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"Love is the true spirit of Christmas."



Christmas Tree Sale

Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Tree sale this year a success! We are nearly sold out of trees, but there are still some left available during church office hours at 20% off. Contact us today to purchase or donate your tree!



Joint Services for Advent

For the season of Advent, our congregation will be exploring diverse worship styles with our sister congregations. This **Sunday, December 22**, we will

share in worship with Mercy Community Church. We look forward to partnering with Mercy Church in worship and service and look forward to seeing you there.



Staff Christmas Love Offering

As we approach the joyful season of Christmas, we invite you to participate in a special love offering for our dedicated staff. Your generosity will help us express our gratitude for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

You can contribute easily via Zelle (309-868-0318), or if you prefer, you can give cash directly to Allison or Stan. All contributions will be collected through **December 22** and will be presented to our staff on December 23. Thank you for helping us show our appreciation and spread the love this Christmas!

Blessings,
Your Co-Moderators
Allison Woolridge
Stanley Saunders



Blood Drive Next Week

Create a new holiday tradition by giving blood or platelets!

As holiday celebrations continue, the American Red Cross

encourages donors to keep the blood supply top of mind by giving blood or platelets this month. Type O negative blood donors and those giving platelets are especially urged to give now to help ensure patients can continue to receive the care they need in the coming weeks.

Schedule an appointment for **December 26 10:00 am - 3:00 pm** in our Fellowship Hall by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-733-2767.



Transition Team Update

Please mark your calendars for these very important dates in our congregation's intentional transition process:

January 5: Building and Property Break Bread Together

January 20: Board Retreat

January 26: Church History and Timeline Break Bread Together ft. Rev. Lee Carroll

February 16: FCCD Visioning Retreat ft. Rev. Scott Woolridge

Thank you for continuing to be engaged in our discernment of our community's future.



2025 Regional Youth Assembly

The 2025 Regional Youth Assembly at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons Island, GA from

January 31, 2025 - February 2, 2025, will be a time of fellowship, worship and fun for the Disciples of Christ youth of Georgia, and we hope that your middle and high school youth and adult sponsors will be able to join us this year! [Registration is open here](#). We can't wait to see you!



2025 Disciples Women's Retreat

Although Hurricane Helene changed the Disciples Women's fall retreat plans, the Regional Disciples Women's Leadership Team has been able to reschedule the event on **February 21-23, 2025** at Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge. Disciples women will gather for fellowship, worship, learning, and service, guided by the theme "Crazy Love: Sharing Stories of Jesus." Learn more and register here: <https://www.gadisciples.org/gadisciples-women-retreat-2025>.



601 Wednesday

Pastor Daniel is broadcasting for you tonight! For past meditations, check out [our YouTube channel here](#).



Chalice Thrift Hours

OPEN THIS WEEK:

Thursday, December 19

Saturday, December 21



Little Free Pantry Needs

The FCC Decatur Little Free Pantry is an important community resource that provides food and other items to our neighbors in need. You can help by donating funds or items to the church; either directly to the box or bringing them to worship on Sunday. If you would like to arrange an Instacart delivery directly to the church office, please let the office know to expect the delivery. The most needed item is **bottled water**. Thank you for helping us serve our community!

Mark Your Calendar

Sundays – Rev. Stan Saunders Sunday School, Pathfinders, 9:30 AM
Sun, Dec 22 – Joint Service with Mercy Community Church, Sanctuary, 10:30 AM
Tues, Dec 24 – Church Office CLOSED - Christmas Eve
Tues, Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Worship, Sanctuary, 6 PM
Wed, Dec 25 – Merry Christmas! Church Office CLOSED.
Thurs, Dec 26 – Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall, 10 AM - 3 PM
Fri, Jan 25 - Sun, Feb 2 – 2025 Regional Youth Assembly, Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA
Fri, Feb 21 - Sun, Feb 23 – 2025 Disciples Women's Retreat, Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge, Helena, GA

Online Giving

For those who would like to give out of gratitude for all the Lord is doing for us, [click this link](#) or scan the QR code.



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