



# Contemporary Worship



JUNE 28, 2026

**Rev. Min Lee**  
**“Ongoing”**

**Scripture: Acts 5:1-16 (Common English Bible)**

<sup>1</sup> However, a man named Ananias, along with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property. <sup>2</sup> With his wife’s knowledge, he withheld some of the proceeds from the sale. He brought the rest and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles. <sup>3</sup> Peter asked, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has influenced you to lie to the Holy Spirit by withholding some of the proceeds from the sale of your land? <sup>4</sup> Wasn’t that property yours to keep? After you sold it, wasn’t the money yours to do with whatever you wanted? What made you think of such a thing? You haven’t lied to other people but to God!” <sup>5</sup> When Ananias heard these words, he dropped dead. Everyone who heard this conversation was terrified. <sup>6</sup> Some young men stood up, wrapped up his body, carried him out, and buried him.

<sup>7</sup> About three hours later, his wife entered, but she didn’t know what had happened to her husband. <sup>8</sup> Peter asked her, “Tell me, did you and your husband receive this price for the field?”

She responded, “Yes, that’s the amount.”

<sup>9</sup> He replied, “How could you scheme with each other to challenge the Lord’s Spirit? Look! The feet of those who buried your husband are at the door. They will carry you out too.” <sup>10</sup> At that very moment, she dropped dead at his feet. When the young men entered and found her dead, they carried her out and buried her with her husband. <sup>11</sup> Trepidation and dread seized the whole church and all who heard what had happened.

<sup>12</sup> The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. They would come together regularly at Solomon’s Porch. <sup>13</sup> No one from outside the church dared to join them, even though the people spoke highly of them. <sup>14</sup> Indeed, more and more believers in the Lord, large numbers of both men and women, were added to the church. <sup>15</sup> As a result, they would even bring the sick out into the main streets and lay them on cots and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow could fall on some of them as he passed by. <sup>16</sup> Even large numbers of persons from towns around Jerusalem would gather, bringing the sick and those harassed by unclean spirits. Everyone was healed.

The Word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

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## **SERMON NOTES**

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**Next Sunday’s Scripture: Acts 5:17-42**



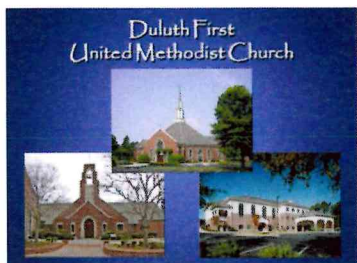
# The Sunday Supplement



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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

- Kathy Anderson • Ann Fleming • Jae Hallett • Shamain Hallett
- Cheryl Jackson • Linton Jones • Luke Livingston • Garry Lockerman
- Pam Logan • Barbara Martin • Tom Martin • Bette Pickin
- Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher • Sharon Swisher • ShiQuita Ward

## 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: Today!

Join us today 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.



## 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 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.



## Church Offices Closed: Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

The church offices will be closed on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. We will hold all of our worship services on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. The church offices will re-open on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Have a blessed and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend.



## 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:** 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>**.

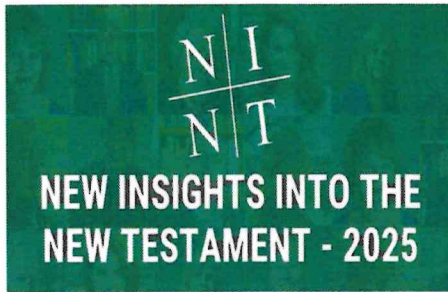


This approach was very successful last year as it allowed a greater number of our members to participate in the ministry. Backpacks and school supplies can be left in the collection areas located on the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall stage, and outside of room F145, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor 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.

## **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**.



**NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE  
NEW TESTAMENT - 2025**

2025 Theme:

**THE HISTORICAL JESUS**

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>**

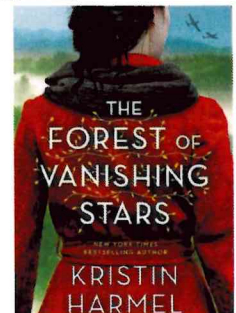
Senior adults are invited to join us once a month this summer for a time of coffee, conversations, and fellowship. Bring a game, something you want to discuss, or just show up to enjoy time together!

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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