

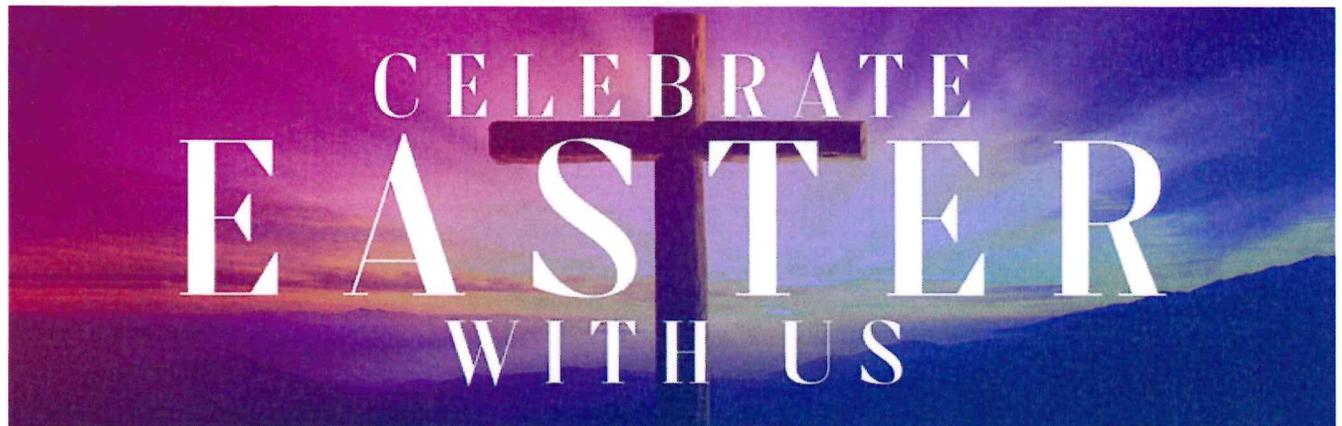


THE MESSENGER



DULUTH FIRST UMC'S NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026



Celebrating Easter at Duluth First UMC: Sunday, April 5th

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with Communion

Join us Easter morning at 7:00 a.m. in front of the main entrance to the Sanctuary for our Easter Sunrise Service with Communion. This service includes singing, prayers, devotion, and Holy Communion. The 7:00 a.m. Sunrise service will be live-streamed on the **Duluth First UMC Worship** channel on **YouTube**.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be holding our 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship service on Easter morning. Please make plans to join us at the 7:00 Sunrise Service and/or at either of the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship or Traditional Worship services.

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

The worship band, technical team, prayer team and pastor will be energized and ready to join with you in the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship service in Hinton Hall, located in the Sheldon Family Life Center, will be live-streamed on the **Duluth First UMC Contemporary Worship** page on **Facebook**.

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

At the Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary, the music will be as glorious as the day deserves with the choir lifting praises to God, ending with our annual Easter acclamation, Handel's *Hallelujah!* The 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship service will be live-streamed on the **Duluth First UMC Worship** channel on **YouTube**.

PLEASE NOTE: Childcare, for ages newborn through Pre-Kindergarten, will be available in **Childcare Corner** for all worship services, and during the 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday School hour.

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Sunday Mornings

8:30 a.m.—Traditional Worship service

11:00 a.m.—Contemporary Worship service

11:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship service

All services can be viewed online at www.duluthumc.org
or on the Duluth First UMC Worship channel on YouTube –
search for Duluth First UMC Worship.

Order Your Easter Lilies:

Through Sunday, March 29th

The **Worship Committee** invites you to remember or honor a loved one with a lily on Easter. The lilies will be used to adorn the Sanctuary and Hinton Hall on Easter Sunday, April 5th. **The cost per plant is \$20.** You may pick up your lily/lilies following the Easter morning service you attend. Printed copies of the Easter Lily Remembrance/Honor listings will be available at the Contemporary Worship and Traditional Worship services on Easter morning.

