

The Sunday Supplement



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

The new air handlers for the Sanctuary will be installed beginning March 18th. There will not be heat in the Sanctuary for 2 to 3 weeks beginning March 18th.



Please bring a jacket for worship if it is cold outside on March 24th, March 31st and April 7th. Also, Norman Circle will be blocked on the west side of the church on March 19th and March 21st for the crane to lift the new air handlers into the building. **PLEASE NOTE: You will be able to enter the church's front parking lot on March 19th and 21st.**

The new lights for the Sanctuary will be installed in the spring. There will be two Sundays where we will not be able to use the Sanctuary and will meet in Hinton Hall. We will also announce the exact dates as soon as we are informed.

General Conference

Regarding the recent special called General Conference of the United Methodist Church, some are pleased with the outcome and some are displeased with the outcome. Here at Duluth First UMC, we will welcome all with open hearts, open minds, and open doors, and we will abide by The Book of Discipline, which guides United Methodist policy and polity.

Our disagreements are not as powerful as our oneness in Christ. We will be in ministry to and with and for all people. We will seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Thanks,
Terry Tippens,
Senior Pastor



Bereavement Support Group: March 11th

The **Bereavement Support Group** meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 11th, 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: March 12th

The **Senior Fellowship** will meet for its monthly program and luncheon on Tuesday, March 12th, 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 guest speaker for the program will be Greg Whitlock.

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.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: March 13th

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



The menu for March 13th is pot roast with gravy, buttered noodles, carrots, broccoli, biscuits, and dessert. For the kids - grilled cheese sandwiches and fries. We also offer 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.

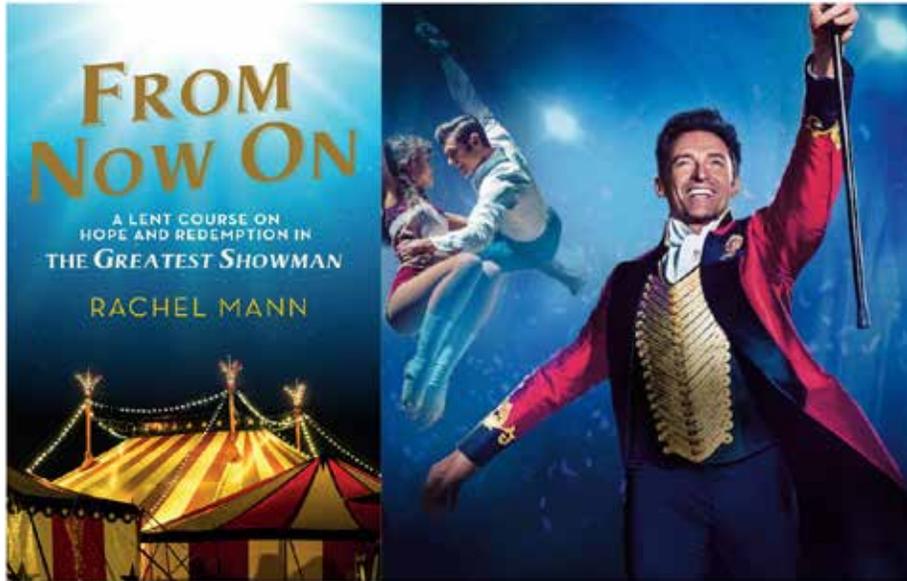
Preparing for Lent with *The Greatest Showman*:

Study Begins March 13th

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 on Sunday, March 10th, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, 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 13th, 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, or at 770-476-3776, to register for the study. Let her know if you want to attend the movie on March 10th 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 or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117, for additional information.



Meet Rev. Brian & Cheryl Rotach from Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY: March 17th

Rev. Brian Rotach, Pastor at Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY, and his wife Cheryl will be at our church on Sunday, March 17th, to share about Seneca Street UMC and to answer questions about our church's summer youth Buffalo mission trip and adult Buffalo mission trip/reading camp. Join them in the Fellowship Hall after the 11 o'clock services for sandwiches and cookies, and they will talk more about this wonderful opportunity to serve. Brian and Cheryl will also be at Sunday night Youth Group on March 17th.



