TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 15, 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 — Vicki McLemore, *Liturgist*

✠ Call to Worship

Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.
Throughout our lives, God blesses us with love and hope.
Praise be to God who provides all we need.
May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.
Let us worship our generous God.
With praise and thanksgiving! Amen.

✠ Hymn 160 | *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* (verses 1 & 5) – MARION

WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | John 11:17-36 (Common English Bible)

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in
the tomb for four days. 18 Bethany was a little less than two miles from
Jerusalem. 19 Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after
their brother's death. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. 21 Martha
said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have
died. 22 Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you."

23 Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the
last day."

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Common English Bible

[25] Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever
believes in me will live, even though they die. [26] Everyone who lives and
believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

[27] She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son,
the one who is coming into the world."

[28] After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary,
"The teacher is here and he's calling for you." [29] When Mary heard this,
she got up quickly and went to Jesus. [30] He hadn't entered the village
but was still in the place where Martha had met him. [31] When the Jews
who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and
leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at
the tomb.

[32] When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet
and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

[33] When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her
crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. [34] He asked, "Where
have you laid him?"

They replied, "Lord, come and see."

[35] Jesus began to cry. [36] The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!"

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

Sermon | *Finding God in Suffering* — 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

2027 Estimates of Giving

Offertory | *I Thank You God for This Most Amazing Day* – Christopher Aspaas
Chamber Chorale; Sara Burns, *Pianist*

Prayer of Consecration

✠ 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.



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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.

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.

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Audio/Visual Team:
Joel McLemore
Ian Toole
Johnathan Ancell

Usher Captains:
David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Guild:
Jenny Masterson

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.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING

✠ Hymn 438 | *Forth in They Name, O Lord* (verses 1 & 2) – DUKE STREET

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

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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	Lower Giving Range			Middle Giving Range			Upper Giving Range			Tithe
Income	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
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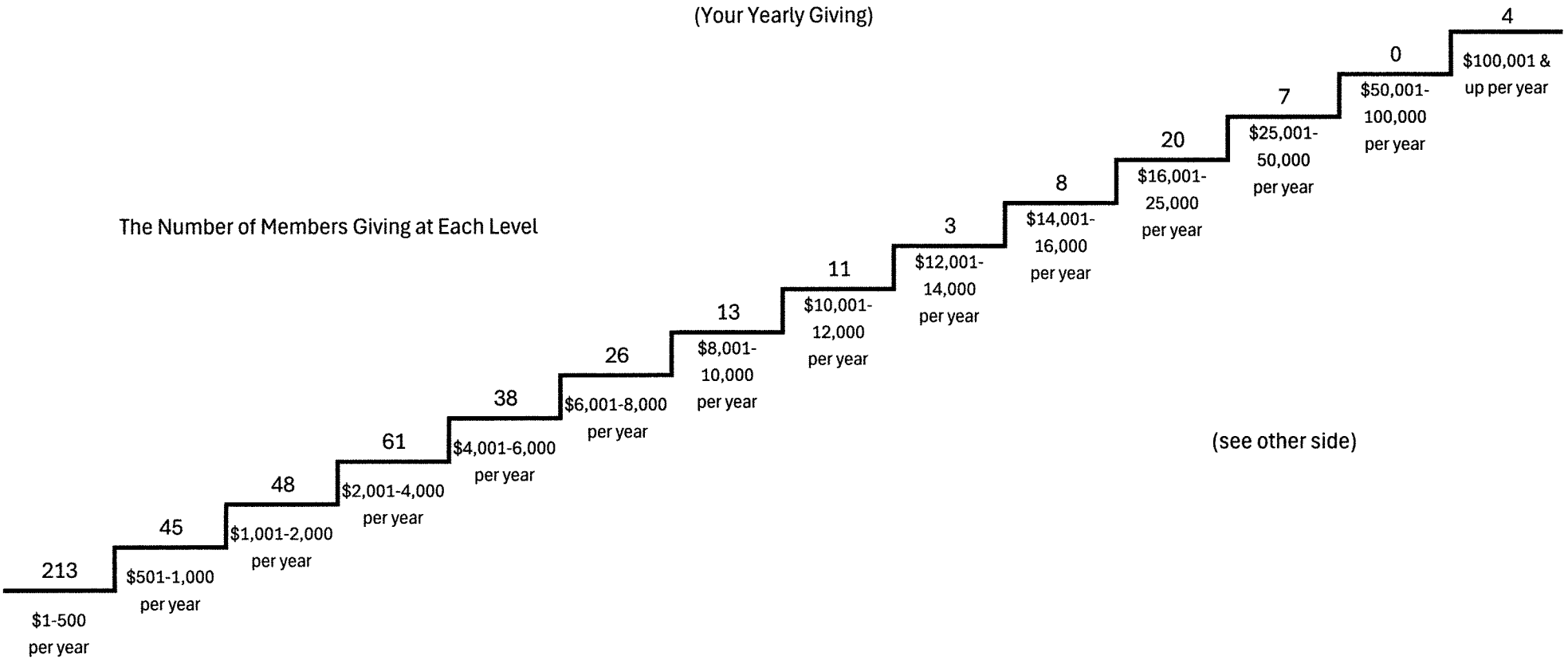
GROW ONE STEP each year until you're giving 10% to God

