

THE MESSENGER



DULUTH FIRST UMC'S NEWSLETTER **NOVEMBER 2026**

Helping People Follow Jesus

Helping people follow Jesus. That's what we do, right? When it comes down to it, that's what our church does best, and we've been doing it for over 150 years! I borrowed that statement from Pastor Terry who visited the Homebuilders Sunday School class a few weeks ago. We had been studying spiritual gifts and part of our discussion that day was centered on how we can use our own spiritual gifts to further the mission of The United Methodist Church.

The official mission statement of The United Methodist Church is, "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Or, put simply, to help people follow Jesus. Sometimes that means welcoming a visitor to our church, and other times that means listening to, praying for, and supporting the person that sits next to you in the pew on Sunday. It can also mean putting together a backpack for a student in Buffalo, or bringing food items for the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op on a Wednesday night. It's crocheting a blanket, or tying a knot on a prayer quilt. It's inviting someone to Sunday School or to supper on Wednesday night. It's teaching the children about Jesus, or caring for them in the ***Childcare Corner***. Helping people follow Jesus means singing in the church choir, or leading the services on Sunday morning.

The Cambridge English Dictionary defines a disciple of Jesus as someone who believes in His message and molds their daily behavior after Him. Our church does a wonderful job of spreading God's love out into the world. We are a welcoming and loving congregation that loves God and loves our neighbors.

Spiritual **Giving**
Faithful **Growing**



All of the wonderful things our church does to shine His light into the world happens because of the generosity of it's members. That's You. Your giving to the church allows us to keep and maintain our beautiful campus, to pay for a wonderful church staff, to fund things like our Youth Group, Trunk or Treat, our amazing music ministry, the children's ministry, Wednesday Night Supper, Bible studies, Senior activities, etc. Everything we do to help people follow Jesus is made possible by your generosity to our church.

Please plan to increase your giving to the church by 1% more of your income in 2027. If you're giving 5% now, grow to 6% in 2027, and so on. Not only will you be **Growing One Step** toward the tithe (10%), but you will be helping our church do what it does best. Help people follow Jesus.

With joy and blessings to all,

Bryan Johnson,
Chair of Stewardship Committee

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Duluth First United Methodist Church

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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.

The Grow One Step Chart

Many folks have found the **Grow One Step** chart helpful for their giving. Most of us know it's best for us to put God first and to move toward tithing (giving God the first 10% of our income). But we find it hard to get started. That's where the chart comes in.

Over a decade ago, a young couple I know with two school-aged daughters wanted to tithe. They were giving, but they didn't know what percentage of their income they were giving.

The grid side of the enclosed chart showed them that they were giving 2%. They decided to grow one step by giving 3% the next year. That worked, and they kept going – the following year – 4%, then 5%, etc. After eight years they were tithing, giving God 10%. They are happy to be continuing that practice today as their daughters graduate from college.

Rev. Terry Tippens,
Senior Pastor



Grow One Step Charts

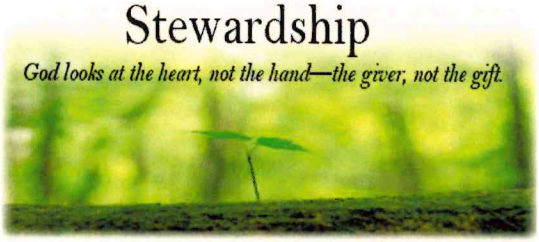
Grow One Step charts for the 2027 Stewardship Campaign can be found:

- Inserted in worship materials on Sunday mornings through November 15th;
- The blue sheet inserted in this edition of ***The Messenger***;
- At the church information centers located at the main entrance to the Sanctuary, and inside Hinton Hall (on Sunday mornings);
- Online by going to the church's website – **duluthumc.org** – clicking **ONLINE GIVING** and scrolling down to **STEWARDSHIP 2027**.

