

CONNECTING

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional (Sanctuary)
Sundays 8:30am and 11:00am

Modern (Patricia Tidwell Hall)
Sundays 10:45am

Dinner Church (Good Samaritan)
1st and 3rd Saturdays 5:00pm

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Sunday School- Sundays 9:30 & 9:45am
Small Groups- Return January 27
Young Adults- Meeting Weekly

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WEBSITE douglasvilleFUMC.org

"IN THE LOOP" TEXT UPDATES

Text LOOP to 770-285-5600

LOOKING AHEAD

January

- 8 Wednesday Nights Return
- 11 Servant Saturday
- 11 Confirmation Starts
- 24-26 Young Adults Retreat
- 27 Small Groups Begin

February

- 1 Youth Winter Jam
- 8 Trivia Night Fundraiser
- 8 Parents' Night Out
- 21-23 Global Impact Celebration
- 26 Ash Wednesday

March

- 1 Lenten Concert
- 6-8 Confirmation Retreat
- 8 Lenten Concert
- 15 Lenten Concert
- 20-22 Youth Spiritual Life Retreat

April

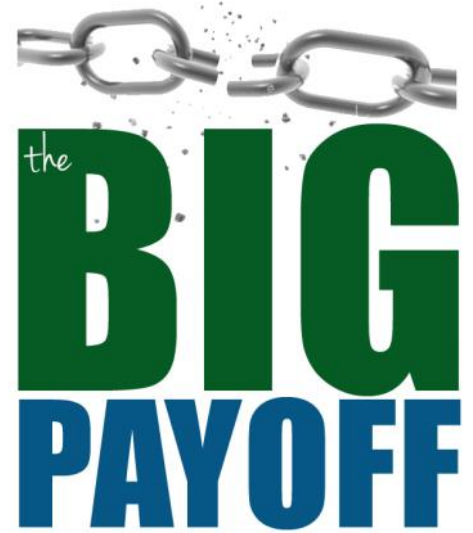
- 12 EASTER
- 17-18 Rummage Sale
- 19 Evensong

Sermon Series- January 5, 12, 19

small
things
BIG
DIFFERENCE

Too often, we make huge plans and major resolutions,
and we get burned out when we can't keep them.

In this series, you'll learn how to make
small, manageable, incremental changes
that really add up to long-term life change.



Servant Saturday, January 11

Please join us for our first Servant Saturday for 2020 at 8:30am in the elevator lobby outside Patricia Tidwell Hall (B-Building). Please note that this year Servant Saturdays will be held every other month. January 11 we have opportunities to serve on a prayer walk, toy sorting and organizing at FIA, cleaning at Good Samaritan, and sorting and organizing clothing and household items at Loving Hands. Please register online in advance at <https://douglasvillefumc.breezechms.com/form/SerSatJan2020>.

Operation Christmas Douglas County Thank You

Thank you to everyone for all you did to make Operation Christmas Douglas County 2019 a HUGE success! We had more than 130 volunteers and served over 400 children. Whether you volunteered before, during, or after the event, donated toys, contributed monetarily or prayed for our guests and volunteers, we want to thank you for your involvement. It is truly a blessing to serve our community and the Missions Team appreciates your support. God bless you all.

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.

Church Debt Remaining:
\$21,139

Donations can be placed in the offering plate during worship or give online at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/give selecting "I Love My Church" from the fund menu. When donating by check, please write "I Love My Church" on the memo line.



LITTLE SCHOLARS ACADEMY FUNDRAISER

Are you Smarter than a Preschooler?

