



Next Sunday's Scripture: Malachi 3:6-12



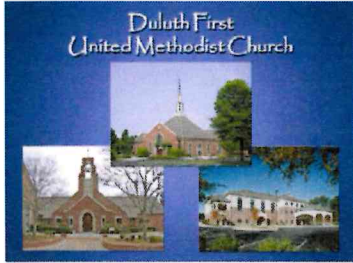
The Sunday Supplement



AUGUST 10, 2025

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

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- Luke Livingston • Shirley Grace Madajewski • Dottie Moor • Lynne Ometer
- Joy Parsons • Mike Ramstead • Henry Roerig • Jeff Schulz
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WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION.

Duluth First UMC Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one emotional care and support to those in our church and community who are hurting.

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



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: August 13th

The Dinner Belles and Beaus prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. **The menu for August 13th is fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, fried okra, biscuits, and dessert. For the kids – the same.**

Dinner service hours are 5 to 6:30 p.m., with to-go boxes available from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

The prices for Wednesday Night Dinners 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.



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Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings in August

Students in the 6th through 12th 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 1st 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 August is:

- **Sunday, August 10th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, August 17th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, August 24th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, August 31st:** 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.

Book Club to Discuss "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn: Monday, August 11th

The Book Club invites you to read **The Alice Network** by Kate Quinn, and then to join them on Monday, August 11th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center for a discussion of the book. Amy Burk will lead the discussion.

In **The Alice Network**, an enthralling novel from New York Times bestselling author Kate Quinn, two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption.

"Both funny and heartbreaking, this epic journey of two courageous women is an unforgettable tale of little-known wartime glory and sacrifice. Quinn knocks it out of the park with this spectacular book!"—Stephanie Dray, New York Times bestselling author of **America's First Daughter**.

Simply Something: A New Weekly Discussion Opportunity of All Things Theological, Biblical, Social, Methodist, or About Life in Today's World: Begins Tuesday, August 12th

Have you ever had a topic that you simply wanted to talk about with others at church but there doesn't seem to be a class or group to focus on that one thing? Then **Simply Something** is just the place to be. Join Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles and Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, for **Simply Something**, a weekly discussion place to bring up all things theological, biblical, social, Methodist, or simply on your mind about life in today's world.

Each week at **Simply Something** will begin with prayer and a short devotion, followed by discussion about a variety of topics chosen by the group. We will begin on Tuesday, August 12th, looking at our own church and all that is offered for learning, mission, and volunteering to grow God's kingdom around us. Join us with your list of topics to plan for our future time together. Bring your coffee, tea or water, and your open mind to learn from each other.

Childcare in **Childcare Corner** will be available. For more information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org or 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

"The History and Archaeology of the Bible" Class for Adults Begins Tuesday, August 12th, and Wednesday August 13th

A new class for adults, **"The History and Archaeology of the Bible,"** will be offered beginning Tuesday, August 12th. This class, led by Pete Fleming, will be offered twice each week for 24 weeks:

- 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in room F154, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in room F151, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

Choose the one that best suits your schedule.

The course will include a video each week produced by National Geographic and featuring lecturer Jean-Pierre Ishbouts, a professor in the Social Sciences PhD program of Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, California, and an archaeologist, author, screenwriter, director, and producer of works addressing various historical periods, particularly the time period of Jesus and that of Renaissance and post-Renaissance art. During the course, he will visit many of the places mentioned in the Bible.

Participants will be encouraged, but not required, to purchase the book **Who Wrote the Bible** by Richard Friedman. It can be purchased online at **Thrift Books** for under \$10.00. Pete will present excerpts from this and other books and articles each week. If you are interested in attending this class, please contact Pete by e-mail at lfleming3832@att.net or call 678-575-3761.

Blood Drive at Duluth First UMC: Wednesday, August 13th

The need for blood doesn't take a summer break! **Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.** All blood types are needed now to help save lives. An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13th, in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall.

To schedule an appointment:

- Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code **dufumc**;
- Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767);
- Contact Tracy Brinker by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 112.
- Last, but not least, be a "walk-in" on Blood Drive Day.



