



Contemporary Worship



APRIL 5, 2026: EASTER SUNDAY



Rev. David Burchett

“Life Will Never Be the Same”

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12 (English Standard Version Bible)

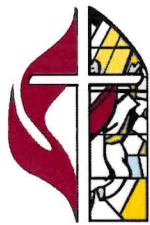
¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON NOTES

Next Sunday’s Scripture: Acts 1:1-11



The Sunday Supplement



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*What a reason to celebrate!
He is Alive!*

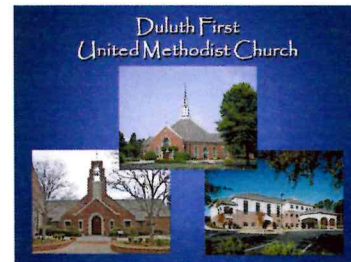


Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

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

- Kathy Anderson • Jack Brannon • Amy Burk • David Cook • Karen Cook
- Lorraine Day • Ann Fleming • Rosemary Hall • John Hammons • Pam Logan
- Dottie Moor • Barbara Martin • Scott Parrish's mother, Kathleen
- Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher • Dale VanPelt • Shaquita Ward
- Linton Jones & family in the death of his uncle.
- Ginger Summerville & family in the death of her brother, John "Buzzy" Griffith Jr.

Want someone to talk to? Stephen Ministers are there for you.

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 or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.



This Morning's Communion Offering: Native American Ministries Sunday Offering

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward this morning's communion offering, the **Native American Ministries Sunday Offering**, which serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. This special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized and to celebrate their special voice in The United Methodist Church. The offering helps provide scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist and other approved schools of theology, supports vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities, and allows The United Methodist Church to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans.

The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church.

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Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for April

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. **Sunday Night Gatherings** include great dinners, fun games, amazing worship, inspirational and relevant messages and life-changing small groups.



The **Sunday Night Gathering** schedule for April is:

- **Sunday, April 5th:** No *Sunday Night Gathering*;
- **Sunday, April 12th:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, April 19th:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, April 26th:** Kickball Night with Level Creek UMC Youth Group. Location and time is TBD.

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.

Recognizing Our Graduates of 2026: Photos and Information Needed by Sunday, April 26th

If you have a student (or if you are the student) who is a member of Duluth First UMC and is graduating from high school, trade school, college, or graduate school, please send a picture of your student by e-mail to Ken Willi, Director of Communications, at kwilli@duluthumc.org AND Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, at mlee@duluthumc.org. Please put **Graduate Recognition 2026** in the subject field of your e-mail.

Please be sure to include:

- the graduate’s name;
- the name of the school they are graduating from;
- their next step plans (i.e. college, military, trade school, graduate school, job).

All pictures and information need to be received by the end of the day, **Sunday, April 26th**.

PLEASE NOTE: Youth-led Worship and Graduate Recognition Sunday in all three services is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th.

Register Now for This Summer’s Vacation Bible School at Duluth First UMC

Mark your calendars and save the date for “**Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**” Vacation Bible School. Registration is underway for the 2026 Vacation Bible School, being held Monday, June 22nd through Friday, June 26th, at Duluth First United Methodist Church. Vacation Bible School, held from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is for kids going into pre-Kindergarten (age 4 as of September 1st) through rising 6th graders. The cost is \$30 per child with a maximum of \$70 per family. Each day participants will participate in Bible story time, sing songs, play games, make crafts, and eat snacks.



substitute shepherds. Also, the Childcare Corner is available for the children of volunteers if you have a child who is not old enough to be a participant.

Everyone who registers by May 24th is guaranteed a VBS t-shirt and copy of the music. All Vacation Bible School participant registration forms, as well as volunteer forms, are available online at the church’s website – duluthumc.org, by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet, or by going to vbspro.events/p/42cb8a.



For more information, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children’s Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.

Library Book Club to Discuss “Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet” by Jamie Ford: Monday, April 13th

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, April 13th, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss the book **Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet** by Jamie Ford.

Share Your Easter Morning Family and Friends Photos with Us!

One of the Easter morning traditions at Duluth First UMC is when family and friends have their pictures taken in front of the resurrection crosses outside of the Sanctuary and in Hinton Hall to remember the joy of the day. We would like you to share your best picture with us, and they will be posted at a later date as a photo album on the church's Facebook and Instagram social media pages.

