



# THE MESSENGER



DULUTH FIRST UMC'S NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2019

## Introducing Wellroot Family Services: Well-Rooted and Firmly Planted

Home is a special place. Not just a roof over our head, but a safe, secure, loving environment shared with those we care about most. It might be easy to take this concept for granted, but there are thousands of children and young adults in the state of Georgia who don't know what a stable home feels like.

Like all organizations that have navigated over a century of change, **The United Methodist Children's Home** has long embraced, and effectively responded to changes in the child welfare field through many creative innovations to our ministry. These innovations have not been driven or shaped by whim—they have been driven and shaped by a steadfast focus on our mission to serve children, young adults and families in need.

As we look toward our future, we are proud to introduce a new name that reflects both tremendous growth and unlimited potential, while preserving deep foundations in The United Methodist Church. This new name, **Wellroot Family Services**, was borne out of the same steadfast focus on our mission, and was the result of an intense process of research and planning. To be well-rooted is to be firmly planted, to feel stable, and to feel taken care of and secure. To be well-rooted is to have the support and love you need to become the person God intends for you to become.

Now, as **Wellroot Family Services**, The United Methodist Children's Home continues to grow with a name that embodies our commitment to the children, young adults and families we serve together as an agency of the The United Methodist Church's North Georgia Conference—a commitment that has not wavered since the day they opened their doors. **Wellroot Family Services'** programs are designed to serve child welfare through faith-centered services. With a focus on supporting youth from infancy through early adulthood, they help people reach their God-given potential through the encouragement and love of a healthy home.

For additional information about Wellroot Family Services, please visit their website at [www.wellroot.org](http://www.wellroot.org).



**Wellroot**  
Family Services

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### Duluth First United Methodist Church

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### Sunday Worship Services

8:30 a.m.—Traditional Worship service  
with Communion in the Sanctuary.

11:00 a.m.—Contemporary Worship service  
in Hinton Hall.

11:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship service  
in the Sanctuary.

## Updates on the New Air Handlers and New Lights for the Sanctuary

The new air handlers for the Sanctuary will be installed in March. There will be up to 3 Sundays where we will not have heat. We will announce the exact dates as soon as we are informed.

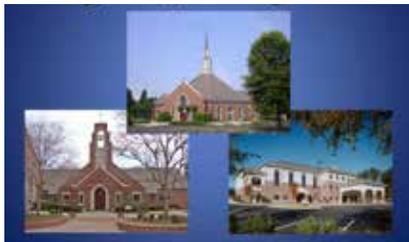
The new lights for the Sanctuary will be installed in the spring. There will be one Sunday where we will not be able to use the Sanctuary. We will also announce this date as soon as we are informed.



## Administrative Council - What is It?

Over the years things evolve into generally accepted practices, sometimes called traditions. We do worship a certain way, we have dinner together on Wednesday night without questioning why Wednesday. The same practices also apply to the way the church is organized throughout the United Methodist connection in respect to its structure for committees and supervision.

It is helpful once in a while to look at who we are, what we are doing and why we do it to see how it is all a part of the big picture of the whole United Methodist church, and how our local church fits into the community, the congregation and the world. Over the next few months watch for articles in *The Messenger* about the various groups and roles for the Administrative Council. This month is about the largest group, the "Members-at-Large" of the Administrative Council.



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## Administrative Council - What is It?

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The Administrative Council includes the leaders or chairs of program committees such as Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Missions Committee, Ministry of Care, Worship Committee, United Methodist Women and other areas for nurture and outreach. It also includes the chairs of Finance, Staff Parish Relations, Trustees, Lay Representative and Lay Delegates to Annual Conference.

The Members-at-Large are divided into three classes, each class serving a three year term. Their role is the voice and vision for the council, the pastor and other committees. They pay attention to what's going on and provide information to the lay leader, the pastor, and the committee chairs to keep them aware while providing new perspectives.

