

TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 25, 2026
8:30 A.M.

✠ Rise in body or in spirit.
The congregation speaks/
sings the text in **bold** type.



For information about the ministries, mission, and activities of Duluth First UMC, please visit duluthumc.org.



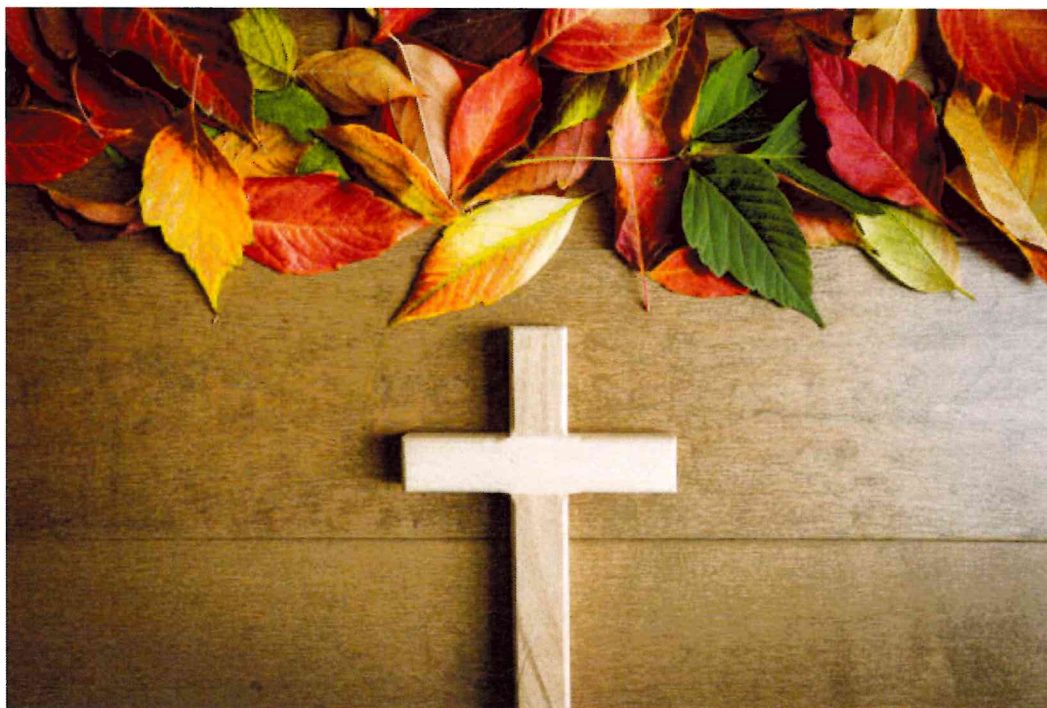
Children are welcome in worship!

Children's activity sheets & crayons are available at the main entrance to help guide them in active participation of worship.

Children newborn through Pre-K are invited to go to **Childcare Corner**, near the Gathering Room.



Listening devices are available during all worship services. Please see an usher or greeter for assistance.



ENTRANCE

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*

Welcome & Announcements

Amy Burk, *Liturgist*

✠ Call to Worship

Loving God, focus our hearts in true contentment and hope in you.
We brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out.
Come, let us worship the Lord, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

**Our hope is not set on the uncertainty of riches, but on the living God.
He satisfies our deepest hunger and clothes us in his grace.**

Let us do good, be rich in good works, and be generous and ready to share.

In this way, we store up a good foundation for the future.

**We gather today to take hold of that which is truly life.
Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth!**

✠ Hymn 402 | *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* – I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
(verses 1 & 2)

WORD & RESPONSE

Common English
Bible

✠ Scripture | 1 John 4:11-21

Sally Southerland

¹¹ Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. ¹² No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. ¹³ This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. ¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. ¹⁵ If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. ¹⁶ We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. ¹⁷ This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because God first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! ²¹ This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

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

Sermon | *From Fear to Love*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino, *Associate Pastor*

Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore let us confess our sin.

Holy One, help us be still and know that you are God. Too often we move at such a hectic pace that we neglect our relationship with you. Our lives become full of distractions that are nothing but shifting sand. Restore and strengthen us, O God, to rebuild our lives on the foundation of your Word, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Friends, hear the promise of our faith: God hears us when we cry for help and shows us steadfast love. Therefore let your hearts take courage, for God is faithful to us and has redeemed us.

