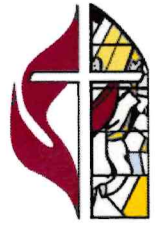






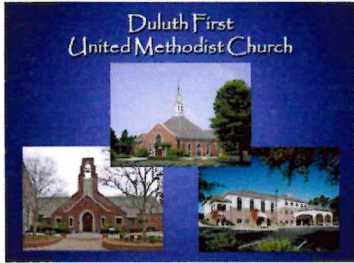
# The Sunday Supplement



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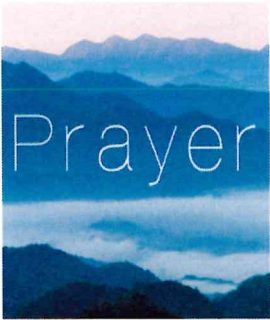
We are glad that you came to worship with us today. The mission of Duluth First United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are looking for more information about Duluth First United Methodist Church and its ministries, Bible studies, and other programs and events, please be sure to visit our church's website at [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org).



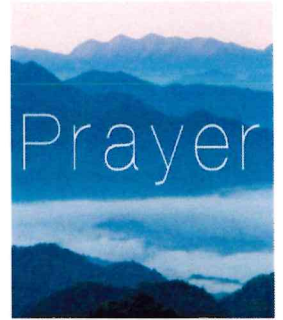
To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

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



- Kathy Anderson • Tracy Balkcom • Jack Brannon • Larry Buntin
- Lorraine Day • Sue French • Don Greene • Jeff Greene
- Jeanine Gullett • Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett • John Hammons
- Dick Hartlett • Carol Hitchcock • Carol Johnson • Linton Jones
- Stephanie Minschwaner • Dottie Moor • Cheryl Otto
- Jewell Parsons • Henry Pettus • Charlie Pierce • Ethel Sales
- Charlotte Schlubach • Dale VanPelt • Amy Worthington
- Lucie Lee & family in the death of her aunts (her father's sisters).



## STEPHEN MINISTRY



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

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



## Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: January 28<sup>th</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, January 28<sup>th</sup>, is lemon herb catfish, dirty rice, corn-on-the-cob, stewed tomatoes, rolls, and dessert. For the kids – fish sticks 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, and 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  
**DINNER**





## Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for January

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. **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 January is:

- **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:** 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](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



## Youth Spring Retreat - Spiritual Life Retreat is March 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>:

### Registration Is Due by Today

We are excited to participate in the **Spiritual Life Retreat (SLR)**, a **North Georgia UMC Conference Retreat**, hosted by the **Glisson Camp and Retreat Center**, for our Youth Spring Retreat! It will be an incredible weekend with a guest speaker, a band leading worship, and small groups to dig deeper into the message and understand how God is providing support and direction on the spiritual journey. Each year, there is a different "theme" that guides these worship and small-group times.

Another unique design of the **Spiritual Life Retreat** is that students from different churches are placed in small groups and journey together all weekend long. It provides a great opportunity for students to get to know and build relationships with students from other churches.

The dates for the **Spiritual Life Retreat** are Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at the **Glisson Camp and Retreat Center** in Dahlonega. The cost is \$195 per student (You can pay in cash, check, or online). We want every student to be able to attend—scholarships are available if needed.

Please register for the **Spiritual Life Retreat** by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet **by today - Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org).

For additional information about the **Glisson Camp and Retreat Center**, please visit their website at <https://glisson.org>.



## Wednesday Night Food Drive: January 28<sup>th</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 January 28<sup>th</sup> we ask you to bring spaghetti or 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.





**Learn More about Duluth First United Methodist Church at Information Station:**

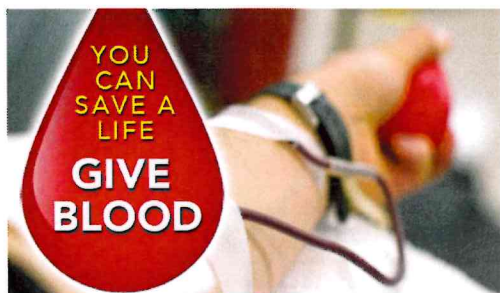
**Sundays February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

Are you new to Duluth First UMC as a guest or new member? Have you wondered about the United Methodist Church and our church's history? Are you looking for groups to get involved in? Join us for **Information Station** on Sundays, February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. We will drink coffee, talk about the church, and discuss ways you can get involved!

For additional information or to RSVP, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org).



**Donate Blood at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**



**Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.** All blood types are needed now to help save lives. Spring into action and give patients a fighting chance by donating blood.

**An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall.** Please consider donating blood as winter weather across the country is causing a decline in donations. With more severe weather predicted, blood donors (especially type O) are needed to give to prevent a shortage. Patients need your help now! **To schedule a blood donation appointment:**

- 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.

**United Women in Faith Are Raising Funds to Help Put an End to Human Trafficking:**

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, the **United Women in Faith** will be selling chocolate candies and goodies just in time for Valentine's Day. All the proceeds will go to **Street Grace**, an organization that **fights human trafficking**. Founded in 2008, **Street Grace** been chasing one ambitious vision - **ending the sexual exploitation of children**. Thanks to the help of their generous partners and supporters, they are making serious progress.

**Street Grace** works on four areas to make changes:

- **PREVENTION** to help all of us recognize and stop exploitation before it starts;
- **PROTECTION** to make survival sustainable;
- **PURSUIT** to help law enforcement identify predators, protect victims and prevent future crimes;
- **POLICY** which makes safety the standard, shapes laws, training and systems that protect children long before a crisis begins.



So won't you say **YES** because change begins with you! Come to the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, buy chocolates, and help put an end to human trafficking! For additional information about **Street Grace**, please visit their website at [www.streetgrace.org](http://www.streetgrace.org).



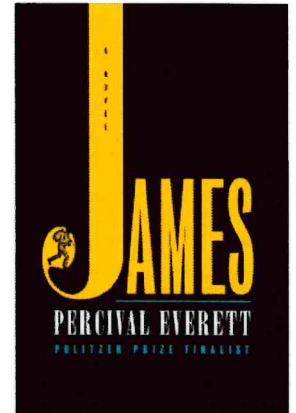
**Library Book Club to Discuss "James" by Percival Everett:**

**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Library Book Club will meet on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in room F145 (located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center) to discuss the book **James** by Percival Everett with a discussion led by Amy Burk. **James**, a brilliant, action-packed reimagining of **Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**, both harrowing and darkly humorous, is told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.

When Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he runs away until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck has faked his own death to escape his violent father. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond.

Brimming with the electrifying humor and lacerating observations that have made author Percival Everett a literary icon, this brilliant and tender novel radically illuminates Jim's agency, intelligence, and compassion as never before.



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