



# Contemporary Worship



MAY 3, 2026

**Rev. David Burchett**  
**“What’s Your Response?”**

**Scripture: Acts 2:22-41 (English Standard Version Bible)**

<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, “‘Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.””

<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The Word of God for the people of God.

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## SERMON NOTES

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**Next Sunday’s Scripture: Acts 2:42-47**



# The Sunday Supplement



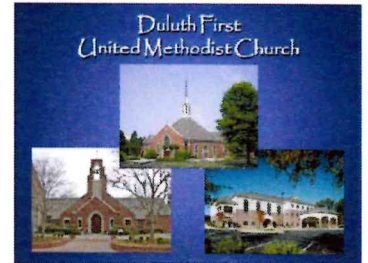
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## Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

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

- Sara Adams • Kathy Anderson • Jack Brannon
- David Cook • Lorraine Day • Ann Fleming
- Rosemary Hall • John Hammons • Linda Kepler
- Luke Livingston • Pam Logan • Dottie Moor
- Scott Parrish's mother, Kathleen • Ethel Sales
- Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher • Sharon Swisher
- Dale VanPelt • ShiQuita Ward



## **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](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org).*



## **This Morning's Communion Offering: Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering**

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward today's communion offering, the **Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering**, which helps provide charitable financial assistance, pastoral care, and wellness programming to older adults living in **Wesley Woods** communities. Support is provided to residents in need of financial assistance to remain in their **Wesley Woods** homes. A robust wellness program includes fitness classes and on-site nurses to enhance the well-being of residents, enabling them to live independently longer. **Wesley Woods** chaplains provide ministry through personal visits, pastoral support, Bible study, and worship. Help create hope and spread joy with a gift to **Wesley Woods**. Thank you for helping to ensure seniors living at **Wesley Woods** continue to thrive.



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

Remember and express appreciation for the special women in our lives by supporting the **Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering**. For more information about **Wesley Woods**, please visit their website at [wesleywoods.org](http://wesleywoods.org).

**Snack Items Needed for Duluth High School and Coleman Middle School**  
**Teacher and Staff Appreciation: Through This Afternoon - Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

If you would like to show your support and appreciation for the teachers and staff at Duluth High School and Coleman Middle School, we can use your help. We will be delivering large snack baskets for the staff lounges at both schools during Teacher Appreciation Week, beginning Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Your donations of snack items will help make this possible. **We need individually wrapped candies, breakfast bars, peanut butter crackers, etc.** Collection spots for your donations will be located in The Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall and on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center **until 3:00 p.m. this afternoon - Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. David Burchett, Assistant Pastor, by e-mail at [dburchett@duluthumc.org](mailto:dburchett@duluthumc.org).

**Thank you for your help to ensure our local teachers and school staff feel seen and appreciated!**

**Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for May**

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.

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

- **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Senior Recognition Night** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>: No Sunday Night Gathering** (Mother's Day);
- **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>: Adult Volunteer Appreciation Night** 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.



**Register Now for This Summer's Vacation Bible School: June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>) through rising 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

In addition to registering participants, we are also registering adult and youth volunteers. We especially need shepherds, who are adult volunteers in charge of a group of 6-10 kids. Shepherds do not need to prepare anything in advance. They lead their group to the various activities where other volunteers are in charge. If you would like to help but are only available one or two days that week, you can put your available dates on your registration. We often need 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://duluthumc.org), by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet, or by going to [vbspro.events/p/42cb8a](http://vbspro.events/p/42cb8a).

For more information, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at [lyokeley@duluthumc.org](mailto:lyokeley@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.



**Item Donations Needed for Vacation Bible School**

Please consider making a donation of items on our Amazon wish list for this summer's Vacation Bible School - "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God." The wish list includes items needed for crafts, as well as snacks.

If you would like to donate an item or items, please use your smartphone or tablet to scan the QR code located to the right. Thank you for your support of "Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God."



