



Contemporary Worship

OCTOBER 12, 2025



Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles

"A Joyful Witness"

Scripture: Philippians 1:12-26 (NRSV)

¹² I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, ¹⁴ and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

¹⁵ Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. ¹⁶ These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷ the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my salvation. ²⁰ It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way but that by my speaking with all boldness Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON NOTES



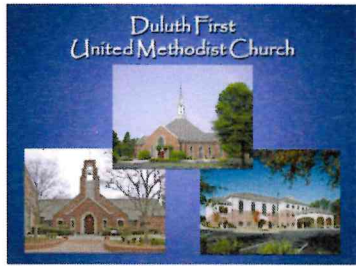
The Sunday Supplement



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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.

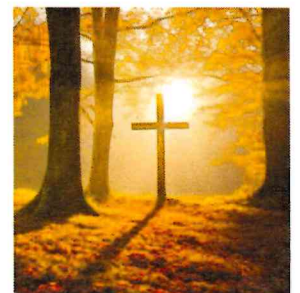


To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

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

- Tracy Balkcom • Cynthia Ballin • Jack Brannon
- Dale Braynard • Sara Brewer • Beth Bunten • Gen Butterworth
- Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett • Carol Hitchcock • Linton Jones
- Lynne Ometter • Clara Truesdell • Dale VanPelt • Easton Wall
- Maggie & Jared Grace in the death of their grandfather, Mike Ramstead.
- Jenny Kuny & family in the death of her father, Mike Ramstead.
- Lin Ramstead & family in the death of her husband, Mike.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

HELP — HOPE — HEALING

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.



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: October 15th

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 15th, is homemade lasagna, sautéed zucchini, broccoli, garlic bread, 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.



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 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.

SUNDAY NIGHT GATHERING

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5:30PM-7:30PM
THE FISH TANK**

Wednesday Night Food Drive: October 15th

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 15th we ask you to bring spaghetti and 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.



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! You can participate by:

- **Decorating your trunk (and maybe even having a game) and passing out candy.** Please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to claim your spot. You can also claim your spot by visiting one of our **Trunk or Treat** boards, located in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room and outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall, and putting your name and contact information on one of the blank cars.
- **Volunteering to help set up, break down, donate candy, and take candy refills to our awesome trunks.** Please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to sign up to volunteer.
- **Donating bags of candy.** You can put your donated candy in one of the **Trunk or Treat Candy Totes** located in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, in the Atrium, and outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall.



Set-up time begins at 4:30 p.m. and trick-or-treating begins at 5:00 p.m. We hope to have lots of fun and lots of decorated trunks! Please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles with any questions by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128. Thank you for your support!



Book Club to Discuss "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline: Monday, October 20th

The **Book Club** invites you to join them on Monday, October 20th, as they discuss **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline. **Orphan Train** is a captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship: a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphan-train rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers to questions no one has ever thought to ask.

The **Book Club** will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in room F-145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles 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.



Youth Fall Retreat: October 24th - 26th

We are excited to participate in **The Rooted Retreat** (North Georgia UMC Conference Retreat) hosted by **Camp Glisson** for our **Youth Ministry Fall Retreat** from 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 **Camp Glisson**!

We are looking forward to a meaningful and fun **Fall Retreat** together! Please keep our students, adult volunteers, and the retreat in your prayers!



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!



Gift Cards Needed for Care Packages for College Students

Hello Duluth First UMC Family! We are collecting gift card donations for the care packages we will send out to our college students. As finals week is quickly approaching, we want to show our love and care for our college students by sending them care packages for them to enjoy during their finals week!



- Chick-fil-A (most requested by students)
- Starbucks

Also, if you have a college student (or if you are the college student) who is a member of Duluth First UMC, we ask you scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to fill out the contact information form and update the student's mailing address.



Should you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org. Thank you for your support of our college students!

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 is time 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.



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