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"Our building and our traditions are not filthy rags. And if that is all that we are and we never take the things that we preach into our lives, they become empty."

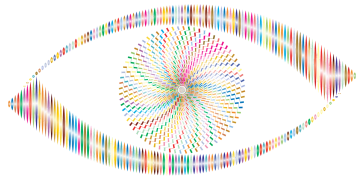
Rev. Daniel Brower
Sunday, February 9, 2025



Membership Changes

As we continue to discern our way through this time of transition, many things continue to change. Among those changes are additions and subtractions from our membership roll. We are grateful to welcome **Alex Ard-Kelly** and **Tyesha Ferron** into fellowship with us as members. We

are also grateful for the time that **Millie Malai, Daphne Reiley, Rev. Brenda Worthy, and Lillie Sapp** have spent in our fellowship and wish them well as they pursue their next worship home. Though the official roll may change, our friendship and fellowship in Christ will never change. We are grateful for the presence and prayer of all who enter our doors, member or no.



New Bell Choir Season

The Spring 2025 season of the First Christian Church of Decatur Bell Choir is in full swing! **Rehearsal tonight at 7:00 PM.**

We share a meal of Mellow Mushroom pizza prior to rehearsal. Come ring a joyful noise with us! *No experience required.*

Vision Retreat

Our Vision Retreat with Rev. Scott Woolridge is **THIS SUNDAY!** Join us for a fun and fast paced day of discernment, creativity, and yes, visioning together as a congregation. This is a day to affirm who we are and explore what God is calling us to do. It promises to be a great time so please plan to take part. We will start the **morning session at 10:00 AM, move into our worship service at 11:00 AM, and conclude with lunch and our afternoon session.**

Ahead of this joyous occasion, we ask everyone to be in prayer for this process. To assist in this important part of our spiritual lives, our leadership has put together a prayer guide for the ten days leading up to our retreat. Use this guide as a focus and starting place for your prayer over this time. You can download a digital copy here

(<http://www.decaturdisciples>).

[org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Prayer-Guide2.pdf](https://www.dcfumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Prayer-Guide2.pdf)) or pick up a printed copy at the church office.

Thank you for your faithfulness!



Week of Compassion

The Week of Compassion special offering this year is **February 16-23**. As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, with a vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope. First Christian Church of Decatur has always been proud to support the work of this important organization. Please give as you are able and led.



Health Fair

On **February 17th from 9:30-1:30**, Decatur First UMC is partnering with Flowing With Blessings, an organization that provides mobile shower and laundry services, for a day of services and fellowship for our unhoused neighbors. The shower and laundry trucks will be in the DFUMC parking lot and they will host a health fair in the gym while folks are waiting on their clothes, with medical checks, barbers, music, and food.

Women's Retreat Service Project

This year's Disciples Women Service Project is in support of



Refuge House for Ladies. We are collecting all kinds of items to be donated at the retreat at the end of February. Please see below for the list of needed items. These may be dropped off at the church office through **February 19th**. Thank you!

Items:

- Food items (i.e. sugar, coffee, creamer, fruit)
- Household supplies (i.e. bleach, soap (laundry, dish, bath), paper towels, cling wrap, batteries, garbage bags, toilet paper)
- Personal items (i.e. journals, note cards, pens, CD players)
- Money (gift cards or cash)
- Empty and washed out prescription bottles (for recycling)



Transition Team Update

The Transition Team met on February 9th in order to continue to prepare for our Visioning Retreat next week. Our Team is motivated and optimistic about this upcoming Retreat and urge everyone to be in attendance as they are able. The Team would like to remind everyone to RSVP as soon as possible so that we can get an accurate headcount for food and materials.

The next Team meeting will be **Thursday, February 20th** in person or on Zoom. Please continue to be in prayer for our leadership and our congregation as we discover what God has next for us. If there are any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the transition team at transitionteamfccdeatur@gmail.com.

Hunger Walk 2025

Recent federal policy changes have eliminated financial support for refugee resettlement



agencies like ours, putting thousands of newly arrived families at risk of hunger and food insecurity. We cannot let that happen.

On **Sunday, March 9, 2025**, you can make a direct impact by joining us for the Atlanta Community Food Bank Hunger Walk/Run at The Home Depot Backyard. This 5K event raises critical funds for hunger relief.

For more information and to register for this event, go to <https://www.acfb.org/events/hunger-walk-run/>.

Writer's Workshop

In two months, our very own Adam Cole will be offering a course for shy writers who want to find their voice in public speaking. This comprehensive course will cover not only building confidence, but marketing techniques and practical tips for success. Spots are still available at the Early Bird rate, so sign up soon and tell your friends. More information and registration can be found [here](#).



601 Wednesday

Pastor Daniel Brower will be live at 6:01 PM tonight for "601 Wednesday." For past meditations, check out [our YouTube channel here](#).



Chalice Thrift Hours

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

OPEN THIS WEEK:

Thursday, February 13

Saturday, February 15



Little Free Pantry

FCC Decatur Little Free Pantry

This is an important community resource that provides food and other items to our neighbors in need. We are currently low on all items!

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Sundays – Rev. Stan Saunders Sunday School, Pathfinders, 9:15 AM

Wed, Feb 12 & 26 – Handbell Choir Spring Season, Music Room, 7:00 PM

Sun, Feb 16 – Visioning Retreat with Rev. Scott Woolridge, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mon, Feb 17 – Health Fair, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Decatur First UMC

Wed, Feb 19 – Blood Drive, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, [Make an Appointment here](#)

Wed, 19 – Chancel Choir Spring Season, Music Room, 7:00 PM

Thu, Feb 20 – Transition Team Meeting

Sun, Feb 23 – Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hasler, guest speaker

Fri, Feb 21 - Sun, Feb 23 – 2025 Disciples Women's Retreat, Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge, Helena, GA, [Registration here](#)

Sun, Mar 2 – Board Meeting following morning worship

Sun, Mar 9 – Hunger Walk 2025, The Home Depot Backyard, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, [Registration here](#)



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.

You can create an account or download the Online Giving app. Please send us an email if you have any questions.



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