



The Builder

Church @ Ponce & Highland

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A note from our Pastor

by Mimi Walker

Atlanta is truly the greenest city I have ever seen. I love driving in to work and watching the trees blossom with color and gradually transition from light to rich deep greens. This Easter our children planted a small flowering tree in the front lawn to remind us of this year of new beginnings. We will get to watch it bloom and grow over the coming years, nurtured by the sun and rain. Even more fulfilling will be watching these children grow and mature

nurtured by the love they receive in this family of faith.

We will also be prayerfully watching as new homes spring up around us and our neighborhood continues to grow and flourish. Let's continue to pray together for wisdom and guidance as we seek to be a place of respite and renewal in the busyness of city life, and we continue to be a caring community where everyone can feel they have found a home.



What's happening this month?

Be sure to read about the many events going on in and around C@PH this month.

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What's happening...

This month at DHBC

***Sunday, May 3:** Communications Team Meeting after worship in the Parlor.

ICM Arts & Eats Annual fundraiser: Sunday May 3rd, 4 – 7 pm, at the Atlanta History Center

***Thursday, May 7:** Finance Committee Meeting at 6:30pm.

***Saturday, May 9:** All Ladies Lunch to celebrate Mother's Day at 11:30 am. We will meet at the church and eat nearby.

***Thursday, May 14:** May Movie Night. We will have sandwiches & a movie for our neighbors in need. Set up at 6:00 in the DHMC Fellowship Hall.

***Thursday May 14:** Interfaith Prayer Garden Dedication Ceremony at 11:30 am. 3001 Mercer University Drive, Atlanta GA 30301 - West Parking Lot.

Sunday May 17: Deacons Meeting after worship in the Parlor



***Monday, May 18:** Shelter Meal: we will prepare a meal for Journey Shelter at DHPC. Sign up sheet in foyer.

***Sunday, May 31:** Family Picnic in the Park at Historic 4th Ward Splash Pad

***Sunday, June 14:** Church Business Meeting

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship

Monthly

2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM Intown Movie Night
3rd Sunday, 12:15 PM Deacons' Meeting
3rd Monday, 6:30 PM Men's Shelter Meal
4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM Admin. Meetings

Our Community Spotlight

Meet Sarah Thomas, Choir Member



The first time I visited DHBC was for a cousin's wedding in early adolescence. I remember making the long drive down with my family, but my dad and grandmother were particularly excited. I didn't know it until we arrived, DHBC had been my grandmother's home church in the early 1930s. My grandmother was very proud of this beautiful church and was thrilled my cousin

had chosen to be married here. Years after the wedding, I found numerous photos of my family's weddings at DHBC. It was really quite beautiful to trace the church through my family's memories.

When I started attending DHBC in college, I had no idea this church would become such a fundamental fixture in my life. [Continues on Page 3]

May Birthdays

Darrel Charles - 5/6 Wes Forrester - 5/7 Dr. Robert Gibbs - 5/7

Bill Paxton - 5/17 Ethel Jansson - 5/18

Please pray for our special members:

Doris Berry * Beth Carter * Lois Ellis * Ethel Jansson * Grace Jarrell * Mary Kerr * Harold Mote * John Phillips Moss Robertson * Richard and Georgia McClure * Gerald and Jeannine Pritcher * John & Carole Strickland * Harold and June Zwald

Trustees Report

The renovation work is continuing in our Church at the Corner of Ponce and Highland. We have HVAC online in most of the building now, including the Sanctuary! Restrooms are all functional again and only need some finishing touches, the nursery is up and running where the library once stood, and the children's room upstairs where the choir room used to be is 97% finished. We continue work on the elevator as crews have to hand dig the underground portion for the elevator pit, and level the dirt to allow access to the theatre level. Due to some unforeseen issues with shoring of supporting walls the elevator is a few weeks behind schedule (it's always an adventure), and we will be looking for completion in mid-July. Upcoming new work will include reroofing the S.E. & S.W. wings of the church; that should begin the week of May 4th weather permitting. That should take care of all the leaks we've had in those areas over the last several years. We will also have safer access ladders and new roof top HVAC units installed. The work continues; in the meantime please excuse the dust!

Community Spotlight Cont.

I visited one June to see the place my family held in memory. I am humbled to share the space with the memories of my family that has long departed, but I am honored to know and call this church my church family. Over the last 7 years, I have found not only a tangible place of worship and fellowship, but also a spiritual place full of people I love fiercely. Maybe one day, I'll also share in the family tradition of getting married in DHBC. I hold the tradition of worship and fellowship most deeply in my heart.

WAYS YOU CAN SERVE:



Volunteer @ Food Pantry

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry needs your support through volunteering and providing food. The Intown Food Pantry operates every Saturday at DHUMC located at 1200 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE. To learn more visit www.intowncm.org/volunteer/



Intown Movie Night

Every second Thursday of the month, DHBC hosts Intown Ministries' Movie Night. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner. This month we will be hosting at DHUMC at 6:00 PM in their Fellowship Hall.



Men's Shelter Meal

Every third Monday of the month, DHBC provides the Men's Shelter meal in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner. Contact Allen Jones at allen.jones@dhbc.org for more information.

Church @ Ponce & Highland Ministry Team

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Rev. Carra Hughes Greer, Minister to Families

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