

# Contemporary Worship



**NOVEMBER 2, 2025: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** 

# Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino "Faith Still Growing" Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 (Common English Bible)

- <sup>1</sup> From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy: To the church of the Thessalonians, which is in God our Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to all of you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, we must always thank God for you. This is only right because your faithfulness is growing by leaps and bounds, and the love that all of you have for each other is increasing. <sup>4</sup> That's why we ourselves are bragging about you in God's churches. We tell about your endurance and faithfulness in all the harassments and trouble that you have put up with.
- <sup>11</sup> We are constantly praying for you for this: that our God will make you worthy of his calling and accomplish every good desire and faithful work by his power. <sup>12</sup> Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored by you, and you will be honored by him, consistent with the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON NOTES
Next Sunday's Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21



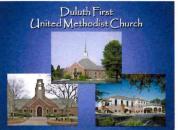
# The Sunday Supplement



**NOVEMBER 2, 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.

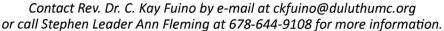
### **Prayer Concerns**

- Charlie Anderson
   Tracy Balkcom
   Donna Bowman
   Dale Braynard
   Gen Butterworth
   Bill Evans
   Rosemary Hall
   Shamain Hallett
   Carol Hitchcock
   Linton Jones
- Charlie Pierce Ann Reifert Ethel Sales Clara Truesdell Dale VanPelt Easton Wall
  - Lacy & Bill Evans & family in the death of their son, Scott.
  - Federal workers and others affected by the government shutdown.
    - People affected by Hurricane Melissa.



### 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.





### This Morning's Communion Offering: Member Assistance Fund

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward this morning's communion offering for the **Member Assistance Fund**. The **Member Assitance Fund** helps church members in need. The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church.

### Please Take a Moment to Complete Our Adult Small Group Survey

Do you participate in Sunday School, Small Groups, or Fellowship Groups at Duluth First UMC? Please let us know more about them and what other types of studies you would like to participate in! Don't participate in any groups? Let us know a topic or type of group you would be interested in participating in.

Please take a moment to complete a short survey by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet. Printouts of the survey can also be found on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, in the Narthex, and at the information table in Hinton Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthfirstumc.org.



### Stewardship Campaign for 2026

Duluth First UMC's Stewardship Campaign for 2026 is underway. **Estimate of Giving cards** can be found in the pews in the Sanctuary, and on the chairs in Hinton Hall. Please turn in your **2026 Estimate of Giving card** now or on Consecration Sunday, which is November 16<sup>th</sup>. You can put it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or submit it online by going to the church's website - **duluthumc.org** - and clicking on the **STEWARDSHIP 2026** tab.

### **Grow One Step Chart**

Many folks have found the **Grow One Step** chart helpful for their giving. Most of us know it's best for us to put God first and to move toward tithing (giving God the first 10% of our income). But we find it hard to get started.

That's where the chart comes in.

Over a decade ago, a young couple I know with two school-aged daughters wanted to tithe. They were giving, but they didn't know what percentage of their income they were giving.

The grid side of the enclosed chart showed them that they were giving 2%. They decided to grow one step by giving 3% the next year. That worked, and they kept going – the following year – 4%, then 5%, etc. After eight years they were tithing, giving God 10%. They are happy to be continuing that practice today as their daughters graduate from college.

Rev. Terry Tippens, Senior Pastor



### **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 November is:

- Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- Sunday, November 9th: Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- Sunday, November 16th: Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- Sunday, November 23rd: Friendsgiving at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- Sunday, November 30th: 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.

### <u>Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: November 5<sup>th</sup></u>

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, November 5th, is

turkey and dressing with gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce, 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.





### National Retired Educators' Day: Sunday, November 2nd

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is **Retired Educators' Day**. The Governor issued a proclamation designating this day in November as **Retired Educators' Day**, calling upon public schools and citizens of the state to observe the occasion and to take the opportunity to honor the retired teachers of the state.

