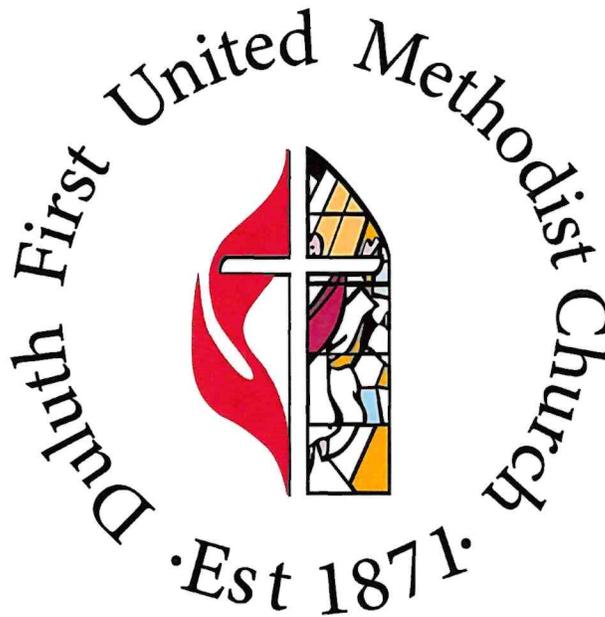


THIRD SUNDAY IN  
**LENT**

March 8, 2026  
8:30am



✠ Rise in body or  
in spirit.  
The congregation  
speaks / sings the text in  
**bold type**



For information about the  
ministries, mission, and  
activities of Duluth First  
UMC, please visit  
[duluthumc.org](http://duluthumc.org).



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. See an usher or  
greeter for assistance.

## ENTRANCE

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

Welcome & Announcements

Vicki McLemore, *Liturgist*

✠ Call to Worship

We have wandered the wilderness. Still unfamiliar, we begin to  
recognize new pathways.

**Guide our bodies, diverse in forms and abilities, so we may be aware  
of this new terrain.**

Unknown times and spaces might lead us to question what we hold as  
right and good.

**Guide our hearts so that we may recognize distorted truths.**

In unknown times and spaces we encounter challenges for which we  
might not have answers.

**Guide our minds so we may imagine new ways of being.**

The wilderness brings us into question.

**Guide our spirits so we may remain steadfast in who we are and who  
we are called to be.**

**Let us worship our God who guides us as we wander and wonder.**

✠ Hymn 127 | *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* – CWM RHONDDA

# WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Matthew 4:5-7

Sharon Robertson

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon | *Lessons from the Wilderness*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino  
*Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

This is not the first time we've wandered the wilderness.  
You fed us when we were hungry.  
Yet, our satiated stomachs forgot the pain of hunger.  
Our clothes lasted a long time.  
Yet, we rush to upgrade our wardrobe with new items we don't yet need.  
Our bodies felt rested even after wandering for a long, long time.  
Yet, we complain that we are just too tired.  
We've forgotten, Oh God, how you have carried us through the wilderness. Continue to feed us, care for us, and carry us as you have done for us, despite our forgetfulness. Forgive us.

Remember: Jesus knew pain and betrayal just as we do. He prayed, cried loud, filled with tears just as you and I have done. Jesus' supplication was heard just like ours are also heard.

Through his suffering, Jesus remained steadfast, uncompromising who he was. He paused, he reflected, he learned. For this, God heard the cries of Jesus, making him perfect and the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Remember: You are heard. You are forgiven.

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Missions*

David Burchett

## Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering



Offertory | *If Ye Love Me* – Thomas Tallis

Chamber Chorale

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✠ Doxology | *Praise God Throughout These Forty Days* – HAMBURG

Praise God through - out these for - ty\_\_ days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did\_\_ raise.

And praise the Spir - it\_\_ who im - parts

God's love in Christ in - to our\_\_ hearts.



## THANKSGIVING

✠ Invitation to Communion

✠ 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,  
we offer our ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
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, Receiving the Bread & Cup

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.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

## SENDING

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.

### ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

*Audio/Visual Team:*  
James Lee  
Joel McLemore  
Ian Toole

*Usher Captains:*  
David Burleson  
Charlie Doerlich

*Flower Team:*  
Susan Johnson

✠ Hymn 298 | *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross V.1-2* – HAMBURG

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

Hymnal, pgs. 34, 38

**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

*What is the wilderness revealing about your heart, your trust in God, or your identity?*

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### CHANCEL FLOWERS

Are given today to the glory of God in memory of Allan R. Jones  
by Betty Jones, Katie & Emily



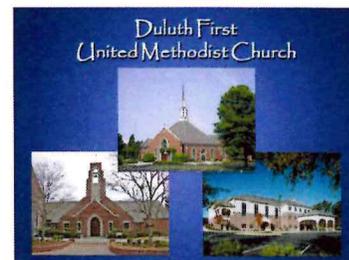
# The Sunday Supplement



MARCH 8, 2026

## 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

- Jack Brannon • Amy Burk • Lorraine Day • Ivy Doss' mother, Linda Dekle • Ann Fleming
- Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett • John Hammons • Glenda King • Jean Lowry
- Barbara Martin • Stephanie Minschwaner • Jessica Parrish's mother, Judy Lockerman
- Susan Paschal • Ethel Sales • Bill Swisher • Dale VanPelt • Christy Wolfe's father, Gus Dozier
- Youth Ministry students and adult leaders at the *Spiritual Life Retreat* Spring Retreat at the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center.

## **GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES?**

You don't have to go through them alone.  
Request a Stephen Minister to walk alongside you to offer encouragement, care, and support.

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 for March

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 March is:

- **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:** No *Sunday Night Gathering*;
- **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, March 29<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.

## Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: March 11<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, March 11<sup>th</sup>, is Chicken Parmesan, spaghetti noodles, Italian green beans, cauliflower, garlic bread, and dessert. For the kids – pizza.** 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. Menus are subject to change.

## Wednesday Night Food Drive: March 11<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 March 11<sup>th</sup> we ask you to bring canned 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.



## Road Runners Visiting Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville: Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

The **Road Runners** invite you to join them as they re-launch on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, and travel to Cartersville to visit the Booth Western Art Museum. The group will leave the church's front parking lot at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$35 per person and includes entry into the museum and transportation via a 15-person van (please see notes below). The cost of lunch will be on your own.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- In order to attend you must be able to get in and out of a 15-passenger van and be healthy enough to travel several hours by car.
- We must have a minimum of 12 people to sign up in order to rent a van, otherwise travel will be via caravan.

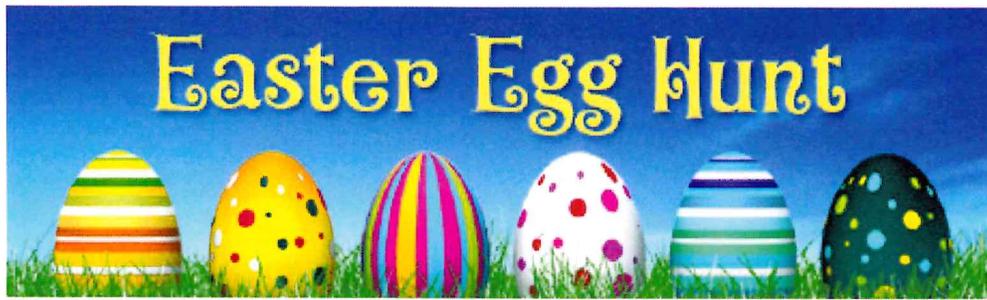
To register please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet, or contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org). All registrations must be received by **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**.



## Register Now for the Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten 2026-2027 School Year

Registration for **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten's** 2026-2027 school year is open and spots will go fast! We are an award-winning program that nurtures students learning in a loving, Christian environment. If you are interested in registering your little one or you would like to set up a tour, please contact Pat Szathmary by e-mail at [pszathmary@duluthumc.org](mailto:pszathmary@duluthumc.org) or call 770-497-1743.





**Easter Egg Hunt for Children of All Ages: Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Children of all ages are invited to join a special Easter Egg Hunt event being held at the church on **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, promptly at 11:30 a.m.** We will meet in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to bring your own Easter basket.

**Donations of Supplies Needed for Our Easter Egg Hunt**

Donations of small prizes, plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for our **Easter Egg Hunt** on March 28<sup>th</sup> will be collected **through Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please leave your donated items in the wagons located in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall and on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Thank you for your support!

**Help Needed for Easter Lunch for Families in Need: Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, our church's **Missions Ministry** and **Children's Ministry** will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt and Easter lunch** for families of Rainbow Village and families served by the Duluth Care Team of Duluth High School, Collins Hill Care Team of Collins Hill High School, and Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op. **The Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch.** We need your help in creating a special, memory-filled day for these families.



**Help is needed for the Easter lunch in the following areas:**

- Setting up, cleaning and resetting Hinton Hall;
- Serving food and drinks;
- Bringing in foods, deserts, and drinks;
- Greeters and hospitality folks.

Scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to sign-up to volunteer for the Easter lunch, or to sign up to bring food for the lunch. You can volunteer for however much time you can, or you can join us for the entire event. Additional information will be made available as we continue our preparations for an awesome day of celebration and fellowship with our community.