✠ Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Grow One Step*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering



Your giving is the sole support of the ministries of Duluth First UMC.

For online giving, go to duluthumc.org/online-giving, or scan the QR code with your mobile device.



✠ Doxology | *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow* – OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

✠ The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer our ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

✠ The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread, Receiving the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you
have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the
strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In The United Methodist
Church, all are welcome to
receive Holy Communion.

Communion is served by
intinction: the practice of
partly dipping the bread
into the juice before eating.

Gluten-free elements are
available at the communion
rail, near the center stations.

For questions regarding membership, contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles – arawles@duluthumc.org or 770.476.3776, x. 128.

Those who wish to join the church today are invited to come forward as we sing the final hymn.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING

✠ Hymn 670 | *Go Forth for God* (verses 1 & 2) – GENEVA

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

Hymnal, pgs. 34, 38

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Audio/Visual Team:

Mark Wettlaufer
Joel McLemore
Stephen McLemore
Johnathan Ancell

Usher Captains:

David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Guild:

Pam Logan

• • •

CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God
in memory of Beth's Dad, Bruce Bell, on his birthday,
by Chris, Beth, Rachel, and Rebekah Patterson.

Music reprinted by permission: ONE LICENSE (A-724074)
Streaming license: CCLI (CSPL-137589)

• • •

DULUTH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3208 Duluth Hwy. 120, Duluth, GA 30096

Office Phone: 770-476-3776

Website: www.duluthumc.org

YouTube: [DuluthFirstUMCWorship](https://www.youtube.com/DuluthFirstUMCWorship)

Facebook: [DuluthFirstUMC](https://www.facebook.com/DuluthFirstUMC) • Instagram: [duluthfirstumc](https://www.instagram.com/duluthfirstumc)



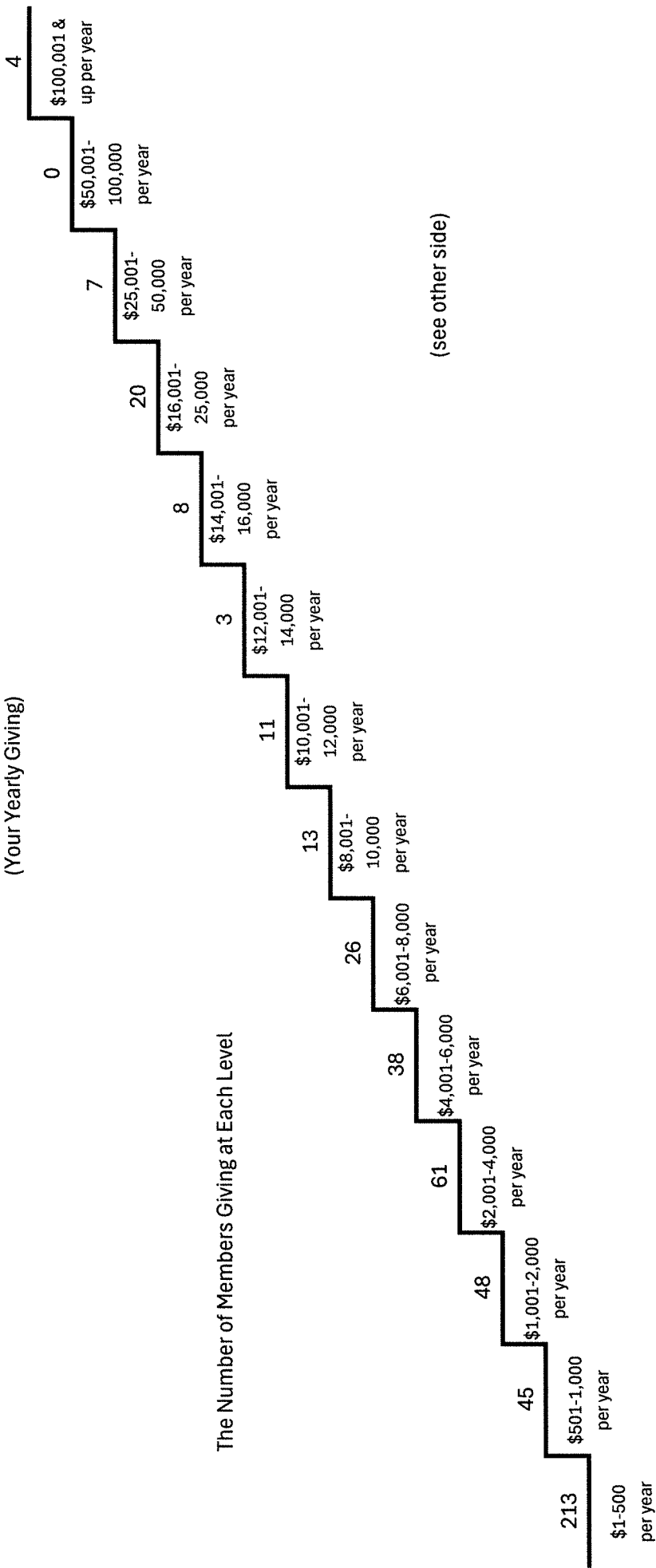
GROW ONE STEP each year until you're giving 10% to God

