



Contemporary Worship

OCTOBER 5, 2025



Rev. David Burchett

“A Call to Bold Endurance in God’s FaithFULLness”

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:1-13 (English Standard Version Bible)

¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

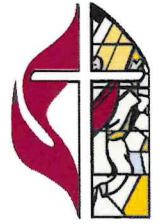
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON NOTES

Next Sunday's Scripture: Philippians 1:12-26



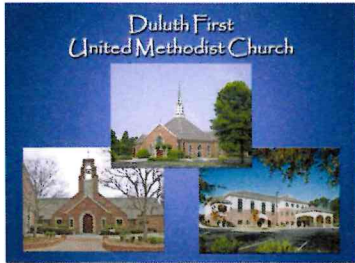
The Sunday Supplement



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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

- Mary Ellen Ask
- Dale Braynard
- Beth Bunten
- Rosemary Hall
- Carol Hitchcock
- Lynne Ometer
- Jeff Schulz
- Cynthia Ballin
- Sara Brewer
- Gen Butterworth
- Shamain Hallett
- Linton Jones
- Mike Ramstead
- Dale VanPelt
- Easton Wall



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.



This Morning's Communion Offering: Aldersgate Homes

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward this morning's communion offering for **Aldersgate Homes**. **Aldersgate Homes**, a related agency of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, is an organization



in North Georgia dedicated to serving the disabilities community through advocacy, learning opportunities, retreats and recreation. Through their many ministries, they work with churches and individuals to help support those with disabilities and to create a community where people of all abilities are welcome. **Aldersgate** also operates **Camp Collinswood**, a universally accessible recreational and retreat facility on beautiful Lake Oconee, which accommodates persons of all abilities. For additional information, please visit their website at www.aldersgatehomes.org.

The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church.

Missions Ministry Fundraiser - Cinnamon Rolls: Today!

The **Missions Ministry** is having a delicious fundraiser **today from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in The Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. We invite you to come help support Duluth First UMC in being the hands and feet of Christ in our community by stopping and enjoying some hot, delicious cinnamon rolls.

Cinnamon rolls will be \$5 each, or two for \$9, and donations are always accepted. All proceeds will go toward supporting our local mission efforts which our general giving goes towards in the Duluth/Gwinnett County areas, such as the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op, the Duluth Care Team, Rainbow Village, Family Promise, and others. **Thank you for your support!**



"Blessing of the Animals" Service: This Afternoon!

Bring your pets for our **"Blessing of the Animals"** service this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. on the Fellowship Terrace, located in front of the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. We will gather for a short service and offer a blessing for each animal individually. All friendly leashed, crated, or contained animals are welcome! Is your pet not interested in being with other animals? Bring a photo or a special toy to have blessed!

In case of rain the service will be held under the rear portico entrance of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org with any questions.



Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings

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 (unless otherwise noted). **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 October is:

- **Sunday, October 5th:** Pickleball Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Duluth High School tennis courts;
- **Sunday, October 12th:** S'Mores Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Classroom (back of church property);
- **Sunday, October 19th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, October 26th:** Trunk or Treat at 5:00 p.m. in the church's front parking lot.



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.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: October 8th

Our **Food Ministry** staff, along with our amazing **Dinner Belles and Beaus** volunteers, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. **The menu for Wednesday, October 8th is Monterrey chicken with BBQ sauce/cheese/bacon, scalloped potatoes, squash casserole, veggies, rolls, and dessert. For the kids - chicken tenders 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.



Wednesday Night Food Drive: October 8th

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 October 8th we ask you to bring peanut butter and jelly.** 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.



Join Us at Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26th

Fall is upon us, and you know what that means? It's time for pumpkins, leaves, football, and **Trunk or Treat!** **Trunk or Treat**, on Sunday, October 26th, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the church's front parking lot, is an excellent opportunity to gather your friends,



family, and neighbors and bring them to Duluth First United Methodist Church for fun, food, and, of course, going trunk to trunk collecting candy. This is such a great way to share your love of church community with others, and "boo-tiful" way to fellowship with one another! Everyone is invited to participate!

