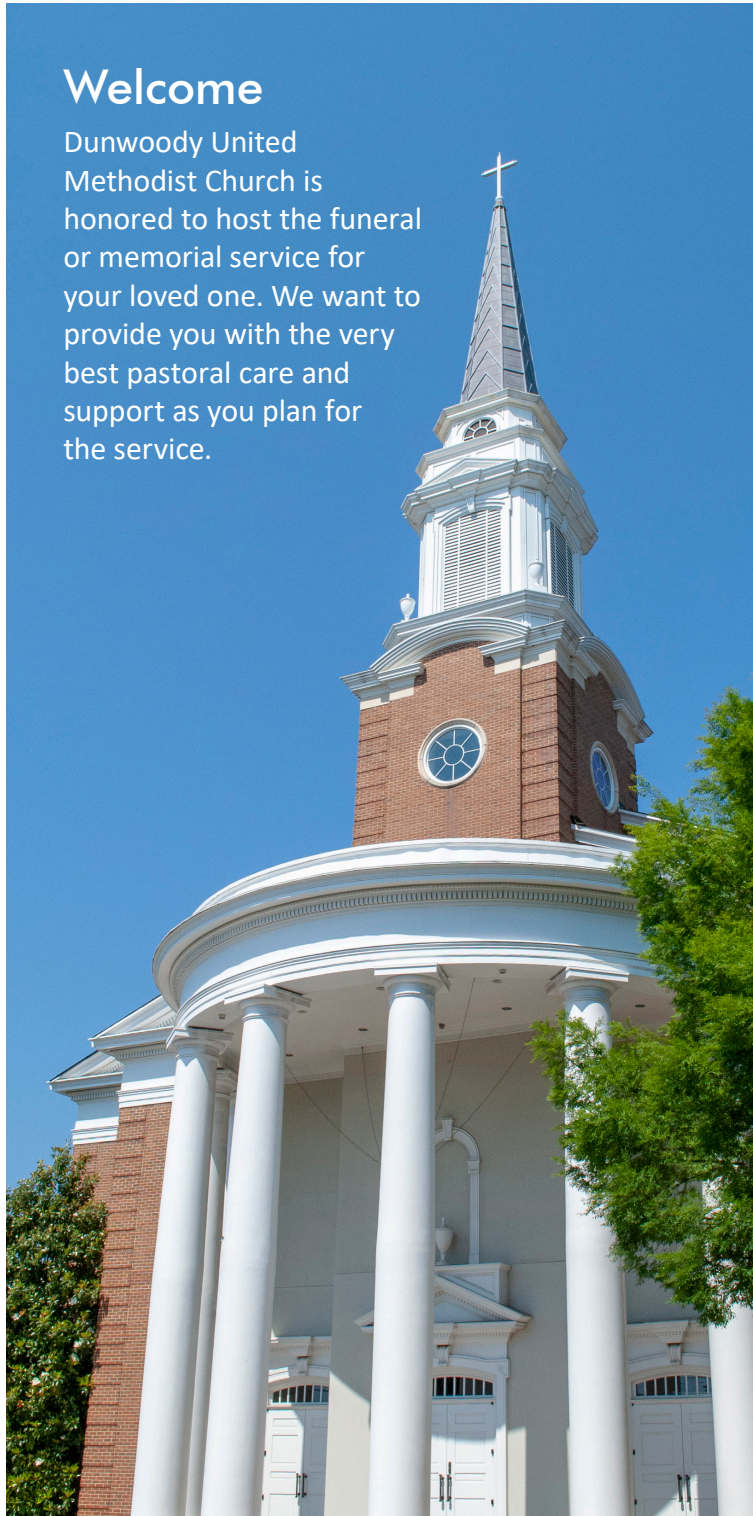


Welcome

Dunwoody United Methodist Church is honored to host the funeral or memorial service for your loved one. We want to provide you with the very best pastoral care and support as you plan for the service.



FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

A DUMC Guide for Families



More Information

Dunwoody United Methodist Church is honored to be in ministry with you in planning the funeral or memorial service for your loved one. Please contact the church office at 770-394-0675 with any questions. Visit dunwoodyumc.org/funerals for more information.



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Planning the Service

The clergy and staff of Dunwoody UMC will sit down with family members to plan the order of the funeral or memorial service. At that time they will discuss any scripture readings, music and special parts of the service. If there are family members or friends you would like to invite to offer memories of your loved one, that will also be discussed. The church will provide worship bulletins for the service based on the order decided upon.



The Chapel and Sanctuary

The Chapel is an excellent choice for smaller services while comfortably seating a maximum of 100. The Sanctuary is preferable when more are expected. The DUMC clergy can help you decide which space is best for your needs.

The church will provide paraments and candles for the service. The Sanctuary and Chapel may contain seasonal decorations, such as Christmas trees or poinsettias. These decorations remain in place for funeral services. You may place additional items in the Sanctuary or Chapel, but please do not move furniture or other decorations already in place.

The Funeral Ministry

The Dunwoody UMC Funeral Ministry is a lay ministry of funeral coordinators, ushers, hostesses and others who volunteer their time and talents to assist the clergy and staff. Funeral Ministry volunteers will prepare the Sanctuary or Chapel for the service. Volunteers will work with funeral home directors for the placement of flowers and pictures, act as greeters for the service, provide hostesses for the visitation and guide the family through the service. A Funeral Coordinator will contact the family to offer the assistance of the Funeral Ministry.

Scheduling

Funerals receive high priority in scheduling space at DUMC. We will try to honor your preferences of time and date. Occasionally there are unavoidable scheduling conflicts, and we will ask you to select another date or time. We cannot host services on holidays or before 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Clergy

You may invite any clergy person on staff at DUMC to lead the service. At your request, clergy may extend an invitation to guests to participate in the service.

Music

The church organist is always the first choice for playing the organ at Dunwoody UMC. When she is not available, the church will select a replacement. We will also help arrange soloists or other musicians at your request. Please be aware that all musicians including our organist, will have a fee associated with their participation. Guest musicians are welcome to play special music on the piano or other musical instruments.

Reception

Our Funeral Ministry provides water, lemonade and coffee at your request for visitation. We do not provide food as part of the reception, but you are welcome to bring in food from family, friends or hire a caterer. If you would

like to hire an outside caterer, please be sure they are able to provide tablecloths, napkins, cups and all other supplies. The DUMC Food Service is also available and our church staff can assist you in contacting them.

Visitation

DUMC will provide the Parlor or Fellowship Hall for visitation.

The Parlor can handle visitation for up to 100 people. Fellowship Hall can handle larger crowds. The church will provide tables and chairs upon request. You will need to provide other items such as table arrangements or flowers if desired.

Other Services

You may choose to hire caterers and florists. Our staff will work cooperatively with these providers, but the church is not involved in locating or arranging for these fee-based services. We are happy to make recommendations.



Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

John 14:1-3

Columbarium

Dunwoody UMC's Columbarium is located in the prayer garden. For information regarding the Columbarium, please contact Debbie Collins at 770-394-0675 ext. 111. If the family has purchased a niche in the DUMC Columbarium, it is not necessary to purchase an urn from the crematory.

Pastoral Care after the Service

Grief resulting from the death of a loved one is expected and different for every person. Pastoral care after the service is available from a member

of Dunwoody's clergy staff upon your request. In addition, the church hosts a grief support group throughout the year. We also have a wonderful group of Stephen Ministers who will walk beside you during this time. Private counseling is available through our relationship with Summit Counseling. Please contact a member of our clergy by calling the church office at 770-394-0675. For more information about our Support Ministry, visit dunwoodyumc.org/counseling-support.