Estimate of Giving Cards

If you need an **Estimate of Giving Card** for Duluth First UMC's **2027 Stewardship Campaign**, you can find them:

- In the Orders of Worship on Sundays, November 8th and 15th;
- In the pew pockets in the Sanctuary for the Traditional Worship services;
- On the seats in Hinton Hall for the Contemporary Worship services through November 15th;
- At the church information centers located at the main entrance to the Sanctuary, and inside Hinton Hall (on Sunday mornings);
- Online by going to the church's website – **duluthumc.org** – clicking **ONLINE GIVING** and scrolling down to **STEWARDSHIP 2027**.



Consecration Sunday is November 15th

In all worship services on Sunday, November 15th, we will consecrate our estimates of giving for 2027. Please fill out an **Estimate of Giving** card, available in the pews/seats, and bring it with you on November 15th. Or you can make your estimate online at the church's website – **duluthumc.org** – clicking **ONLINE GIVING** and scrolling down to **STEWARDSHIP 2027**. You can turn it in early if you'd like. Acknowledgement cards, as well as **Estimate of Giving** cards, will be available on November 15th as we bring our estimates to the altar.

Please see the **Grow One Step** chart, available for download on the church's website – **duluthumc.org** – clicking **ONLINE GIVING** and scrolling down to **STEWARDSHIP 2027**. Consider growing one step, as many of us are doing. On November 15th we will celebrate together as we grow one step each year toward the tithe.



Set Up Recurring Online Giving to the Church

Recurring giving is easy to set up just by going to the **ONLINE GIVING** page on our website – **duluthumc.org**, or if you are watching church online, click on the link that will take you to that page.

Recurring gifts are helpful to both you and the church. You won't have to remember to write your check, and it works great with your budget as it is a consistent amount each time. The church benefits especially during slower months when giving is down and we can count on your gifts to continue our ministries and missions without interruption.

Please consider setting up recurring giving. If you need assistance, please contact Jan Jones, Financial Assistant, by e-mail at **jjones@duluthumc.org** or call 770 476-3776, ext. 113.

SET UP A RECURRING GIFT >>

Blood Drive at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 11th: Give Thanks—Give Blood—Give Life

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

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

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



Join Us for Wednesday Night Dinners in Hinton Hall

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

November 11th
Salisbury steak with gravy, buttered egg noodles, buttered peas, glazed carrots, rolls, and dessert.
For the kids – hamburgers and French fries.

November 18th
Roast pork loin, macaroni and cheese, steamed broccoli, southern green beans, rolls, and dessert.
For the kids – hot dogs and French fries.

November 25th
There will be no Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall on November 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
We will see you on December 2nd!

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 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.

You can pay using a credit/debit card!

NOTE: Menus are subject to change. For the week's menu please visit the church's website at duluthumc.org.



Prayer Concerns

• David Baker • Doug Bridges
• Larry Bunten • Dale Burns
• Ann Fleming • Margaret Gaskins
• Lawrence Gibbs • Jim Green
• Sherry Griffeth • Shamain Hallett
• Bryan Johnson • Judy Lutz
• Ann Reifert • Marilyn Scheiwe

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

• Tracy Brinker & family in the death of her aunt.
• Ivy Doss & family in the death of her mother.
• The family of Billye Jo Fuchs in her death.
• Jim Hall & family in the death of his aunt.
• Linton & Jan Jones & family in the death
of Linton's sister.
• Mike Montgomery & family in the death
of his brother.
• Tammy Sherrill & family in the death of her aunt.
• The family of Dr. Lynn Zahner in her death.





General Church Fund

Received on October 4, 2026	$64,233.13
Received on October 11, 2026	$17,412.04
Received on October 18, 2026	$19,110.91
Received on October 25, 2026	$20,067.45

Year-to-Date, 2026

Received as of October 25, 2026	$1,312,678.74

Crossing
THE FINISH LINE
2022-2028
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

"Crossing the Finish Line"
Capital Campaign: Year-to-Date, 2026

Received as of October 25, 2026	$176,088.11

Attendance

Worship Attendance
(includes in-person attendance and online views)

October 4, 2026	645
October 11, 2026	502
October 18, 2026	881
October 25, 2026	572



Youth Ministry's *Sunday Night Gatherings*

Students in the 6th through 12th grades are invited to join us on Sunday nights for ***Sunday Night Gatherings*** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank"), located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. ***Sunday Night Gatherings*** include great dinners, fun games, amazing worship, inspirational and relevant messages and life-changing small groups.

