



Contemporary Worship

AUGUST 23, 2026



Rev. David Burchett

"The God of the Turnaround"

Scripture: Acts 9:32-43 (English Standard Version Bible)

³² Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. ³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. ³⁵ And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

³⁶ Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics[b] and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON NOTES

We lack _____ for more.

We lack _____ for people.

Turn from _____ faith to _____ faith.

Turn from _____ living to _____ living.

Next Sunday's Scripture: Acts 10:1-33



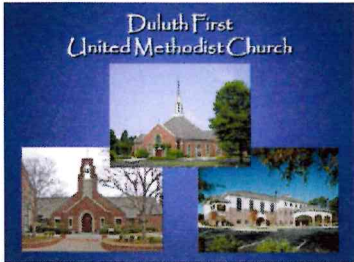
The Sunday Supplement



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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.



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

- Jean Adkins • Shamain Hallett
- Bette Pickin • AnnaKate Rawles
- Polly Sanders • Marilyn Scheiwe
- Kenny Lewis & family in the death of his aunt.



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.*



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: August 26th

Join us for a time of food and fellowship around the table with family and friends at our Wednesday Night Dinners from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall, located on the 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Chef Kenny Lewis, our Food Ministry Manager, along with our very talented and dedicated Dinner Belles and Beaus volunteers, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices.

August 26th is Taco Night! The menu is tacos (choice of chicken or beef), flour tortillas, choice of refried or black beans, yellow rice, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, salsa, chips, guacamole, and dessert. For the kids – the same.

Dinners are served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall, with to-go boxes available from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

The prices for Wednesday Night Dinners are: \$10.00 for adults (including seniors and from 11 years up); \$7.00 for children 10 years and younger; \$30.00 for family meals (nuclear family members and their children under 18 years); \$7.00 for salad bar only, which includes the salad bar, a choice of baked potato or sweet potato, dessert and a drink.

Credit/debit card payments, as well as cash and checks, are accepted. Please note - menus are subject to change. Please visit the church's website - duluthumc.org - to view upcoming menus.



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 August is:

- **Sunday, August 23rd:** **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, August 30th:** Joint Youth Group with other churches at Johns Creek UMC from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Please drop off and pick up students at Johns Creek UMC (11180 Medlock Bridge Road, Johns Creek).



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.

"Simply Something" Classes

Our **Simply Something** classes are simply moving on to new things this year. In August we will begin to study the book of Ruth. Ruth is one of only two books in the Bible named after a woman, a woman named in the lineage of Jesus Christ. This short but important book has some interesting themes of honor, love, and commitment. If you want to know more, then **Simply Something** is just the place to be. Join Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino for **Simply Something** on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month at 10:00 a.m. in room F147, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.



Please bring your Bible and handouts will be provided. Come with your coffee, tea or water, and your open mind to learn from each other. For more information, please contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117.

Wednesday Night Dinner Teams Are Looking for Volunteers

The **Wednesday Night Dinner** teams are looking for volunteers - our **Dinner Belles and Beaus** - to help. No special experience or skill is necessary - just a willingness to serve, make some new friends, and have fun! **Each team volunteers only once a month and on the night that you volunteer you get a free meal!** We hope you will consider joining us for some good food and good fellowship.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Tracy Brinker, Receptionist, by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 112. We hope you will consider volunteering.



Wednesday Night Food Drives

The **Wednesday Night Food Drive** at Duluth First UMC for the **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op** is our weekly mission project, combined with the many Wednesday evening activities offered at the church.

Items needed during the month of August and September are:

- August 26th: canned fruit;
- September 2nd: canned peas;
- September 9th: cans of diced tomatoes;
- September 16th: mac & cheese;
- September 23rd: tuna fish;
- September 30th: cans of mixed veggies.

Join us for a delicious dinner and fellowship in Hinton Hall, pick up a to-go dinner for your family, join us for any of our Wednesday evening activities, and drop off food items to help other families in need. We thank you for your support!



GriefShare Support Group Meetings Begin Wednesday, August 26th

GriefShare Support Group, led by the church's Stephen Ministers, will walk alongside you through the loss of a loved one. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week session, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.



Our next session of **GriefShare Support Group** classes will begin on Wednesday, August 26th, and continue through Wednesday, December 2nd, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room F153, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Gain access to valuable resources to help you through your grief. **GriefShare** also offers **Bereavement Candlelight Services** the Monday (November 23rd) before Thanksgiving, and a **"Surviving the Holidays"** class on Wednesday, November 18th.

For more information, please visit the **GriefShare** website at griefshare.org, or contact Tracy Brinker, Bereavement Coordinator, by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776.

Save the Date! Church-wide Cookout on Sunday, September 13th

Save the date as we hold a church-wide cookout on Sunday, September 13th, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in front of the church under the trees. Invite your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family for a cookout with fun activities for children and youth. Additional information will be available soon.



