



THE MESSENGER



DULUTH FIRST UMC'S NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

Vacation Bible School 2019 is June 17th – 21st

Mark your calendars and save the date for **“Roar! Life is Wild. God is Good.”** The 2019 Vacation Bible School at Duluth First United Methodist Church is being held Monday, June 17th through Friday, June 21st. Registration is underway! Vacation Bible School, held from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is for kids going into pre-Kindergarten (age 4 as of September 1st) through rising 6th graders. The cost is \$30 per child with a maximum of \$70 per family. Each day participants will learn a new Bible verse as they go to Bible story time, sing songs, play games, make crafts, and eat yummy snacks. **Everyone who registers by May 19th is guaranteed a VBS t-shirt and CD.**

In addition to registering participants, we are also registering adult and youth volunteers. We especially need shepherds. These are adult volunteers who are in charge of a group of 6-10 kids. Shepherds do not need to prepare anything in advance. They lead their group to the various activities where other volunteers are in charge. If you would like to help, but are only available one or two days that week, you can put your available dates on your registration. We often need substitute shepherds. Also, the nursery is available for the children of volunteers if you have a child who is not old enough to be a participant.

This year **Triumph Sports** will be holding a sports camp immediately after VBS from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information and to register for the sports camp, please go to www.TriumphSports.com/DuluthFUMC.

All Vacation Bible School participant registration forms, as well as volunteer forms for **“Roar” Vacation Bible School**, are available on the church’s website - www.duluthumc.org - by clicking on the **VBS 2019** tab. For more information, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children’s Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.



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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.

“Welcome Summer!” Celebration:

May 22nd

Everyone is invited to join us at the “**Welcome Summer!**” Celebration being held on Wednesday, May 22nd, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Hinton Hall. A barbecue dinner will be offered for \$5 per person. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Jeremy Ladd. Tickets will go on sale on Sunday, May 5th, in the Gathering Room and outside of Hinton Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

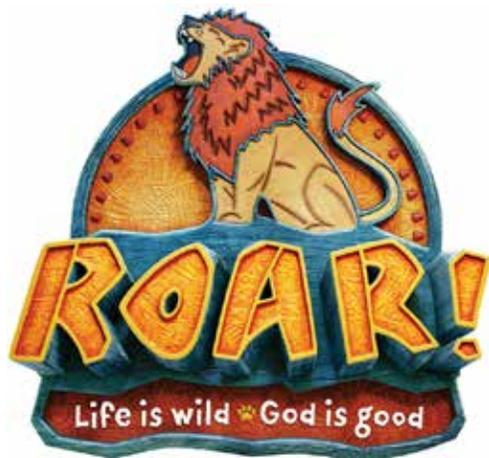


Item Donations Needed for VBS 2019

The following items are needed for donation for this summer’s “**Roar! Life is Wild. God is Good**” Vacation Bible School:

- 2-liter plastic soda bottles (rinsed and cleaned)
- Orange plastic tablecloths
- Yellow plastic tablecloths
- Cans of spray foam insulation
- Green pool noodles

Please place your donated items in the VBS 2019 boxes located on the Fellowship Hall stage and inside the rear entrance to the Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Yokeley by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.



Youth Choir Car Wash &

Bakesale Fundraiser: May 4th

Come out on Saturday, May 4th, and support the Youth Choir in their fundraising efforts at their Fundraising Car Wash & Bakesale being held at the church. The car wash is taking place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with donations being taken for the Youth Choir’s tour and mission trip in June to Memphis and Birmingham. Come out and support the Youth Choir, buy some tasty baked goods, and get a really clean car or truck!



Graduate Recognition Sunday:

May 19th

Make plans to join us on Sunday, May 19th, at the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship service as the congregation of Duluth First United Methodist Church recognizes those students who will be graduating from high school, college, graduate school, or trade school. We will also be recognizing the graduates from our church’s Christian Beginnings Kindergarten program.

If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school/college/graduate school/trade school this year, or you yourself will be graduating, please submit a headshot photo to Ken Willi, Director of Communications, via e-mail at kwilli@duluthumc.org.