All proceeds go to **Seeds of Hope**, whose funds are used to help meet the needs of God's people living in Duluth and Suwanee--often strangers, widows, orphans, homeless, those who are lost, and those who are without hope--who come to Duluth First United Methodist Church seeking assistance. **In 2025 the number of assistance requests through Seeds of Hope was much higher than in past years.** If you would like to contribute extra above/beyond the cost of your lily/lilies, we thank you for your additional support of **Seeds of Hope**.

You can place your order for lilies online with a credit/debit card payments. To order online please go to the church's website - duluthumc.org - and click on the **Easter Lilies** slide on the homepage. **NOTE: Please do not use any of the church's other online giving forms to place your Easter lily order.**

If you wish to pay by check or cash, order forms will be available:

- At the Welcome/Information Centers;
- Online at the church's website - www.duluthumc.org - click on the **Easter Lilies** slide on the homepage.
- Available in the Sunday Orders of Worship for all services on March 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

Please place your form/forms, along with a check made payable to **Duluth First United Methodist Church** and marked **Easter Lilies** in the memo section, in the Church Staff Drop Box located in the Atrium, or send it to Duluth First United Methodist Church, Attn. Ken Willi, 3208 Duluth Hwy. 120, Duluth, GA 30096. **NOTE: All orders must be received by Sunday, March 29th, at 5:00 p.m.**

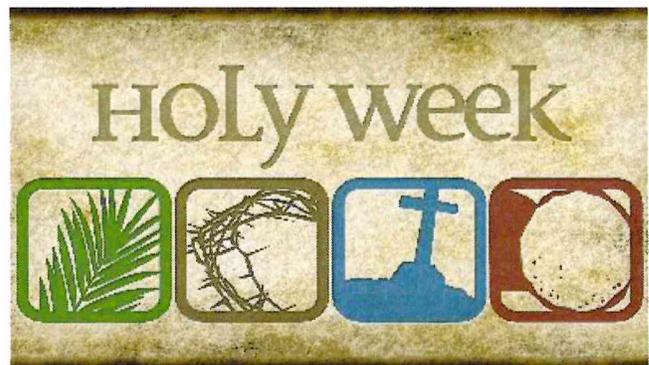


Observing Holy Week

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, the week of Christian observances leading to Easter Sunday. It begins with Palm Sunday (March 29th) and progresses through Holy or Maundy Thursday (April 2nd) and Good Friday (April 3rd). From the waving of palm branches while shouting "Hosanna!" to the confusion of one ritual and creation of another, to the sham trial and gathering of the mob shouting "Crucify Him!" to the slow painful journey to the cross ending with a triumphant shout and darkening skies, **Holy Week** captures the most important week in the history of the faith.

We remember as we worship the One who gave His life for us. **Holy Week**, observed in many Christian churches as a time to commemorate and enact the suffering (Passion) and death of Jesus through various observances and services of worship, culminates with the Easter Sunday celebrations.

Source: UMC Communications

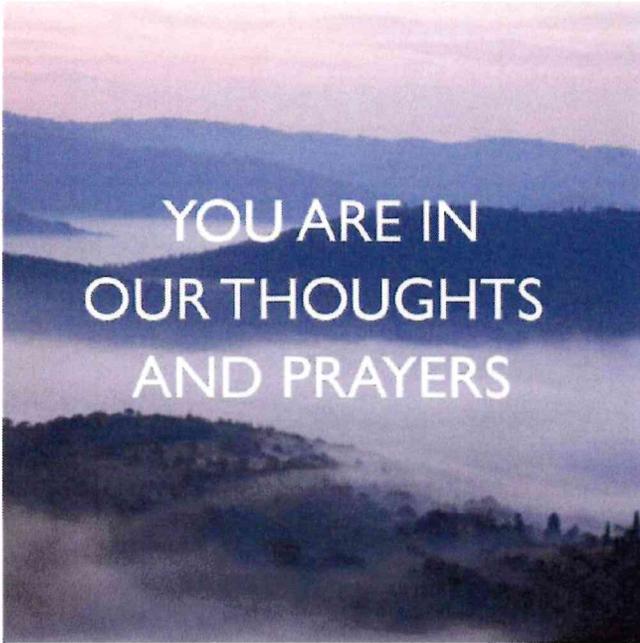


Good Friday Service: April 3rd

Make plans to join us for a **Good Friday service** on Friday, April 3rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our **Good Friday service** will include a Passion narrative with musical reflections. It will be a contemplative service offering an opportunity for deep and personal prayer.