Your current Lay Leader is Dr. Clara Truesdell. The current Members-at-Large are:

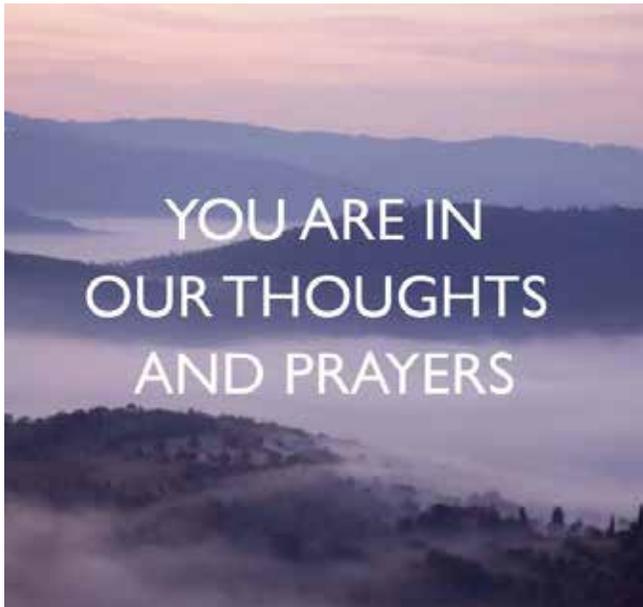
- **2019:** Robert Brewer, Larry Burden, Diane Busweiler, Nancy Carpenter, Jaye Deans, Sherry Ferguson, Linton Jones, Mike Montgomery, Marguerite Platz, Carol Page, David Vollberg;
- **2020:** Tom Anderson, Ira Assmann, Michelle Denny, Ann Dykes, Cherie Fuino, Jim Mack, Susan Paschal, Rich Rawls, Kristin Shappert, Peggy Woods;
- **2021:** Eddie Allen, Linda Berry, Mark Downey, Madelaine Ellis, Tamara Ellis, Robert Gates, Tom Gavett, Glory Hanna, Lynette Hermanski, Pam Logan, Don Maness, Nelson Murdoch, Lois Young.

The Administrative Council meets on a regular basis to attend to the work of the church such as approving committees and chairs supplied by the Nominating Committee, approving the budget and voting on items of business for the church. Watch for additional Administrative Council committee chairs and names in the next edition of *The Messenger*.

Blessings and joy.

*Rev. C. Kay Fuino*





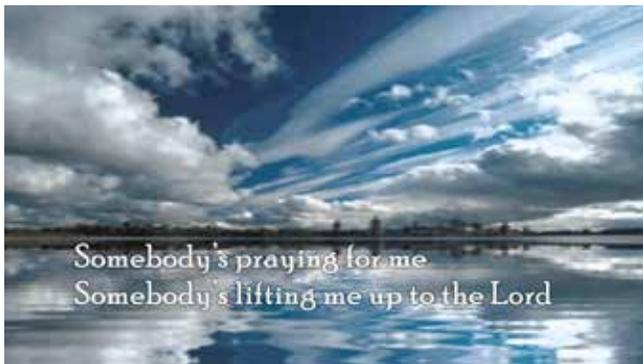
YOU ARE IN  
OUR THOUGHTS  
AND PRAYERS

**Prayers Needed for...**

- Jeff Campbell • Celia Conley
- Marilyn Davis • Lorraine Day
- Bill Flynt • Ella Martha Gamble
- Sarah Gearinger • Amalie Harvill
- Greg Hodges • Bruce Houston
- Mandy Houston • Mickey Pitts
- Herb Schlubach • Jeff Schulz
- Tommy Summerville • Max Valentin
- Jim Waid • Amy Worthington
- Michael Deans & family in the death of his father.
- The family of Frannie Jones in her death.
- Mark Tyrrell & family in the death of his mother, Jeanne.

**Need Prayers?**

You can submit your prayer requests online at [www.duluthumcprayers.org](http://www.duluthumcprayers.org). Members of the Prayer Network will pray for you, a family member or friend throughout the week. Requests can be general and made anonymously.



