

2020 FLOWER CALENDAR: If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, call the office or email Shantae at shantae@douglasfirst.com.

*Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hayes, Jr.
announce
the engagement and upcoming marriage
of
Dewey Norman Hayes, III
to
Ashley Smith
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Smith
on October 17, 2020,
in Brunswick, Georgia
A Private Ceremony will be held.*



PRESCHOOL NEWS

An Auction of handmade items by Cathy Hawks will be posted to the Preschool Facebook page

[facebook.com/DFUMCPreschool](https://www.facebook.com/DFUMCPreschool). Please make a bid beside your name with your phone number the first time you bid on an item. We must have a phone number at least one time. The auction will end October 30th at Noon with the highest bidder! All proceeds will go to the preschool to cover Covid-19 supplies. Bid as much and as often as you like! There is a minimum bid on each item that will be listed.



Preschool will pre-sell poinsettias again this year. They are all very large quality plants. Delivery will be the first week of December with exact date announced later. Remember last year some were 3 foot tall! Orders due to preschool on October 30th with no reorders. See preschool staff, Katie Floyd, Catherine Moye or preschool advisory member to order.



CONGRATULATIONS to Jess and Katherine Woodard upon the birth of their son, Graham Thomas Woodard, born September 4, 2020 at 8:19 p.m. Graham weighed 9lbs and 4oz and was 22" long. Big sister is Abigail. Grandparents are Jim and Elizabeth Cottingham.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS – We are delighted to welcome as our newest members, Dan and Susan Moye.

Monthly Meetings & Upcoming Events

- Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
- Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Youth – Robertson
- Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Bible Study and Programming
- Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice – Chapel
- Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study – Robertson

- October 12th: 6:00 p.m. Administrative Council – Robertson
- October 20th: 6:00 p.m. Finance – Pennell
- October 26th: 6:00 p.m. Preschool Advisory – Pennell
- October 27th: 10:00 a.m. Card Ministry – Robertson

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Josh McLemore	Youth Director	Clara Hayes	Preschool Director
Shantae Dockery	Sec./Receptionist	Norman Dockery	Facilities Manager
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October 2020

Well hopefully you are getting used to the Covid-19 protocols as a part of your daily lives. When there is a vaccine for the Covid-19 virus it should have us back to the normal we are most familiar. Thank you for being mindful of wearing masks while in our Worship Services, Sunday School and Bible Studies. As usual, committees have been getting ready for our Charge conference this Fall.

As you know we have started back our Wednesday night services beginning at 6:00 p.m. These midweek activities are for children, youth and adults. Maybe next year we will be able to start back our Wednesday night suppers if the doctors have come up with a vaccine by then and it has been distributed widely.

Hopefully you join us for our Worship services by internet or in person.

Your brother in Christ,

James C. Sapp

		Attendance August 2020				
		8/2	8/9	8/16	8/23	8/30
Sunday School		38	44	46	42	64
11:00 a.m.		47	62	78	72	71
		Attendance September 2020				
		9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	
Sunday School		44	61	19	72	
11:00 a.m.		65	79	67	76	

Our Prayer Concerns: Dakota Delgado, Mary Brice, Lattie Greene, Margie Spivey, Mary Lou Andretti, Barbie Myers, Bonwell Royal, Robert Guthrie, Lois Allen Baker, Edwina Douglas, Cindy Pennell Griffin, Cole Suttles, Anne Peterson, Meg Minchew, Mary Clyde Scott, Judy Hall, Tony Fletcher, The Landings & Lakeside Residents, Sheryl Youngblood

THE ALTAR FUND is one of the ways we respond to the needs of people locally who need assistance with rent, electricity, transportation, prescriptions and doctor's bills. We often partner with other churches in the community in responding to people within our community. Also, the Altar Fund is governed by the Pastor, so it has a confidential nature by which the church cares for people even within the membership of the church. PLEASE GIVE GRACIOUSLY TO THIS FUND. Lately, we have been overwhelmed by people in need. Thank you in advance for your support.

November NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is October 16th.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA is a "Netflix" for Christians. Our Church is a subscriber and you have the availability to enjoy it by going to www.rightnowmedia.org. You can download to your smartphone if you like. Sunday school classes can use video series for teaching material. Moms and Dads can enjoy the children's videos if you like. If you have any questions call Josh McLemore.