It is a wonderful service to bring your family, a neighbor or a friend. Childcare, for ages newborn through pre-Kindergarten, will be available in **Childcare Corner** during the worship service. The service will be live-streamed on the **Duluth First UMC Worship** channel on **YouTube**.





YOU ARE IN
OUR THOUGHTS
AND PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns

- Jack Brannon • Amy Burk • Lorraine Day
- Ivy Doss' mother, Linda Dekle • Ann Fleming
- Jeanine Gullett • Rosemary Hall
- Shamain Hallett • John Hammons • Glenda King
- Jean Lowry • Stephanie Minschwane
- Jessica Parrish's mother, Judy Lockerman
- Susan Paschal • Ethel Sales • Bill Swisher
- Dale VanPelt • Christy Wolfe's father, Gus Dozier

- Jeremy Bevels and Matt Goodman & family in the death of Jeremy's mother.
- Paulette Hartlett & family in the death of her husband, Dick.
- Owen & Abby Houck & family in the death of Owen's grandmother.
- Cheryl Otto & family in the death of her husband.
- Debbie Toole & family in the death of her brother.
- Ken Willi & family in the death of his aunt.
- Randy Yokeley & family in the death of his brother-in-law.



Finance Report

General Church Fund

Received on February 1, 2026	\$22,443.15
Received on February 8, 2026	\$27,146.15
Received on February 15, 2026	\$129,010.30
Received on February 22, 2026	\$24,749.74

Year-to-Date, 2026

Received as of February 22, 2026	\$371,047.24
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"Crossing the Finish Line"

Capital Campaign: Year-to-Date, 2026

Received as of February 22, 2026	\$102,944.29
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Worship Attendance

(includes in-person attendance and online views)

February 1, 2026	588
February 8, 2026	691
February 15, 2026	493
February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday)	324
February 22, 2026	518



**Join Us for Wednesday Night Dinners
in Hinton Hall**

March 4th

Fish and grits, greens, corn,
hushpuppies, and dessert.

For the kids – popcorn shrimp and French fries.

March 11th

Chicken Parmesan, spaghetti noodles,
Italian green beans, cauliflower,
garlic bread, and dessert.

For the kids – pizza.

March 18th

Meatloaf, sweet potatoes, green beans,
mushrooms, rolls, and dessert.

For the kids – hamburgers and French fries.

March 25th

Pork loin, creamed corn, Brussels sprouts,
carrots, rolls, and dessert.

For the kids – hot dogs and French fries.

April 1st

Lemon pepper chicken, rice pilaf, asparagus,
broccoli slaw, rolls, and dessert.

For the kids – chicken tenders and French fries.

NOTE: Menus are subject to change.

**For the week's menu please visit the
church's website at duluthumc.org.**

**Dinners are served from 5 to 6:30 p.m.,
with to-go boxes available from 6 to 6:30 p.m.**

Dinner is served in the Hinton Hall of the
Sheldon Family Life Center. Enjoy fellowship
around the table with family and friends.

The Dinner Belles and Beaus prepare excellent
meals at very reasonable prices.

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 only –
husband, wife, 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.

You can pay using a credit/debit card!



**Easter Egg Hunt for Children of All Ages:
Saturday, March 28th**

Children of all ages are invited to join a special **Easter Egg Hunt** event being held at the church on Saturday, March 28th, **promptly at 11:30 a.m.** We will meet in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to bring your own Easter basket.