A Trivia Night Event | Saturday, February 8
Patricia Tidwell Hall | 6:00pm

There will be pizza, desserts and drinks available for purchase. Tables are on sale for \$150 and include seating for 8 persons, along with 1 large pizza, salad and drinks. Individual seating is available for \$20 each and includes a pizza slice, salad and 1 drink. Childcare is free for participants by contacting Nancy Hunt at NancyH@douglasvilleFUMC.org

OAKS (Outstanding Adults Keeping Step), January 27

The United Methodist Children's Home has gone through many changes over the last few years. Their name has changed to Wellroot, but one thing has NOT changed- their legacy and commitment to children and families. Sharon Brewer will join us for the first half of our meeting to discuss how to partner with Wellroot to bless the children they are providing homes and services to. The second half of the January meeting will be an iPhone class. Come and learn some tricks and techniques to remove the frustration and improve the function of your iPhone. Join us from 11:30am to 1:30pm in Huffine Hall. The cost is \$10). Register online at <https://douglasvillefumc.breezechms.com/form/ff7232>.



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. Paul, speaking to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:7b-8 said, "...Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

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.

The cost is \$140 and there is a payment plan for four payments of \$35 each so that the retreat doesn't break the bank. Cost includes materials, room and meals. For more information, contact Robin at RobinP@douglasvilleFUMC.org.

Register online at:

<https://douglasvillefumc.breezechms.com/form/6c9f1b>

Sanctuary Altar Flowers

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

[January 5] Loving memory of Robert and Shirley Anderson by their family.

[January 12] Loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alston Jones by their family.

The following dates are available for altar flowers in the Sanctuary: January 19 & 26; February 16 & 23; August 2 & 9; August 30; September 6; October 4 & November 15. If you would like one of the dates the cost is \$60. Email Ivy Smith at IvyS@douglasvilleFUMC.org.

2020 Global Impact Celebration - "Planting Seeds/Growing Disciples"

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 21

9:00am-1:00pm: International Missionaries welcomed into host homes

1:00-4:00pm: Local missions set up displays for weekend.

7:00-8:00pm: Worship Experience with special music and Sara Parham, Sr. Director of Mobilization for TMS speaking (Patricia Tidwell Hall).

8:00-9:00pm: Cookie Creations Reception

Saturday, February 22

8:00-10:00am: Continental Breakfast with Mission Reps, Pastors and Church Staff

Noon-2:00pm: Church-wide luncheon where missions share impactful stories. Sunday School classes decorate tables depicting GIC theme.

2:00-4:00pm: Acts of Kindness, local missions are blessed with our service.

6:00-8:00pm: Speed Dating- Local and international missions meet groups in Sunday School classrooms. Groups move in a predetermined pattern to each room. Delicious desserts and coffee will be served in Huffine Hall.

Sunday, February 23

9:00-9:45am: Breakfast (Huffine Hall)

9:45-10:45am: Sunday School

11:00am: One Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Rev. Dick McClain, UMC preacher and teacher.

✓ New and used Bibles, and clean plastic grocery bags are always appreciated.

Good Samaritan CENTER

January
ITEMS OF THE MONTH

Please donate:
DENTAL SUPPLIES
(no mouthwash),
SHAMPOO, DEODORANT

Place items in the bin located in the office level lobby of the B-Building.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Relationship Small Group

Partnerships, friendships, relationships, engagement and marriage. They all seem different. In reality, they all require the same thing: the desire to make something greater as a unit than as individuals. Things can become stagnant. They can become ordinary and bland. There can seem to be little adventure or experience. They need not stay that way. Our ability to form a greater bond can come from understanding ourselves, each other, and how we each fit into the equation. This group seeks to focus on the nuances of having a partner and being a partner.

Small groups are a way to experience biblical study on a more intimate, interesting, and interactive basis. What does the Word say about what each person needs? What are practical ways to address and resolve conflict? How can I get my partner to not just know what I need but understand why? These questions and more will be answered as we dive into an original study on what relational balance is and how it creates a more perfect union. Join Zaine Hedge and Inga Bailey for Ying, Yang, You (Y3) starting the last week of January. Be watching for the sign-up.