Somebody's praying for me  
Somebody's lifting me up to the Lord



**Finance Report**

**Church Operating Fund**

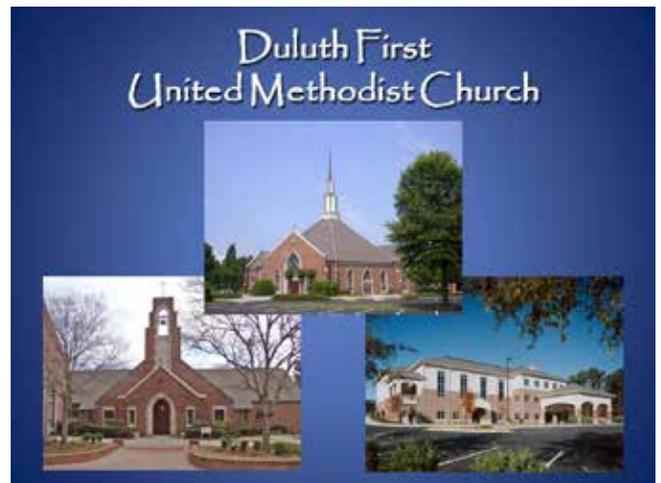
Received on January 6	\$30,576.10
Received on January 13	\$19,952.50
Received on January 20	\$43,309.10
Received on January 27	\$34,359.96

**Year-to-Date, 2018**

Received as of January 27	\$128,197.66
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**Building Fund: Year-to-Date, 2019**

Received as of January 27	\$24,353.01
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**Worship Attendance:**

January 6	520
January 13	495
January 20	420
January 27	468

## Have You Seen Our Church's Website Recently?

Have you visited our church's website recently? Notice anything different? Does it have a different look? We are excited to announce the recent launch of the church's website – [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org) - on a new platform. You may have noticed that some things have moved around and/or have made their return.

Some of the new/improved and/or returning features include:

- A cleaner look with higher contrast text, making it easier to read the pages, especially on mobile devices.
- A more-detailed events section and church calendar.
- The option for inviting your family and friends to any church event that you are interested in attending. Each event has a **SHARE** tab, allowing you to send an invitation by e-mail or social media.
- Audio recordings of Sunday sermons, available to listen to in a built in player or for download. If you miss a Sunday you can listen to the sermons online.
- A more secure page for your Online Giving to the church.

Other new features in the future will include and are not limited to online registration for some church events and photo gallery pages featuring pictures from church events.



## Celebrate Love!

Valentine's Day will be celebrated this month. That's a good time for a relationship checkup. Here are a few suggestions for you and your spouse to do this month.

- Go on a date.
- Cook or bake something new together.
- Take a class and learn something new.
- Read **The 5 Love Languages** by Gary Chapman. Applying the concepts in this book will improve your relationship.

## Ways to Observe Lent and Easter with Your Family: February 13<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to meet with Rev. Beth Brown Shugart and learn about ways for your family to observe the upcoming seasons of Lent and Easter. There will be a family calendar to help you plan for this holy time along with information about the traditions of both seasons.

We will meet on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 7 p.m. in room E-132. If you have any questions, please contact Beth by e-mail at [bshugart@duluthumc.org](mailto:bshugart@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.



## Register Now for Christian Beginnings Preschool and Kindergarten

Our registration for the **Christian Beginnings Preschool and Kindergarten** 2019-2020 school year is underway. What better way for your child, or a friend's child, to learn their ABC'S, numbers, shapes, God's love for us and so much more, than in a caring, loving, Christian environment.

They will have fun and make friends while attending our accredited, award winning school: in 2017 we won the "**Best of Gwinnett**" award. We hope you will come join us! If you know of anyone looking for a wonderful preschool, please send him or her our way.