**Donations of Supplies Needed
for Easter Egg Hunt**

Donations of small prizes, plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for our **Easter Egg Hunt** will be collected **through Sunday, March 22nd**. Please leave your donated items in the wagons located in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall and on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Thank you for your

**Bring Flowers for Easter Morning:
April 5th**

The **Worship Committee** invites you to bring fresh flowers from your home to adorn the resurrection crosses that will be located outside of the Sanctuary and inside Hinton Hall on Easter morning, April 5th.





Help Needed for Easter Lunch for Families in Need: Saturday, March 28th

On Saturday, March 28th, our church's Missions Ministry and Children's Ministry will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt and Easter lunch** for families of Rainbow Village and families served by the Duluth Care Team of Duluth High School, Collins Hill Care Team of Collins Hill High School, and Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op. **The Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch.**

We need your help in creating a special, memory-filled day for these families. **Help is needed for the Easter lunch in the following areas:**

- **Setting up, cleaning and resetting Hinton Hall;**
- **Serving food and drinks;**
- **Bringing in foods, deserts, and drinks;**
- **Greeters and hospitality folks.**

Scan the QR code located below with your smart phone or tablet to sign-

up to volunteer for the Easter lunch, or to sign up to bring food for the lunch. You can volunteer for however much time you can, or you can join us for the entire event. Additional information will be made available as

we continue our preparations for an awesome day of celebration and fellowship with our community.

If you would like to volunteer, bring food, or have any questions or would like to head up a team, please contact Rev. David Burchett by e-mail at dburchett@duluthumc.org. Thank you for your support!



Christian Beginnings

Preschool & Kindergarten



where smiles happen!

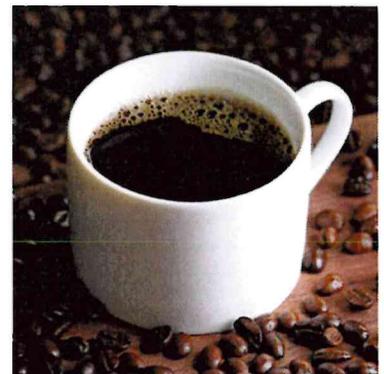
Register for the 2026-2027 School Year at Christian Beginnings!

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open at **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten**, and spaces are limited! As an award-winning program, we are proud to nurture each child's growth in a loving, Christ-centered environment that supports academic readiness, social development, and spiritual growth.

Families interested in enrolling or scheduling a tour are encouraged to contact Pat Szathmary by e-mail at pszathmary@duluthumc.org or by phone at 770-497-1743 for more information.

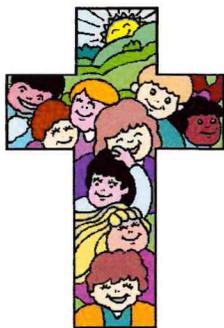
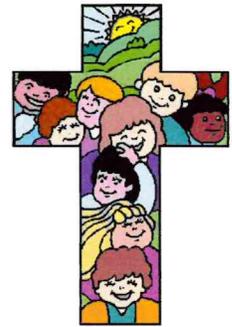
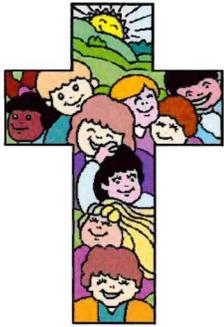
Christian Beginnings Parents Coffee Get-Together: Tuesday, March 10th

Parents of **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten** kids are invited to a **Parents Coffee Get-Together**, with coffee provided by **Break Coffee Roasters**, on Tuesday, March 10th. Come hang out together beginning at 9:45 a.m. and enjoy a hot cup of coffee in the cul-da-sac area outside of the church offices located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

