



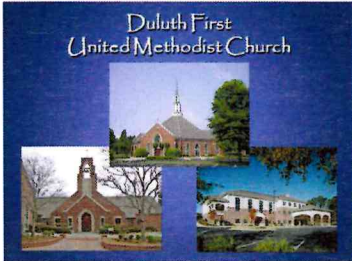
The Sunday Supplement



JUNE 14, 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.



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 • Tracy Balkcom • Donna Bowman • Ann Fleming • Jae Hallett • Beth Intondi
- Jan Jones • Luke Livingston • Pam Logan • Barbara Martin • Tom Martin • Pat Pepper • Bette Pickin
- Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher • Sharon Swisher • ShiQuita Ward
- Our Youth Ministry students and adult leaders on their Summer Mission Trip, the Gainesville Aid Project (GAP), June 10th - 14th
 - Lori Allen & family in the death of her mother.
 - Pat Brannon & family in the death of her husband, Jack.
 - Marc Downey & family in the death of his father.

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 for additional information.

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Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings

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 June is:

- Sunday, June 14th: No **Sunday Night Gathering** (returning from the Gainesville Aid Project);
- Sunday, June 21st: No **Sunday Night Gathering** (Father's Day);
- Sunday, June 28th: **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, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



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

Beginning on Sunday, June 14th

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 14th**, select one or more school supply cards to be used to buy supplies with. Please return all school supplies **by Sunday, July 5th**. The packing party will be held **on Saturday, July 11th**, beginning at 10 a.m. in Hinton Hall, where you can come and fill backpacks with collected school supplies. School supply cards will be available for pickup in Hinton Hall before and after the 11:00 worship services.
- **Kindergarten and grades 9 – 12: Beginning Sunday, June 21st**, 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 12th**.

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 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com or 678-662-2215. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

Vacation Bible School Is Next Week: June 22nd - 26th

Register now for **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God** Vacation Bible School, being held next week, 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.



In addition to registering participants, we are also registering adult and youth volunteers. We still need some 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, 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.

Vacation Bible School Decorations Request for Loaner Flora and Fauna

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Amazon wish list for decorations and other supplies! As we prepare to create an exciting rainforest environment around the theme of our upcoming Vacation Bible School, **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**, we are also requesting donations or loans of:

- **Green, leafy potted plants (preferably artificial, but all welcomed);**
- **Tropical- and jungle-themed stuffed animals (monkeys, tigers, sloths, birds, reptiles, etc.).**

We'll be glad to care for, label, and return any loaned items after Vacation Bible School. If you have questions, please contact Bryan Taylor by e-mail at bryantaylor44@gmail.com.



Vacation Bible School Decoration Day: Saturday, June 20th

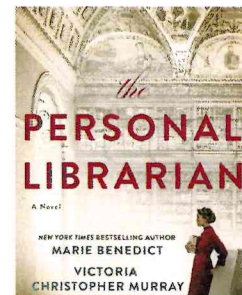
It's time to build our lush rainforest adventure setting throughout the church for this year's Vacation Bible School, **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**. **Volunteers are needed to help decorate on Saturday, June 20th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please meet in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall.** No sign-up required – just show up when you can for as long as you can and be ready to help create an exciting environment for our Vacations Bible School kids!

If you have questions, please contact Bryan Taylor by e-mail at bryantaylor44@gmail.com. Childcare will be available for children ages pre-school through 5th grade. They will be helping with their own special decorations for Vacation Bible School. If you will be needing childcare, Please contact Linda Wettlaufer by e-mail at lwettlaufer@duluthmc.org.

Library Book Club to Discuss "The Personal Librarian": Monday, June 22nd

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, June 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st 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.



250th Anniversary of Independence Day Celebration: Sunday, June 28th

Join us on Sunday, June 28th, in Hinton Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship services as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the independence of the United States. A meal will be provided by the church and the choir will lead patriotic music.



A New Small Group Class, The Quest for the Historical Jesus, Begins July 7th and 8th

A new small group class, utilizing Bart Ehrman's **New Insights into the New Testament Seminar for 2025**, will be offered at the church on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning July 7th and 8th. This class, led by Pete Fleming, features videos of ten New Testament scholars' lectures on various aspects of the **Historical Jesus Quest**.

Classes will meet twice weekly for ten weeks:

- Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.;
- Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.

Participants may attend either class.

Video presenters include Amy-Jill Levine, Dale Allison, Elaine Pagels, Paula Fredriksen and others. Each class will view one 40-minute lecture, followed by a time of discussion. Participants are encouraged to read E.P. Sanders's book, **The Historical Figure of Jesus**, which presents the basic outlines of the Historical Jesus scholarship. The book can be purchased for under \$10.

Please contact Pete Fleming by e-mail at lfleming3832@att.net or Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthmc.org to register and also letting them know

which day you will attend. Once the size of each class has been determined, participants will be notified of the classroom location.

Thank You From Happy Sacks

With the end of the 2025-26 school year, **Happy Sacks** has completed our fourteenth year of providing nutritious weekend snacks for children in need. This past school year, we packed and delivered 4,133 sacks to children at five local schools. Since the program began in 2012, we have delivered over 44,000 sacks!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the **Happy Sacks** ministry this school year! Thank you to those who have donated food items and money, to those who have helped pack sacks on Wednesday night, and to those who have delivered the sacks to the schools! We hear over and over from the counselors at the schools how much the children appreciate the sacks. This ministry would not be possible without your support.

We look forward to starting back when school resumes in August. Thank you again for all of your support!

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