

The Sunday Supplement



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.

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.**

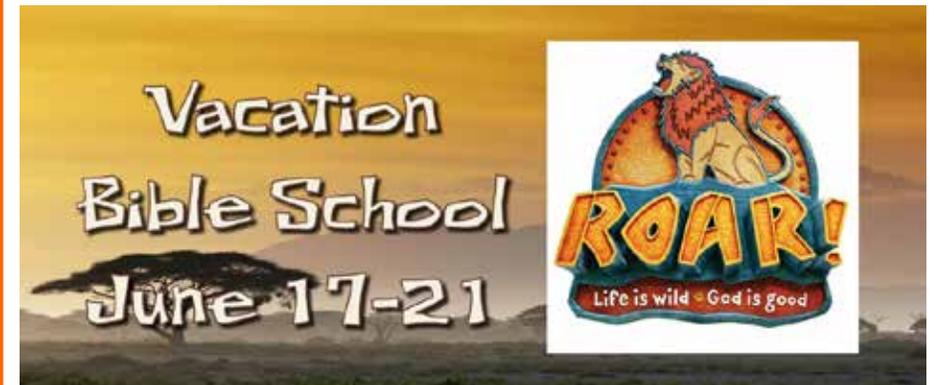


The new lights for the Sanctuary will be installed in the spring. There will be two Sundays where we will not be able to use the Sanctuary and will meet in Hinton Hall. We will also announce the exact dates as soon as we are informed.

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.



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



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: March 20th

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 20th is Chicken Parmesan, pasta with marinara sauce, English peas, zucchini, garlic bread, and dessert. For the kids - pizza. 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.

“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.

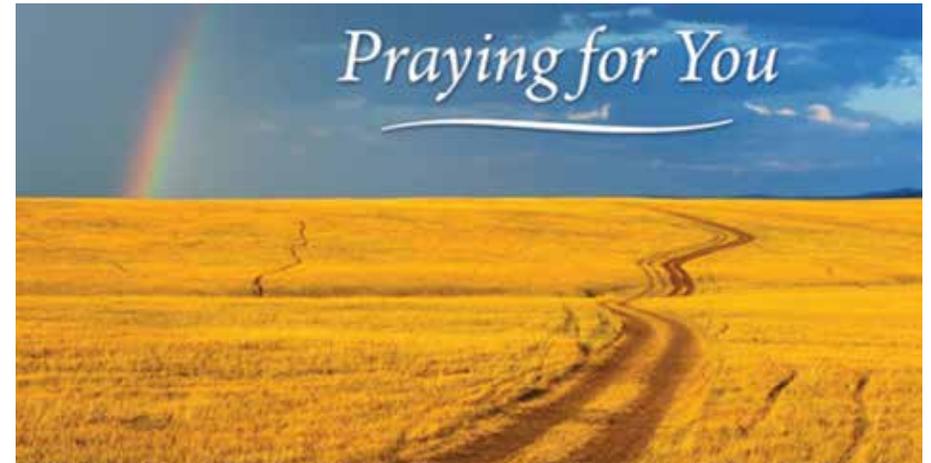
Our Preschool and Kindergarten program is for children ages 6 weeks (by September 1st, 2019) through kindergarten. Registration is underway and the registration fee is \$180.00 per child.

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.

Prayer Concerns

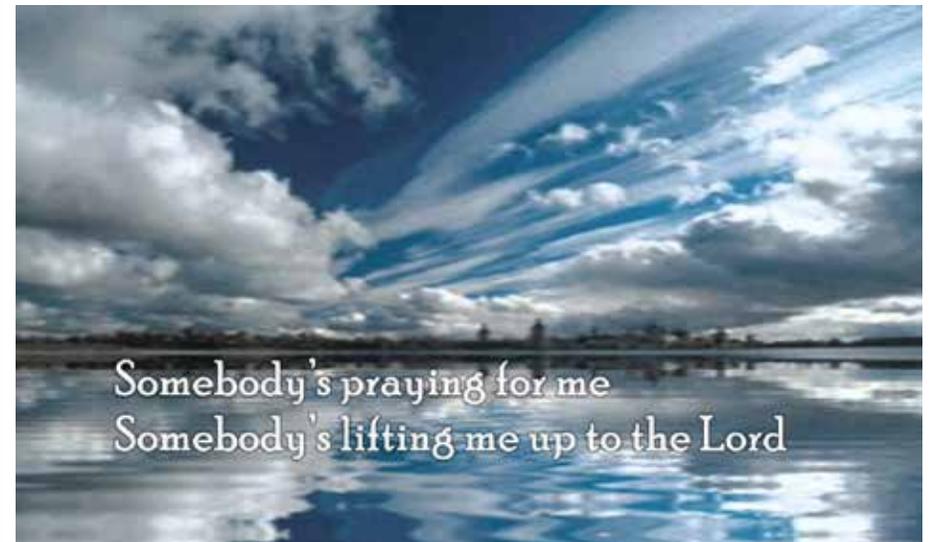
Our thoughts and prayers go out to...

- Jeff Campbell • Charlotte Clark • 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



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 17th

United Methodist Women JAM Circle Meeting

12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in room F-151

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 20th

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 21st

Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry Workshop

5 to 9 p.m. in rooms F-204/205/206/207

*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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