If you would like to volunteer, bring food, or have any questions or would like to head up a team, please contact Rev. David Burchett by e-mail at [dburchett@duluthumc.org](mailto:dburchett@duluthumc.org). Thank you for your support!

**Care Packages for College Students**

We are collecting gift card donations for our college students. As finals week is quickly approaching, we want to show our love and care for our college students by sending them gift cards to enjoy during their finals! If you would like to donate, please purchase any of these gift cards – Chick-fil-A (most requested by students) or Starbucks – 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, March 29<sup>th</sup>**.



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



Also, if you would like to volunteer to help lead this meaningful ministry, please contact Rev. Min Lee by e-mail at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org).

We appreciate your generosity!

## Youth Ministry's Summer Mission Trip: June 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

Our **Youth Ministry** is partnering with the **Gainesville Aid Project (GAP)** from Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, to serve those in the Gainesville, Hall County area. Students and adult leaders will serve those needing home repairs, wheelchair ramps, lawn care help, etc., during the days and will participate in group activities, games, and worship in the evenings.

To register, please scan the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet. The cost is \$75 per student. **Please register by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

We are also looking for some adult volunteers to accompany us on this trip. Please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org) if you would like more information or volunteer on this mission trip.



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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	
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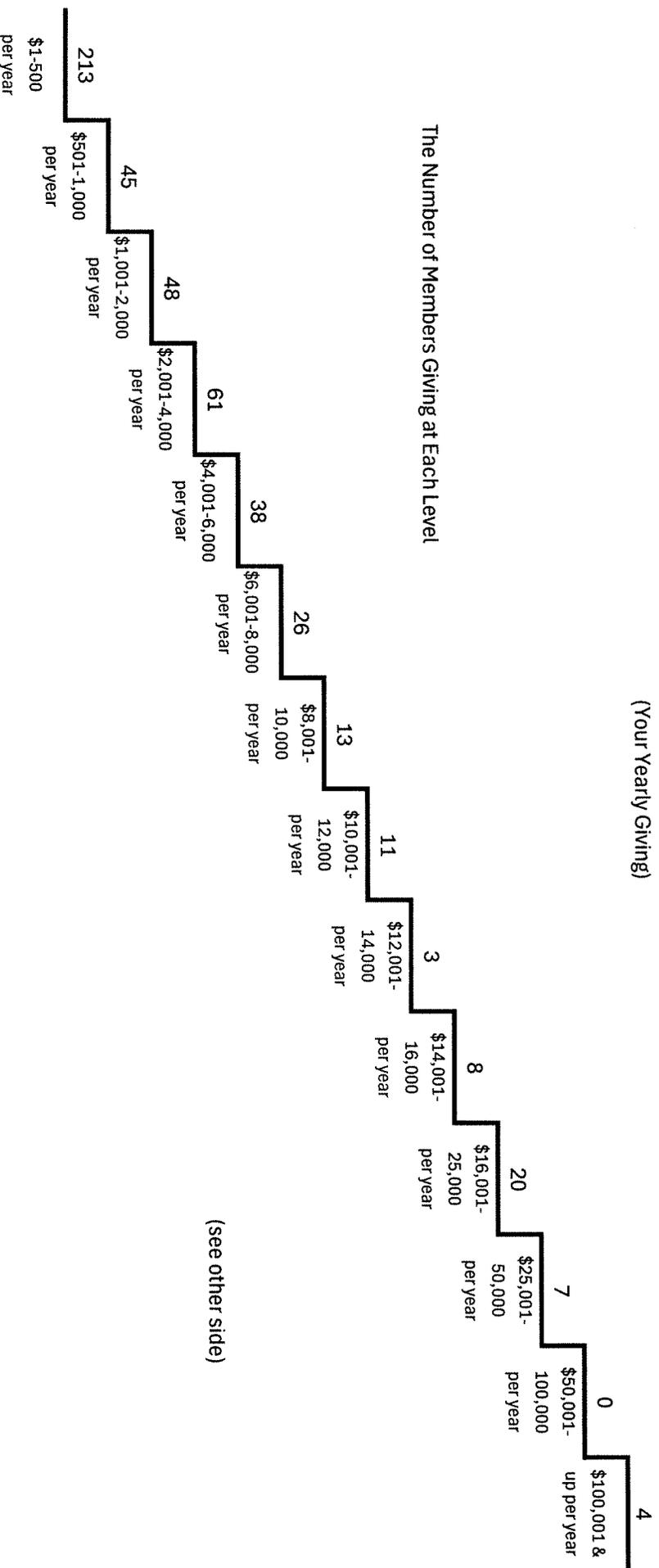
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Winter 2026

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

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



(see other side)

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