





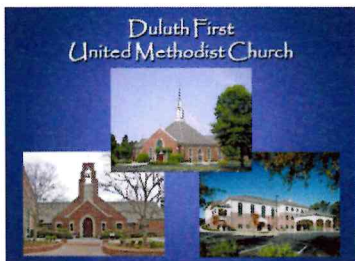
# The Sunday Supplement



JUNE 21, 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 • Donna Bowman
- Ann Fleming • Jae Hallett • Beth Intondi
- Cheryl Jackson • Jan Jones • Linton Jones
- Luke Livingston • Pam Logan • Barbara Martin
- Tom Martin • Bette Pickin • Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz
- Bill Swisher • Sharon Swisher • ShiQuita Ward



• All of our children, youth, adult leaders and volunteers at this week's Vacation Bible School, *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*, being held Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### HELP — HOPE — HEALING

Stephen Ministers are here for you when life gets difficult.

*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).*



## 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day Celebration: Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

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



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

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:** Select one or more school supply cards to be used to buy supplies with. School supply cards will be available for pickup in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room. 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. Backpacks will be available for pickup in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room. 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.

## **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 June is:**

- **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").

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

- **Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>:** **2026 FIFA World Cup Final Watch Party**. Time TBA in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank").

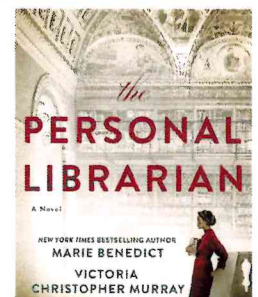
Please visit the **Youth Ministry's** website at <https://dfumcstudents.org> for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



## **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 20<sup>th</sup>-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.



## **A New Small Group Class, *The Quest for the Historical Jesus*, Begins July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:lfleming3832@att.net) or Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.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.

## **Popsicles on the Playground: Monday, 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 Monday, 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, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 12<sup>th</sup>**

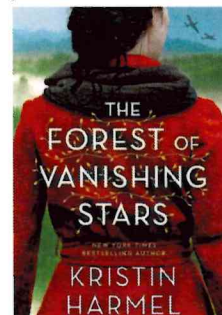
Senior adults are invited to join us once a month this summer for a time of coffee, conversations, and fellowship. Bring a game, something you want to discuss, or just show up to enjoy time together!

We will meet on Wednesdays, 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!

## **Library Book Club to Discuss "*The Forest of Vanishing Stars*": Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, July 20<sup>th</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 Forest of Vanishing Stars** by Kristin Harmel.

The **Forest of Vanishing Stars** is a World War II historical fiction novel about a young woman, Yona, who was kidnapped as a child and raised in the forests of Eastern Europe, learning to survive off the land. After her kidnapper dies, she encounters Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis and uses her wilderness skills to help them survive, while they teach her about love and community, all while she grapples with her past and identity. The story is inspired by true accounts of Jewish partisans and survival groups during the war.



## Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op Food Drive Update

Thank you to the congregation of Duluth First United Methodist Church, as the results of the Food Drive held on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, were a great success! **You contributed all the key groceries that were urgently needed, providing 572 pounds of food for the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op.** Thank you so very much! Based upon this success, another Food Drive is being planned for in early July.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich at by e-mail at [chaz3d@gmail.com](mailto:chaz3d@gmail.com) or call 678-662-2115.



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