Our Preschool and Kindergarten program is for children ages 6 weeks (by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019) through kindergarten. **Registration is underway and we are running an early registration special through Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>. We are offering a registration discount of \$153.00. Beginning on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, the registration fee will be \$180.00 for everyone.**

If you would like more information regarding **Christian Beginnings Preschool and Kindergarten**, or if you would like to schedule a tour, please contact Pat Szathmary by e-mail at [pszathmary@duluthumc.org](mailto:pszathmary@duluthumc.org) or call 770-497-1743.

# Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten: Playing at Christian Beginnings is a Lot of Fun!



## Join Us for Wednesday Night Dinners in Hinton Hall

### February 6<sup>th</sup>

Fried catfish, hushpuppies, au gratin potatoes,  
cole slaw, green beans, dessert  
For the kids - pizza

### February 13<sup>th</sup>

Sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, spring rolls,  
broccoli, rolls, dessert  
For the kids - chicken tenders & chips

### February 20<sup>th</sup>

Meatloaf, oven roasted potatoes, collard greens,  
roasted butternut squash, corn muffins, dessert  
For the kids - hot dogs & fries

### February 27<sup>th</sup>

Choice of beef or chicken tacos with flour tortillas,  
yellow rice, choice of refried beans or black beans,  
lettuce, tomato, salsa, chips, guacamole, dessert  
For the kids - the same

The Dinner Belles and Beaus prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Dinner is served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Hinton Hall of the Family Life Center. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends.

We are also offering a salad bar special. For only \$4 you can enjoy a fully stocked salad bar, a baked potato/sweet potato, dessert and drink.

Prices are: adults - \$7;  
seniors (age 60 and up) - \$6;  
children ages 11 years and under \$4;  
children under 2 years eat for free;  
no family (immediate family members only)  
pays more than \$19.

**You can now pay for your dinner(s)  
with a credit card or debit card.**

**NOTE: Menus are subject to change.  
For the week's menu please visit  
the church's website at [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org).**



## Italian Lunch and Talent Show:

### March 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Genesis Youth Choir invites you to attend their Italian Lunch & Talent Show fundraiser on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Join them at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is free and donations are greatly appreciated. All proceeds will benefit this summer's Genesis Youth Choir tour and mission trip.



## Duluth Has a Heart for Children

**Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten** and **NuBeez** are two programs that reflect the church's heart for children. Offering childcare and education are excellent indicators of our commitment to raising children in the Christian faith.

**NuBeez**, for children ages six weeks to 11 months, is offered on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. during the school year.

**Christian Beginnings**, for children age one through five, provides a loving, caring Christian atmosphere for the growth and nurture of each child who attends. The goal is to develop the whole child - academically, spiritually, socially, and physically - with each child's individuality and uniqueness in mind. The school was voted **Best in Gwinnett** in 2017! School hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Many after-school classes are also available.

Serving children through the preschool is an effective evangelism tool. **Christian Beginnings** was the introduction to Duluth First UMC for many families that have chosen us as their church home. The families that attend **Christian Beginnings** are invited to worship, Sunday school and all of the church activities that relate to their children. The church benefits from our partnership.

It is enrollment time for **Christian Beginnings**. Share this good news with neighbors and friends.

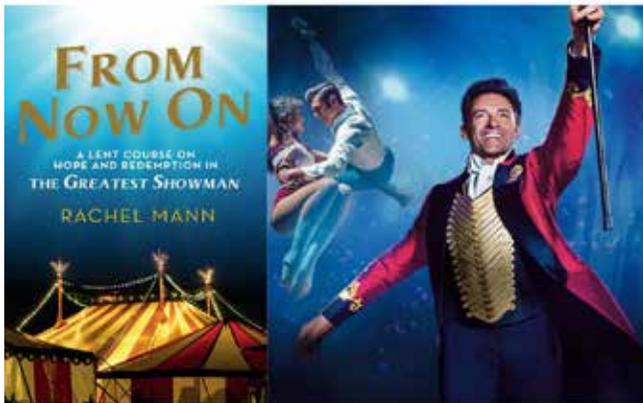
## Preparing for Lent with *The Greatest*