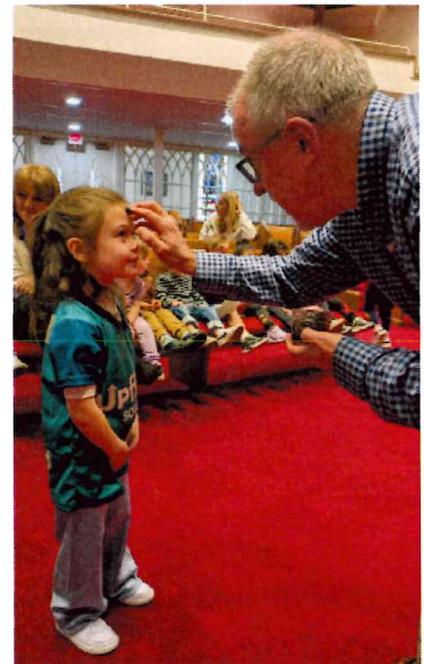


We thank **Break Coffee Roasters**, with locations at 3122 Hill Street NW in Duluth and 235 N. Perry Street in Lawrenceville, for providing the coffee.

Children's Ministry and Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten



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**Children's Ministry and
Christian Beginnings Preschool &
Kindergarten News**

As we step into the Easter season together, we are so grateful for the joy, growth, and community we share with your children each day at both our **Children's Ministry and Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten**. Join our **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 28th, and save the date for our **Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God** themed Vacation Bible School this summer from June 22nd - 26th!



**Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School:
June 22nd - 26th**

Get ready for a wild Amazon adventure in this summer's Vacation Bible School at Duluth First UMC, **Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God!** **Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God** is filled with amazing creatures and meaningful moments in the Psalms! This summer, kids will explore God's Word and grow closer to their loving Creator through fun, faith-filled experiences.

Mark your calendars for June 22nd through 26th, and keep an eye out for more details coming soon!



**DuluthKids Makes Crafts
for Our Timeless Blessings Members**

Our **Duluthkids** (ages Kindergarten – 5th grade) who meet on Wednesday evenings, enjoy making and giving crafts to our **Timeless Blessings** members of Duluth First UMC. With caring hands and joyful hearts, the kids design cards, decorate bookmarks, and craft holiday treats for their special friends!

Each craft is made thoughtfully, reminding our homebound seniors that they are still a cherished and important part of our church family. The children have come to realize that even though some members cannot physically join us each week, they remain connected through prayer, love, and our shared faith. Ministry can happen in many forms, and that even the smallest hands, can make a big difference.

If you would like more information regarding **DuluthKids**, please contact Leslie Yokeley by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org. If you are interested in volunteering with our **Timeless Blessings Ministry**, please contact Karen Smith by e-mail at smith-ga@att.net or call 770-241-1651.





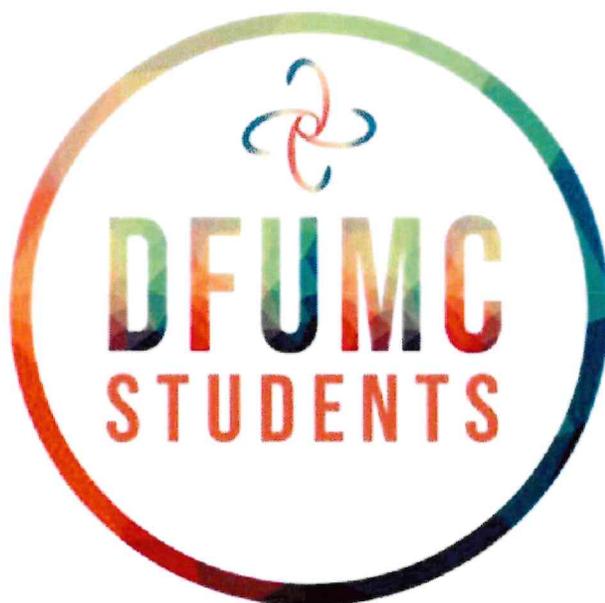
Youth Ministry’s Sunday Night Gatherings in March

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.

Our schedule for the month of March is:

- **Sunday, March 1st:** Board Game Night at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, March 8th:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, March 15th:** No *Sunday Night Gathering*;
- **Sunday, March 22nd:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, March 29th:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”).

