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RETHINK CHURCH

What if *church* were more than a building?
What if *church* were a verb?

As a response to hunger and poverty in our community, we are hoping to gather 1,000 bags filled with canned goods to stock the pantry at Good Samaritan which has been sponsored by The Douglas County Ministerial Alliance for more than 25 years. We are asking you to invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends to

join us in supporting the ministry of Good Samaritan by filling up a bag!

This Sunday (February 7), you will have the opportunity to pick up a package of bags with informational tags to pass out to your next door neighbors, co-workers, tennis team, etc. You will hand the bags out and collect the bags to return to the church by February 21.

The bags will be available at each of the worship service this Sunday.

Through reaching out with those around us, we have an opportunity to *be* the church. Please don't miss this exciting opportunity to serve!

Here are seven simple steps that will allow you to participate in this project:

- 1) Pick up your bags and informational tags during worship on February 7.
- 2) Make a plan at home and place the tags in the bags. (Will you be taking these to neighbors? Friends? The office?)
- 3) Distribute your bags. (Keeping one for your family!)
- 4) Collect your bags on the designated day. (You can choose the day!)
- 5) Bring the bags back to DFUMC on February 21 for a time of celebration.
- 6) Rest knowing that your efforts have helped to support the mission of Good Samaritan by feeding hungry people in Douglas County.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Why Ashes?

For centuries Christians have used ashes on their heads as a sign of remorse, repentance and mourning. This practice is still observed world-wide on Ash Wednesday when we begin a period of reflection, self-examination and spiritual redirection.

The Season of Lent

Lent is a season that begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates at Holy Week. During this season, Christians personally and corporately remember and respond to the atoning work of Jesus Christ. On Ash Wednesday we receive the sign of the cross with ashes on our foreheads. This symbol reminds us that the solution to human mortality and sinfulness is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During the season of Lent, many Christians choose some type of personal fast. Traditionally, a Christian believer gives up something important to them. A person may also choose to add a new or deeper daily spiritual practice.



No KFC, Youth or Bible Studies on this night. Please remember to RSVP for Wednesday night dinner

Attention Parents!



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

in rooms across from Patricia Tidwell Hall

- *Childcare will be provided (for children ages infant-5th grade)
- *Cost - \$10/child with a family maximum of \$30
- *We will divide into three groups based on ages and there are always two adult workers per group.
- *Dinner will be offered this time. For an additional \$2/child, we will provide dinner (pizza & drinks) and a snack later in the evening.

To sign-up, please call Nancy Hunt ASAP at 770.942.3146, ext. 19 or e-mail nancy@douglasvillefumc.com. Please indicate if your child/children will be eating dinner so that we will know how much pizza to order.

Space is limited! PNO fills up fast so call now to reserve your spot!

Children's Ministry

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE



Friday, February 26

7 - 9 p.m. in Patricia Tidwell Hall

Our dance is always a lot of fun for both dads and daughters and is open to all dads and daughters, no matter what their ages! Tickets will be \$5.00 per couple and \$2.00 for each additional daughter (or grandfather!). We'll have a new DJ with lots of music. We'll also have crafts, pictures and flowers for an additional charges. For tickets, questions or if any moms can assist with decorations or serving, please contact Mrs. Lori.

SCREAM Retreat - Open to all 3rd - 5th graders, SCREAM (Students Celebrating and Rejoicing Enthusiastically for the Almighty Messiah) Retreats are always a lot of fun! Our spring retreat will be **March 19 - 21** at Sharp Top Cove. The cost is \$190.00 per person. Fund raising is available. Forms (along with chaperone information) are available outside Ms. Lori's office. **Money and forms are necessary to hold your spot!** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lori.

Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 14

Scouts will be honored at the 8:30 and 11:00 sanctuary services

A SPAGHETTI LUNCH put on by the Brotherhood class and the United Methodist Men will be held in Patricia Tidwell Hall after the 11 o'clock services to honor **Cub Scout Pack 240** and **Boy Scout Troop 228**.

Cost will be \$5 per person. All **Eagle Scouts** in the congregation are asked to attend either service and be recognized for their achievement.



Caring & Sharing

IN OUR PRAYERS: Edward Johnson, Nancy Workman

SANCTUARY FLOWERS for February 7 – will be placed in loving memory of **Patricia Irene Tidwell** by Gene & Margaret Tidwell.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS for February 14 – will be placed in loving memory of **Harvey Seagraves** by his family.

Wednesday Night Dinners

5:15pm in Patricia Tidwell Hall

rsvp the church office before noon on Monday

Menu for February 10

Menu: Soup & Sandwiches
Helpers: Boy Scouts

Menu for February 17

Menu: Baked Chicken
Helpers: Cornerstone

Dinners served between 6-6:30 pm will come conveniently boxed so you can take it to your group.