PROJECT MUNCH

Our PROJECT MUNCH program officially kicked off on September 9th for the 2020/2021 school year with 220 snack meals being prepared for hungry children at Ambrose, Indian Creek, and Satilla Elementary Schools. We have moved into the Food Pantry and it is so good not to have to set up and reset the Refuge every week. Since our space is so limited, we are using 4 people to pack the meals so that social distancing can be safely practiced. We miss our group of 12 that faithfully met each Tuesday last year and hope that once this pandemic is behind us, we can invite our larger group of packers back to help. Once again, we would like to involve our church family each month by giving you the opportunity to provide snacks for our program to supplement what we have on hand. For October we would love to have donations of boxes of Pop-Tarts and Rice Krispie Treats. You can bring them to the office, or you can contact one of us to come pick them up. Thank you for your support of this part of our Outreach Program at DFUMC!

Barbara Abercrombie, Jane Ablar, Betty Brantley and Ann Horner

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.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Please contact the church office if you are interested in giving the Welcome and Announcements, Invocation, Celebrations and Concerns, and/or Morning Prayer at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Dear Church Family,

For the last seven months we have all witnessed unprecedented challenges. COVID-19 has disrupted or destroyed the livelihoods of millions of people throughout the world, and it has claimed lives -- including the lives of people we love. Families in our congregation have been among the grim statistics, and we all grieve for the loss of joys that we recently took for granted.

As we move forward as a family of faith, let's continue to be vigilant and do our part to slow the spread of this disease. Protective measures and sacrifices now can help us and those around us who may be even more vulnerable than we know.

In addition to your prayers, please follow these guidelines when you plan or attend gatherings in our congregation's facilities.

- 1) If you don't feel well or if you are in a high-risk group, please do not attend group meetings.
- 2) Wear masks. This is an airborne virus. Do this for yourself and others around you.
- 3) Avoid shaking hands and offering hugs.
- 4) Keep a distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others who are not members of your household.
- 5) Do not distribute handouts. Do as much electronically as you can.
- 6) Do not offer food or refreshments at meetings. If a snack or beverage is offered to a small group gathering, be sure that it is prepackaged to avoid all the risks that go with preparation and serving.
- 7) Since the Preschool Area of the Education Building has special needs and special protocols, do not enter this area.
- 8) It is prudent to respond as if you or any one in your group may unknowingly be carrying the Virus. Safety precautions can help countless others.

In his letter to the Philippians the Apostle Paul asserted that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." It is our prayer that we claim this promise and do all we can to protect those around us.

With love,
Jim Cottingham, Administrative Council Chair

OUTREACH NEWS

With all of the challenges of 2020, our outreach committee has made some adjustments and is able to serve our community in much needed ways.

We decided to close our food pantry, "Our Daily Bread" after many years of feeding people in need within the community. However, we have partnered with the new Coffee County Food Bank in a larger food ministry that is able to help many more people, including a large number of senior citizens. Our church donated some of the shelving that was being used by Our Daily Bread as it was greatly needed at the new food bank. We still need our volunteers to work at the new food bank and we still depend on your donations to this important ministry. Thanks to Janet Littleton for her leadership in this outreach.

The sewing ministry is currently on a temporary break after months of making thousands of coronavirus masks for our church family as well as hospitals, industries and businesses close to home and across the country. Since the food pantry has closed, the sewing ministry is taking in another room with some shelving for much needed extra space. Thanks to everyone that has helped with this important ministry during the pandemic.

Project Munch was on a temporary hold when the schools closed for the virus this past spring. With school back in session, they are back at work, packing bags of snacks for the schools. They have scaled back the number of volunteers to limit contact and look forward to having everyone back as soon as it is safe. The Project Munch team also has a new home! In the past, they were using the youth rooms at the Refuge and had to move their products and tables each time they went to work. They have now moved into a large room that the food pantry moved out of and have shelving and much needed space! Please remember to donate snack food items from their list of needs. Thanks Project Munch volunteers for your hard work for the school kids!

Katie Floyd has agreed to take over the Caring Christmas Tree project and, I am sure she will do a great job. Elizabeth Cottingham stepped down after many years heading this ministry up. Thanks, Elizabeth for all of your hard work and thanks Katie for stepping into this role. Katie is ready to gear up for this year's project so, be on the lookout for details and, please take a child's name to buy clothing and gifts for. These children have so many needs and The Hope Center depends on our church family to help them with this ministry.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer in one of our outreach ministries, contact me and I will put you in touch with the right person.

Anytime you would like to make a donation, you can do so by marking your check "Outreach". We depend on donations from our church family to be able to do God's work and bless others in our community and we thank you for your continued generosity.

Jan Adams
Outreach Coordinator

IN MEMORIAM
Jack Harward Clay, Sr.
August 23, 1926 – September 26, 2020