Fall 2026

Our Congregation's Giving Patterns
(includes ALL giving to the church)

Find where you are on this chart
(Your Yearly Giving)

The Number of Members Giving at Each Level



Duluth First United Methodist Church

GROW ONE STEP each year until you're giving 10% to God

1. Find where you are on the chart (your income and your giving).
2. Move one block to the right to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you, in order to grow one step each year until you are tithing.

Yearly Giving

Yearly Household Income	Lower Giving Range			Middle Giving Range			Upper Giving Range			Tithe	
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	
\$15,000	150.00	300.00	450.00	600.00	750.00	900.00	1,050.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	1,500.00	
\$20,000	200.00	400.00	600.00	800.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,400.00	1,600.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	
\$40,000	400.00	800.00	1,200.00	1,600.00	2,000.00	2,400.00	2,800.00	3,200.00	3,600.00	4,000.00	
\$60,000	600.00	1,200.00	1,800.00	2,400.00	3,000.00	3,600.00	4,200.00	4,800.00	5,400.00	6,000.00	
\$80,000	800.00	1,600.00	2,400.00	3,200.00	4,000.00	4,800.00	5,600.00	6,400.00	7,200.00	8,000.00	
\$100,000	1,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00	8,000.00	9,000.00	10,000.00	
\$120,000	1,200.00	2,400.00	3,600.00	4,800.00	6,000.00	7,200.00	8,400.00	9,600.00	10,800.00	12,000.00	
\$140,000	1,400.00	2,800.00	4,200.00	5,600.00	7,000.00	8,400.00	9,800.00	11,200.00	12,600.00	14,000.00	
\$160,000	1,600.00	3,200.00	4,800.00	6,400.00	8,000.00	9,600.00	11,200.00	12,800.00	14,400.00	16,000.00	
\$180,000	1,800.00	3,600.00	5,400.00	7,200.00	9,000.00	10,800.00	12,600.00	14,400.00	16,200.00	18,000.00	
\$200,000	2,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00	12,000.00	14,000.00	16,000.00	18,000.00	20,000.00	
\$500,000	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00	30,000.00	35,000.00	40,000.00	45,000.00	50,000.00	
\$800,000	8,000.00	16,000.00	24,000.00	32,000.00	40,000.00	48,000.00	56,000.00	64,000.00	72,000.00	80,000.00	
\$1,000,000	10,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00	70,000.00	80,000.00	90,000.00	100,000.00	

(see other side)

Duluth First United Methodist Church



The Sunday Supplement



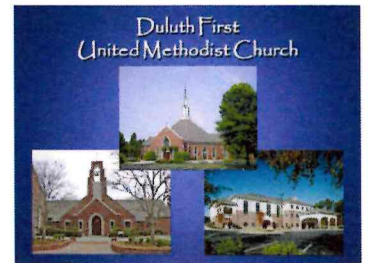
OCTOBER 25, 2026

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



- David Baker • Doug Bridges • Larry Bunten
- Dale Burns • Ann Fleming • Lawrence Gibbs
- Jim Green • Sherry Griffeth • Shamain Hallett
- Bryan Johnson • Linton Jones • Caleb Klayman
- Judy Lutz • Ann Reifert • Marilyn Scheiwe
- Charlotte Schlubach • Chuvalo Truesdell



OVERWHELMED AND STRUGGLING?

There's Stephen Ministry.

Request a Stephen Minister to help you
find hope and healing.

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.



Join Us for Our Annual Trunk or Treat: TODAY!