Reservation For Wednesday Fellowship Supper

Name _____

Indicate Number: For Wednesday, _____

_____ Adult Plate(s) \$6.00 each

_____ Kids Menu \$3.00 each (10 year & under)

No Family To Pay More Than \$18.00

Please Check One:

Standing Reservation Cancel My Standing Reservation

Weekly Reservation Cancel My Weekly Reservation

for Wednesday, _____

Deadline To Reserve or Cancel Meal Is Noon Monday.

Christian Education

Virtual Holy Land Tour

Feb. 25th through March 25th
12:30 to 2:30pm in Huffine Hall.



Have you wanted to go to the Holy Land but couldn't afford it? Or the plane trip seemed like too much? Join Rev. Scott and Brenda James for a virtual tour and Bible Study about the Holy Land. We will be meeting Thursday afternoons from

12:30 to 2:30pm in Huffine Hall. The first half of each class will be a look at the Holy Land using Google Map technology, Virtual reality tours, and even filmed on location virtual documentaries. The second half of each class will have a more in-depth Bible Study. Each class will stand alone so come for one or all. There will be new sites each week.

ALPHA COURSE

Wednesday nights from 6:00pm – 7:30pm in Huffine Hall

Just what is Alpha? Is it about building friendships with people...or is it about interesting discussions...or is it really about answering perplexing questions?

Believe it or not, it's all the above. And yet it's far, far more. It's about exploring the big questions of life. At the very least, it's about finding a place where you can ask the big questions, and connect with others who are asking and exploring them too.

Of course, some of the biggest questions involve God: Is there a God? How much of what I've heard is true? When I think from my deepest self, what do I most desire? Why do I feel so restless?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore these and other questions, and to consider what the historical person of Jesus might have to do with our lives today. And it all happens in open, honest discussion.

Wednesday Night Ladies' Small Group

Every Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. in Room 224

The Wednesday night ladies' small group is launching the New Year with a fun and spiritual mix. We'd like to invite women of all ages to join us at 6:15 p.m. in Room 224 for an hour or so of devotion and games. Each week we will have a heartfelt discussion on a variety of topics followed by a little fun.

Our group enjoys making each other laugh and sharing our lives with God. We would love for you to join us beginning this month. There is nursery provided for the little ones and group activities for children in kindergarten and up. We hope to see you there.

Thank You

**Thank you FUMC church for your support of the
Douglas County Pregnancy Resource Center.
Your gifts to date is \$2,062.50**

Preschool

Register now for fall classes

**Preschool
Two School
Mother's Day Out**

We have been certified as a "School of Excellence for Young Children" by the North Georgia Conference Preschool Association.



Our Preschool has a wonderful program that includes very dedicated, loving teachers, a strong curriculum for all ages, and kindergarten readiness for 4 year olds.

Senior Adults

STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE PROGRAM

sponsored by the Senior Adult Council

Every Tuesday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Patricia Tidwell Hall cost is \$2 per person/ per class. For more information contact

Judy Thompson at 770.942.4442

Blood Drive

Monday, February 22, 2010

2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

in Huffine Hall

Blood Donors Must:

- * Be healthy
- * Be at least 17 years old
- * Weigh at least 110 lbs



Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. That blood can only come from a volunteer donor, a person like you who makes the choice to donate. There is no substitute for your donation.

United Methodist Women

On **Sunday, February 28, 2010** The United Methodist Women will honor **all the babies that were born to members of the church in 2009** with a gift to "undesignated missions" in each babies name. This is an annual event sponsored by the UMW which not only recognizes our newest additions to the church, it also supports ministries for children and youth in the United States and around the world to give more young people a future of hope and promise.

UMW members who would like to sponsor a baby born in 2009 who is not a member of the church call, Ruth Wright at 678.391.8153.

UMW General Meeting

February 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Huffine Hall.

The Mission study, Food, and Faith will begin at 10:30, lunch will follow. All members of the church are invited.



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Attendance/Offering

JANUARY 31, 2010

Sunday School Total	329
8:30 Sanctuary Service	72
11:00 Sanctuary Service	158
11:00 Journey Service	198
Nursery	32
WORSHIP TOTAL	460
Offering	\$18,449

JANUARY 24, 2010

Sunday School Total	299
8:30 Sanctuary Service	91
11:00 Sanctuary Service	169
11:00 Journey Service	156
Nursery	24
WORSHIP TOTAL	440
Offering	\$12,145



UMCOR Responds to the Earthquake in Haiti Thank You FUMC, Gifts to date \$5413.00

Gifts to support UMCOR's Haiti Relief efforts can be made to Douglasville FUMC with Haiti Help in the memo line and placed in the offering plate or you can mail your check to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087, with *Advance #418325 Haiti Emergency* in the memo line.

100% of gifts made to this advance will go to help the people of Haiti.

Please pray for all of the people affected by the earthquake in Haiti. Thank you for your faithful support for all of God's children.

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