





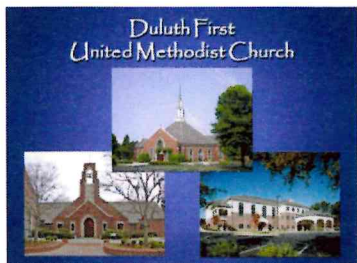
# The Sunday Supplement



MAY 31, 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



- Kathy Anderson • Tracy Balkcom • Fran Ball
- Hayden Brackett • Jack Brannon • Ann Fleming
- Pam Logan • Barbara Martin • Tom Martin
- Pat Pepper • Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz
- Bill Swisher • Sharon Swisher • ShiQuita Ward
- Dianne Gilbreath & family in the death of her niece.



## **OVERWHELMED AND STRUGGLING?**

**There's Stephen Ministry.**

**Request a Stephen Minister to help you find hope and healing.**

*For more information or to request the support and care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at [ckfuino@duluthumc.org](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org).*



## Youth at Gwinnett Stripers Baseball Game on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>:

### Order Your Tickets by Today, May 31<sup>st</sup>

We invite everyone to join us as we go to Coolray Field to watch the **Gwinnett Stripers** play at home against the **Norfolk Tides** on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>! This will be a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with family and friends. Students, we encourage you to invite your friends to this event!

The game will begin at 1:05 p.m. at Coolray Field, located at 2500 Buford Dr. in Lawrenceville. The cost is \$15 per ticket, plus personal spending money for food, merchandise, etc. **PLEASE NOTE:** We will meet at Coolray Field, and pick-up will also take place there. We will keep you updated on the pick-up time.

**Please sign up for this event by today - Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> - so that we can purchase enough tickets for everyone.** You can sign up by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet. If you have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to contact Rev. Min Lee by email at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org), or at 818-903-0054. We look forward to a great afternoon together!



## Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings

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 31<sup>st</sup>: Adult Volunteer Appreciation Night** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank").

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

- **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>: Gwinnett Stripers Game** at 1:05 p.m. at Coolray Field. Additional information and registration is located on the front page.
- **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>: No Sunday Night Gathering** (returning from the Gainesville Aid Project);
- **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>: No Sunday Night Gathering** (Father's Day);
- **Sunday, June 28<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.



## Asphalt Repair and Resealing/Restriping Projects for Church Parking Lots

Over the next few weeks, the church's parking lots will be undergoing asphalt repair and resealing/restriping projects. These will not impact access to the church's parking lots on Sunday mornings, but may impact access to certain parts of the parking lots during the weekdays of the next few weeks.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause, but our parking lots will look fresh and amazing once these projects are completed. Please remember that we are able to do these types of necessary maintenance projects due to your generous and faithful giving to the church's **Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Fund**.

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## Food Drive for Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op: Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for your outstanding **Food Drive** support during the Wednesday Night Dinners, as your weekly donations enabled **Hands of Christ Duluth Duluth-Co** to serve an increasing demand for food. However, during the Spring and Summer months, a slowdown in donations is experienced. **Hands of Christ's food inventory is at very low levels.** It's not a crisis but is something we need to be attentive of, as more individuals are being served than ever before.



Over 60% of the food distributed by **Hands of Christ** comes from donations. Their current need is based upon the increase in the number of clients served each week. On a typical week, over 125 clients are served, resulting in a weekly distribution of over 4000 pounds of canned and dry products.

**Duluth First UMC will be holding a Food Drive for Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, during service hours for the donation of the following items: canned peas, canned fruit, canned tomatoes (diced, whole, stewed), spaghetti/pasta, and jelly (plastic squeeze bottles are preferred).** There will be multiple locations around the Sanctuary and in the Sheldon Family Life Center to receive your food donations.

Thank you for your continued support of **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op**. If you have any questions, contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at [chaz3d@gmail.com](mailto:chaz3d@gmail.com) or call 678-662-2115.

### **Popsicles on the Playground: Mondays, June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>**

The summer is too long to go without seeing our friends! Preschool-aged children, their siblings, and their grown-ups are invited to come play at the church **on Mondays, June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** We will have popsicles for the kids and iced coffee for the grownups!

Join us on the playground if the weather is nice, and if it is raining or way too hot, we will be in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org).

Be on the look out for other meet up opportunities this summer by following us on:

- Our church's website – [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org);
- Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/DuluthFirstUMC>;
- Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/duluthfirstumc>.



### **Senior Adult Coffee Hour: Wednesdays, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 12<sup>th</sup>**

Senior adults are invited to join us once a month this summer for a time of coffee, conversations, and fellowship. Bring a game, something you want to discuss, or just show up to enjoy time together!

We will meet on Wednesdays, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the cul-da-sac area outside of the offices on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Register now for "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God" 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.

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](https://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.



### **Library Book Club to Discuss "The Personal Librarian": Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Library Book Club will meet on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict (writing as Heather Terrell) and Victoria Christopher Murray.

**The Personal Librarian** is a historical novel about Belle da Costa Greene, J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, who was a Black woman passing as white to succeed in the early 20th-century art world. The book explores her secret identity, her rise as a powerful figure in the art and book world, and the constant struggle to protect her family and legacy in a racist society. It's a story of ambition, identity, and the lengths one must go to for success and survival.

## Pack a Backpack with School Supplies for a Child at Seneca Street UMC:

Beginning on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Over the last six years it has been a joy for our congregation to be part of the **Summer Reading Camp** at Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY, by packing backpacks here in Duluth with school supplies for the children in Buffalo. After being shipped to Buffalo, backpacks are distributed to children at the end of the two-week camp for use in the upcoming school year. A portion of the backpacks will be processed as we have done in the past, while for the rest of the backpacks we will buy and collect school supplies and have a packing party for filling them with collected school supplies.



If you would like to pack a backpack:

- **Grades 1 – 8: Beginning on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**, select one or more school supply cards to be used to buy supplies with. Please return all school supplies **by Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**. The packing party will be held **on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 10 a.m. in Hinton Hall, where you can come and fill backpacks with collected school supplies.
- **Kindergarten and grades 9 – 12: Beginning Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**, select an empty backpack which will include a school supplies list and note on the return process. Shop for school supplies to fill it with and return completed backpacks **no later than Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**.

This approach was very successful last year as it allowed a greater number of our members to participate in the ministry. Backpacks and school supplies can be left in the collection areas located on the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall stage, and outside of room F145, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at [chaz3d@gmail.com](mailto:chaz3d@gmail.com) or 678-662-2215. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.



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