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Happy Sacks: Helping Children in Our Community

A growing number of school children in our community rely on free and reduced priced meals at school for their main daily meals. However, there may not be enough food to go around over the weekend. The goal of the **Happy Sacks** mission outreach program is to provide healthy snacks for school children over the weekend. **We pack approximately 150 Happy Sacks each week, which are then delivered to the schools on Friday, and given out by the school counselors to the appropriate children.**



extra items the next time you're at the store or making a financial donation to support the **Happy Sacks** ministry. Thank you for your continued support of this mission!

For the 2025-26 school year, we packed and delivered 4,133 **Happy Sacks**. Since the program began in the fall of 2012, we have delivered 44,177 **Happy Sacks** to children in our community. The need continues to grow as does the cost of filling the bags. The **Happy Sacks** program is not a part of the church's regular budget, so we depend on your donations. As we get ready to begin our 15th year of the **Happy Sacks** program, please consider picking up a few

Join Our Church's Young Adult Ministry



The **Young Adult Ministry** is a group of young adults (18 to early 30's) who are building lasting friendships and exploring what it means to follow Jesus. Wherever you are in your faith journey, we'd love to have you join us! We are striving to build community, draw closer to God.

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in room F147, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. For more information, please contact Rev. David Burchett by e-mail at dburchett@duluthumc.org.

Men's Small Group Evening Bible Study Forming Soon

Have you wanted to be part of a men's small group Bible study but are not available to participate during the day? We are looking for several men willing to lead a men's evening Bible study group, as well as folks who are interested in attending.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org.



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Wednesday Evening Activities for All Ages Have Resumed!
We Have Something for Everyone!

Missions Opportunities for Kids

A missions opportunity for kids ages Kindergarten through 5th grade will be available from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Kids will meet in the **Childcare Corner** area in room B111 to work on mission projects.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved in this ministry for children, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.

New Children's Music Program for Ages Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

Our Music and Worship Arts Director, Verena Lucía Anders, will be leading a new Children's Music program for children, ages Kindergarten through 2nd grade, on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 6:30 p.m. During this time children will sing, play instruments and learn fun songs that can be sung in worship.

A minimum of 8 registered children is required as well as a commitment of regular attendance. Please e-mail Verena at vanders@duluthumc.org to register your child.

Book Bunch Story Time for Kids Ages 3 and 4

Book Bunch, a story time for kids ages three and four-years old, will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. in the Louise McDaniel Memorial Library, located on the 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Kids will hear a story being read from a guest reader and they will have an opportunity to check out a book from the library.

If you would like to be a volunteer **Book Bunch** reader, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.

DuluthKids

DuluthKids is a fun opportunity on Wednesday nights for kids, ages Kindergarten through 5th grade, to gather together for fellowship and Bible study. Programming is age-appropriate with curriculum designed for the kids. **DuluthKids** will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. in rooms C-122 (Kindergarten - 2nd) and C-121 (3rd - 5th).

If you have any questions or would like to be involved in this ministry for children, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.

Youth Wednesday Night Bible Study

Students in 6th through 12th grades are invited to join us for Bible Study during the school year as we dive into the Word of God and grow together as a community! Bible Study is held on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in room F149, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org for more information.



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Parent Connection Group

Parent Connection, our small group for parents, meets from 6 to 7 p.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome to join us as we share in the joys and struggles of parenting children of all ages. Please contact Rev. David Burchett by e-mail at dburchett@duluthumc.org for more information.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Our church's **Chancel Choir**, the primary worship ensemble for traditional worship, is open to anyone high school age and older who feel called to serve through music. No audition is required. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., August through May, in the Don Lee Music Suite. Childcare in **Childcare Corner** is provided. Please contact Verena Lucía Anders, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, by e-mail at vanders@duluthumc.org for more information.

Treble Ensemble and Tenor-Bass Ensemble Rehearsals

The **Treble Ensemble** and **Tenor-Bass Ensemble** meet in rotation on Wednesdays, 8:30 to 9 p.m., August through May, in the Don Lee Music Suite. We have a great time singing a wide variety of music and sing for worship several times during the year. Childcare in **Childcare Corner** is available. Please contact Verena Lucía Anders, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, by e-mail at vanders@duluthumc.org for more information.

Handbell Ensemble Rehearsals

Our **Handbell Ensemble** is open anyone high school age and older as spaces are available. Prior ringing experience is not necessary, but helpful. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., August through May, in the Sanctuary. Childcare in **Childcare Corner** is available. Please contact our new Director of the **Handbell Choir**, Johnathan Ancell, by e-mail at jancell@duluthumc.org, for more information.

Yarn Art Ministry

For those who crochet or knit, the **Yarn Art Ministry** (affectionally known as YAMs) is a place to share your talent. When someone has a baby, this group makes a welcome blanket for the child. Blankets from the group also supply our nursery. A variety of items are made to be sold at **Bundle Up for Buffalo**, the fundraising event that raises money to heat our sister church, Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY, during the cold winter months. Sometimes we send blankets directly to Buffalo to keep them cozy.

The Yarn Art Ministry meets:

- The 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in room F147, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center;
- Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in room F147 (new location), located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

Come share your talent! You are also welcome if you would like to learn how to knit or crochet. For more information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKateRawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.