



# Contemporary Worship

OCTOBER 19, 2025



**Tamara Ellis, Laity Sunday Speaker**

**"Wait, Watch, and Listen"**

**Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 (New International Version Bible)**

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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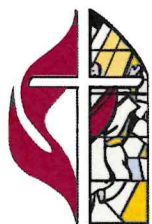
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## **SERMON NOTES**

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**Next Sunday's Scripture: Matthew 22:8-15**



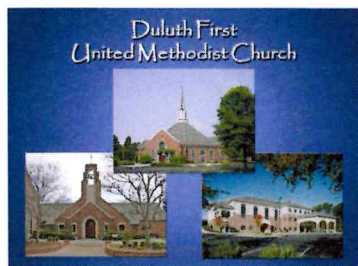
# The Sunday Supplement



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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](http://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](mailto: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 Ometer • Clara Truesdell • Dale VanPelt • Easton Wall



- Our church's youth and adult volunteers participating in the **Rooted Retreat** (North Georgia UMC Conference's Fall Retreat) hosted by Glisson Camp and Retreat Center on October 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 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](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org) or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.



## Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings

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 (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 19<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>:** Trunk or Treat at 5:00 p.m. in the church's front parking lot.

**SUNDAY NIGHT  
GATHERING**

SUNDAY NIGHTS  
5:30PM-7:30PM  
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](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.

## **Book Club to Discuss "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline: Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

The **Book Club** invites you to join them on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org) or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

## **Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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 22<sup>nd</sup>, is pot roast with gravy, oven roasted potatoes, fresh carrots, peas, rolls, and dessert.**

**For the kids - hamburgers 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.



## **Join Us at Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Trunk or Treat** is next Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, in the front parking lot from 5 to 6:30 p.m.! We still need trunks, candy, and volunteers. AND we need you to come and enjoy time together! We will have candy, games, and pizza available for purchase.

**Trunk or Treat** is an excellent opportunity to invite 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!

**Everyone is invited to participate by:**

- **Attending! Come have fun!**
- **Passing out candy! You can decorate your trunk or just come, pop up your trunk and hand out candy.** You can sign up by scanning the QR code located to the right or by putting your name and e-mail address/contact information on one of the blank cars on one of our **Trunk or Treat** boards, located in Veterans Memorial Gathering Room and outside the main entrance to Hinton Hall.
- **Volunteering to help set up, break down, and help refill trunks with candy.** You can scan the QR code or contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org).
- **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! Thank you for your support!



### **"Coffee Corner" for Parents of Preschoolers: Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**



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

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### **Wednesday Night Food Drive: October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> we ask you to bring canned fruit.** 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.

### **Gift Cards Needed for Care Packages for College Students: Through Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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!



If you would like to donate a gift card, please purchase any of the gift cards listed below with the amount of \$25 per card and drop them off in Rev. Min Lee's office (Director of Youth Ministries), located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, **by Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Gift cards needed are:

- 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](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org). Thank you for your support of our college students!

### **Blood Drive at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>:**

#### **Give Thanks—Give Blood—Give Life**

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment to make a blood donation:

- Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://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](mailto:tbrinker@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 112.
- Last, but not least, be a "walk-in" on Blood Drive Day.

Free A1C testing, a test commonly used to screen for diabetes and pre-diabetes, will be offered to those who donate blood. Each donor will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice and will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. Please go to [RedCrossBlood.org/Harvest](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Harvest) for more details.

### **Crafts, Pieces of Art, and Baked Goods Needed for**

### **"Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser: November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

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 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.

## Operation Christmas Child

Six weeks are remaining in this year's **Operation Christmas Child**, our annual participation in **Samaritans Purse's** mission for God's children around the world. As we did last year, there will be physical shoeboxes available to be completed by you as well as the online option to complete shoeboxes. Empty shoeboxes are available in the Narthex, the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, outside Hinton Hall, and outside of room F145 on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Completed shoeboxes are to be returned **by Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**, and can be returned to these same locations.

The cost of the **Build On-Line Shoebox** option is \$30, and these shoeboxes are delivered to certain locations with special custom and cultural needs. This year we have increased the goal and expanded the timeframe, and are currently at 14% of this year's goal of 80 online shoeboxes. **The DFUMC Goal Page is active and you can complete an online shoebox by:**



- Using specific instructions, prepared for using the online process, which are available at the shoebox distribution locations around the church.
- Scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet to complete your shoebox online.
- Going to the church's website - [duluthumc.org](http://duluthumc.org) - clicking on the **MINISTRIES** tab and then clicking on the **MISSIONS** tab, where you will find information about **Operation Christmas Child**.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail [chaz3d@gmail.com](mailto:chaz3d@gmail.com), or calling 678-662-2115.



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