Please select your best/favorite family and friends picture from the morning and please email it (**just one picture please**) to Ken Willi, Director of Communications, by e-mail at kwilli@duluthumc.org. Please put **EASTER PICTURE** in the subject line of your e-mail and include your family's name or the names of the friends in your group. **Please submit your Easter picture no later than Friday, April 17th.**

"Simply Something" Is Up to Something Beginning Tuesday, April 7th

Beginning on April 7th, our Tuesday morning **Simply Something** study group will begin a five to six—session study of the book of Esther. The Book of Esther, notable for being one of the two books in the Bible named after a woman (the other being Ruth), emphasizes the importance of standing up for one's community and faith. It is celebrated in Jewish tradition during Purim, which involves feasting and reading the book aloud.

No extra book is required, just your Bible. We will also be using the additional books of Esther found in the Apocrypha. **Simply Something** meets in room F147 (located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center), at 10:00 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Please let Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino know if you will attend so you can receive the class schedule of readings. For questions or to register please contact C. Kay by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org.

An Opportunity for You to Serve at the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op: Saturday, April 18th

If you work during the day and would like to find an opportunity to serve in your community, the **Missions Ministry** has the day for you. If you would like a chance to serve in your community with your children, we've got just the day for you too! Join us on Saturday, April 18th, as we will be serving at the **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op** from 9 a.m. to noon. The **Duluth Co-Op** is located at 3649 Rogers Bridge Road in Duluth.



If you would like to be a part of this day, please scan the QR code located to the right and sign up. We can't wait to see you there!

Interactive Seminar on Brain Health and the Power of Gratitude: Saturday, April 18th

All are invited to attend an interactive seminar on brain health and the power of gratitude, being held at Duluth First UMC on Saturday, April 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Join us and our friends at **Senior Provisions** as we explore how to keep our minds sharp.

The main topics of discussion will include:

- **Brain Health: Warning Signs of Cognitive Decline and Prevention.** We will discuss the top 10 warning signs of memory loss or cognitive decline, and learn to recognize when it might be time to get a baseline. There are real things you can do daily to help reduce brain aging and maximize your thinking capacity.
- **Power of Gratitude: The Impact of Gratitude on Aging.** God created us with an internal system that works in beautiful balance. When we endure increases in stress due to change and circumstances, our bodies get out of balance. We will look at depression in aging and the physical impact on body and mind. We will explore how God defines gratitude and how putting it into practice not only is a biblical precedent, but serves to improve our overall health and well-being. You will learn practical ways to implement thankfulness in your community.

Snacks will be provided, and we invite you to make a donation to offset supply costs. **To register and request childcare if needed, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128, by Friday, April 10th.**

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 or call 770-497-1743.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: April 19th

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday will be on April 19th. We will celebrate our volunteers, and all our wonderful congregation members, with sweet treats in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Atlanta Botanical Garden Trip: Wednesday May 6th

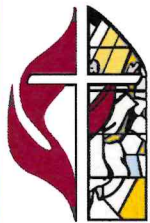
Join **The RoadRunners** on Wednesday, May 6th, for a flower-filled day with a guided tour at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens with lunch to follow. The group will leave the church's back parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

The cost is \$40 per person and includes entry into the gardens, tour, 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. All registrations must be received by Tuesday, April 21st.