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



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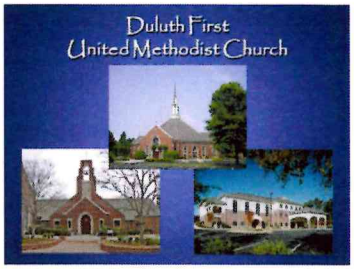
Duluth First United Methodist Church

The Sunday Supplement

NOVEMBER 15, 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

• Larry Bunten • Dale Burns • Ann Fleming • Margaret Gaskins • Lawrence Gibbs • Jim Green
• Sherry Griffeth • Shamain Hallett • Bryan Johnson • Pam Jorgensen • Ann Reifert • Marilyn Scheiwe
• Don Klayman & family in the death of his mother.
• Keenan Klayman & family in the death of his grandmother.

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, please contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org.

Today is Consecration Sunday

In all worship services this morning we will consecrate our Estimates of Giving for 2027. Please fill out an **Estimate of Giving card**, available in your order of worship and in the pews/seats, and bring it forward at the designated time in the worship services.



You can also make your estimate of giving online at the church's website - **duluthumc.org** - on the **STEWARDSHIP 2027** page. If you have already turned in your **Estimate of Giving card** or you have filled it out online, **Acknowledgement cards** are available to bring forward as we bring our estimates to the altar.

Please see the **Grow One Step** chart, included in this morning's orders of worship, and also available for download on the **STEWARDSHIP 2027** page on the church's website, and consider growing one step, as many of us are doing. This morning we will celebrate together as we grow one step each year toward the tithe.

"Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser: Today!

Our annual missions fundraiser, ***Bundle Up for Buffalo***, will be held today from 9:30 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! You have been so faithful in prayer for this "pocket of poverty" in the North for many years. Thank you for your support.

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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 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**.

Library Book Club to Discuss "The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride": Monday, November 16th

The Duluth First UMC **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, November 16th, discuss **The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride**, a novel by Joe Siple. The **Library Book Club** will meet at 10 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

The international bestselling novel is about Murray McBride, a lonely 100-year-old man who's outlived just about everyone he's ever loved. With all his family and friends gone except an estranged grandson, retired Major League ballplayer Murray is looking for a reason to live. But when he meets a boy awaiting a heart transplant, Murray may learn something about finding meaning in life again.

He finds it in Jason Cashman, a spirited 10-year-old boy with a terminal heart defect and a list of five things he wants to do before he dies. Murray is determined to help Jason fulfill his dreams. Together, they race against the limited time each has left, ticking off Jason's wishes one by one. Along the way, Murray remembers what it's like to be young, and Jason fights for the opportunity to grow old. But when tragedy strikes, their worlds are turned upside-down, and an unexpected gift is the only thing that can make Jason's final wish come true.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: November 18th

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 18th is roast pork loin, macaroni and cheese, steamed broccoli, southern green beans, rolls, and dessert. For the kids – hot dogs 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 18th

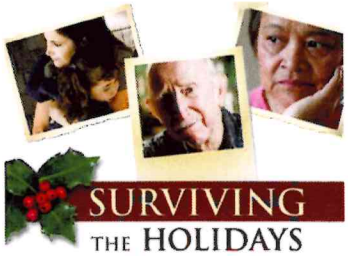
The **Wednesday Night Food Drive** at Duluth First UMC for the **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op** is our weekly mission project, combined with the many Wednesday evening activities offered at the church. **On Wednesday, November 18th, we ask you to bring peanut butter and jelly.** Please leave your donated 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!