Bring your friends and family to our **Trunk or Treat** event today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in front of the church. Come in costume, park your car, and pop the trunk! Volunteers are needed to host a trunk at **Trunk or Treat** as we welcome our community to Duluth First UMC for an afternoon of fun. We hope to have at least 35 trunks and YOU can be one! Decorate and/or have a game at your trunk for the opportunity to win the soon to be coveted Golden Pumpkin prize! **Set-up time begins at 3:30 p.m. and trick-or-treating begins at 4:00 p.m.**



Care Packages for Our College Students: Gift Cards Needed by Today - Sunday, October 25th

As finals weeks are quickly approaching, we want to show our love and care for our college students by sending them care packages to enjoy during their finals! If you would like to donate gift cards to be included in the care packages, please purchase any of these gift cards – Chick-fil-A (most requested by students), Starbucks, or Dunkin' – with the amount of \$25 per card, and drop them off in Rev. Min Lee's office (Director of Youth Ministries), located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center **by Sunday, October 25th**.

If you have a college student (or if you are the college student) who is a member of Duluth First UMC, we ask you to scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet and fill out the contact information form and update the student's mailing address.

We appreciate your generosity!



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 October is:

- **Sunday, October 25th: Trunk or Treat** from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the front of the church.

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.



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: October 28th

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 October 28th is baked Chicken Alfredo, penne pasta, steamed broccoli, Italian mixed vegetables, breadsticks, and dessert. For the kids – the same. Dinners are served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall, with to-go boxes available from 6:00 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.



Wednesday Night Food Drive: October 28th

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. **On Wednesday, October 28th, we ask you to bring canned peas.** Please leave your donated food items on the **Food Drive** table located outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall.

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!



Crafts, Pieces of Art, and Baked Goods Needed for "Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser:
November 14th & 15th

Crafters, potters, artists, and bakers of all kinds – your talents will be needed in November! Our annual missions fundraiser, **Bundle Up for Buffalo**, will be on Saturday, November 14th, and Sunday, November 15th. All proceeds from the **Bundle Up for Buffalo** fundraiser help our sister church, Seneca Street United Methodist Church in Buffalo, NY, keep the heat on their facility during the winter months which fall from October 2026 through April 2027. Last year, we raised enough money to designate this church to be a warming center, where people could come into the building and get a bite to eat if their own heat had been turned off or was not working. This was major – YOU helped do this!

Volunteers are needed on Friday, November 13th, at 2:30 p.m. to help set up the tables and sale items in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. If you can help with the set up, or have items you would like to donate to the sale, please contact Beth Intondi by e-mail at Beth.intondi@outlook.com. You have been so faithful in prayer for this "pocket of poverty" in the North for many years. Please consider what you can make, and something that others would enjoy purchasing. Thank you for your support.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, our annual participation in **Samaritan's Purse's** mission for God's children around the world, is underway. In 2025, **Samaritan's Purse** delivered **over 12.2 million shoeboxes to 170 countries and territories**. Since the inception of the program in 1993, **over 244 million shoeboxes** have been delivered to children around the world.

By filling shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and hygiene items, you not only give to children in need the only gift they will likely receive for Christmas, but also help deliver hope, joy and the gospel of Jesus Christ to them and their families. Many children who receive these shoeboxes gifts will also enroll in **The Greatest Journey, Operation Christmas Child's** 12-lesson discipleship program. Since 2009, over 52 million children have participated in this program, teaching them about God's amazing love and guiding them through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

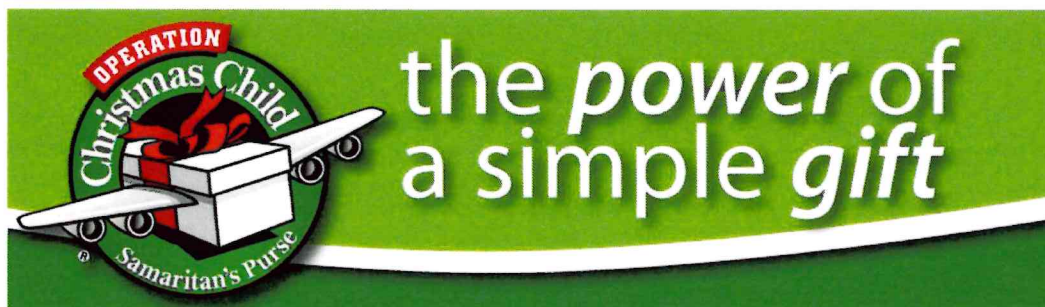
Empty shoe boxes are available in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, in the hallway by the entrance to Hinton Hall, and by the cul-de-sac are located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Inside each box you will find ideas on how to pack a shoebox gift, what not to include, and the adhesive box label. There is a \$10 processing donation which supports the in-country ministry training and materials for **The Greatest Journey** activities, as well processing and shipping the shoebox. Using the adhesive labels allow you to register your shoebox(s), make your donation, and track your shoebox online.

