM

Visit redcrossblood.org

Enter sponsor code: **douglasvillefumc**



“Done In A Day” Bible Studies

Taking Bible studies in the summer can be hard because our lives tend to be full of activities. So we've created a summer Bible study series with you in mind: one-day studies that let you dig into God's Word in new and compelling ways. All classes meet in the Spiritual Life Resource Center (SLRC) in Room B220. Please register online at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org.

- Prayer- Wednesday, July 11 from 10:00am-12:00pm, led by Helyn Mayhew.
- Bible Journaling- Tuesday, July 10 from 6:30 – 8:30pm, led by Robin Payne.
- Bible Journaling- Tuesday, July 24 from 10:00am – 12:00pm, led by Robin Payne.
- Legacy Journal- Wednesday, July 25 from 10:00am-12:00pm, led by Robin Payne.

Adopt a DFUMC College Student

We had twelve DFUMC seniors graduate high school and we'd love for them to remain connected to the church when they go off to college. Individuals and classes are asked to “adopt” these soon-to-be college students as well as those who are already away at college. Notes of support and encouragement, homemade goodies, checking in, and coffee gift cards are all appreciated by students. Contact Katie Faller at KatieF@douglasvilleFUMC.org to be paired up.

Kids' Summer Schedule

Join us for Sunday School from 9:45-10:45am. Kids' Church will not meet in the month of July. We invite families to worship together and we will have kids' bulletins available in all services. In The Journey, if kids complete their bulletins and turn them into Pastor Heather after the service, they will get something from our prize box!

Serve at Good Samaritan Center

GSC is in need of someone to ride along with their truck drivers as they pick up food from the Atlanta Community Food Bank and retailers in the local area every Monday from 6:00-10:00am. The ride along partner will help load and unload items as needed. For more information, contact Tammy Kone at 770-949-7335 or goodsamdc@gmail.com.

Travel to the Holy Land

A trip to Israel has been planned for North Georgia United Methodists March 11-22, 2019. For details, please contact Rev. Brett DeHart at BrettD@douglasvilleFUMC.org.

Donate Used Kids Bikes

Phil and Peggy Detore have started the “Bicycle Ministry” at DFUMC. Please let them know if you have bicycles that are no longer being used, Phil will fix them, clean them up and they will be donated to Burnett Elementary for deserving students ages 8-12. You can bring them to church or they will pick them up from you. Contact Phil at phildetore@live.com or 404-947-1775.



Consistent giving is vital to the church particularly as we prepare for the summer. Douglasville First UMC has a lot of great things happening this summer (VBS, Youth Retreat, Worship, Dinner Church) that depend on your generosity. We hope you will prayerfully consider automating the important. There are three safe, secure and easy ways that you can set-up automatic recurring gifts (pick one):

- 1) With a credit card on our smartphone “My Church” App (don't have the app yet? Text DVILLE APP to 77977)
- 2) With a credit card on our church website (select the GIVE NOW button at the bottom of the home page)
- 3) With deductions from your checking account (please contact Helyn Mayhew at 770-942-3146 or HelynM@douglasvilleFUMC.org)

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
- ◆ In the Grey Donation Boxes
- ◆ Mail a Check to the Church
- ◆ Give IRA Distributions, Stocks/Bond
- ◆ Remember the church in your will or trusts

Text Notifications

Get Douglasville First UMC news and important weather closure notifications by signing up for our “In the Loop” text service. To sign-up, text the word LOOP to 770-285-5600. To be informed by text when church members die, please text the word FUNERAL to 770-285-5600.





attention: K-5TH GRADERS!
JOIN US FOR FINE ARTS CAMP

Piano, strings, guitar & more...

JULY 16-19, 2018

9:00am until noon each day

costa rica

2018 MISSIONS

Costa Rica Mission Team 2018

Eighteen people have answered God's call to GO! Please keep these folks in prayer and consider being a prayer partner as we send them to continue building relationships with our brothers and sisters in Costa Rica. This year's team will be traveling to a new location where Wil Bailey and team are working to partner with local churches in Golfito whereas for the last several years our teams have been in the La Palma region.

We will be working on a facility donated by United Fruit Company to the Methodist Church of Costa Rica. At one time, it was an American School. It needs lots of work to make the property usable, including new ceilings, walls, painting, and some electrical. As has been the case for the last several years we will also be hosting VBS for several days for the local children while there as well.

- Pray that relationships amongst the team going, as well as with those in

Costa Rica, would be strengthened and God's purposes furthered.

- Pray that the lives of everyone involved in this work would be touched and further transformed into the image of Christ.
- Pray that the work begun in the lives of those involved will continue to flourish and grow upon our teams return.
- Pray for guidance and protection in their travels and for a strong witness to the love and goodness of God and the grace of Christ in their coming and going.

Our Team:

Haley McElroy, Josh McElroy, Scott McElroy, Jeff Thaler, Ashley Thaler, Mary Lovegrove, Catherine Colvin, Shannon Colvin, Angel Douglas, Mark Douglas, Kristen Douglas, Gabriela Davis, Bennett Oliver, Bailey Oliver, Angela Benedict, Susan Morgan, Holly Hopkins and Meaghan McIntyre.