"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.



Decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas: Sunday, November 22nd

The **Worship Committee** invites you to join them on Sunday, November 22nd, following the 11 a.m. worship services, as we come together to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We will prepare and install the indoor and outdoor wreaths, hang garland, assemble the Advent wreath and the Gathering Room Nativity scene, and put up the trees and other decorations in Hinton Hall.

Worship Committee members will be available to assist you. Please contact Verena Anders by e-mail at **vanders@duluthumc.org** to sign up or with any questions, or you can just stay following the worship services on November 22nd. We look forward to you joining us as we prepare for the Advent and Christmas season.

Help "Deck" Our Church Lawn with Stars: Sunday, November 22nd

Help us "deck" the church lawn with the beautifully-painted stars on Sunday, November 22nd, following the 11:00 worship services. Each year we put our stars on the lawn for the season of Advent to celebrate the coming of the Christ child. Having our beautiful, handmade, individually painted stars on the lawn helps us share that joy with our Duluth neighbors!

If you've ever wanted to have your very own star out on the lawn, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at **arawles@duluthumc.org**. We have stars available to paint and return to be displayed.

Hope for the Holidays – A Candle Lighting Service of Remembrance: Monday, November 23rd

Make plans to join us for **Hope for the Holidays - A Candle Lighting Service of Remembrance**, on Monday, November 23rd, with services at noon and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us for a program of reflection followed by candle lighting in memory of your loved one(s). The 7:00 p.m. service will be streamed live on the **Duluth First UMC Worship** page on **YouTube.com**. Childcare in ***Childcare Corner*** will be available for both services.



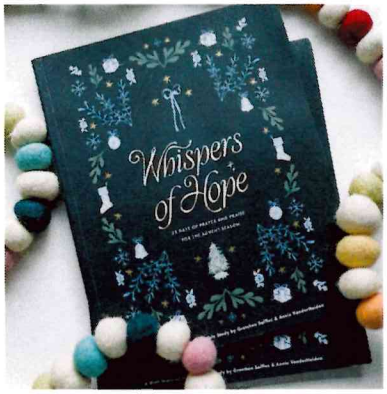
We are asking people to send in names of loved ones that they would like to be read aloud during candle lighting. Please send the name(s) by e-mail to Tracy Brinker at **tbrinker@duluthumc.org** by **Friday, November 20th**. Please put **"Service of Remembrance Names"** in the subject line of your e-mail.

We understand the holiday season may be a challenge for individuals and families who have lost someone special. Duluth First UMC has established a meaningful time for people to come together... to reflect, to remember and to honor those lives that have meant so much.

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Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study – "Whispers of Hope" Advent Study

Join us for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer! Our Tuesday evening **Women's Bible Study** group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in room F145 (located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center), primarily following the school year calendar. Together, we explore faith through engaging studies by well-known authors. Some studies are topical and pull from several biblical themes and others are a deep dive into a particular book of the bible. Join us for our Advent study as we study the book **Whispers of Hope** by Gretchen Saffles and Annie VanderHeiden.



We all know the stress and struggles of the Christmas season, clamoring for every second of our time and attention. Amidst all the hustle and bustle, how do we seek out the still, small voice of God? How do we find rest—and, ultimately, hope—this time of year?

Journeying through twenty-five psalms, this devotional study helps us turn down the noise and learn to listen to the whispers of Christ in Scripture. With bite-size readings and thoughtful reflections, you'll grow in pondering, praying, and praising this season, treasuring Jesus as the greatest gift of all. Even when the calendar is bursting and energy is scarce, we can come and quiet our souls in him—the answer to all of life's longings.

This study will continue through December 15th, and then we will take a break until the beginning of 2027. All women are welcome—come as you are and be encouraged! For additional information please contact either Ashley Johnson by e-mail at **Ashleycscape@outlook.com** or Jackie Grube by e-mail at **Grubeland@gmail.com**.

Collecting Toys 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.