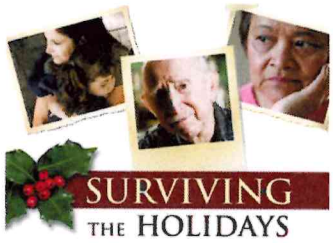
The *Sunday Night Gathering* schedule for November is:

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

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

"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.

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.

DECORATE the Church

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

The **Worship Committee** invites you to join with us on Sunday, November 22nd, following the 11:00 a.m. worship services as we come together to prepare the church's Advent and Christmas decorations and decorate for the holiday 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.

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

Our annual missions fundraiser, ***Bundle Up for Buffalo***, will be held on Saturday, November 14th, and Sunday, November 15th. The fundraiser will be held in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall on November 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on November 15th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (the sale will be closed during the worship services). All proceeds from the ***Bundle Up for Buffalo*** fundraiser help our sister church, Seneca Street United Methodist Church in Buffalo, NY, keep the heat on their facility during the winter months which fall from October 2026 through April 2027.



Last year, we raised enough money to designate this church to be a warming center, where people, including 75 plus children, could come into the building and get a bite to eat if their own heat had been turned off or was not working. **This was major – YOU helped do this!**

Volunteers aree needed on Friday, November 13th, at 2:30 p.m. to help set up the tables and sale items in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. If you can help with the set up, or have items you would like to donate to the sale, please contact Beth Intondi by e-mail at **Beth.intondi@outlook.com**. You have been so faithful in prayer for this "pocket of poverty" in the North for many years. Thank you for your support.



Seneca Street United Methodist Church in Buffalo, NY.

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

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



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. Items needed include:

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

Thank you for your generosity.

Wednesday Night Food Drives

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 November are:

- November 4th: tuna fish;
- November 11th: canned fruit;
- November 18th: canned fruit.

Dondated items can be left 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!

Sweets with Santa: Saturday, December 5th

Mark your 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 each for adults and children ages 3 and up, and children ages 2 and under are free. To sign up, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at **arwales@duluthumc.org**.

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 Jack Brannon
Ben & Diane Rooke

In Memory of Time Heard
Elaine Norton

In Memory of Jim Johnson
The Explorer's Sunday School Class

In Memory of Luke Livingston
Ann Odum

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, our annual participation in **Samaritan's Purse's** mission for God's children around the world, is underway. In 2025, **Samaritan's Purse** delivered **over 12.2 million shoeboxes to 170 countries and territories**. Since the inception of the program in 1993, **over 244 million shoeboxes** have been delivered to children around the world.

By filling shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and hygiene items, you not only give to children in need the only gift they will likely receive for Christmas, but also help deliver hope, joy and the gospel of Jesus Christ to them and their families. Many children who receive these shoeboxes gifts will also enroll in ***The Greatest Journey***, **Operation Christmas Child's** 12-lesson discipleship program. Since 2009, over 52 million children have participated in this program, teaching them about God's amazing love and guiding them through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

Empty shoe boxes are available in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, in the hallway by the entrance to Hinton Hall, and by the cul-de-sac are located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Inside each box you will find ideas on how to pack a shoebox gift, what not to include, and the adhesive box label. There is a $10 processing donation which supports the in-country ministry training and materials for ***The Greatest Journey*** activities, as well processing and shipping the shoebox. Using the adhesive labels allow you to register your shoebox(s), make your donation, and track your shoebox online.

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 access the web page by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet. You can also get printed instructions for using the goal page at the **Operation Christmas Child** tables around the church.

Please return your completed boxes to the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall stage, inside Hinton Hall, or outside room F145 (located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center) **no later than Sunday, November 15th.**

This is a worthwhile and fun project for our Sunday School classes, Women's Circles, our Youth group, and families with their children to undertake. 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. Thank you for your support!

"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 Amy 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, please contact: Angie Doerlich by e-mail at **hugsforsoldiers@gmail.com** or call 404-316-8183. Thank you for your support!

