



Contemporary Worship

AUGUST 31, 2025



Rev. David Burchett

"The Final Word"

Scripture: Malachi 4:1-6 (English Standard Version Bible)

¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

⁴ "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON NOTES

Next Sunday's Scripture: Psalm 145:1-7



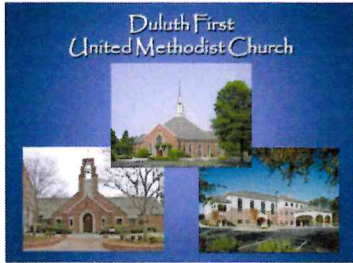
The Sunday Supplement



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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



- Kathy Anderson • Reed Balkcom • Doris Brackett
- Sara Brewer • Gen Butterworth • Cynthia Daniel
- Erica Hall • Shamain Hallett • Carol Hitchcock
- Bruce Houston • Linton Jones • Luke Livingston
- ShirleyGrace Madajewski • Dottie Moor • Lynne Ometer
- Joy Parsons • Henry Roerig • Jeff Schulz
- Mary Jo Southerland • Ann Tiberghien • Clara Truesdell
- Dale VanPelt • Easton Wall • Betty Worthington
- Tracy Brinker & family in the death of her uncle.
- Tonie Owens & family in the death of her mother.



Want someone to talk to? Stephen Ministers are there for you.

*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.*



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: September 3rd

Our Food Ministry staff, along with the amazing Dinner Belles and Beaus, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. **The menu for Wednesday, September 3rd, is pulled pork on a bun, corn pudding, Brunswick stew, cole slaw, and dessert. For the kids – hot dogs and French fries.**

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.

Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gathering: August 31st

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. Join us on Sunday, August 31st, for our 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.



Register by September 7th for the Youth Fall Retreat on October 24th – 26th

We are 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, on **Friday, October 24th, through Sunday, October 26th**. It will be an incredible weekend with powerful worship experiences, dedicated youth group time, fun activities, and food and lodging at Glisson Camp and Retreat Center. We are looking forward to a meaningful and fun fall retreat together!



The cost is \$195 per student, and we want every student to be able to attend, so scholarships are available if needed. You can pay by cash, check, or online. Register online by

Sunday, September 7th, by scanning on the QR code located to the right with your smartphone.



If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org. For additional information about the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center, please visit their website at <https://glisson.org>.

Save the Date! "Sunday Fun Day" Block Party on Sunday, September 7th

Join us on Sunday, September 7th, from 5 to 7 p.m. for an awesome **"Sunday Fun Day" block party** coming your way. There will be something for everyone - hamburgers, hot dogs, inflatables, a DJ, Toofpick the clown, cotton candy, and a lot of fun and fellowship! What a wonderful opportunity to invite our community to join us in a wonderful afternoon!

Please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to sign up to bring/donate food items and/or to volunteer at one of the inflatables. Thank you for helping to make our **"Sunday Fun Day" Block Party** a great community-wide event!



Wednesday Night Food Drive: September 3rd

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 September 3rd we ask you to bring boxes of cereal.** 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.



Register Now for Christian Beginnings' 2025-2026 School Year

Register now for **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten's** 2025-2026 school year, which begins on Tuesday, September 2nd. 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.

Christian Beginnings

Preschool & Kindergarten



where smiles happen!

Seeking Volunteers for Altar Guild, Sacristans (Communion Servers), and Liturgists at the 8:30 Service



If you have a great eye for detail, enjoy caring for the Sanctuary, a talent for speaking, or enjoy serving at worship, please consider joining one of these teams: Altar Guild, Sacristans (communion servers), and Liturgists. These volunteer positions do not take very much time and training is provided. Please contact Verena Lucía Anders, Director of Music and Worship Arts, by e-mail at vanders@duluthumc.org to volunteer or for more information.

Thank You! Our Recent Blood Drive Was a Great Success!

WOW – we had a very successful blood drive on August 13th! **Thirty-six pints of blood were collected**, and as a result of this, we will be able to **provide care for over 100 people!** Thank you to my wonderful volunteers – Pat Brannon and Angie Doerlich. A special "Thank You" to the following people whose blood donations helped save lives: Wendy Armstrong, Matthew Ault, Hope Binklet, Tracy Brinker, Amanda Brown, Rafael Rodriguez Camacaro, Donna Clark, Michael Deans, Portia Dhanasekaran, Kenneth Doss, James Dykes, Sue French, Maureen Gee, Gabrielle Gillespie-Fitzgerald, Charlene Gordon, Richard Gordon, Bob Griffeth, Jim Hall, Andrew Holmes, Nancy Martin, Joel McLemore, Bill McLess, Laurie Moeller, Mike Montgomery, Amir Paziraei, Cynthia Peterson, Karen Phillips, Lindsay Schuiteman, Allen Servedio, Lucas Servedio, Carol Stalcup, Bryan Taylor, Gail Waigand, and Julia Wharton.



Two donors gave two units of red blood cells during the blood drive using a special automated machine. This process, called apheresis, separates and collects the red cells, then safely returns the remaining blood components and saline to the donor. Power Red donations are particularly beneficial for donors with O+, O-, A-, or B- blood types, which are in high demand. **Mark your calendars and make plans to come save a life on Wednesday, November 12th, from 3 until 7 p.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall at our next blood drive.**

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.



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