



**November 2,
2025
8:30 AM**

✠ Rise in body or in spirit.

The congregation speaks / sings the text in **bold** type.



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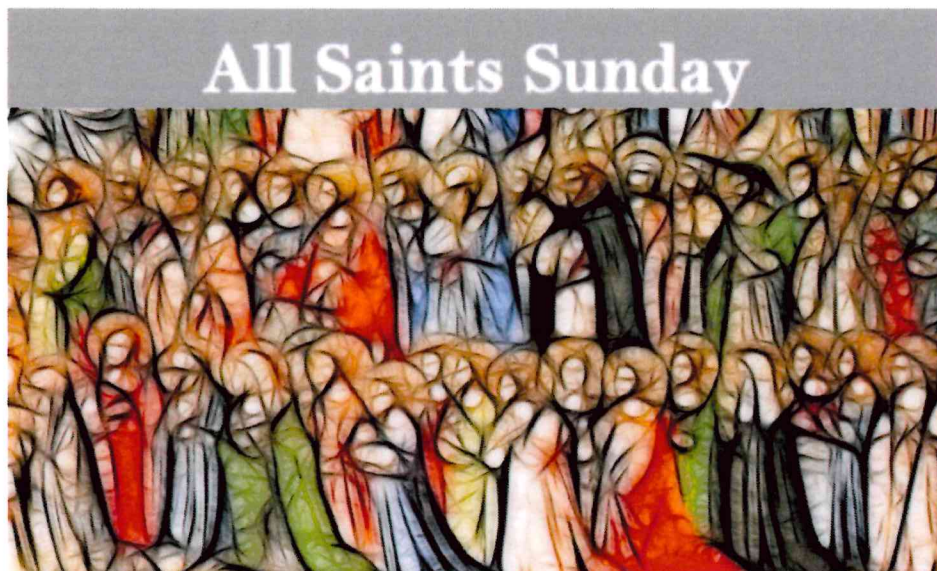
Children are welcome in worship!

Children's activity sheets & crayons are available at the main entrance to help guide them in active participation of worship.

Children newborn through Pre-K are invited to go to Childcare Corner, near the Gathering Room.



Listening devices are available during all worship services. Please see an usher or greeter for assistance.



ENTRANCE

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee
Organist

✠ Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles
Associate Pastor

✠ Hymn 709 | *Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*

✠ Call to Worship

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us. **We give thanks!**

We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises. **We give thanks!**

We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years. **We give thanks!**

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith. **We give thanks!**

We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor. **We give thanks!**

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Sharon Robertson

Common English Bible

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy:

To the church of the Thessalonians, which is in God our Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ. ² Grace and peace to all of you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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 | *Faith Still Growing*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino

Associate Pastor

Prayer for the Saints

As the names are read,
you are invited to stand
to honor your loved ones
or for all.

A bell will be tolled
and a candle lighted for
each of the persons
listed.

O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially the saints of Duluth First United Methodist Church whom, with others, we remember this day. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hear us, O God, as we name these saints before you.

After these names are
read, you are invited to
call the names of others
whom we will remember
this day.

A single bell toll and
lighted candle will honor
all of these persons.

Lee Bailey
Sarah Benoit
Jack Bluster
Lantie Gibbs
Jane Greenwood

Mandy Houston
Jackie Marvin
Glen McIntosh
Greg Norton
Mike Ramstead

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, **we remember them.**
In the beginning of the year and when it ends, **we remember them.**
When we are weary and in need of strength, **we remember them.**
When we are lost and sick at heart, **we remember them.**
So long as we live, they too shall live, **we remember them.**
For they are now a part of us; **we remember them.**

Let us pray: God of all ages, you have surrounded us with this great cloud of witnesses, and their presence remains with us always. May we, encouraged by their example and strengthened by their memory, continue in faithful service and love for you, until we are reunited with them in the company of the saints of all times whose song of praise never ends; for with Christ and the Holy Spirit you live and reign forever. Amen.

Ministry Moment | *Grow One Step*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory Prayer

Musical Offering | *In Memoria Aeterna* – Antonio Vivaldi

(For the Righteous Shall Be Remembered)

Jan & Brian Batson, Mark Wettlaufer, *Vocalists*

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*



Your giving is the sole support of the ministries of Duluth First United Methodist Church.

✠ Doxology | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

For online giving, go to duluthumc.org/online-giving, or scan the QR code with your mobile device.

THANKSGIVING



✠ The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ The Lord's Prayer

✠ Breaking the Bread, Giving the Bread & Cup

Music During Communion | *Goin' Home* – Antonin Dvořák

Randy Manning, *Vocalist*

Susan Johnson, *Pianist*

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For questions regarding membership, contact
Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles –
arawles@duluthumc.org
or 770.476.3776, x. 128.

Those who wish to join the church today are invited to come forward as we sing the final hymn.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING

✠ Hymn 711 | *For All the Saints* v. 1, 4 & 6— SINE NOMINE

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

Hymnal, pgs. 34, 38

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Audio/Visual Team:

Joesph Lee

Ian Toole

Johnathan Ancell

Flower Team:

Jenny Masterson

Usher Captains:

David Burleson

Charlie Doerlich

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

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Chancel Flowers

are given today in loving memory of Bruce Bell on his birthday
by Chris, Beth, Rachel and Rebekah Patterson.
and in memory of Mike Ramstead by his family.