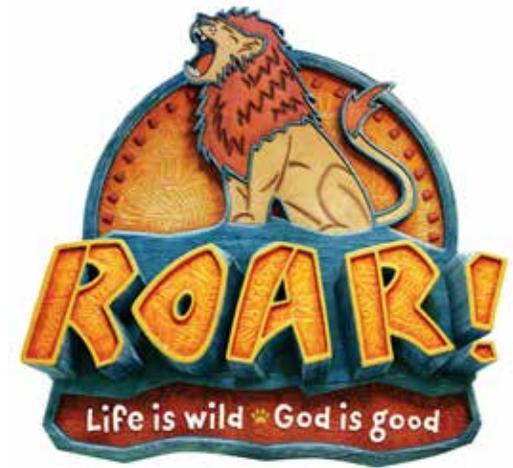
Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY.

Vacation Bible School 2019 is June 17th – 21st:

Registration Begins March 17th

Mark your calendars and save the dates for the "Roar" 2019 Vacation Bible School at Duluth First United Methodist Church, being held Monday, June 17th through Friday, June 21st. **Registration will begin Sunday, March 17th.** Vacation Bible School, held from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is for kids ages pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade. The cost is \$30 per child with a maximum of \$70 per family.

All participant registration forms, as well as volunteer forms for "Roar" Vacation Bible School, will be available on the church's website - www.duluthumc.org - beginning March 17th. 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.



The Roadrunners to Visit The Rock Garden: March 19th

The Roadrunners will visit The Rock Garden in Calhoun, GA, on Tuesday, March 19th. The Rock Garden was created to promote community, provide a place of healing and respite and enjoy the beauty which God has created.



The Roadrunners will leave the church's front parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and return back to the church by 4:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$10 per person. Lunch on your own will be at Christian and Jake's Bistro in Calhoun. Please make your reservation for this trip at the Senior Fellowship gathering on Tuesday, March 12th. For more information, please contact Bonnie Tinnell at 770-476-8680.

"SOS" Adult Sunday School Class Studying "Discipleship and Mission"

In the month of March, the "SOS" Adult Sunday School class will begin a 3-month series of lessons focusing on what it means to be a disciple, and how we can put what we learn from Jesus Christ into practice, to follow where His voice leads and to make a difference in the world. Entitled "**Discipleship and Mission**", the series comes from The Standard Lesson Commentary, the nation's most popular Bible study resource for more than twenty years.



In March, each lesson will highlight the "**Call to Discipleship**", using passages from the Gospel according to Luke to illustrate the lessons Jesus taught us. During April, the study covers "**Call to Ministry**" and focuses on the Book of Matthew to reveal what we are called as Believers to do. Finally in May, the "**Call to Life in Christ**" lessons mine the Apostle Paul's letter to the new church in Rome (Romans) to fully reveal the doctrine of the church and our ultimate calling as disciples of Christ.

This Spring series promises to be a refreshing exploration of New Testament Scripture, and it encourages true life change! Our class provides the lesson book free of charge, and each lesson contains printed Scripture, verse-by-verse explanation of the Bible text, detailed lesson background, and discussion starters. The SOS Class is a fun-loving group that will welcome visitors who may want to join in this lesson series! We sit "in circle" in a relaxed environment, we value each other's differences, and our goal is to help one another to better know Christ. The class meets during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School hour in room F-150, located on the 1st floor of the Family Life Center, toward the back corner.

Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry in Need of Donations and Volunteers

Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry, a local missions ministry supported by Duluth First United Methodist Church, is in need of peanut butter and jelly donations, as well as volunteers, in March. **Hands of Christ** provides emergency assistance to the needy in our area. Volunteers assist in packing bags of food for clients, receiving donations, and stocking shelves.



Donations of peanut butter and jelly can be left in the **Hands of Christ** collection bins located at the rear entrance of the Family Life Center, and in the Narthex (the main entrance to the Sanctuary). Volunteers can sign up for a 2 hour shift (either 10 a.m. to noon, or noon to 2 p.m.) on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Sign up electronically on SignUp Genius for the Hands of Christ March 2019 Pantry Volunteers at www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044BA5AD29ABF49-hands.