### **Showman: Study Begins March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Lent is the preparation we do to receive Christ on Easter Sunday. There are always options for us as to how we prepare, study or simply glide through the season. This year one option, a study based on the popular movie *The Greatest Showman*, is **From Now On: A Lent Course on Hope and Redemption**, by Rachel Mann. Taking the film *The Greatest Showman* as a starting point, the course explores ways in which themes of faith, hope and redemption run through all our lives. It examines how each of us, like P. T. Barnum and the members of his circus, face and can overcome doubt, temptation and prejudice, and how we can begin to live authentic lives.

We will begin by watching the movie together in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m., or you may watch it on your own at some time prior to our first class. The five-week study, led by Rev. C. Kay Fuino, begins on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 7 p.m. in room F-145. Books for the study are \$10 and are available on Amazon or we can order one for you.

Please contact Tracy Brinker by e-mail at [tbrinker@duluthumc.org](mailto:tbrinker@duluthumc.org), or at 770-476-3776, to register for the study. Let her know if you want to attend the movie on March 10<sup>th</sup> and if you will need childcare that day. Please let her know if you want the church to order your copy of the book. Please contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at [ckfuino@duluthumc.org](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org) or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117, for additional information.



## Ready, Set, Go to Buffalo with Friends

Are you ready to join the fabulous adult Buffalo Mission Team on July 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> for service this summer? The team serves the Seneca-Babcock neighborhood through Seneca Street United Methodist Church by supporting a reading camp, leading the first week of a Reading Camp for children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Camp is held Monday through Thursday each morning, and afternoons include activities around the church and a Bible study/spa day for the mothers of the neighborhood. We serve dinner for the neighborhood on Sunday after attending worship at the church. We will also purchase and pack school supplies for about 100 children who attend and support reading camp.



Prior to the start of reading camp the team explores parts of Buffalo and surrounding areas, such as the locks on the Erie Canal, or Frank Lloyd Wright's homes. There is plenty of time to get to know other team members and share in the joys of Christian fellowship. This trip is a great time to meet new people, serve a sister church and share the love of Christ.

**Rev. Brian Rotach, Pastor at Seneca Street United Methodist Church, and his wife Cheryl will be at our church on March 17<sup>th</sup> to share about Seneca Street and to answer questions about the reading camp.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after the 11 o'clock services to talk more about this wonderful opportunity to serve. For any questions before that time please contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at [ckfuino@duluthumc.org](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117.

## Sesquicentennial

*(Relating to the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of a significant event)*

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Duluth First United Methodist Church will happen in 2021. Celebration plans are underway. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please let Rev. Beth Brown Shugart know by contacting her by e-mail at [bshugart@duluthumc.org](mailto:bshugart@duluthumc.org), or calling 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

# 150 YEARS

## **Senior Fellowship Program & Luncheon:**

### **February 12<sup>th</sup>**

The **Senior Fellowship** will meet for its monthly program and luncheon on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way for senior adults to come together for food, fun and fellowship.



**The program will feature Sandra Johnson who will be entertaining us with Nostalgic Songs.**

The meeting begins at 11 a.m. and the program starts at 11:15 a.m. Lunch begins at noon. A donation will be accepted for the lunch. All senior adults are welcome to attend the program or

the lunch or both. For more information, please call the church office at 770-476-3776.

## **The Roadrunners to Visit the Wren's Nest,**

### **Home of Author Joel Chandler Harris:**

### **February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**The Roadrunners** will visit the Wren's Nest, home of Joel Chandler Harris, author of the Brer Rabbit tales and stories of Uncle Remus, on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Harris was one of the most popular authors at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The tour will include 30 minutes with a storyteller, followed by a walking tour on your own for 30 minutes.