Text Notifications

Get DFUMC news and weather closures with our "In the Loop" text service. To sign-up, text the word LOOP to 770-285-5600. To be notified of member deaths and funeral arrangements, text the word FUNERAL to 770-285-5600.

small GROUPS ...are a BIG deal

By Robin Payne, Connections Director

Our faith is not a stagnant endeavor. It is meant to be moving forward and growing at all times. That movement happens in all kinds of different groups because there are all kinds of ways we come to know Jesus and grow in our faith.

- Sunday School is a more traditional expression of growing our faith. It has officers, meets nearly 52 weeks a year, meets at the church and meets at the same time each week. Teachers often vary and they excel at caring for members, fellowship and the ministry of presence.
- Bible Study Classes are another way of growing our faith. These generally start when a group comes together around a particular study. These are not long-term and size varies. They typically meet 6-12 weeks long.
- Small Groups are a more modern way of growing our faith. Small Groups meet in semesters – typically 3 per year. Small Groups meet in homes and that setting provides a unique opportunity to invite others who might not step foot in church. They are typically smaller in number with 8-12 in a group and they are heavy on application and discussion.

I don't want you to feel that you must choose one of each. I know that you can feel pressured into joining one of each of these. That is NOT my intent. I know that every group is not right for you and what I want more than anything is for you to find the group that is right for you.

What I DO want is for you to be in a smaller group that is challenging your faith, giving you the opportunity to meet new people, teaching you new things, and is making you excited about your faith. I want you to ask yourself each January, some questions like:

- Is Jesus more real to me this year than last year? If the answer is no, then try changing up some of your studying and consider trying one of the three studies listed up above that you have not tried before.
- Is there something God wants to teach me that I keep putting off learning? If the answer is yes, then look around at what each of the groups above are studying and join the study that speaks to you.

God uses a variety of methods, a multitude of teachers and a whole host of people to continually teach us. THIS YEAR, in 2020, take inventory of your Spiritual life and then take responsibility for and be intentional about growing your faith.

Winter 2020 Bible Studies, Small Groups and a new short-term Sunday School class will begin in late January. Be watching for which Small Group is right for you!



DINNER CHURCH

1st & 3rd Saturdays • 5:00pm at Good Samaritan
Text DINNER to (770) 285-5600 to stay in the loop

Happy New Year!

JANUARY REGULAR EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Traditional Worship Service, 8:30am,
Sanctuary
Breakfast, 9:00am, AHH
Sunday School, 9:30am and 9:45am, All
areas
Kids' Church (not 1/5), 10:30am, A201
The Journey Modern Worship, 10:45am,
BPTH
Traditional Worship Service, 11:00am,
Sanctuary

MONDAYS

Preschool, 9:00am, A101-A107
Fine Arts Academy, 2:30pm, B132
Scouting BSA Boys, 7:00pm, CYAC

TUESDAYS

Renew Youth Prayer Breakfast (2nd &
4th), 7:00am, Chick-fil-A, Hwy 5
Preschool, 9:00am, A101-A107
Fine Arts Academy, 2:30pm, B132
Scouting BSA Girls, 7:00pm, A206
Cub Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC/A201
Emotions Anonymous, 7:00pm, B222
Chamber Singers Rehearsal, 7:30pm,
B132
Survivors of Suicide Support Group
(2nd) 8:00pm, B226

WEDNESDAYS

Preschool, 9:00am, A101-A107
Men's Lunch & Bible Study, 12:00pm,
AHH
Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132

Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30pm, AHH
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, B132
Renew Youth, 6:30pm, CYAC
Kids' Program, 6:30pm, A201

THURSDAYS

Preschool, 9:00am, A101-A107

SATURDAYS

Dinner Church (1st & 3rd), 5:00pm,
Good Samaritan Center

AHH- Huffine Hall (A-bldg)

BPTH- Patricia Tidwell Hall (B-bldg)

CYAC- Youth Activity Center (C-bldg)