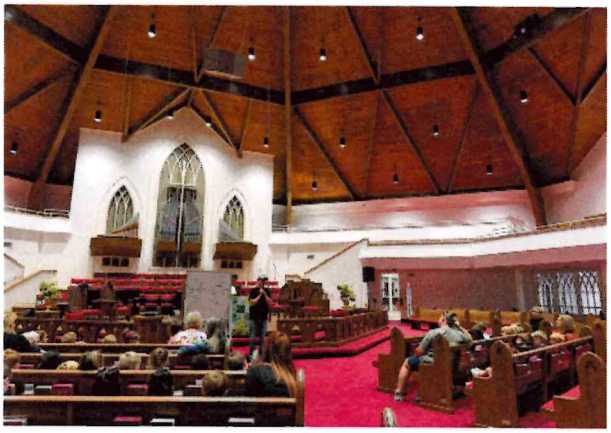


Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten: Fall Fun!



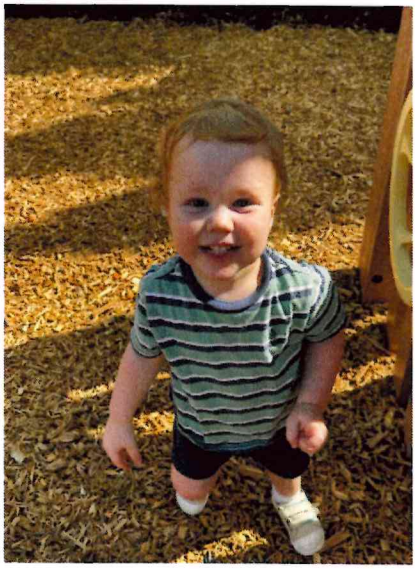












Christian Beginnings
Preschool & Kindergarten
where smiles happen!

Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten Nominated for "Best of Gwinnett" Award

We're excited to share that our **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten** has been nominated for the ***"Best of Gwinnett"*** award again this year! We would love your support as we work toward another ***"Best of Gwinnett"*** win. Voting is open now through December 31st, and you can vote once each day. Every vote helps!

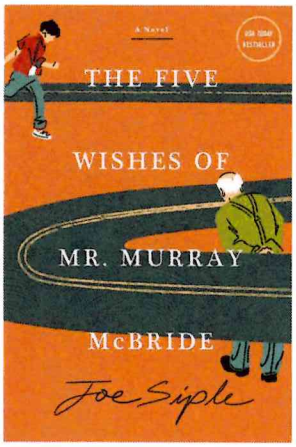
If you have a few seconds, please consider voting each day and sharing the opportunity with friends and family who love **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten**. To vote, please scan the QR code located below with your smart phone or tablet and look for **"Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten"** under **"Pre-K or Kindergarten Schools"** to vote.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping us spread the word! We are so grateful for our wonderful **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten** community.

Vote for Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten "Best of Gwinnett" Award

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.

Senior Adult Coffee Hour: Wednesday, December 16th

Senior adults are invited to come together on Wednesday, December 16th, for a time of coffee, conversations, and fellowship. Bring a game, something you want to discuss, or just show up to enjoy time together!



We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the cul-da-sac area outside of the offices on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Coffee is provided by Break Coffee Roasters. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at **arawles@duluthumc.org**. We look forward to seeing you there!

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
$40,000	400.00	800.00	1,200.00	1,600.00	2,000.00	2,400.00	2,800.00	3,200.00	3,600.00	4,000.00
$60,000	600.00	1,200.00	1,800.00	2,400.00	3,000.00	3,600.00	4,200.00	4,800.00	5,400.00	6,000.00
$80,000	800.00	1,600.00	2,400.00	3,200.00	4,000.00	4,800.00	5,600.00	6,400.00	7,200.00	8,000.00
$100,000	1,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00	8,000.00	9,000.00	10,000.00
$120,000	1,200.00	2,400.00	3,600.00	4,800.00	6,000.00	7,200.00	8,400.00	9,600.00	10,800.00	12,000.00
$140,000	1,400.00	2,800.00	4,200.00	5,600.00	7,000.00	8,400.00	9,800.00	11,200.00	12,600.00	14,000.00
$160,000	1,600.00	3,200.00	4,800.00	6,400.00	8,000.00	9,600.00	11,200.00	12,800.00	14,400.00	16,000.00
$180,000	1,800.00	3,600.00	5,400.00	7,200.00	9,000.00	10,800.00	12,600.00	14,400.00	16,200.00	18,000.00
$200,000	2,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00	12,000.00	14,000.00	16,000.00	18,000.00	20,000.00
$500,000	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00	30,000.00	35,000.00	40,000.00	45,000.00	50,000.00
$800,000	8,000.00	16,000.00	24,000.00	32,000.00	40,000.00	48,000.00	56,000.00	64,000.00	72,000.00	80,000.00
$1,000,000	10,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00	70,000.00	80,000.00	90,000.00	100,000.00