Prayer Partners Needed for Costa Rica Team

Contact Katie Faller at KatieF@douglasvilleFUMC.org to partner with a team member. The team leaves on July 14 and returns July 21.

Preschool Now Registering

Little Scholars Academy registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open. We have openings in our 2, 3, and 4-year old classrooms. Our days and hours have changed. We will now have classes Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm. Contact: Kara Lovegrove at KaraL@douglasvilleFUMC.org or 770-920-9059.

Sanctuary Altar Flowers

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

[July 1] Loving memory of Pauline Freeman by Ann Freeman.

[July 8] Loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tom Worthan by Tim and Syble Clower.

[July 15] Loving memory of Anna Ruth Headman by John Headman and Family.

[July 22] Loving memory of Frances "Toots" and Robert Thompson by their Family.

[July 29] Loving memory of Richard F. King by Alyce King.





JULY REGULAR EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Traditional Worship, 8:30am,
Sanctuary
Breakfast, 9:00am, AHH
Sunday School, 9:45am, All areas
Traditional Worship, 11:00am,
Sanctuary
The Journey Worship, 11:00am, BPTH
Young Adults (1ST & 3RD), 5:00pm,
Panera Bread
Young Adults (2ND & 4TH), 5:00pm,
B222

MONDAYS

Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC

TUESDAYS

Emotions Anonymous, 7:00pm, B222
Survivors of Suicide Support Group
(2ND) 8:00pm, B226

WEDNESDAYS

Men's Lunch & Bible Study, 12:00pm,
AHH
Rachel's Blankets (2ND), 4:30pm, B220
Scoutmaster Meeting (3RD), 6:30pm,
C103

THURSDAYS

Stephen Ministry (2ND & 4TH), 6:30pm,
B220
Boy Scout Committee Meeting (2ND),
6:30pm, CYAC

SATURDAYS

Servant Saturday (2ND), 8:30am

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

JULY 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.

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| 1 Tanner Langley | 7 Aaron Lash | 14 Linda Kinsey | 22 Bennett Oliver |
| 1 Mary Ann Wilson | 7 Keith Turner | 14 Mary Lovegrove | 22 Zack Riehl |
| 2 Jennifer Awalt | 8 Mark Burkhalter | 15 Hannah Burks | 22 Paul Shelton |
| 2 Wyetta Ballenger | 8 Robert James | 15 Chuck Council | 23 Kurtis Allen |
| 2 Christine Foote | 8 Charles Shows | 15 Evan Fowler | 23 Donny Burris |
| 2 Eric Langhorst | 9 Audrey Flynn | 15 Andrew Hawkinson | 23 Joshua Clark |
| 2 Kyle Martelino | 9 Stephen Norris | 15 Lauren Lantz | 23 Caroline Douglas |
| 2 Tracy Price | 9 Richard Withers | 15 Kyle McCumpsey | 24 Daniel Allen |
| 3 Billie Jo Blair | 10 Thomas Allen | 15 William Schnare | 24 Elena Coker |
| 3 Deborah Cunningham | 10 Kevin Beaty | 15 Clayton Wilson | 24 Gabe Hultquist |
| 3 Kerstin Mayes | 10 Kirk Boggs | 16 Jackson Cowart | 25 Linda Humphrey |
| 4 Victoria Abercrombie | 10 Juliet Ogbuagu | 16 John Elliott | 26 Adaline Bentley |
| 4 Karen Bridges | 10 Bailey Thompson | 16 Hadley Withers | 26 Will Bentley |
| 4 Frank Cunningham | 10 Mary Turner | 17 Caitlin Bennefield | 26 Douglas Boggs |
| 4 Brian Moore | 10 Anne Whitehead | 17 Christian Martin | 27 Glen Dowdy |
| 4 Matthew Payton | 11 Ashley Schad | 17 Kathy Todd | 27 Katherine Leprone |
| 4 Bradley Pearson | 11 Julie Thomas | 17 Jay Wilborn | 27 Kimberly Leprone |
| 4 Kelly Turner | 11 Thomas Tidwell | 18 Joo Fouts | 27 Henry Robertson |
| 4 Laura White | 12 Michael Awalt | 18 Kamryn Gentry | 28 Lauren Johnson |
| 5 Jessica Rogers | 12 Warren Buchanan | 18 Stuart Kone | 28 Richard Mack |
| 5 Jeffrey Sherry | 12 Jennings Garbade | 18 Sara Schiwal | 28 Hannah McElroy |
| 5 Jake Walker | 12 Mathieu Goolsby | 18 Christiaan de Klerk | 29 Michael Horan |
| 6 Kelley Campbell | 12 Elizabeth Morris | 19 Grace Blacker | 29 Shane Meador |
| 6 Rachel Price | 12 Olivia Rader | 19 Jason Fountain | 29 Melissa Sanders |
| 6 James Pursley | 12 James Schiwal | 20 Andrew Abernathy | 30 Robert Buyers |
| 6 Steven Roberts | 12 Mathew White | 20 Maria Ogbuagu | 30 Barbara Ellis |
| 7 Kevin Brey | 13 Stephanie Buchanan | 21 Rahniyah Gaines | 30 Abigail Noles |
| 7 Justin Carpenter | 13 Jimmy Epps | 21 Chloe Graham | 31 Braxton Bullard |
| 7 Sawyer Carpenter | 13 Amanda Hunt | 21 Brett Hicks | 31 Hayden Escobar |
| 7 Thomas Cobb | 14 Bradley Bentley | 21 Jeff Justice | 31 William Shows |
| 7 Jack Dodson | 14 Ann Daniell | 21 John Myers | 31 William Thomas |
| 7 Robert Hall | 14 John Daniell | 21 Elaine Sears | 31 Marianne Wilborn |
| 7 Harrison Hopkins | 14 Sherri Dunbar | 22 Caroline Clark | |

