

Celebrations

- ◆ We give thanks for all our volunteers that make Sunday mornings so special: acolytes, ushers, choir members, security team, greeters, communion steward, Altar Guild, sound operators, breakfast cooks, Sunday school teachers, Kids' Church, worship attenders.
- ◆ We had a crowd of 85 for our "Senior Trip" Boomers and Beyond Music and Comedy Show on November 22.

ACTIVITIES | WEEK OF DECEMBER 1

Sunday, December 1

Traditional Worship, 8:30am,
Sanctuary
Breakfast, 9:00am, AHH
Sunday School, 9:30am and 9:45am,
All areas
The Journey Worship, 10:45am,
BPTH
Traditional Worship, 11:00am,
Sanctuary

Monday, December 2

Preschool, 9:00am, A101-A107
UMW Christmas Lunch, 11:30am,
Atlanta's Finest
Scouting BSA Boys, 7:00pm, CYAC

Tuesday, December 3

Preschool, 9:00am, A101-A107
Staff Meeting, 2:00pm, B220
Scouting BSA Girls, 7:00pm, A206
Cub Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC/A201
Emotions Anonymous, 7:00pm, B222
Chamber Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm,
Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 4

Preschool, 9:00am, A101-A107
Lively Class Lunch, 12:00pm,
Atlanta's Finest
Men's Lunch & Bible Study,
12:00pm, AHH
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, B132
Renew Youth Small Group, CYAC

Thursday, December 5

Preschool, 9:00am, A101-A107

Friday, December 6

Renew Youth Lock-in, 8:00pm,
BPTH

Saturday, December 7

Kids' Pageant Rehearsal, 9:00am,
A201, Sanctuary
Dinner Church, 5:00pm, Good
Samaritan Center
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

Modern (Patricia Tidwell Hall)

Sundays 10:45am

Dinner Church (Good Samaritan Center)

1st and 3rd Saturdays 5:00pm

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Sunday School- Sundays 9:30 and 9:45am

Small Groups- Begin Again January 27

Young Adults- Meeting Weekly

CONTACT US

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WEBSITE

douglasvilleFUMC.org

"IN THE LOOP" TEXT UPDATES

Text LOOP to 770-285-5600

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GENEROSITY REPORT

11/24 Operating Receipts.....\$10,708

December Operating Needs.....\$140,000

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Larry Morris. Loved and missed by Janice, Brad, Kristen, Jake, Ellie and Ada.

The rosebud is placed to the Glory of God and in honor of Commodore James Bentley, born September 12, 2019 to Allison and Brad Bentley. Proud Grandparents are Chris Bentley, Larry Bentley and Ed and Carol Shealey. Rosebud placed by the New Horizons Sunday School Class.

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad that you are here and hope that you're blessed by the experience. Please 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. However, 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). An usher is happy to escort you there. Kids' Church for kindergarten through fifth grade returns December 15.