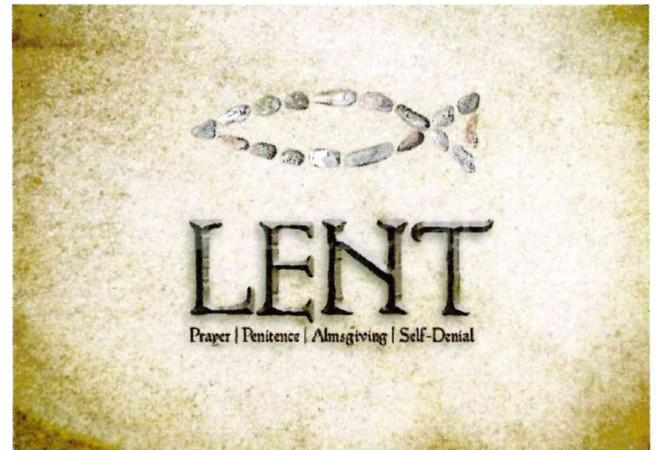
Please visit the **Youth Ministry’s** website at <https://dfumcstudents.org> for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org.



Lenten Devotional Videos

The season of Lent is underway, and students in our church’s **Youth Ministry** are excited to share their Lenten devotional videos with you! Every Wednesday, from February 25th through April 1st, we will post a short devotional video created by one of our students on our **Youth Ministry** YouTube channel, **dfumcstudents**, as well as on the church’s website, **duluthumc.org**.

We would love for you to journey with us this Lenten season by watching and sharing these videos with others. Please also be sure to subscribe to the **Youth Ministry’s** YouTube channel to receive notifications whenever new content is posted.



Youth Spring Retreat:

Spiritual Life Retreat

We are excited to participate in the **Spiritual Life Retreat** at the **Glisson Camp and Retreat Center**, hosted by the **North Georgia UMC Conference**, from Friday, March 13th, through Sunday, March 15th! **Spiritual Life Retreat** digs deep into how God provides support and direction in our spiritual journey through powerful worship, meaningful small groups, and a variety of fun activities that build community.

Please keep our students, our adult leaders, and the retreat in your prayers!



Care Packages for College Students

We are collecting gift card donations for our college students. As finals week is quickly approaching, we want to show our love and care for our college students by sending them gift cards to enjoy during their finals! If you would like to donate, please purchase any of these gift cards – Chick-fil-A (most requested by students) or Starbucks – 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, March 29th**.

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 smartphone or tablet and fill out the contact information form and update the student’s mailing address.



Also, if you would like to volunteer to help lead this meaningful ministry, please contact Rev. Min Lee by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org.

Youth Ministry’s Summer Mission Trip:

June 10th - 14th

Our **Youth Ministry** is partnering with the **Gainesville Aid Project (GAP)** from Wednesday, June 10th, through Sunday, June 14th, to serve those in the Gainesville, Hall County area. Students and adult leaders will serve those needing home repairs, wheelchair ramps, lawn care help, etc., during the days and will participate in group activities, games, and worship in the evenings.

To register, please scan the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet. The cost is \$75 per student. **Please register by Sunday, March 29th**.



We are also looking for some adult volunteers to accompany us on this trip. Please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org if you would like more information or volunteer on this mission trip.

United Women in Faith’s

Valentine Chocolate Fundraiser a Success

United Women of Faith would like to thank the congregation for their generous support and purchasing at our Valentine Chocolate Sale on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th. **United Women of Faith** sold a variety of tempting chocolate treats to raise money for **Street Grace**, an organization which fights human trafficking. Atlanta is one of the largest human trafficking markets and this horrible trade destroys the lives of young girls and boys.

Anytime a large event drawing big crowds descends on a city like Atlanta, the human trafficking activity is rampant. **Street Grace**, law enforcement, and other organizations of its kind want everyone to be aware of and to keep an eye out for this kind of illegal activity. We can help by supporting the organizations who continually fight against these traffickers. **Through your generosity, we raised \$2,011 to gift to Street Grace for this purpose.**

Thank you one and all for buying chocolates and donating to this important cause, helping to save young lives!





“Where are you serving?”



