

### Contemporary Worship



**JULY 20, 2025** 

## Rev. David Burchett "Commit To Our Best" Scripture: Malachi 1:11-14 (English Standard Version Bible)

<sup>11</sup> For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>12</sup> But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised. <sup>13</sup> But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it, says the Lord of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the Lord. <sup>14</sup> Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON NOTES
Next Sunday's Scripture: Malachi 2:1-9



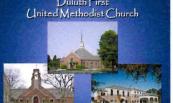
# The Sunday Supplement



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#### Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

We are glad that you came to worship with us today. The mission of Duluth First United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are looking for more information about Duluth First United Methodist Church and its ministries, Bible studies, and other programs and events, please be sure to visit our church's website at www.duluthumc.org.



To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

If you have any questions regarding membership or you are visiting and would like additional information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at **arawles@duluthumc.org**, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.



#### **Prayer Concerns**

- Reed Balkcom Doris Brackett Sara Brewer
- Don Greene Donald Greenwood Erica Hall
- Shamain Hallett
   Pat Harper
   Jean Lowry
- Dottie Moor
   Lynne Ometer
   Joy Parsons
   Genie Rawles
   Henry Roerig
   Mary Jo Southerland
   Ann Tiberghien
- The victims of and those affected by the flash floods in Texas.







Stephen Ministers are here for you when life gets difficult.

For more information or to request the support

and care of a Stephen Minister,

contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.





#### Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings in July

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join us on Sunday nights for **Sunday Night Gatherings** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank"), located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. **Sunday Night Gatherings** include great dinners, fun games, amazing worship, inspirational and relevant messages and life-changing small groups.



#### Our schedule for the month of July is:

- Sunday, July 20th: Gwinnett Stripers Baseball game! If you pre-ordered a ticket/tickets, the game begins at 1:05 p.m. at Coolray Field, located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville. Please bring personal spending money for food, merchandise, etc. Please note that we will be meeting at Coolray Field, and pick-up will also be there.
- Sunday, July 27th: Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank").

Please visit the **Youth Ministry's** website at **https://dfumcstudents.org** for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at **mlee@duluthumc.org**, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



#### "Women Studying Together" to Study Book of Ephesians: Beginning Thursday, July 24th

You are invited to join *Women Studying Together*, our Thursday morning women's Bible study, on July 24<sup>th</sup> as they begin a new study series on the New Testament Book of Ephesians. This six-week study will continue through August 28<sup>th</sup>.

The author of Ephesians makes some rather wordy theological statements while also referring to Jesus as Lord over 20 times. How did understanding that Jesus is Lord affect the Ephesians or us? What behaviors are encouraged/discouraged? Don't be overwhelmed with the writing style. We need both an understanding of what we believe and how we are to live it. This book has much to teach us about the church and the unity of the body. Even in the midst of this 'mystery', we are reminded that grace and faith are expressed in acts of love. After that, there is nothing left to do but praise God!



There is no book to buy, just bring your Bible and join us. We meet on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 am in room F206, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, and discussion is led by Jenny Masterson. As we study, we ask questions, search for answers, share our stories, laugh and pray together. Sometimes, we even sing! We welcome all women.

If you would like more information, please contact Jenny Masterson by e-mail at **jennybobm@comcast.net** or call her at 678-591-0800.

#### "Men Studying Together" Thursday Morning Bible Study

The *Men Studying Together* group meets for Bible/book studies on Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. This study is led by Rev. Terry Tippens. **The group is currently studying the Gospel of Matthew.** 

All are welcome to join us, any time, and every class time will allow for individual input and group discussion. Please contact Tracy Brinker by e-mail at **tbrinker@duluthumc. org** or at 770-476-3776 for more information.



#### Wednesday Night Dinner Teams Are Looking for Volunteers

The Wednesday Night Dinner teams are looking for volunteers – our Dinner Belles and Beaus – to help. No special experience



or skill is necessary – just a willingness to serve, make some new friends, and have fun! Each team volunteers only once a month and on the night that you volunteer you get a free meal! We hope you will consider joining us for some good food and good fellowship.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Marilyn Scheiwe, Event Coordinator, by e-mail at **mscheiwe@duluthumc.org** or call 770-476-3776, ext. 111. We hope you will consider volunteering.

#### Register Now for the Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten 2025-2026 School Year

Registration for **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten's** 2025-2026 school year is open and spots will go fast! We are an award-winning program that nurtures students learning in a loving, Christian environment.

If you are interested in registering your little one or you would like to set up a tour, please contact Pat Szathmary by e-mail at pszathmary@duluthumc.org or call 770-497-1743.



#### "Burgers & Bingo" Special Wednesday Night Dinner Event: August 6th

All are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, for a special back-to-school "Burgers & Bingo" Wednesday Night Dinner event from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. The menu includes hamburgers, French fries, cole slaw, baked beans, and dessert. For the kids – the same. Bingo will begin at 5:45 p.m. and will be played

during the dinner time with prizes for our winners!



The prices for Wednesday Night Dinners beginning the Fall season of 2025 are: \$10.00 for adults (including seniors and from 11 years up); \$7.00 for children 10 years and younger; \$30.00 for family meals (nuclear family members only – husband, wife, their children under 18 years); \$7.00 for salad bar only, which includes the salad bar, a choice of baked potato or sweet potato, dessert and a drink. Credit/debit card payments, as well as cash and checks, are accepted.



#### Wednesday Night Activities Resume on August 13th!

Make plans to join us on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, as the following Wednesday night activities resume their weekly gatherings at Duluth First United Methodist Church:

- Wednesday Night Dinners: 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- Book Bunch for kids (ages 3 4): 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. in the Louise McDaniel Memorial Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- DuluthKids (ages Kindergarten through 5th grade): 6 to 7 p.m. in the Children's (C and D wings) classrooms;
- Youth Bible Study (grades 6 12): 6 to 7 p.m., room F149, 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- "Simply Psalms" adult small group studies: room F207, 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- Parent Connection Group: 6 to 7 p.m., room F145, 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- Happy Sacks: 6 to 6:30 p.m., room F152, 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- Yarn Art Ministry: 6 to 7 p.m., room F205, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- Handbell Ensemble rehearsals: 6 to 7 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

Additional information about these activities will be available in the August 2025 edition of *The Messenger* newsletter, available Friday, August 1st.

#### Save the Date! Youth Fall Retreat is October 24th - 26th

The **Youth Ministry** is excited to be participating in the **Rooted Retreat** (North Georgia UMC Conference Retreat) hosted by Glisson Camp and Retreat Center for our Youth Fall Retreat! **Please mark your calendars for Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.** There will be powerful worship experiences, dedicated youth group time, fun activities, and food and lodging at Glisson Camp and Retreat Center. Additional information and registration for the retreat will be available soon.







#### <u>Crafts, Pieces of Art, and Baked Goods Needed for</u> <u>"Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup></u>

Crafters, potters, artists, and bakers of all kinds – your talents will be needed in November! It may seem a long time from now, but it really isn't and it is not too soon to be thinking about our annual missions fundraiser, *Bundle Up for Buffalo*, on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the *Bundle Up for Buffalo* fundraiser help our sister church, Seneca Street United Methodist Church in Buffalo, NY, keep the heat on their facility during the winter months which fall from October 2025 through April 2026. This helps provide a safe, warm, after-school location for neighborhood children to go to.

You have been so faithful in prayer for this "pocket of poverty" in the North for many years. Please consider what you can make, and something that others would enjoy purchasing. Thank you for your support.











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