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

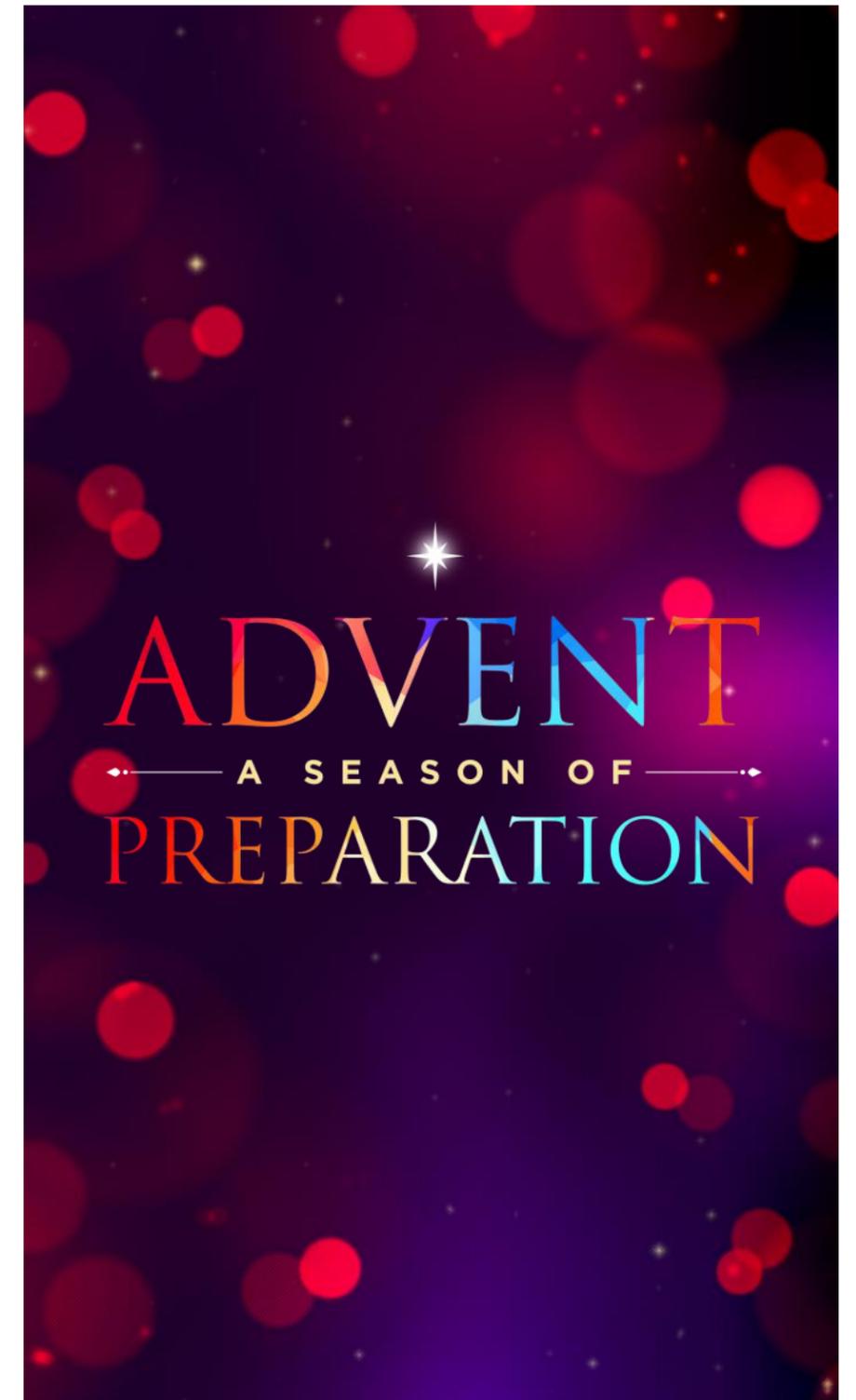
AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

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 CONNECT

Connections with others are a vital part of a life well-lived. God made you for connection. For disciples, our love for Jesus is the reason connections matter. Why? Because connections provide opportunities for learning, growing and serving together. And, if you are like most, you could use a little wonder and generous love in your life! Connections are life-giving and begin the process of being *seen, known and heard*.

To discuss either invitation, contact Robin Payne at 770-942-3146 or RobinP@douglasvilleFUMC.org.



DECEMBER 1, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent. Color: Purple

*Please stand as you are comfortable. | Please silence cell phones. | Hearing devices are available if needed.
Acolytes- 8:30am Carsyn Price and Kurt Meador, 11:00am Lilly Ash and Caraline Izenour

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN (UMH #250)** “Once in Royal David’s City” (verse 1- Solo, verses 2-4 Choir & Congregation)

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING (Jeremiah 33:14-16).....8:30am Meador Family, 11:00am Walker Family

BIDDING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE FIRST LESSON- Genesis 3:1-15, Carol- “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”J.S. Bach

THE SECOND LESSON- Jeremiah 23:5-8, *Hymn (UMH #431) “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

THE THIRD LESSON- Isaiah 11:1-10, Carol- “Before the Marvel of this Night”Carl Schalk

THE FOURTH LESSON- Isaiah 9:1-6, *Hymn (UMH #211) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1, 3, 6)

THE FIFTH LESSON- Luke 1:26-38, Solo- “Ave Maria”J.S. Bach

THE SIXTH LESSON- Luke 2:1-18, *Hymn (UMH #239) “Silent Night, Holy Night”

THE SEVENTH LESSON- Matthew 2:1-12, *Hymn (UMH #254) “We Three Kings” (verses 1 and 5)

THE EIGHTH LESSON- John 1:1-14, Carol- “When Came in Flesh the Word Incarnate”Howard Helvey

THE NINTH LESSON- Matthew 28:16-20, *Hymn (UMH #251) “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

OFFERTORY: “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”David Lasky

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.