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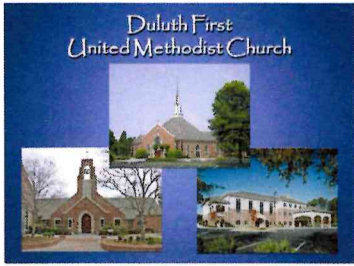
The Sunday Supplement



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.

Contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108 for more information.



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 Assistance 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 1st 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 16th. 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 2nd:** 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.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: November 5th

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 2nd, 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.

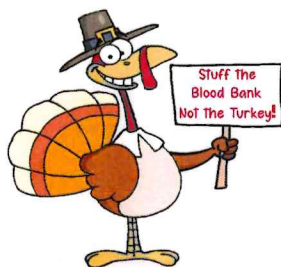
Wednesday Night Food Drive: November 5th

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 5th 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.

Blood Drive at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 12th:

Give Thanks—Give Blood—Give Life



An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 12th, 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.

"Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser:

Saturday, November 15th, and Sunday, November 16th

Bundle Up for Buffalo, our annual fundraiser to assist the Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY with their winter heating costs, is on Saturday, November 15th, and Sunday, November 16th. 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 14th, 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 15th, and closes at 2:00 p.m. It will open on Sunday, November 16th, 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 16th, 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 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
- 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

1. Find where you are on the chart (your income and your giving).
2. 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

Yearly Household Income	Lower Giving Range			Middle Giving Range			Upper Giving Range			Tithe
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
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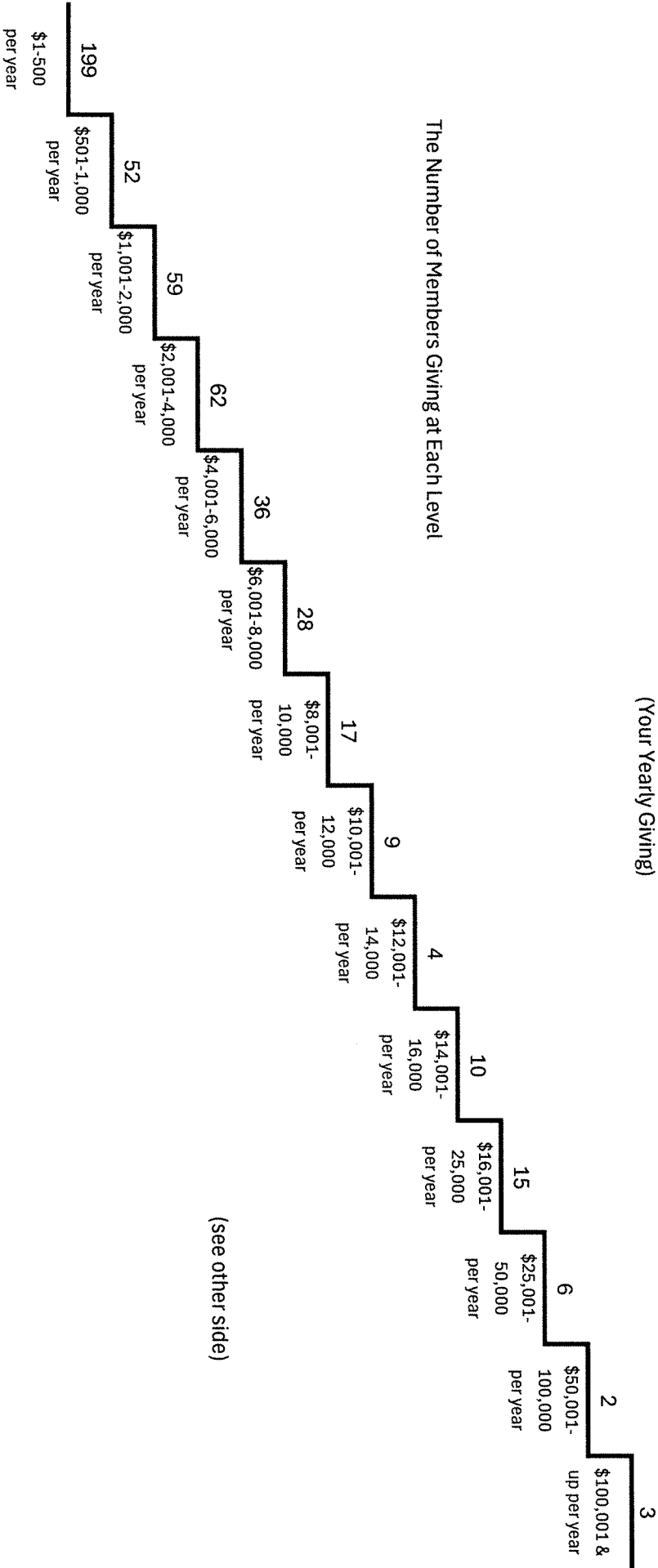
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Fall 2025

Our Congregation's Giving Patterns
(includes ALL giving to the church)

Find where you are on this chart
(Your Yearly Giving)



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