Duluth First UMC has a special web site for you to use to complete your shoebox online, and **our goal is 80 online shoeboxes by December 19th**. You can access the web page by scanning the QR code located to the right. You can also get printed instructions for using the goal page at the **Operation Christmas Child** tables.



Please return your completed boxes to the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall stage, inside Hinton Hall, or outside room F145 (located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center) **no later than Sunday, November 15th**.

This is a worthwhile and fun project for our Sunday School classes, Women's Circles, our Youth group, and families with their children to undertake. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com or call 678-662-2115. Thank you for your support!



Goodwin/Bentley Cemetery Restoration Information Meeting: Saturday, November 7th

For decades, the historic cemetery on the 3200 block of Duluth Highway has stood as a silent monument to the families and early history of our area. Though it sits without a formal sign—known locally as Goodwin Cemetery and recorded in death records as Bentley Cemetery—it is currently abandoned, overgrown, and deeply in need of care. There are over 100 burials in the Goodwin/Bentley Cemetery, and many are unmarked.

The William Day Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), along with the Duluth Church Cemetery Foundation, invite you to a critical community meeting on Saturday, November 7th, to discuss the preservation, restoration, and ongoing support of this sacred landmark. Together, we can honor and reclaim this vital piece of Gwinnett County heritage. The meeting is from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Duluth Public Library, located at 3180 Main Street. Whether you are a descendant, a history enthusiast, or a neighbor who cares about preserving our local landscape, your voice is essential.

At the meeting you will learn about the current state of the burial site and the immediate preservation needs; help organize volunteer cleanup days and long-term care initiatives; share family histories, obituaries, or regional records to help properly document every individual laid to rest at the cemetery; discuss local partnerships and resources to ensure the site is permanently protected.



Duluth First United Methodist Church



3208 Duluth Hwy. 120, Duluth, GA 30096

Office Phone: 770-476-3776 • Fax: 770-623-8511

Website: www.duluthumc.org

Facebook: DuluthFirstUMC • Instagram: duluthfirstumc

Church Staff Directory

Johnathan Ancell

Director of Worship Technology
jancell@duluthumc.org

Verena Lucía Anders, Ext. 116

Minister of Music & Worship Arts
vanders@duluthumc.org

Tracy Brinker, Ext. 112

Receptionist
tbrinker@duluthumc.org

David Burchett, Ext. 124

Assistant Pastor
dburchett@duluthumc.org

C. Kay Fuino, Ext. 117

Associate Pastor
ckfuino@duluthumc.org

Sherry Griffeth, Ext. 110

Executive Assistant
sgriffeth@duluthumc.org

Susan Johnson, Pianist

Jan Jones, Ext. 113

Financial Assistant
jjones@duluthumc.org

Min Lee, Ext. 119

*Director of Youth Ministries
& Contemporary Worship Music Director*
mlee@duluthumc.org

Seoyoung Lee, Organist

Kenny Lewis, Ext. 145

Director of Food Services
klewis@duluthumc.org

Benjamin Rah, Ext. 120

Church Administrator
brah@duluthumc.org

AnnaKate Rawles, Ext. 128

Associate Pastor
arawles@duluthumc.org

Marilyn Scheiwe, Ext. 111

Event Coordinator
mscheiwe@duluthumc.org

Lee Stribling, Ext. 136

Director of Maintenance/Security
lstribling@duluthumc.org

Pat Szathmary, Ext. 131

Christian Beginnings Assistant Director
pszathmary@duluthumc.org

Terry Tippens, Ext. 114

Senior Pastor
ttippens@duluthumc.org

Linda Wettlaufer, Ext. 213

Childcare Director
lwettlaufer@duluthumc.org

Ken Willi, Ext. 127

Director of Communications
kwilli@duluthumc.org

Leslie Yokeley, Ext. 138

*Director of Children's Ministries
& Christian Beginnings*
lyokeley@duluthumc.org

Louise McDaniel Memorial Church Library

library@duluthumc.org

Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten

Office Phone: 770-497-1743