

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
11:00 A.M.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ENTRANCE

✠ 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.

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles,
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *For All the Saints* - arr. Pamela Robertson

Seoyoung Lee,
Organist

✠ Call to Worship

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us. **We give thanks!**

We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises. **We give thanks!**

We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years. **We give thanks!**

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith. **We give thanks!**

We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor. **We give thanks!**

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 708 | *Rejoice in God's Saints* – HANOVER

✠ 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.

Ministry Moment | *Grow One Step*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *O How Amiable* – Ralph Vaughn Williams Chancel Choir;
Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ Doxology 94 | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Rev. Terry Tippens, *Senior Pastor*

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Sermon | *Ultimately, We'll Be Together*

Prayer for the Saints

O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially the saints of Duluth First United Methodist Church whom, with others, we remember this day. Keep in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hear us, O God, as we name the saints before you.

Fran Ball	Luke Livingston
Jack Brannon	Lillian Jean Lowry
Marion Harley	Ernie Marlowe
Dick Hartlett	Henry Pettus
Tim Heard	Jeff Schulz
Bruce Houston	Mary Jo Southerland
Bob Howard	

In the rising of the sun and its going down, **we remember them.**
 In the beginning of the year and when it ends, **we remember them.**
 When we are weary and in need of strength, **we remember them.**
 When we are lost and sick at heart, **we remember them.**
 So long as we live, they too shall live, **we remember them.**
 For they are now part of us; **we remember them.**

Let us pray: **God of all ages, you have surrounded us with this great cloud of witnesses, and their presence remains with us always. May we, encouraged by their example and strengthened by their memory, continue in faithful service and love for you, until we are reunited with them in the company of the saints of all times whose song of praise never ends; for with Christ and the Holy Spirit you live and reign forever. Amen.**

As the names are read,
 you are invited to stand to
 honor your loved ones or
 far all.
 A bell will be tolled and a
 candle lighted for each of
 the persons listed.

After these names are read,
 you are invited to call the
 names of others whom we
 will remember this day.
 A single bell and lighted
 candle will honor all of
 these persons.

✠ The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal, pgs. 17-18

✠ 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

Music During Communion | *Angel Band* - arr. Ryan James Brandau
 Chancel Choir

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.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give 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.

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

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

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING

✠ Hymn 711 | *For All the Saints* (verses 1,2, 4 & 6) – SINE NOMINE

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

Acolyte & Cross Bearer:

Gus Wolfe
Caroline Atkinson

Audio/Visual Team:

Joel McLemore
James Lee
Lynne Ometer
Lee Castleberry

Usher Captains:

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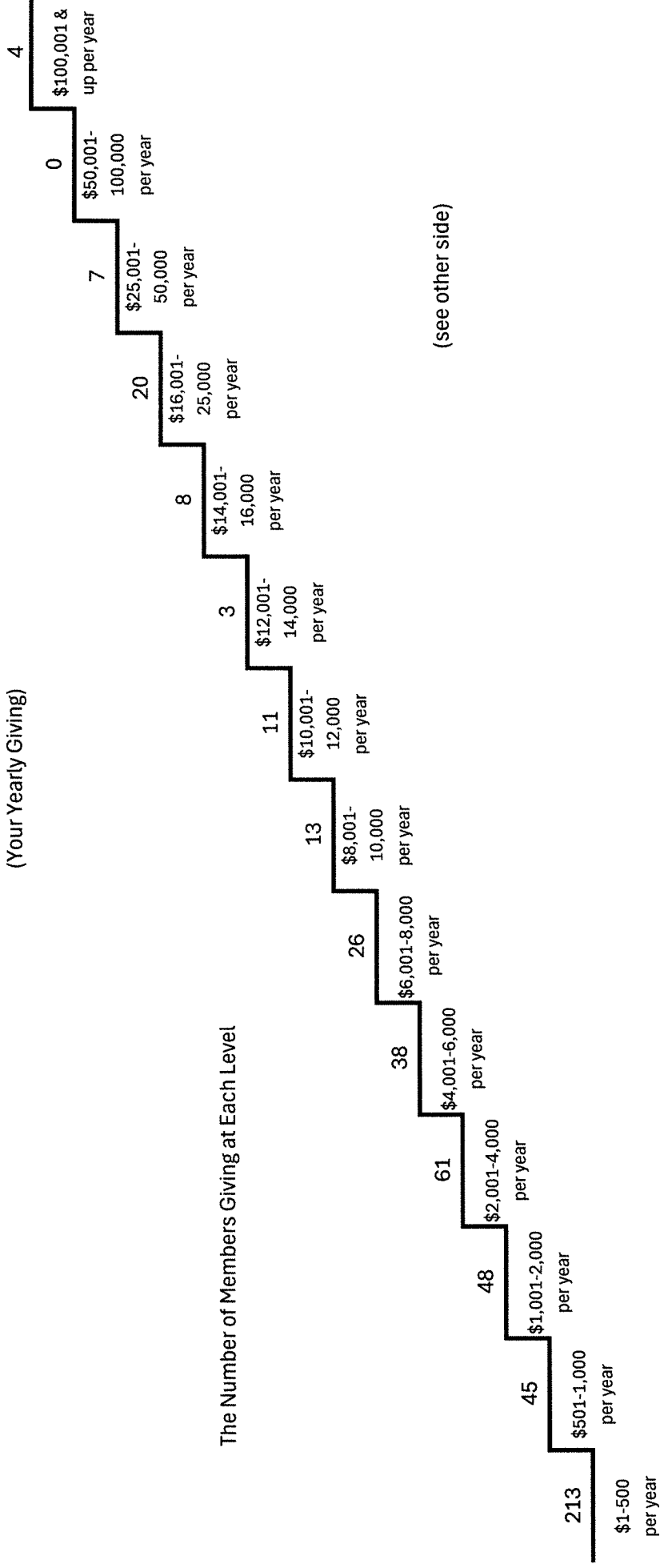
GROW ONE STEP each year until you're giving 10% to God