We are so fortunate in this country to offer free public education to all students. However, in order for that opportunity to take form, a cadre of dedicated, educated and willing teachers and administrators must step up to provide the education. Counties across the great state of Georgia have established and maintained this army of dedicated educators for many years. Teaching is a demanding and strenuous profession, and it takes very special people to fill this role.

Please take a few minutes on this day to recognize and appreciate the many hours and years that have been sacrificed by these special people to educate the youth of today so they will become the leaders of tomorrow.

### Wednesday Night Food Drive: November 5th

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 November 5<sup>th</sup> we ask you to bring tuna fish. 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.

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

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** for more details.

# <u>"Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser:</u> <u>Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup></u>

**Bundle Up for Buffalo**, our annual fundraiser to assist the Senaca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY with their winter heating costs, is on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. If you like to bake, sew, paint, or craft, this is the chance to offer up your creativity for a very worthy cause. The rest of us get to admire your work and do some Christmas shopping!

Please bring the sale items donations to the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. You will be assigned a spot to display your creations, and please bring a small tablecloth if you like. Expect the sale items be crowded together, as our sale has grown in the past years.

**Bundle Up for Buffalo** begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and closes at 2:00 p.m. It will open on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:15 a.m. service has ended, will be closed during both 11:00 a.m. services, and will re-open at noon and finish by 1:00. We ask you to please take any of your unsold items home with you, as there is no place to store them at the church once the sale is over, or share them with Sherry Ferguson who has a wonderful place for them at the Holiday Shop for children at Ferguson Elementary School.



All proceeds from *Bundle Up for Buffalo* go to Seneca Street UMC to assist with their winter heating costs. There is a great need for the heat to be kept on in part of the church where 65+ children arrive after school every day. Heat is on from October to April (and often May) in that part of our country. The after-school program provides children with a healthy snack, warm greetings, and volunteers to help them with their homework until their moms get home from work.

Pastor Dee Finch, Pastor Brian Rotach and Cheryl Bird will be coming from Buffalo. If you would like one of them to speak to your Sunday School class on November 16<sup>th</sup>, please make your request as soon as possible. You can also join the Forum Sunday School Class that day where one of them will speak. For more information, please contact Beth Intondi at 404-408-1657.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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
- Snack Items
- Handmade holiday ornaments
- A new pair of socks.

For additional information about items that can be donated, please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet.

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.



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# GROW ONE STEP each year until you're giving 10% to God

- Find where you are on the chart (your income and your giving).
   Move one block to the right to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you,

in order to grow one step each year until you are tithing.

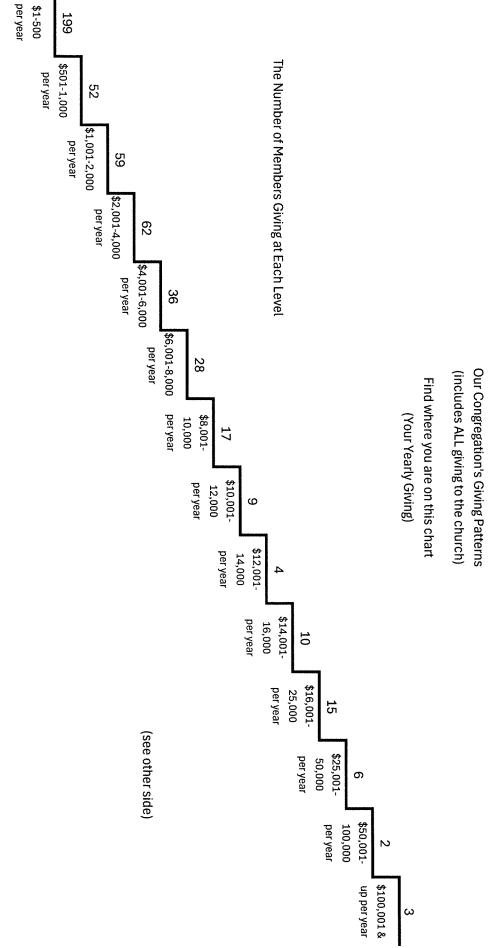
# **Yearly Giving**

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