Douglasville First United Methodist Church

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
			Independence Day Church Office Closed			Reserved, 1:00pm, AHH
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
Star Wars dress-up and photo booth for The Journey at the Movies, 11:00am	Blood Drive, 2:00pm, AHH	Bible Study (Bible Journaling), 6:30pm, B220	Bible Study (Prayer), 10:00am, B220 Rachel's Blankets, 4:30am, B220	Stephen Ministry, 6:30pm, B220 Scout Committee, 7:00pm, CYAC		Costa Rica Mission Trip (14-21) Servant Saturday, 8:30am Reserved, 4:00pm, AHH
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
Sunday School Officers Meeting, 9:40am, B220	Preschool Camp (16- 19), 9:00am, A101- A107	Mission Team Meeting, 7:00pm, B120				Dinner Church, 5:00pm, Good Samaritan Center
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
Care Team Information Meetings, 10:20am and 12:05pm, B220		Bible Study (Bible Journaling), 10:00am, B220	Bible Study (Legacy Journal), 10:00am, B220	Stephen Ministry, 6:30pm, B220		
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>				
Christmas in July in wor- ship services	Reserved, 7:00pm, B220					

Consistent Prayers

for Douglasville First UMC

Lord Jesus, we desperately seek and pray for a movement of God to happen in our church and in our community. Move powerfully in our midst. (Acts 2:2-4)

Lord, we yearn for spiritual revival in the lives of our people and in the life of our church. Make us new creations individually and also as a church. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Pour out your Spirit upon us. (Acts 2:17).

Lord, bless our church leaders with faith, vision, dreams, boldness, courage, and persistence. (Acts 4:31)

Lord, **fill** me and every person of DFUMC **with the Holy Spirit** so that we might act with boldness to fulfill your mission. (Acts 4:31)

Lord of the harvest, **raise** up laborers for the harvest within our church and send Douglasville First UMC new laborers to join your mission here. (Matthew 9:38)

Lord, **provide** mightily the needed resources to do your work in this community. (Malachi 3:10)

O Lord, give me and DFUMC a burden for those far from God and help us be willing to do **whatever it takes** to reach them. (Romans 10:1) Thank you for your **prevenient grace**. We praise you Father God for the work you are doing to draw people towards you. May DFUMC be faithful to do our part in this work. (John 6:44)

Almighty God, **open the hearts of the people** of our Douglas County community (Acts 16:41) and open doors that we might share the mystery of Christ with them. (Colossians 4:3)

Holy Spirit, **add** to our numbers those who become believers and turn towards the Lord. (Acts 11:21, 2:47, 5:14, 9:42)

Lord, **pull our church together** around your vision. May it become who we are and not just what we do. May it glorify you. May it accomplish your purposes. Continue to lead and direct us in discerning how best to live out your vision. (Matthew 18:19)

Heal within our church any hurt feelings, past wounds, confusion, bitterness, or discouragement. Send a spirit of forgiveness. (Ephesians 4:31)

Forgive our church for how we have fallen short in your desires and dreams for us. (Romans 3:23)

By your power, Lord, bring about **church renewal and revival** at Douglasville First UMC.

By your power, bring about **community transformation**. In your name, allow DFUMC to be a catalyst for that community transformation.

Help us to **not grow weary** in doing what you desire Lord, for you assure us that we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)



CONSISTENT PRAYERS FOR OUR PASTORS AND STAFF

- **Fill** our Pastors and church staff with your Holy Spirit. Anoint them. Bless them.
- **Speak** to our preachers powerfully this week as they prepare the sermon.
- Lord, **bless** our Pastors and staff with faith, vision, dreams, boldness, courage, energy, and persistence.
- Lord, **lead and guide** our Pastors as they listen to you for direction for our church.
- **Protect** them from forces of darkness (spiritual and earthly) that wish to stop your mission here.
- Keep our Pastors and church staff **focused on things above** (Colossians 3:1-3)
- **Clothe** them with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. (Colossians 3:12)
- Bless our Pastors and church staff with the fruit of the **Spirit**: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22)
- **Please bless our Pastors' families.**