If you need assistance, please contact Annette Pierce by e-mail at apierce60@bellsouth.net, or Wynn Hickam by e-mail at whickam@bellsouth.net. For additional information about the **Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry**, please visit their website at www.duluthco-op.org.

Eucharistic Ministry

Come and experience the presence of the Holy Spirit as you offer the sacrament of Holy Communion to homebound members of our church. We are looking for a few volunteers to join a ministry where you will see first-hand the joy of a visit that is fruitful in so many ways. The amount of time is minimal as you take the communion elements that have already been consecrated to the home of our members who are not able to participate in Sunday worship at the church. Taking this gift to them allows you to show they are included in worship and realize they remain members of a congregation that cares deeply for them.



As with any of our ministries that involve one on one contact with adults or children, a simple background check is required and may be completed online at no cost to you. Please consider being a part of this wonderful ministry of caring. For more information please contact Debbie Corser by calling her at her home phone, 404-474-7458, or her cell phone at 470-214-3920.

Easter Egg Hunt: April 20th

Come join us on Saturday, April 20th, for an Easter Egg Hunt at Duluth First UMC! It will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and all children from preschool through elementary age are invited to participate. Children in 4th and 5th grades will be painting an Easter canvas with a special artist from our congregation. Everyone will meet in the Fellowship Hall before the hunt begins.



Donations of candy are needed to fill the plastic eggs. Candy can be dropped off in the Easter Egg Hunt drop boxes located in the Fellowship Hall and outside of Hinton Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Yokeley by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 38. Come and join the fun as we hunt for eggs together!

Christian Beginnings

Wins "Best of Gwinnett 2018" Award

Christian Beginnings, Duluth First UMC's weekday Preschool and Kindergarten program, has won "The Best of Gwinnett 2018" award! We are thrilled to have received this award for the second year in a row! We are thankful to be able to serve Duluth First UMC and our community. A special "thank you" to all who have supported this wonderful ministry for children.



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.

Check Out the New Books in the Library

New books have arrived for the United Methodist Women reading lists and are available in the library for check out. New titles include:

- One-Unity in a Divided World
- Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography The Faith of the 20th Century's Most Influential Woman
- The Same Sky (a novel)
- The Feathered Bone (a novel)
- No One Else Like You (children's)
- Nobody! A Story About Overcoming Bullying in Schools (children's)
- Ahimsa (youth)
- Step Up To The Plate, Maria Singh (youth)



Please stop by the library and check these new books out. The church's library is located on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center. Library hours are Sundays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to noon; Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon; Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m.

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 bulletins for the

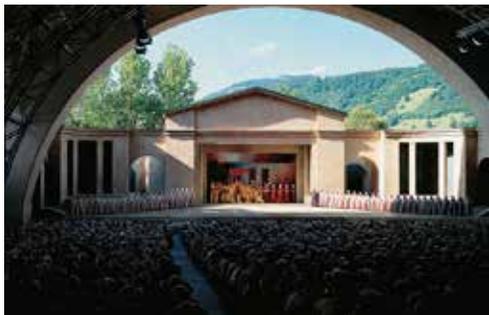
Traditional Worship services in the Sanctuary, and displayed on the screens in Hinton Hall for the Contemporary Worship service.

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, or call 770-476-3776.

The Passion Play at Oberammergau in 2020

The Passion Play has been held once every ten years in the town of Oberammergau, Germany since 1634, and is regarded as the most important Passion Play in the world. Located at the edge of the Bavarian Alps, the town of Oberammergau expects approximately 500,000 visitors for the passion play, over half of which will be international guests.

A special law is in effect to insure that all actors of the world's largest amateur dramatic performance come from the village. All participants, from actors playing the big speaking parts such as Jesus, Mary or Judas, through members of the choir, orchestra members, firemen and ushers, must have been born in Oberammergau or lived there for at least 20 years. Over 2,000 Oberammergau villagers will participate in the 2020 Passion Play.



You have a unique opportunity to attend the Passion Play and take a riverboat cruise on the Danube River on June 8-19, 2020. Rev. C. Kay Fuino will host a group for this wonderful event and travel with Educational Opportunities as the tour company on the AmaWaterways AmaSerena. There will be visits to Munich, Innsbruck, Linz, Vienna, Oberammergau, Slovakia, Budapest, and more!