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LILIES ARE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- **Lacey Atkinson**, by Daniel & Stacy Jones.
- **Rose Ann Bargielski**, by Greta Langpap.
- **Dorothy & Edgar Batson**, by Brian & Jan Batson.
- **Susan Batson**, by Brian & Jan Batson.
- **Bruce Bell**, by Chris, Beth, Rachel & Rebekah Patterson.
- **Scott Belleperche**, by Lacy & Bill Evans.
- **Jack Bluster**, by The Bluster Family.
- **Jean & Dick Boehm, with love**, by Harold, Peter, Kimberly, Emma, & Lily.
- **Bill, Tim, & Cheryl Brackett, and Ruth & Bob Looney**, by Doris & Hayden Brackett.
- **Edward Breedlove**, by Ronnie & Cyndee Gullett.
- **Alice Bubacz**, by The Bubacz Family.
- **Larry Curtis**, by The Toole Family.
- **Archie Davis**, by Jeanine Gullett.
- **Archie Davis**, by Ronnie & Cyndee Gullett.
- **Anne Marie, Robby, Carey, Diane Dozier & Ashley Best**, by The Wolfe Family.
- **Dirk DuToit**, by Sharon Robertson and Natalie & Jacques DuToit.
- **Clinton, Ada, Buddy Dyer & Janet Kardel**, by Merri Loy.
- **Our parents, Bill & Jackie Green, and Charles & Marion Doerlich**, by The Doerlich Family.
- **Patrick Grube**, by Jackie & Riley Grube and Marie Brown.
- **James Gullett**, by Ronnie & Cyndee Gullett.
- **Jim Gullett**, by Jeanine Gullett.
- **Mike Gullett**, by Jeanine Gullett.
- **Mike Gullett**, by Ronnie & Cyndee Gullett.
- **Hayrik & Barbara**, by Mariam & Shane Dula.
- **Bebe Heard**, by Tim & Bobbie Heard, David & Sabrina, Brianna, Cole, Julie, & Lylagrace Heard.
- **Thelma & Harry Kahn**, by Barbara & Al Karnitz.
- **Gladys & Lawrence Karnitz**, by Al & Barbara Karnitz.
- **Mandy Langpap**, by Greta Langpap.
- **Don Lee**, by his family.
- **Mary Looney**, by Bryan, Debbie, Katherine, & Sarah Johnson.
- **Bill, Cora Lee & Steve Loy**, by Merri Loy.
- **Chase Martin**, by Nancy Martin.
- **Robbie Martin**, by Nancy Martin.
- **Kenneth McGreevy**, by Bill, Maribeth, & Martin Minschwaneer.
- **Goff McMahon**, by Keenan, Sarah, Emily Anne, Caleb, and John Marvin Klayman.
- **Kenneth & Dorothy Minschwaneer**, by Bill, Maribeth, & Martin Minschwaneer.
- **Titus & Kay Muzi**, by their daughter, Dianne Ogden.
- **Our parents, Margaret Newsome and Pete & Wanda Peterson**, by Bob & Cynthia Peterson.
- **Greg Norton**, by Elaine Norton.
- **John & Lucille Pennington**, by Tim & Bobbie Heard, David & Sabrina, Brianna, Cole, Julia, & Lylagrace Heard.
- **Our daughter, Elizabeth Ann**, by Bob & Cynthia Peterson.
- **Emily Grace Powell, Grace Noelle Church, Harrison Adams Dent, and Morgan Elyse Clement**, by Chris, Beth, Rachel & Rebekah Patterson.
- **Fred & Dorothy Rainey**, by Dick & Pam Rodie.
- **Bernard Robertson**, by Sharon Robertson and Natalie & Jacques DuToit.
- **Wade & Mary Nell Sprouse**, by Nancy Howard.
- **Mazie Stone, with love**, by Harold, Peter, Kimberly, Emma, & Lily.
- **Gail Taylor**, by Tim & Bobbie Heard, David & Sabrina, Brianna, Cole, Julia, & Lylagrace Heard.
- **Lyle & Geneva Turner - Terri's parents**, by Jim & Terri Adkins.



LILIES ARE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- **My father, Kenneth S. Willi**, by Ken Willi.
- **Scott Wills**, by The Wills Family.
- **DeWilda Wood**, by Daniel & Stacy Jones.
- **Harry & Jeannine Wootan**, by Brian & Jan Batson.
- **Helen Zelinka**, by The Wills Family.



LILIES ARE GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

- **Jean Smoak Adkins - Jim's mom**, by Jim & Terri Adkins.
- **Edith June Baker**, by David & Susan Baker.
- **Gloria Bell, Tom & Linda Patterson, and Herb & Ramona Ricks**, by Chris, Beth, Rachel & Rebekah Patterson.
- **Genevieve Breedlove**, by Cyndee & Ronnie Gullett.
- **David & Joanna Burchett**, by Dick & Pam Rodie.
- **My children and grandchildren**, by Sue French.
- **My children and grandchildren**, by Merri Loy.
- **Dr. Gus Dozier**, by The Wolfe Family.
- **James Dykes, for all that you do for our church**, from church friends.
- **Jeanine Gullett**, by Ronnie & Cyndee Gullett.
- **Zack Howard, Tawny Mack, & Caelin Lucy Howard**, by Nancy Howard.
- **Barbara Karnitz**, by Al Karnitz.
- **Reese Martin**, by Nancy Martin.
- **River Martin**, by Nancy Martin.
- **Kevin, Melanie, & Eva Mayfield**, by Ernie & Aleta Marlowe.
- **Stephanie Minschwaneer**, by Bill, Maribeth, & Martin Minschwaneer.
- **Pauline Sanders**, by Jim Sanders & Ellen Rose.
- **Grant & Kate's 1st wedding anniversary and our future grandson**, by Ann Tiberghien and Doug Tiberghien.
- **All Timeless Blessings volunteers**, by Karen Smith.
- **United Women in Faith**, by Sue French.
- **United Women in Faith Agape Circle Sisters**, by Karen Smith.
- **Our deployed U.S. Troops**, by The Doerlich Family.
- **Ken Willi**, by Dick & Pam Rodie.



SEEDS OF HOPE

Proceeds from the sales of the lilies go to **Seeds of Hope**, whose funds are used to help meet the needs of God's people living in Duluth and Suwanee--often strangers, widows, orphans, homeless, those who are lost, and those who are without hope--who come to Duluth First United Methodist Church seeking assistance.



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