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:

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

Thank you for your generosity.



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Operation Christmas Child Update:

Completed Shoeboxes Due Back by Sunday, November 15th

Completed shoeboxes for this year's **Operation Christmas Child**, our annual participation in **Samaritans Purse's** mission for God's children around the world, **are due back to the church by today, November 15th**. Completed shoeboxes may be returned in the Narthex, the Gathering Room, outside of Hinton Hall, and outside room F145 located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.



However, the on-line DFUMC Goal Page for building shoeboxes online will continue to be active through Saturday, December 19th. The cost of the Build OnLine Shoebox is $30 per shoebox which includes the $10 donation. This is a quick and easy way to participate in this mission. You can select the items for the shoebox yourself, or you can let **Samaritan's Purse** build the shoebox for you. There is no shopping going store to store, no lines, and no driving.

Detailed instructions for building online shoeboxes are available in the Narthex, the Gathering Room, outside of Hinton Hall, and outside room F145 located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. 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 also scan the QR located to the right with your smart phone or tablet.

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.

"Christmas for a Soldier" 2026: 23 Years of Supporting Our Troops

The **Hugs for Soldiers Ministry** is collecting care package donations for service members serving overseas – mostly in the Middle East where many of our troops are facing long deployments. **Over 200 Georgia Army National Guard soldiers have asked for support during their deployment.** They are working long hours, exhausting days, missing precious moments with their loved ones. Help us spread some holiday joy to troops who can't be home during the holidays.

Items that can be donated for the Christmas care packages include:

Christmas cards: deployed troops would love to receive a handcrafted or signed card from you with holiday wishes.
PLEASE…NO GLITTER on cards or any other product that could come loose during the two-week shipment overseas.

Snack Items:

- Individual packets of hot chocolate, apple cider;
- Cereal/granola/energy bars, trail mix, nuts, fruit snacks;
- Holiday candy;
- Slim Jims or Beef Jerky;
- Cookies (small individual packs).

Other Items:

- Puzzle books (crosswords, Sudoku, Word Find);
- A new pair of socks;
- Small holiday-themed items (Dollar Tree is a good source).



The deadline for donations is Friday, November 20th. Donation boxes will be located inside the back entrance to the Sheldon Family Life Center and on the stage in The Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. **If you would like help pack the care packages, join us on Saturday, December 5th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Scout Hut, located at the back corner of the church's property.**

Monetary donations are always appreciated to help purchase items not received and for postage. Checks are made payable to **Duluth First UMC** with ***Hugs for Soldiers*** written in the memo section, or go to the **ONLINE GIVING** page on the church's website – **duluthumc.org** – click on **MISCELLANEOUS GIFT** and specify **"Support Our Troops/Hugs for Soldiers."**

For further information, pleasecontact: Angie Doerlich by e-mail at **hugsforsoldiers@gmail.com** or call 404-316-8183. Thank you for your support!

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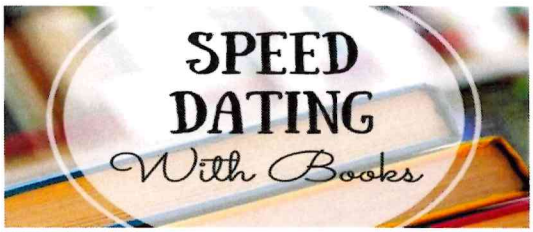
Sweets with Santa: Saturday, December 5th

Mark you calendars, save the date, and invite your family and friends to **Sweets with Santa** on Saturday, December 5th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy breakfast pastries, Christmas crafts, and a chance to meet Santa! Bring your friends, family, neighbors, and children of all ages!

The cost is $5 for adults and children age 3 and up, and children age 2 and under are free. To sign up online, please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet, or please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at **arwales@duluthumc.org**.

Speed Dating with Books: Monday, December 7th

You are invited to join the Duluth First UMC **Library Book Club** on Monday, December 7th, from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank"), located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, for **Speed Dating with Books**! Be a part of the **Library Book Club** and help select the books for next year's reading list. Bring a friend, participate in Speed Dating, and then enjoy a refreshment or two as you discuss which books you would like a second date with.



Please Contact Amy Burk, Volunteer Librarian, by e-mail at **amycburk@yahoo.com** if you have any questions.

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