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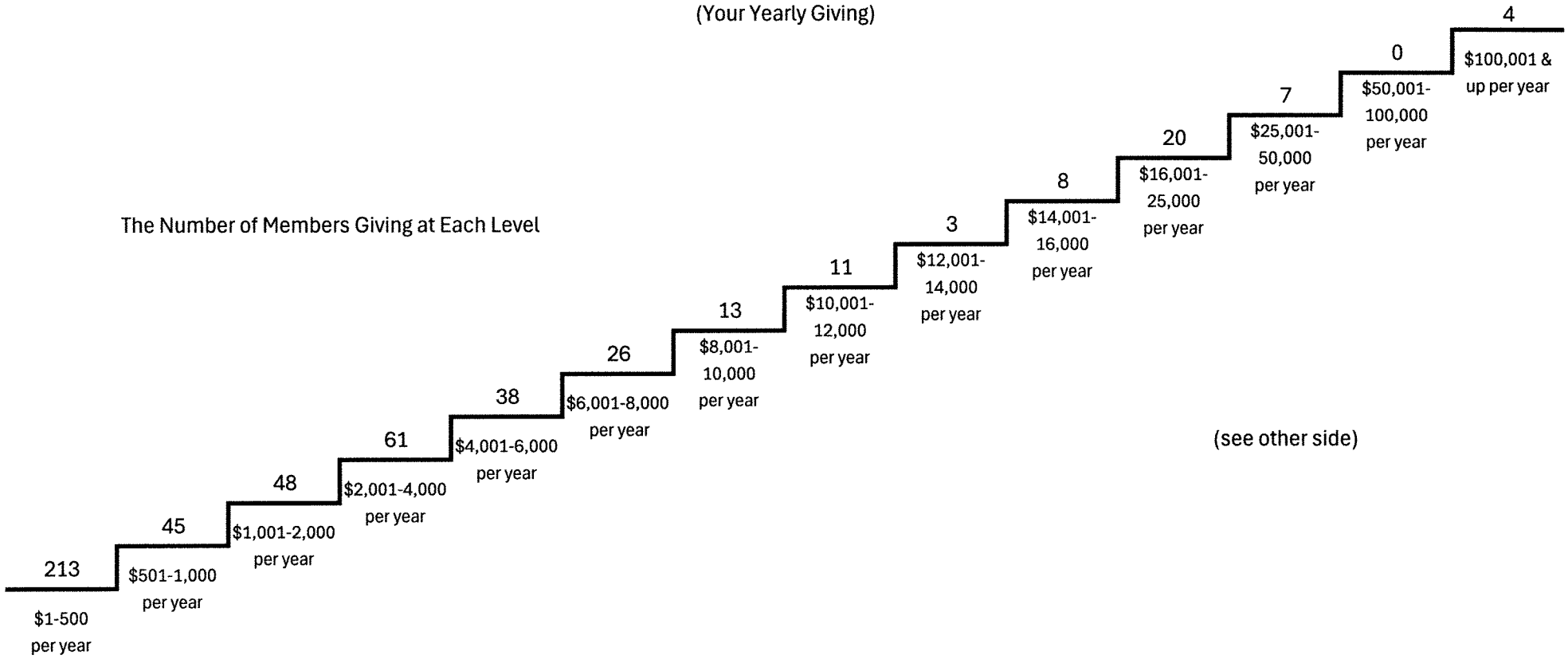
GROW ONE STEP each year until you're giving 10% to God

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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