Please include:

- The graduate’s name;
- From where they are graduating;
- Their future plans.

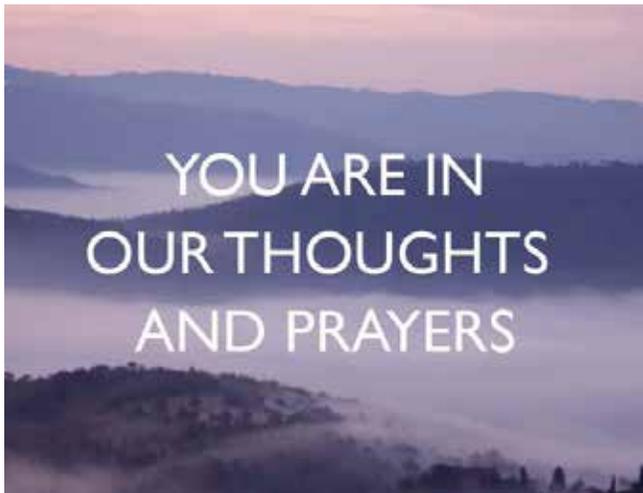
These will be in compiled into an insert on May 19th. **All photos and information must be electronically submitted by Sunday, May 5th.**





Prayers Needed for...

- Lori Allen • Deb Corser • Lorraine Day
 - Stacey Gambella • Ella Martha Gamble
 - Amalie Harvill • Greg Hodges
 - Bruce Houston • Mandy Houston
 - John Intondi • Ken Jorgensen
 - Kelly Kelkenberg • Katherine Knox
 - Judy McCorkle • Herb Schlubach
 - Ramona Thielmann • Jim Waid
 - Herb Waterhouse • Nezy Wilson
- Joannie Baltimore & the Waters Family in the death of Joannie's mother, Joanne Baltimore.
 - Rick Barrientos & family in the death of his stepson.
 - Marilyn Scheiwe & family in the death of her aunt.
 - Maribeth Minschwaner & family in the death of her father.



Need Prayers?

You can submit your prayer requests online at 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.



Church Operating Fund

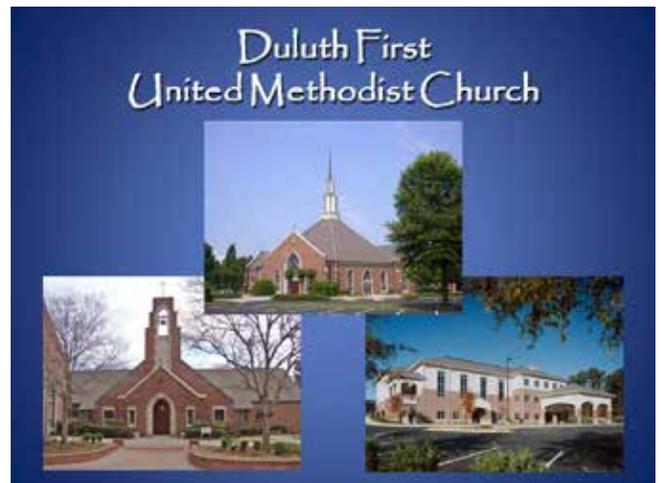
Received on April 7	\$38,409.35
Received on April 14	\$24,967.65
Received on April 21 - Easter	\$95,073.40
Received on April 28	\$20,672.05

Year-to-Date, 2019

Received as of April 28	\$619,152.12
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Building Fund: Year-to-Date, 2019

Received as of April 28	\$81,133.03
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Worship Attendance:

April 7	487
April 14	447
April 18 - Maundy Thursday	131
April 19 - Good Friday	206
April 21 - Easter	1073
April 28	436

Prayers & Squares Ministry

Celebrating 16 Years

The **Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry** is celebrating 16 years this spring! We have given out 1,327 prayer quilts to those with serious health concerns since we began. Twenty-nine have been given out just in 2019 and they have gone to ten states and two to England! Two workshops are held each month:

- 1st Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.;
- 3rd Thursday evening from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Dinner is provided for the evening workshops and ladies bring a sack lunch or \$8 for a Zaxby's salad for the Tuesday workshops. Bring your own beverage.

