

2019 FLOWER CALENDAR: If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, call the office or email Shantae at shantae@douglasfirst.com. Available dates are April 14th & 28th.

ANGELS OF PRAISE meet on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in Robertson Hall. For more information please contact Loreli Rogers at 904-556-1136, Patti Vick at 706-455-0559 or Robin Clemmer.

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS! Sewing/Prayer Shawl Ministry at DFUMC in The Refuge Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m. There are six sewing machines set up in one room for the sewing ministry and sofas in the other room for the prayer shawl ministry. Please contact Vicki Pridemore (912-389-6322) or Jackie Greene (912-393-4429) if you are interested.

GIVEPLUS⁺ is an on-line giving app for those who would like to begin giving financially to Douglas First UMC. We invite you to download the app and put in 31533 (zip code) and Douglas First will come up. You will be required to put in your home address, debit/credit card information or checking account. Any questions contact Chris Tuten, Finance chairperson or church office.

PROJECT MUNCH – We meet at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in The Refuge. We serve elementary schools with over 500 munch bags for students each week. We need volunteers to pack bags weekly. Contact the church office for more information.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS APRIL 19th.
ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Our Church provides a brief communion opportunity for shut-ins on Sunday afternoons after regular communion services. If you know of members who are unable to attend church and desire this service, please call Shantae at the church office with the name, address, and phone number.

EASTER BASKETS FOR SHUT-INS/SENIOR CITIZENS

United Methodist Women Circle 7 will be making Easter baskets for many of our senior citizens and shut-ins. We would like for our church members to be a part of this. We want to show our appreciation and love for these men and women who have blessed our church and set an example of service for us all. We will be collecting items for the baskets until April 7th. You can drop your items off at the church office. We will be making the baskets on April 9th and delivering them before Easter. Items can be small stuffed Easter bunnies or chicks, candy, mints, note cards, lotions, postage stamps, Easter items, gift cards, coffee cups, items from Dollar Tree, really anything you think someone would enjoy receiving. We want these to be special treats and hope to make 25 to 27 baskets. Thank you for your help. A card will be attached to each basket stating, "Happy Easter from members of Douglas First United Methodist Church, with love and appreciation for your Christian love and service."

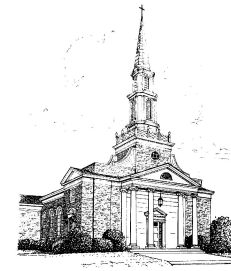
Monthly Meetings & Upcoming Events

- April 2: 5:00 p.m. UMW Executive Committee – Parlor
- April 7: Deadline for Easter basket items (drop-off at church office)
- April 9: 6:00 p.m. Circle 7 – Pennell
- April 15-19: 12:00-1:00 p.m. Holy Week Luncheon Services – Robertson
- April 15: 6:00 p.m. Finance – Pennell
- April 16: 10:00 a.m. Card Ministry – Pennell
- April 18: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion – Sanctuary
- April 19: Newsletter deadline
- April 20: 1:00-3:00pm Easter Egg Hunt

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April 2019

The Cross is the Symbol of Christianity

Once the devil appeared to Bishop Martin in the form of a savior himself, full of glory and splendor. The devil started conversing to the bishop in quite a flattering way: "Martin, you have served me so faithfully that I could not do other-wise but pay you a visit. Do you see now how I love you? I appear to you before I appear to anyone else. Martin replied, "who are you?" The devil replied, "I am your savior, Jesus Christ." Martin replied, "But where are your wounds?" The devil answered, "Oh, I do not come from the cross right now. I come from heaven, in my glory." The bishop replied, "Get away from before my eyes. You are the devil. Our Savior without wounds I may not see. The only savior I acknowledge and profess is the one who can show the signs of His suffering."

During the Season of Lent and Easter – The Cross is never hidden! Jesus said to his disciples, "if anyone come after me, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Me. Isaiah 53 reminds us that He was despised and rejected; and He took up our infirmities and carried our infirmities. Jesus took our place on the Cross. Let us not forget the depth of God's love as we focus on the Cross.

(HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES)

- **Palm Sunday** (April 14) Children will be processing into the 11:00 a.m. worship
- **Community Holy Week Lunch/Worship** (April 15-19) at Douglas First UMC at 12 noon
- **Maundy Thursday** (April 18) at 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary "Service of Tenebrae"
- **SunRise Easter Service** at Greene Tree subdivision (7:00 a.m.) – Hwy 441 North going to Broxton from Douglas on the left.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** – Saturday (April 20) at 1:00 p.m. at the Church

Doug Walker

OUR STEWARDSHIP				
Attendance	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24
Sunday School	114	114	79	94
8:30 AM	35	25	39	21
11:00 AM	156	144	124	127
Total Worship	191	169	163	148

Our Prayer Concerns: Family of David Nelson, Sloane Cliett, Benita Meadows, Doris Peterson, Paul Tarver, Kayla Gutierrez (Jimmy & Helen Roberts granddaughter), Mike Brawner, Expectant Mothers, Debbie Koepler, Bob Cation, Brett Williams, Paige Davenport, Staci Warren, Dallas Suttles, Kayla Chaney, Jan Adams, Cole Suttles, Lora Riner, Anne Peterson, Peggy Guthrie, Jenifer Raulerson, Kathy Howard, Harry Cohen, Meg Minchew, Mary Clyde Scott, Wesley Adams, Judy Hall, Tony Fletcher, Manor House & Lakeside Residents, Venita Milhollin, Sheryl Youngblood

IN MEMORIAM
David Nelson
December 21, 1943 - March 22, 2019

Christian Sympathy to Elaine Colwell and family upon the death of her brother, Sonny Owens.

CHILDREN'S NEWS:

CALLING ALL KIDS!
Wednesday Whirl Warriors - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Choir Practice, Whirl Bible Lesson, Snack and Craft

Children's Processional and Palm Parade:
Palm Sunday is April 14th. To help us celebrate the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' Triumphant entry into Jerusalem we are asking all the children (infants through 5th grade) to participate in our palm processional. We will meet in the narthex at 10:50 a.m. to prepare for waving our palm branches and shouting Hosanna as we participate in the processional hymn.

The Children's Choir will be singing at the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at DFUMC. If you plan to attend, please bring 12 prefilled plastic eggs with candy. Make sure you have 12 eggs per child that will be hunting!

YOUTH NEWS:

Spring Break - We will be doing a few things during Spring Break week for those who are still in town.

Bibles and Burritos - On Wednesday, April 17th the youth will meet at Surcheros at 5:30pm for a Bible study and awesome food! Bring money for your meal!

Bowling Night - Saturday, April 20th at 5pm we will meet at Rockin Roll Bowlin for a night of bowling. The youth group will cover the cost of the lanes but bring money for shoes and food at the bowling alley. Pick up at 7:15 pm.

Current Series - The Bible. We all know reading it is important (or at least that's what we've been told), but if we're being honest, we probably don't give it the time or attention we know we should. Sometimes we avoid Scripture because it seems boring or irrelevant. Other times we avoid it because it's too time-consuming, inconvenient, or maybe even convicting. So how do we change that? In this series, we will be encouraged to both see and engage with the Bible in a new way as we discover that the Bible is a *love letter*, a *guide*, an *invitation*, and something that's meant to be *lived* (not just read).

Confirmation Experience - Please be in prayer for our confirmands as they wrap up their confirmation experience. This has been a great time of confirmation and our students have learned a ton!
Parker Bloom, Elias Goodwill, Florence Shealy, Grayson Taylor
Gray McLean, Ella Hopwood

2018 Baby Recognition: Babies born in 2018 will be honored on May 12th. Please provide us with a picture, name, birth date, parents' names and grandparents' names of babies associated with our church by April 19th. Names of babies will not be included in the program if we do not hear from you. Please call the church office at 384-4404 or email to douglasfirstumc@gmail.com.



Congratulations to Lee and Sloane Cliett upon the birth of their son, Adrian Lee "LJ" Cliett, Jr., born March 15, 2019. LJ weighed 7lbs 10oz and was 20.5 inches long.

Preschool News: Preschool Registration is open for 2019/20 term. Please help us spread the word to any eligible children for ages 1/2/3 classes. The Mary Clyde Scholarship for eligible preschoolers is available also. Please see Church office /Preschool Office or look online at douglasfirst.com for application and inquiries.

The DFUMC Preschool in conjunction with Bee Gee Travel is conducting a fundraiser and the prize is a Disney Cruise for four, comparable cruise, or \$4,000 cash. The Preschool and Bee Gee Travel will be selling tickets. The drawing will be held May 22nd.

KEENAGERS ACTIVITIES:

- RR Trip Cordele to Americus - April 13 (Cost: \$59)
- Cedar Lane Supper - May 16

DON'T FORGET MONTHLY GATHERING AT FLYING COWBOY ON MONDAY, APRIL 22 AT 11:30 A.M.

Upcoming Sermon Series for Easter Season!
"This is Love"

- April 21st Easter Sunday: This is Love – Love That Forgives
- April 28th Guest Preacher – Rev. Bob Moon (Methodist Children's Home)
- May 5th (Holy Communion) This is Love – Love Conquers Death
- May 12th This is Love – Love Makes All Things New
- May 19th This is Love – New Command
- May 26th This is Love – Keep My Word

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& Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Carver invite
you to share in the joy of the marriage
uniting their children

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