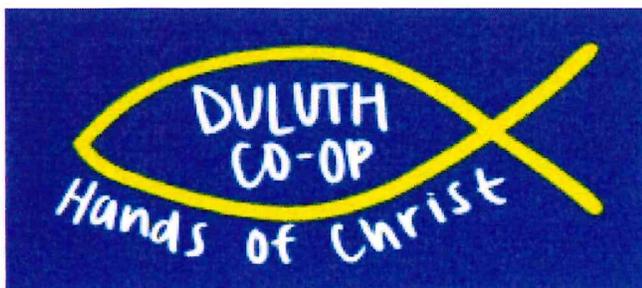
Wednesday Night Food Drives in March and April

The **Wednesday Night Food Drive** at Duluth First UMC for the **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op** is our weekly mission project, combined with the many Wednesday evening activities offered at the church.

Items needed during the month of March and April are:

- March 4th: peanut butter and jelly;
- March 11th: tuna fish;
- March 18th: cans of mixed vegetables;
- March 25th: canned fruit;
- April 1st: pasta or spaghetti;

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!



Volunteers Needed at Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op During the Month of March

March is Duluth First UMC’s month to volunteer at the **Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry**. Duluth First UMC was one of the founding members of **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op**, created more than 30 years ago to help with food insufficiency in the 30096 and 30097 zip codes. Volunteers stock pantry shelves, divide bulk food items into smaller packages, and fill orders. An experienced “captain” for the day guides you.

Choose to work a 2-hour shift from 10 a.m. to noon, or noon to 2 p.m. on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday during the month March. **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op** is located at 3649 Rogers Bridge Road in Duluth. To volunteer please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. David Burchett by e-mail at dburchett@duluthumc.org.



Daylight Saving Time

Begins on March 8th

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8th, so don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th. This is also an excellent time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

We look forward to seeing you at our worship services on March 8th!



Library Book Club to Discuss

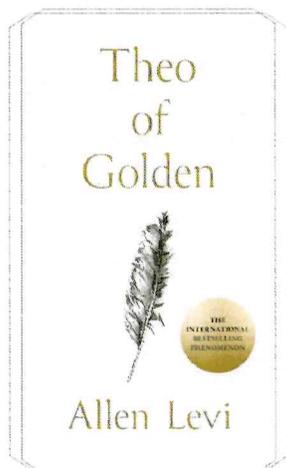
"Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi:

Monday, March 16th

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, March 16th, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss **Theo of Golden** by Allen Levi, self-published author who lives near Columbus, GA. This book is being discussed in book clubs and churches across America. Presently, it is #2 on The New York Times Bestseller List.

In **Theo of Golden**, questions linger about Theo, a pleasant but mysterious stranger, after his arrival in the southern city of Golden. Who is he, and why is he here? He arrives early one spring and by chance - or is it? - he visits a coffee shop where 92 framed pencil portraits are on display. Inspired, Theo sets out on a mission of purchasing all the portraits one at a time and quietly bestowing them on their 'rightful owners.' Stories are told; friendships are born; and lives are changed.

Theo of Golden is a beautifully crafted story about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the far-reaching possibilities of anonymous kindness. (Source: Goodreads.com)



New Titles in Our Church Library:

Spring Is on the Way!

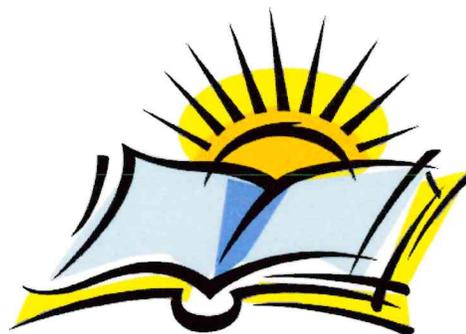
Spring is on the way! Step into Spring with your next great read from **The Louise McDaniel Memorial Church Library** across from Hinton Hall.

The Collected Sermons of Fred B. Craddock by Fred B. Craddock was recently gifted to The Louise McDaniel Memorial Library by Duluth First UMC member, JoEllen McLees.