We will be having a **Sweet 16 Birthday Party** at our evening workshop on May 16th. We will work together in teams on a new pattern and enjoy pizza, salad and, of course, birthday cake! You don't need to bring a gift, just \$3 toward the dinner. Anyone who would like to work on the prayer quilts is invited to attend a workshop. We need ladies who sew, can do hand work (to finish the binding and label and add ties), those who can be taught to sandwich the quilts, and anyone who can iron. Please RSVP to Liz Staley by e-mail at lizstaley@yahoo.com or call 678-665-4131.

If you know of someone with a serious health concern, please ask them if they would like to receive a prayer quilt. If they agree, complete a yellow **Prayer Quilt Request Form** found around the church. Mail or give the completed form to Liz Staley, along with a picture that we can keep for our scrapbook. If you have any questions about the ministry, please ask one of the ladies who have been to a workshop so far this year: Aileen Ricks, Elaine Norton, Janet Castello, Annette McIntosh, Fran Ball, Ardie Sudduth, Renee Day, Frances Horne, Tammy Hansard, Randi Hughes, Jane Sumner, Beth Ross, Beth Intondi, C. Kay Fuino, Karen Robertson, Beth Brown Shugart, Kay Spearman, Ann Waggoner, Mary Harley, Terrie Adkins, Pam Rodie, Daryl Begley, Tina Flynt, Trudy Lehman, Joy Riley, Jacque Shellhouse and Gail Small.



Register for the Christian Beginnings

Preschool and Kindergarten 2019-2020

School Year

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 and 2018 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 1st, 2019) through kindergarten. Registration is underway and the registration fee is \$180.00 per child.

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 or call 770-497-1743.

Duluth First UMC Has a Heart for Children

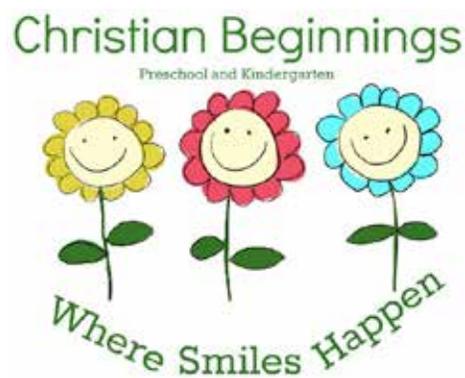
Many of the ministries of this church are concerning with helping families. When you make a donation to **Hands of Christ**, a local missions ministry supported by Duluth First UMC, you are helping local families. The mission of **Hands of Christ** is to offer emergency assistance. The food, clothing, and funds keep families together. All of this makes things better for the children involved.



Look for the **Hands of Christ** donation bins around the church. When a request for items appear, be sure to add them to your grocery list. That's a wonderful way to take care of children.

Rev. Beth Brown Shugart
Associate Pastor

Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten: Hunting for Easter Eggs!



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Bereavement Support Group:

May 13th

The **Bereavement Support Group** meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in room F-151, located on the 1st 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.



Senior Fellowship Program & Luncheon:

May 14th

The Senior Fellowship will meet for its monthly program and luncheon on Tuesday, May 14th, 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 a music presentation by the Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten kids.

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.



Blood Drive at Duluth First UMC

a Great Success

Thank you for taking the time on April 24th to donate blood and volunteer with the American Red Cross. **Because of your donation, and the help of the volunteers, we were able to collect 32 pints of blood.**

Of course, the real winners are the patients in need of blood. As you know, each blood donation can help save **up to three lives**. Your donation is truly appreciated by the blood recipients, their loved ones and all of us here at Duluth First United Methodist Church

We hope that we will see you again at our next blood drive on Wednesday, September 11th, in the Fellowship Hall. You help make Duluth First United Methodist Church a winning team. We so grateful for your time, generosity and dedication to helping others.