JANUARY 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 Terry Baggett	8 Elizabeth Altwies	16 Paul Jarrett	24 Scott Powers
1 Robin Henry	8 Brenda Fowler	16 Elijah Redmond	25 Duane Adams
1 Samantha Ludlam	8 David Hopkins	17 Robert Cowart	25 Troy Buyers
2 Jasmine Coker	8 Jacob Kidd	17 Sophia Elliott	25 Justin Cassanova
2 Grayson Escobar	8 John McElroy	17 Tristan Flores	25 John Price
2 Lamar Sanders	8 Ada Morris	17 Katie Ludlam	26 William Berry
2 Amy Thigpen	9 Carter Johnson	17 Sterling Thompson	26 Lauren Johnson
2 Lisa Young	9 Jim Smith	19 Nancy Adams	26 Ann Thomas
3 William Mason	10 Brandi Smith	20 Kelsey Anderson	27 Benjamin Altwies
3 Cindy Price	11 Rick Mathis	20 Holly Boggs	27 Jerry Savage
3 Charles Richardson	11 Abigail Mayes	20 Robert Camp	28 Jean Fouts
4 James Gallegos	11 Mary McConnell	20 Scott Camp	28 Gregory Garmon
4 Sherry Hammett	11 Luke Meador	20 Joe Holvey	28 Lauryn Looka
4 Jessica Janik	11 Clay Young	21 Alexander Aybar	28 Cheryl Smith
5 Ariana Jallad	12 Quentin Farmer Jr.	21 Matthew Decker Jr.	29 Emily Edwards
5 Alle Yarbrough	12 Henry Mosley	21 Eric Garbade	29 Carlos Hopkins
6 Hugh Burris	12 Anna Lane Tinsley	21 Beverly Scholz	29 John Hutcheson
6 Marissa Cowart	13 Dawn de Klerk	21 DeeDee Zachos	29 Zachary Norris
6 Linda Layton	13 Amanda Lowman	22 Amy Adams	30 Shawn Beavers
6 Nichole Melilli	13 Christopher Mucha	22 Ivy Adams	30 Colleen Moffett
6 Jeff Noles	14 Bertie Lee	22 Nicholas Parrish	30 Eddie Pritchard
6 David Webb	15 Kayleigh Bridges	23 Cynthia Defnall	30 Bailey Smith
7 Jackson Lee	15 Nicholas Hemmings	24 Rita Benfield	31 Donald Barrett
7 William McLeod	16 Lillian Ash	24 Lindsey Carroll	31 Linda Crew
7 Jeffrey McLeod	16 Justin Hites	24 Joan Hicks	31 Nancy Olsen
7 Laura Price	16 Matthew Hoydar	24 Robert Mucha	

Douglasville First United Methodist Church

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Church Office Closed	2	3	4 Outside Event, 8:00am, BPTH all of 2 nd floor Dinner Church, 5:00pm, Good Sa- maritan
5	6	7	8 Dinner and Kid and Youth Program- ming Resumes, 5:30pm, AHH	9	10	11 Servant Saturday, 8.30am, PTH Lobby Confirmation, 9:00am
12 Girl Scouts, 3:00pm, A201	13	14	15 Dinner, 5:30pm, AHH Kids First, 6:30pm Renew Youth, 6:30pm	16	17	18 Dinner Church, 5:00pm, Good Sa- maritan
19 Leadership Board, 6:00pm, B220	20 <i>MLK, Jr. Day</i> Church Office Closed	21	22 Dinner, 5:30pm, AHH Kids First, 6:30pm Renew Youth, 6:30pm	23	24 Young Adult Retreat, Hinton Center (24-26)	25
	27 UMW Esther Circle, 11:00am, AHH	28	29 Dinner, 5:30pm, AHH Kids First, 6:30pm Renew Youth, 6:30pm	30	31	
26	OAKS, 11:30am, AHH					