**The Roadrunners** will leave the church's front parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$10 per person. Following the tour, lunch on your own will be at the Magnolia Room Cafeteria in Tucker. Please make your reservation for this trip at the Senior Fellowship gathering on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Bonnie Tinnell at 770-476-8680, or Fran McGee at 678-773-5107.

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## **Bereavement Support Group:**

### **February 11<sup>th</sup>**

The **Bereavement Support Group** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in room F-151, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Family Life Center. Everyone who has had a loss is welcome to attend.

The group is led by Stephen Ministers. For more information please contact Brenda Bridges at 770-476-5126, or the church office at 770-476-3776.



## **Caregivers United Support Group**

### **Meets Every Sunday Afternoon**

Do you have a loved one that counts on you for care and support? Do you wonder how other caregivers deal with the emotional and physical challenges of caring for a loved one? You are not alone. Come join us whenever you can at the Caregivers United Support Group to connect with others that are facing these same struggles. This support group, which is facilitated by the Stephen Ministry, is there to walk with you on your journey and to help you feel less alone in the struggle to care for a loved one.

We invite you to join us on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. in room B-113. For more information, please contact the church office at 770-476-3776.



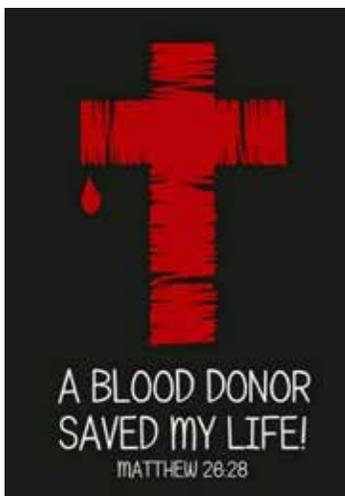
## **Blood Drive a Great Success**

Duluth First United Methodist Church held a blood drive on January 19<sup>th</sup>. There is currently a great shortage of blood so a great big **THANK YOU** to the following people who donated blood: Joel McLemore, Gail Waigand, James Dykes, David Daniel, Jim Hall, Linda Tonge, Tracy Brinker, Steven Witte, Ellouise Pennington (double), Kathryn Willis, Glory Hanna, Joyce McIntosh, Michael Deans, Kimberly Cole, Bryan Taylor, Carol Stalcup, Tammy Sherrill, Yancie Zurn, Mel Robinson, Juan Rocha, Zack Erwin, Scott Erwin, Randy Yokeley, Marc Downey, Alicia Pugh, Richard Waigand, Andy Holmes, Megan Rugg.

Because of these wonderful people we collected 29 pints.

**THANK YOU** also to those who tried to give but were unable: Allen Servedio, Michael Hopkins, Paula Manowski, Rett Trice. A big **THANK YOU** to all of the wonderful blood drive volunteers: Ann Reifert, Betty Wright, Diane Womble, Angie Doerlich, Nina Sanders.

The next blood drive at Duluth First UMC will be Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>. Let's beat January's total. Just remember - a blood donor may or may have saved your life!



## **Order Flowers for Worship Services in the Sanctuary and Hinton Hall**

Our Flower Guild creates beautiful flower arrangements for Sunday morning worship services in both the Sanctuary and Hinton Hall. Teams of talented, eager-to-serve Flower Guild members create these arrangements each week. As always church members and friends are invited to purchase flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, or to mark a special event, such as a birthday, anniversary, etc.

The cost for each arrangement is \$100 for three vases (2 vases in the Sanctuary/1 vase in Hinton Hall). Flower designations will be listed in the church bulletin for the Sanctuary services, and displayed on the screens for Contemporary Worship in Hinton Hall.

Please place your orders at least one week in advance. Your completed forms and payment must be received in order to reserve a date. For more information or to see if a specific date is available, please contact Tracy Brinker at the church office by e-mail at [tbrinker@duluthumc.org](mailto:tbrinker@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776.



## **Deadline for the March 2019 Edition of "The Messenger"**

The article deadline for the March 2019 edition of *The Messenger* is Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m.

