



Contemporary Worship

AUGUST 30, 2026



Rev. David Burchett

"Even When You Don't See"

Scripture: Acts 10:1-33 (English Standard Version Bible)

¹ At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." ⁴ And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵ And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea." ⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, ⁸ and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹ The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. ¹⁰ And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. ¹² In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." ¹⁴ But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." ¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

¹⁷ Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate ¹⁸ and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. ¹⁹ And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them." ²¹ And Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?" ²² And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." ²³ So he invited them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴ And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." ²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. ²⁸ And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me."

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³⁰ And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing ³¹ and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' ³³ So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON NOTES

Being _____ is not the same thing as being _____.

God is at _____ in ways you might never have _____.

When God _____ Himself, _____.

Increased _____ follows loving _____.

Next Sunday's Scripture: Acts 10:34-48



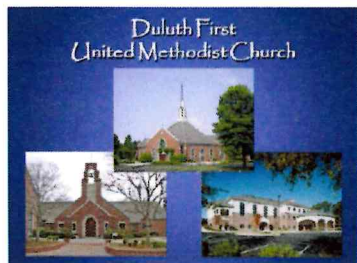
The Sunday Supplement



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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 • Marty Bush • Lawrence Gibbs • Shamain Hallett
- Judy Lutz • Bette Pickin • AnnaKate Rawles • Polly Sanders • Marilyn Scheiwe
- Lee Castleberry & family in the death of his father.
- Bobbie Heard & family in the death of her husband, Tim.
- David & Sabrina Heard & family in the death of David's father, Tim.
- Shiquita Ward's son Justin Jordan & family in the death of Justin's grandfather.



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: September 2nd

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.

The menu for September 2nd is oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, Southern green beans, fried okra, biscuits, 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 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.



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 September are:

- September 2nd: peanut butter and jelly;
- September 9th: canned peas;
- September 16th: cans of diced tomatoes;
- 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!

Youth Confirmation Class Begins Sunday, September 13th

We're so excited to announce that our **Youth Confirmation Class** will begin on Sunday, September 13th, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in room F152, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center! It's going to be a great year of learning and growth as we dive into the basics of our Christian faith and The United Methodist Church through confirmation classes on Sunday mornings.

Our students will also have the opportunity to attend a confirmation retreat from Friday, January 29th, through Sunday, January 31st, at the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center, joining many students from other churches across our conference. Our students will also put their faith into action by participating in a service project.

Church, we invite you to keep our confirmands and their families in your prayers as they embark on this exciting journey together. Also, if you would like to be part of this exciting journey by supporting our students and their families, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, for more information by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org.

Church-wide Cookout on Sunday, September 13th

We are holding 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 as there will be something for everyone - hamburgers, hot dogs, inflatables, a DJ, and a lot of fun and fellowship! What a wonderful opportunity to invite our community to join us for a fun and fellowship-filled event at our church!

Please scan the QR code located below with your smart phone or tablet to sign up to bring/donate food items, to volunteer to grill, or to volunteer at one of the inflatables. Thank you for helping to make our church-wide cookout a great community-wide event!



..and YOU'RE INVITED!



Senior Adult Coffee Hour: Wednesday, September 9th

Senior adults are invited to join us once a month 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 Wednesday, September 9th, at 9:30 a.m. in the cul-da-sac area outside of the offices on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Coffee is provided by Break Coffee Roasters. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org. We look forward to seeing you there!



Women Studying Together to Study "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23"

Beginning on Thursday, September 17th

Our Thursday morning **Women Studying Together** group will begin a new study on September 17th, continuing through November 19th. We will use a classic Christian book, **A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23: Discovering God's Love for You** by W. Phillip Keller, along with our Bibles for reference. Author W. Phillip Keller grew up in Africa, the son of missionary parents. He worked in agriculture, owned and worked with sheep, which gave him special insight into the details of Psalm 23. He thoroughly explored the relationship between the sheep and shepherd, giving us reassurance that we are in the care of the Good Shepherd.

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23: Discovering God's Love for You is available from many new and used bookstores and online as well. The price for new copy is about \$5. There have been many reprints of this book, so do not be concerned over the particular edition you purchase.

Women Studying Together meets from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Class discussion will be led by Jenny Masterson. As we study, we ask questions, search for answers, share our stories, laugh and pray together. All women are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny by e-mail at jennybobm@comcast.net.

Road Runners Apple Picking Trip in Ellijay: Monday, September 21st

The **Road Runners** invite you to join them on Monday, September 21st, as they travel to Ellijay for some apple picking, mountain views, and a hayride. The group will leave the church's front parking lot at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$40 per person and includes apple picking, a hayride, and transportation via a 15-person van (please see notes below). The cost of lunch will be on your own.

PLEASE NOTE:

- In order to attend you must be able to get in and out of a 15-passenger van and be healthy enough to travel several hours by car.
- We must have a minimum of 12 people to sign up in order to rent a van, otherwise travel will be via caravan.

To register please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org. All registrations must be received by Tuesday, September 8th.



Register Now for the Youth Fall Retreat: November 6th - 8th

We are excited to participate in **The Rooted Retreat** (North Georgia UMC Conference Retreat) hosted by the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center, from Friday, November 6th through Sunday, November 8th, for our youth fall retreat! It will be an incredible weekend with powerful worship experiences, dedicated youth group time, fun activities, and food and lodging at Glisson Camp and Retreat Center. We are looking forward to a meaningful and fun fall retreat together.

Information for the Rooted Fall Retreat is:

- **Dates:** Friday, November 6th - Sunday, November 8th.
- **Location:** Glisson Camp and Retreat Center (690 Camp Glisson Rd., Dahlonega, GA 30533).
- **Cost: \$195 per student** (You can pay in cash, check, or online). We want every student to be able to attend—scholarships are available if needed.
- **Registration Deadline:** Sunday, October 11th.
- **Camp Glisson Website:** <https://glisson.org>.



To register, please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org.

Ushers Needed for Traditional Worship Services

"I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." Psalm 84:10

Ushers are often the "first representatives" of Christ and the congregation that people encounter. The wonderful ushers at Duluth First UMC:

- Welcome visitors and members with a warm smile and helpful spirit.
- Guide people to seating and assist with special needs.
- Help collect tithes and offerings.
- Ensure smooth flow during communion.
- Handle minor needs so the congregation can focus on worship.

A friendly smile or kind word can make a big difference and might even be the most personal ministry someone receives that day. Ushering provides opportunities to connect with the church family on a one-on-one basis, greeting members, welcoming visitors, helping families, and assisting during communion and offering. People usually become ushers because they feel called to serve humbly, love others practically, and play a supportive role in something eternally significant.

Ushers are needed for the 8:30 and 11:00 Traditional Worship services. Training is provided, and you typically serve one service each month. You will need to arrive twenty minutes prior to the service you serve at.

If you have a servant's heart, enjoy meeting people, and want to make a practical difference in worship each week, this could be your calling. No experience necessary, just a willing heart! Please contact either David Burleson by e-mail at davidbburleson@gmail.com or Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com with questions or interest.



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