Fred B. Craddock is a Brandy Distinguished Professor of Preaching and New Testament, Emeritus, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA (Christian Church {Disciples of Christ}). Dr. Craddock was the founding pastor of Cherry Log Christian Church in Cherry Log, GA and the director of the Craddock Center, a program for serving needs of people in Southern Appalachia. (Source: amazon.com and craddockcenter.org)

The Memory Garden by Jessica Brodie (Inspirational Christian Fiction Book One of the Dahlia Series). Once a celebrated big-city journalist with a promising future, Rebecca now finds herself shattered—jobless, abandoned by her fiancé, and haunted by her own desperate attempt to escape it all. The small-town newspaper job in her granny's hometown isn't just a step down but a humiliating reminder of everything she's tried to outrun. If not for reconnecting with her childhood friend, Josh, she'd already be gone.

Then there's Devon—an eleven-year-old boy with eyes too old for his years, caring for his ailing Memaw while hiding stories he's terrified to share. As shadows lengthen over Dahlia, Rebecca must decide if she'll retreat to safety or stand her ground for a boy who's fighting his own battles—and perhaps find healing for herself in what she once called the last place on earth she'd ever return to. Some gardens only bloom after the harshest storms. (Source: amazon.com)



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**Ancient Christianities -
The First Five Hundred Years:
A New Study Group**

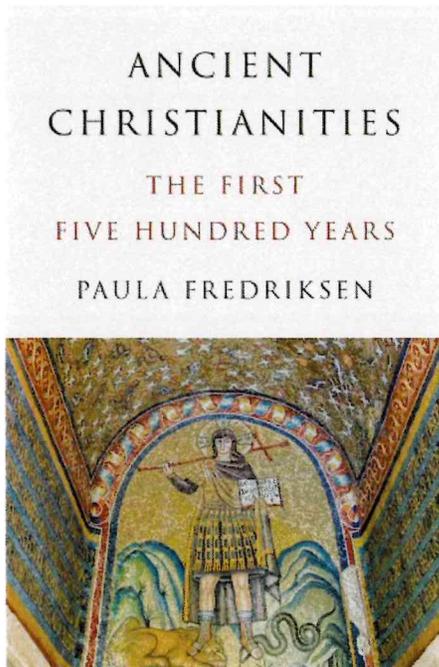
Join us for a new small group class opportunity that is discussing the first five hundred years of Christianity. This class will meet twice each week for 20 weeks and participants may attend either class. Classes are held on:

- Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.

The subject matter will be based on **Ancient Christianities: The First Five Hundred Years**, a series of 20 lectures by Paula Fredriksen, Professor of Scripture Emerita at Boston University and Professor Emerita of Comparative Religion at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dr. Fredriksen, and author of numerous books and a widely sought-after speaker, is a worldwide recognized scholar of early Christianity. A former Catholic, Fredriksen converted to Judaism several years ago.

The class, led by Pete Fleming, consists of 20 fifty-minute lectures by Dr. Fredriksen which will follow her latest book. Participants are not required to purchase the book, but they may wish to. Classes will be augmented with weekly summaries of the material plus optional additional readings and bibliographies.

If you would like to participate in this new study or have questions, please contact Pete Fleming by e-mail at lfleming3832@att.net or Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org. Please let them know which day of the week you will most likely be attending the class so that classroom space can be planned for.



**Road Runners Visiting the
Booth Western Art Museum
in Cartersville: Tuesday, March 24th**

The **Road Runners** invite you to join them as they re-launch on Tuesday, March 24th, and travel to Cartersville to visit the **Booth Western Art Museum**. The group will leave the church's front parking lot at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$35 per person and includes entry into the museum and transportation via a 15-person van (please see notes below). The cost of lunch will be on your own.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

To register please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet, or contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org. All registrations must be received by Tuesday, March 10th.



**Deadline for the April 2026
Edition of "The Messenger" Newsletter**

The article deadline for the April 2026 edition of *The Messenger* newsletter is Monday, March 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. Please send all articles/information to Ken Willi, Director of Communications, by e-mail at kwilli@duluthumc.org.

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