Our goal is to have 40 trunks this year - that means we need YOU! Please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to claim your spot. We hope to have lots of fun, decorated trunks, and even better,

decorated trunks with games. We also need volunteers to help set up, break down, donate candy, and take candy refills to our awesome trunks. Set-up time begins at 4:30 p.m. and trick-or-treating begins at 5:00 p.m.



Please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles with any questions by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

"Coffee Corner" for Parents of Preschoolers: Tuesday, October 21st

Parents of preschoolers are invited to join us at the **"Coffee Corner"** on Tuesday, October 21st, at 9:30 a.m. Come connect with other parents at our casual meet-up on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Being a parent is tough, and we all deserve to drink coffee while it is still hot!

For more information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.



Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten's Read-A-Thon

This October, **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten** is launching its annual **Read-A-Thon!** Our students, families, and church community will be turning pages and raising support together. Every book read brings us closer to our goal—and every gift makes a difference! Every donation helps **Christian Beginnings** continue building a vibrant ministry for our children.

You can join the fun and give by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet. Thank you for your support!



Crafts, Pieces of Art, and Baked Goods Needed for "Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser: November 15th & 16th

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 15th, and Sunday, November 16th. 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.

Christmas for a Soldier 2025

The **Hugs for Soldiers Ministry** is collecting care package donations for soldiers serving overseas. Take part in **Christmas for a Soldier 2025**, our 22nd Christmas for supporting our troops. Please help us spread some holiday joy to troops who can't be home during the holidays by donating the following items.

Christmas Cards: Deployed service members would love to receive a handcrafted or signed card from you with holiday wishes. Do not seal your cards in envelopes; we do not need envelopes. All cards are mixed and re-boxed into larger boxes so that your cards are received at various military bases. **PLEASE...NO GLITTER on cards!** Glitter will come off during the two-week shipping overseas.

Snack Items:

- Individual packets of hot chocolate, apple cider, assorted flavors of tea bags individually wrapped;
- Instant Ramen Noodle Soup 3 oz. packets;
- Microwave popcorn;
- Holiday candy (this is a great time to ship chocolate);
- Cereal/granola/energy bars, Trail mix, nuts, sunflower seeds, fruit snacks;
- Slim Jims, beef jerky.

Other Items:

- Handmade holiday ornaments. Use your creativity and skills to make ornaments! From painted wood ornaments to beaded wreaths and everything in between, your ornaments can be anything you like. **PLEASE NOTE:** No glitter, no breakable ornaments, nothing dangerously sharp and nothing made out of food/candy.
- A new pair of socks.

The deadline for donations is Friday, November 21st. Donation boxes will be located inside the back entrance to the Sheldon Family Life Center and on the stage in Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall.

Monetary donations are also appreciated to help purchase items not received and for postage. Checks are made payable to **Duluth First UMC** with **Hugs for Soldiers** written in the memo section, or go to the **ONLINE GIVING** page on the church's website – www.duluthumc.org – click on **MISCELLANEOUS GIFT** and specify **"Support Our Troops/Hugs for Soldiers."**

For further information, contact Angie Doerlich by e-mail at hugsforsoldiers@gmail.com or call 404-316-8183. For additional information about the **Hugs for Soldiers Ministry**, please visit their website at www.hugsforsoldiers.org.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, our annual participation in **Samaritan's Purse's** mission for God's children around the world, is underway. By filling shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and hygiene items, you not only give to children in need the only gift they will likely receive for Christmas, but also deliver hope, joy and the gospel of Jesus Christ to them and their families.

Empty shoeboxes are available in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, in the hallway near Hinton Hall, and outside of room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Each box includes ideas on how to pack a shoebox, what not to include, and an adhesive label. A \$10 processing donation for each shoebox you take and fill covers the processing and shipping of the shoebox and shipping, as well as supporting training and materials for **The Greatest Journey** activities.

You also have the option to "fill a shoebox" online. The cost of the **Build Online Shoebox** option is \$30 per online shoebox, and you can also include **The Greatest Journey** materials for an additional \$6. There are two online options: build the shoebox yourself by selecting items to be included in the shoebox, or select the option where the shoebox is built by **Samaritan's Purse**. Please scan the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet to complete your shoebox online. You can also find a link to fill out a shoebox online by going to the church's website - duluthumc.org - clicking on the **MINISTRIES** tab and then clicking on the **MISSIONS** tab.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com or call 678-662-2115.



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