**Big
Thank
You!**

Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative

Ministry in Need of Food Items

The **Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry**, a local missions ministry supported by Duluth First UMC, is a non-profit, faith-based ministry dedicated to providing emergency assistance to residents of Duluth. The **Duluth Cooperative** is a volunteer-driven organization that utilizes the resources of local churches, businesses and the community to provide effective ministry to our neighbors in need. The Co-op is in need of donations of the following items:

- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Canned pasta
- Canned peas
- Canned tomatoes
- Chunky soup
- Spaghetti

Please leave your donated items in the **Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry** boxes located in the Narthex (main entrance to the church) and inside the back entrance of the Family Life Center. Thank you for your support!

Back to School Early!

Supplies Needed for Kids

at Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY

You have an opportunity to share back-to-school supplies with the kids in the Seneca Street neighborhood in Buffalo, NY. Each year a group of adults from Duluth First UMC travels to Seneca Street United Methodist Church in Buffalo, supporting the church by leading the first week of a Reading Camp. Each child who completes the two-week camp receives a book bag with all the school supplies requested by the teachers for each grade. The items required by the teachers have increased in the past two years with some very specific items needed for each grade.

We want to allow you to help stuff the book bags this year with some items that can be easily transported to Buffalo by donating the following school supplies:

- #2 pencils (packs of 12, no foils)
- Colored pencils (packs of 12)
- Pocket folders with prongs
- Blue or black pens
- Highlighters (packs of 4)
- Thin dry erase markers (packs of 4)

Please place your donated items in the basket outside Rev. C. Kay Fuino's office (located on the 1st floor of the Family Life Center) or in the box located inside the front doors of the Sanctuary.

Thank you for your gifts to the kids at Seneca Street, as they get great joy when receiving their book bags. For any additional information please contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117.

Marriage Class and Retreat

Save the following dates for a **Marriage Class and Retreat** being held on the following dates/times:

- Sunday, August 18th: 12:30-2:30 p.m.;
- Friday, September 13th, through Sunday, September 15th;
- Sunday, October 20th: 12:30 p.m.

Additional information will be made available in the future. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Beth Brown Shugart by e-mail at bshugart@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.



A New Beginning - A New Ministry

The Missions Ministry Committee is in the planning stages for a new missions ministry for Duluth First UMC. It will be a ministry of service to those who need things done at home but don't have the physical resources and tools to accomplish household repairs and maintenance at home.

Rick Barrientos will lead the project to gather information and the various resources to support this ministry. Howard Bros. Hardware has already agreed to support this ministry with supplies at extremely economic costs. If you would like to work with Rick on this ministry, please contact him by e-mail at rick.barrientos@gmail.com or call him at 678-698-9911.

There are two main areas of support needed to begin this new ministry:

- **Identification of those who can provide the following skills to support the ministry:**

- Carpentry
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Building and design
- HVAC
- Landscaping
- Basic yard work
- General home items such as washing windows, moving furniture

- **Identification of those in our church and community needing services:**

- Seniors in their own homes;
- Homes with extended illnesses in a family member;
- Families in economic transition.

Please be in prayer as this ministry develops. Please prayerfully consider how you might support this ministry for the future.

Blessings and joy.

Rev. C. Kay Fuino





Save the Date!

**Duluth First UMC's
Sesquicentennial Celebration!**

Make plans to join us on
Sunday, September 19, 2021,
as we celebrate
Duluth First United Methodist Church's
Sesquicentennial!
Additional details to follow!

**150
YEARS**

Deadline for the August 2019 "Back-to-School" Edition of "The Messenger"

The Messenger newsletter will not be published during the months of June and July. *The Sunday Supplement* newsletter will continue to be published on a weekly basis during the summer months.

The article deadline for the August 2019 "Back-to-School" edition of *The Messenger* is Thursday, July 18th, at 9 a.m.



**Gifts in Memory
and In Honor of Others**

The following people and groups have given gifts to the glory of God in memory or in honor of others:

In Memory of Renee Day's Father
Duffey Sunday School Class

In Memory of Sarah Gearinger
Betty Jones

In Memory of Ray Haman
Jane Haman

In Memory of Frannie Jones
Jimmy & Beth Mozley