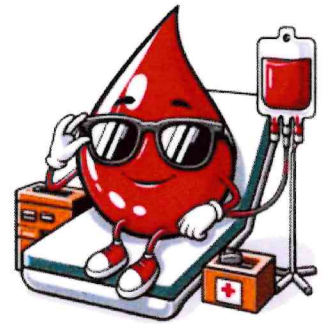
## **Library Book Club to Discuss “The Book Club of Troublesome Women”: Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Library Book Club will meet on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in room F 145, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss **The Book Club of Troublesome Women** by Marie Bostwick. **The Book Club for Troublesome Women** is a historical fiction novel about four suburban housewives in 1960s Virginia who form a secret book club, inspired by Betty Friedan’s **The Feminine Mystique**, to discuss their dissatisfaction with the “American dream” and find empowerment through friendship and shared experiences.

Nicknamed “The Bettys,” the women—Margaret, Charlotte, Viv, and Bitsy—navigate personal crises and societal expectations, discovering their own strength and the power of sisterhood during a pivotal year. (Source: www.google.com)

## **Donate Blood at Duluth First UMC: Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Giving blood is one of the simplest yet most powerful ways to make a direct, life-saving impact in someone else’s life. A single donation can help multiple patients—People undergoing surgery, trauma victims, cancer patients and those with chronic illness who depend on regular transfusions to survive. **Blood cannot be manufactured; it can only come from donors, which means every contribution matters.** It’s a small act that takes little time but offers immeasurable value—turning an ordinary day into an opportunity to be someone’s lifeline.



An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating blood as the Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. To schedule an 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.

Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to your donation. All donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card, thanks to Amazon! Please go to [rcblood.org/Amazon](http://rcblood.org/Amazon) for additional information.

## **Youth-Led Worship Sunday and Recognition of Graduates: May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, for youth-led worship in all three worship services (8:30 a.m. Traditional, 11:00 a.m. Contemporary, and 11:00 a.m. Traditional). It will be a great morning as we get to hear messages from our students and as they lead us in various aspects of our worship services.

We will also be recognizing our graduates of 2026 at all three worship services on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all the graduates and their families!

## **A Big “Thank You” for Encouraging and Supporting Our College Students**

Thank you so much for your generosity in providing gift cards for our college student care packages! Because of your support, we were able to send out 37 care packages.

We are also grateful to Laura Cox for helping lead this ministry, and to the Tuesday evening Women’s Bible Study Group for writing encouraging notes, helping assemble the packages, and praying together for the students.

Thank you for the many ways you love and care for our college students!



**Women’s Bible Study Group**



## **Miracle Sunday: May 17<sup>th</sup>**

In 2025 The United Methodist Church launched a new vision statement - **“To love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.”** As a result we, as United Methodists, are recommitting ourselves to supporting clergy and United Methodists around the world. John Wesley made education a core commitment of his Methodist movement going back to its earliest days. In 1748, just a decade after his heart-warming spiritual awakening, Wesley established the still-thriving Kingswood School to provide high-quality education to the children of coal miners, as well as adults.



So it makes sense that as the people called Methodist “spread scriptural holiness over the land,” they planted not only churches but also schools for all ages. Those campuses eventually came to include United Methodist seminaries and theological schools to educate clergy around the globe. But ensuring would-be pastors can pay for their education has long been a challenge — especially in Africa, the Philippines

and parts of Europe. While 71% of United Methodist clergy in the U.S. have a master’s degree or higher in theology, less than 5% of clergy in Africa, Europe and the Philippines can say the same.

That’s where **Miracle Sunday** comes in. The one-time offering is scheduled to take place in the denomination’s more than 30,000 congregations on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the final Sunday of this year’s Easter season. The offering will raise funds for the **Endowment for Theological Education in Africa, Europe and the Philippines**. We will take this offering during all three worship services on May 17<sup>th</sup> and invite you to participate in this important mission of The United Methodist Church. This offering is in addition to your giving to the general fund.



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