Donate blood at Duluth First UMC on August 13th and the Red Cross will say "Thank You" with a \$15 e-gift card and free A1-C testing. Don't be afraid to save someone's life!

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.

Wednesday Night Food Drive: August 13th

The **Wednesday Night Food Drive** at Duluth First UMC for the **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op** is our weekly mission project, combined with the many Wednesday evening activities offered at the church. **On August 13th we ask that you bring boxes of spaghetti or pasta.** A table for donated items will be located outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall.

Join us for a delicious dinner and fellowship in Hinton Hall, pick up a to-go dinner for your family, join us for any of our Wednesday evening activities, and drop off food items to help other families in need. We thank you for your support.

GriefShare Support Group Meetings Begin Wednesday, August 27th

GriefShare Support Group, led by the church's **Stephen Ministers**, will walk alongside you through the loss of a loved one. **GriefShare** is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week session, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Our next session of **GriefShare Support Group** classes will start on Wednesday, August 27th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room F153, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Gain access to valuable resources to help you through your grief. **GriefShare** also offers **Bereavement Candlelight Services** the Monday before Thanksgiving, and a "Surviving the Holidays" class on Wednesday, November 19th.



For more information, please visit the **GriefShare** website at griefshare.org, or contact Tracy Brinker, Bereavement Coordinator, by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776.

Register Now for the Christian Beginnings 2025-2026 School Year

Register now for **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten's** 2025-2026 school year. Offered Monday through Friday during the school year from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years, **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten** provides a loving Christian atmosphere for the growth and nurture of each child. They will have fun and make friends while attending our accredited, award-winning school.

Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten has won the "Best of Gwinnett" award for 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, as well as the "Gwinnett Daily Post Reader's Choice" award in 2019.

If you would like more information regarding **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten**, 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.

Family Promise of Gwinnett's Annual "Night Without a Bed" Fundraiser

Family Promise of Gwinnett's annual "Night Without a Bed" Fundraiser is underway. Over the last four years you have helped raise over \$49,000 to help Family Promise of Gwinnett in their mission to end family homelessness in Gwinnett County. Once again, Rev. David Burchett will be participating in this fundraiser during the month of August.

You can give by scanning the QR code located to the right, as well as on the Missions Ministry bulletin boards. You can also leave a check in the offering plate made to Duluth First UMC with Family Promise in the memo line. Please contact Rev. David Burchett by e-mail at dburchett@duluthumc.org for more information.



Visit Our Church Library

Stop by and check out all of the new titles in The Louise McDaniel Memorial Church Library for late Summer and early Fall reading:

- **All My Knotted Up Life: A Memoir** by Beth Moore (Nonfiction);
- **Moses: In the Footsteps of a Reluctant Prophet** by Adam Hamilton (Nonfiction);
- **Theo of Golden** by Allen Levi (Fiction).

The library is located on the 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If the church is open, the library is open. If you have any questions, please contact our amazing library volunteers by e-mail at library@duluthumc.org.



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Wednesday Evening Activities for All Ages
at Duluth First United Methodist Church Resume on August 13th

DuluthKids Begins on August 13th with Big and Exciting Changes

DuluthKids is a fun opportunity on Wednesday nights for kids, ages Kindergarten through 5th grade, to gather together for fellowship, music, Bible study and missions. Programming is age-appropriate with curriculum designed for the kids. **DuluthKids** will meet on Wednesday evenings, beginning August 13th. Fellowship time for everyone (K-5th) will begin at 5:45 and we will meet in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall.



The new **Children's Chime Choir**, for ages 3rd through 5th grades, is an exciting way to learn music and provide music at worship. This group will learn to play the tone chimes, which are similar to handbells. **Children's Chime Choir** meets from 6 to 6:30 p.m. during **DuluthKids** time.

The **Children's Bell Choir**, for ages Kindergarten through 2nd grade, is a place where children will learn the fundamentals of music in a fun group environment! The

Children's Bell Choir meets from 6 to 6:30 p.m. during **DuluthKids** time.

All of the children (ages Kindergarten through 5th grade) will come back together from 6:30 to 7 p.m. for a time of Bible study and missions.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved in this ministry for children, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138, or Verena Anders, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, at vanders@duluthumc.org or 770-476-3776, ext. 116.