Brochures with full information about the cruise are available on the 1st floor of the Family Life Center, and on the bulletin board near Hinton Hall. The river cruise ships only hold about 120 passengers so it is important to sign up as soon as possible. The June 8, 2020 departure was added in February to accommodate this group but is also open to other EO travelers. Most other River Cruises for the Passion Play are already sold out. For more information, please contact Rev. Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117.

Duluth First UMC's Sesquicentennial

The 150th 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, or calling 770-476-3776, ext. 128.



Prayer Concerns

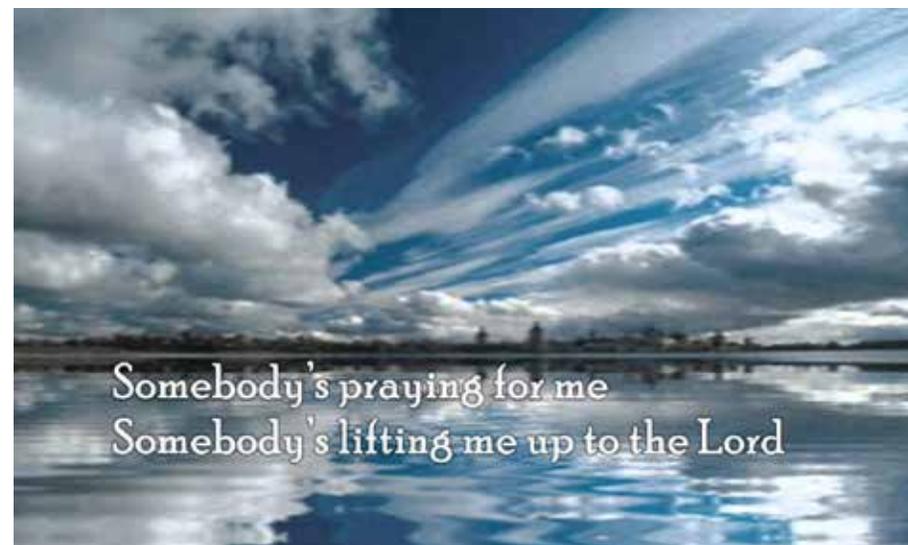
Our thoughts and prayers go out to...

- Jeff Campbell • Charlotte Clark • Carroll Curry
 - Lorraine Day • Bill Flynt • Ella Martha Gamble
 - Amalie Harvill • Greg Hodges • Bruce Houston
 - Mandy Houston • Al Karnitz • Kelly Kelkenberg
 - Katherine Knox • Nelson Murdoch • Claudia Orr
 - Herb Schlubach • Jeff Schulz • Tommy Summerville
 - Max Valentin • Jim Waid • Nezy Wilson
- Jodie Bowling & family in the death of her father-in-law.



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.



Additional Calendar Highlights

Sunday, March 10th

Caregiving Support Group

2 to 4 p.m. in room B-113

Genesis Youth Choir Rehearsal

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in room F-149

Sunday Night Youth Group for Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers

5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank")

Wednesday, March 13th

Wednesday Night Dinner

5 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall

"Book Bunch" Story Time for 3 Year Olds

6 to 6:30 p.m. in the Louise McDaniel Memorial Library

"Foundations of Faith" for Kids

6 to 7 p.m. in the C and D-wing classrooms

Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal

6 to 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Newborn Baby Ministry

6 to 7 p.m. in room F-147

Youth Bible Study

6 to 7 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank")

GriefShare Support Group

6:30 to 8 p.m. in room F-151

"Hope.. The Next Step" Support Group

6:30 to 8 p.m. in room F-150

Women's Ensemble Rehearsal

7 to 7:30 p.m. in the Music Suite

Men's Ensemble Rehearsal

7 to 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship Praise Band Rehearsal

7 to 9 p.m. in Hinton Hall

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Music Suite

Thursday, March 14th

United Methodist Women Mary Martha Circle Meeting

7 to 8:30 p.m. in rooms F-145/146

*To see the full calendar of events online,
visit the church's website at www.duluthumc.org
and click on the "Calendar" tab on the "About Us" page.*



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