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. Therefore, 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.** Pastor: 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. 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, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. 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. whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross. 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.....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.**

***HYMN (UMH #246)** “Joy to the World”

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

SENDING FORTH** (Sung by All) ***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***POSTLUDE:** “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” (Awake, calls the voice to us).....Johann Gottfried Walther

Christmas Gifts for Burnett Elementary Kids

We have 79 kids from 29 families in need of help for Christmas. Come by Huffine Hall during and after breakfast to adopt one or more kids. We also need \$50 gift cards (Target or Walmart) for each family. If you’d rather donate money, please write “Burnett Angels” on the memo line of your check to the church. We need everything by Sunday, December 8.

Sanctuary Poinsettias On Sale

Each Christmas, our Sanctuary is decorated with beautiful poinsettias that individuals purchase in honor or memory of a loved one. We are taking orders on Sundays in Huffine Hall following both traditional services. The cost is \$11 each. The Worship Committee asks that poinsettias be left in the Sanctuary until after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service.

Ladies Christmas Luncheon, December 2

All women of the church are invited by the United Methodist Women to share lunch at 11:30am at Atlanta’s Finest. The cost is \$20. Contact: Cindy Price at cindykprice@bellsouth.net.

Scouting Bake Sale, December 8

Need a home baked gift for a teacher or neighbor? The girls of Troop 1228 have got you covered! Stop by Huffine Hall after worship next Sunday. We will have cookies, fudge, and other treats available for purchase including gluten free items. All proceeds go to purchase of equipment for the troop.

Donate Christmas Wrapping Supplies

As part of our Operation Christmas Douglas County effort, we need Christmas wrapping paper, bags, tissue paper, tape, bows, and adult scissors. Items donated may be dropped off in the Operation Christmas Douglas County bin located in the office lobby of B-Building by Monday, December 9.

Operation Christmas Douglas County, December 14

We have the opportunity to bless 400+ boys and girls, infants through age 18, in our local community.

1. Donate toys at DFUMC by December 8 or funds for the church to purchase toys (“OCDC” on the memo line of your check).
2. Donate red, white, and green tissue paper and new or gently-used Christmas gift bags. Place donations in the bin marked “Operation Christmas Douglas County” in the office level elevator lobby.
3. Serve on Saturday morning, December 14 from 8:00am-12:00pm. Please register in advance online at <https://douglasvillefumc.breezechms.com/form/OCDC2019>

2020 Estimate of Giving Pledge Cards Due

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 2020 operating budget giving and turn in an “Estimate of Giving” pledge card soon. Cards can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to the church. Know that estimates can be adjusted at any point during the year by contacting the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

New Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

You are invited to join your brothers and sisters in a time of prayer each Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30am in Pastor Tamlyn’s office. If you have never been involved in a prayer group before, you need not be concerned. We will provide the format and ease you in. Feel free to bring a friend. Contact: Rev. Tamlyn Collins at 770-871-1081 or TamlynC@douglasvilleFUMC.org.

Blue Christmas, December 22

If you are feeling a little blue this holiday season, come and hear a message of hope. You are warmly invited to Blue Christmas, a time for worship and remembrance just for you. Whether you have experienced a loss or are just feeling down, please join us on Sunday, December 22 from 6:00-7:00pm in the sanctuary. During the service you will enjoy special music by harpist Angie Bemiss. We will celebrate Holy Communion and end the service candle lighting. You will be surrounded by people who really care for you and will accept you just as you are. Stephen Ministers and members of our care team will be available for prayer after the service.

Women's Conference: The Real Fairy Tale, January 18

Spend Saturday with us from 9:30am–2:30pm as we hear from women who are walking testimonies of God’s RESCUE, REDEMPTION and RESTORATION. You will leave encouraged and your faith will grow. SO... Armor up, pick up your sword and leave the baggage aside. Cost includes Lunch and all supplies. Bring your Sword (your Bible)! Bring your neighbor, your sister, your co-worker, your Sunday School Class. Register online at <http://bit.ly/2KQ64cw>

Running The Race: Young Adult Retreat, January 24-26

Over and over in Scripture a life of faith is described with athletic metaphors like races and athletic contests. Each verse depicts the life of someone committed to strength and growing. The life of faith is not always easy, but it IS worth it. Come away to the mountains of Hinton, North Carolina and learn about growing and strengthening your faith. Identify the race marked out for you and learn the keys to building a faith that works. Retreat is \$140 and there is a payment plan for 4 payments of \$35 each. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/2qLh8kp>