Book Bunch Story Time for Kids Ages 3 and 4

Book Bunch, a story time for kids ages three and four-years old, will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m., beginning on August 13th, in the Louise McDaniel Memorial Library, located on the 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Kids will hear a story being read from a guest reader and they will have an opportunity to check out a book from the library.

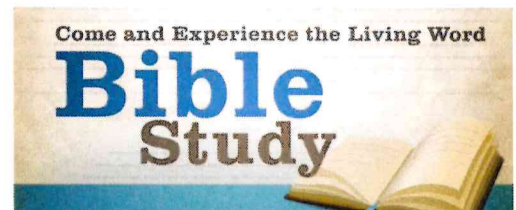
If you would like to be a volunteer **Book Bunch** reader, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.



Youth Wednesday Night Bible Study

We invite students in 6th through 12th grades to join us for Bible Study during the school year as we dive into the Word of God and grow together as a community! Bible Study is held on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in room F149, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

For additional information or questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org.



Parent Connection Group Meetings

Parent Connection, our small group for parents, will resume its weekly meetings on Wednesday, August 13th, from 6 to 7 p.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome to join us as we share in the joys and struggles of parenting children of all ages. Please contact Rev. David Burchett by e-mail at dburchett@duluthumc.org for more information.

Happy Sacks: Helping Children in Our Community

A growing number of school children in our community rely on free and reduced priced meals at school for their main daily meals. However, there may not be enough food to go around over the weekend. The goal of the **Happy Sacks** mission outreach program is to provide healthy snacks for school children over the weekend. We pack approximately **150 Happy Sacks each week**, which are then delivered to the schools on Friday, and given out by the school counselors to the appropriate children.



For the 2024-25 school year, we packed and delivered **4,943 Happy Sacks**. Since the program began in the Fall of 2012, we have delivered **40,044 Happy Sacks** to children in our community. The need continues to grow as does the cost of filling the bags. The **Happy Sacks** program is not a part of the church's regular budget, so we depend on your donations.

As we get ready to begin our 14th year of the **Happy Sacks** program, please consider picking up a few extra items the next time you're at the store or making a financial donation to support the **Happy Sacks** ministry.

For more information, please visit the **MISSIONS** page under the **MINISTRIES** tab on the church's website - duluthumc.org. Thank you for your continued support of this mission!



Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Our church's **Chancel Choir**, the primary worship ensemble for traditional worship, is open to anyone high school age and older who feel called to serve through music. No audition is required. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., August through May, in the Don Lee Music Suite. Childcare in **Childcare Corner** is provided. Please contact Verena Lucía Anders, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, by e-mail at vanders@duluthumc.org for more information.

Treble Ensemble and Tenor-Bass Ensemble Rehearsals

The **Treble Ensemble** and **Tenor-Bass Ensemble** meet in rotation on Wednesdays, 8:30 to 9 p.m., August through May, in the Don Lee Music Suite. We have a great time singing a wide variety of music and sing for worship several times during the year. Childcare in **Childcare Corner** is available. Please contact Verena Lucía Anders, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, by e-mail at vanders@duluthumc.org for more information.

Handbell Ensemble Rehearsals

Our **Handbell Ensemble** is open anyone high school age and older as spaces are available. Prior ringing experience is not necessary, but helpful. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., August through May, in the Sanctuary. Childcare in **Childcare Corner** is available. Please contact our new Director of the **Handbell Choir**, Johnathan Ancell, by e-mail at jancell@duluthumc.org, for more information.

Yarn Art Ministry

For those who crochet or knit, the **Yarn Art Ministry** (affectionally known as YAMs) is a place to share your talent. When someone has a baby, this group makes a welcome blanket for the child. Blankets from the group also supply our nursery. A variety of items are made to be sold at **Bundle Up for Buffalo**, the fundraising event that raises money to heat our sister church, Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY, during the cold winter months. Sometimes we send blankets directly to Buffalo to keep them cozy.

There are two Yarn Art Ministry meetings a week:

- Mondays at 11 a.m. in room F149, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in room F204, located on the 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

Come share your talent! You are also welcome if you would like to learn how to knit or crochet. For more information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKateRawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.