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				
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\$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				
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Duluth First United Methodist Church



The Sunday Supplement



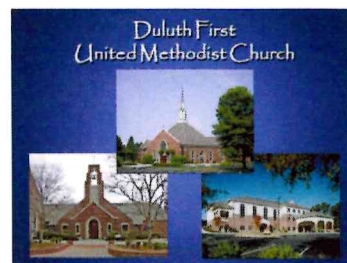
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Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

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



- 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

• Youth and adult leaders on the
Youth Fall Retreat (November 6th - 8th)
at the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center.



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.*



This Morning's Communion Offering: Member Assistance Fund

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward this morning's communion offering for the **Member Assistance Fund**. The **Member Assistance Fund** helps church members in need. The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church.



Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for November

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 November is:

- **Sunday, November 1st: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, November 8th: No Sunday Night Gathering** (returning from the Youth Fall Retreat);
- **Sunday, November 15th: Friendsgiving** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, November 22nd: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, November 29th: 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.

Collecting Toys and Gifts for the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op's Christmas Shop

Would you like to help make a difference in a child's life this Christmas? Duluth First UMC is partnering with **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op** in a toy drive to stock the **Hands of Christ Christmas Shop**. The **Christmas Shop** helps families in need to provide gifts for their children this Christmas. If you would like to help us provide Christmas for all of these children in our community, your generosity can make sure that happens.

Beginning Sunday, November 1st, you can bring in unwrapped toys and place them in collection areas in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room and Hinton Hall. We will be accepting toy donations from November 1st – 29th. We hope that you will prayerfully consider helping to make Christmas a joyous day for all the families that **Hands of Christ** assists every day and every year. Thank for your generosity and your faithfulness.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: November 4th

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 November 4th is baked turkey with dressing and gravy, sweet potato casserole, buttered corn, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, rolls, and dessert. For the kids – chicken tenders and French fries. 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: November 4th

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, November 4th, we ask you to bring tuna fish.** 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!



Blood Drive at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 11th:

Give Thanks—Give Blood—Give Life

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 11th, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment to make a blood donation:

- Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code **dufumc**;
- Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767);
- Contact Tracy Brinker by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 112.
- Last, but not least, be a “walk-in” on BloodDrive Day.

Free A1C testing, a test commonly used to screen for diabetes and pre-diabetes, will be offered to those who donate blood. Each donor will receive a \$10 gift card and 200 bonus points with a successful donation. Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to your donation.

“Bundle Up for Buffalo” Annual Fundraiser: November 14th & 15th

Crafters, potters, artists, and bakers of all kinds – your talents will be needed! Our annual missions fundraiser, **Bundle Up for Buffalo**, will be on Saturday, November 14th, and Sunday, November 15th. The fundraiser will be held in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall on November 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on November 15th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (the sale will be closed during the worship services). 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, including 75 plus children, 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. Thank you for your support.

“Surviving the Holidays” – A Grief Share Program: Wednesday, November 18th

Holiday celebrations take on a different meaning when you are grieving. Are you in need of finding a way to survive the holidays? Do you wonder how to celebrate when your loved one is gone?

Join the **Grief Share Support Group** on Wednesday, November 18th, for a special “Surviving the Holidays” class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in rooms F154/155, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. This class may be beneficial in helping you plan a holiday schedule that is best for you during the holiday season.

For additional information, please contact Brenda Bridges at 770-313-6002, Sue French at 404-434-8001, or call the church office at 770-476-3776.

Item Donations Needed for Ferguson Elementary School

Ferguson Elementary School needs our help again this upcoming holiday season. Ferguson Elementary, a Title 1 school located in Duluth, has a wonderful tradition each year of students shopping in the **Holiday Shop** for their families for Christmas by using their behavior points. The students work hard all year to earn their behavior points, so they can spend them on their families. After the students purchase their gifts, the staff wrap them before the students take them home. For many of these students, the **Holiday Shop** is the only opportunity they have to purchase holiday gifts for their families.

To help make the **Holiday Shop** happen, Ferguson Elementary needs our donations. If you have any items that are new or gently used from the following list, you can leave them in collection areas in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, November 1st. Items needed include:

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|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| • Toys | • Games | • Home decor |
| • Holiday decor | • Candles | • Craft/art supplies |
| • Jewelry | • Lotion | • Perfume |
| • Soap | • Men's items | • Gift bags |
| • Tissue paper for gifts bags | | |

Thank you for your generosity.

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.



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