

The Sunday Supplement



A New Way to Celebrate Halloween: October 31st

Our Halloween celebration will take place on Saturday, October 31st, at the back of the church campus. Drop by the church between 5 and 6:30 p.m. You are encouraged to bring food donations for the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op because **It's Spooky to be Hungry!** We will also have photo booths available where you may take pictures in costume. And of course, you will receive a treat!

We look forward to seeing you in your Halloween costumes! If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Beth Brown Shugart (aka the Minister of Fun) by e-mail at bshugart@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.



Daylight Saving Time Ends: November 1st

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1st, so please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31st. This is also a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

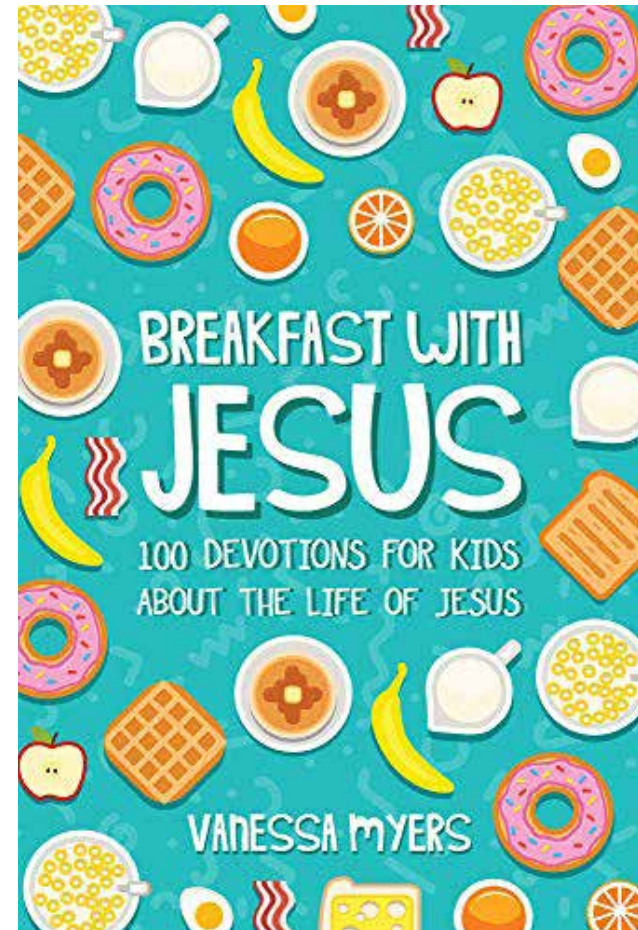
Breakfast with Jesus: A Devotional Book for Kids; **Registration Ends on October 25th**

Local author Vanessa Myers will be at Duluth First UMC on Sunday, November 8th, to share her new devotional book **Breakfast with Jesus**. This is a devotional book for kids that tells about the life of Jesus.

This event, for children ages Pre-K through 5th grade, will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The focus of the event is to help kids establish the importance of a quiet time with the Lord. Vanessa will share a devotion from her book and there will be a lot of fun activities for the children to participate in such as, games, photo booth, journaling and crafts.

Space is limited, so please RSVP by October 25th to Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no food will be served at the event and masks must be worn by everyone.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Service Announcement from Duluth First UMC and the City of Duluth: SR 120/Duluth HWY Lane Closure

The Eastbound lane of SR 120/Duluth HWY will be closed from Howell Street to 3310 Duluth Highway for the installation of a sewer line.

The lane closure will be 24 hours a day beginning October 23rd (please note new starting date) and is expected to take no more than 30 days.

Additional lane closures on Hall Circle will then take place the 8 weeks following the completion on Duluth HWY.

Expect delays and use an alternate route when possible.

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A Time for Communion

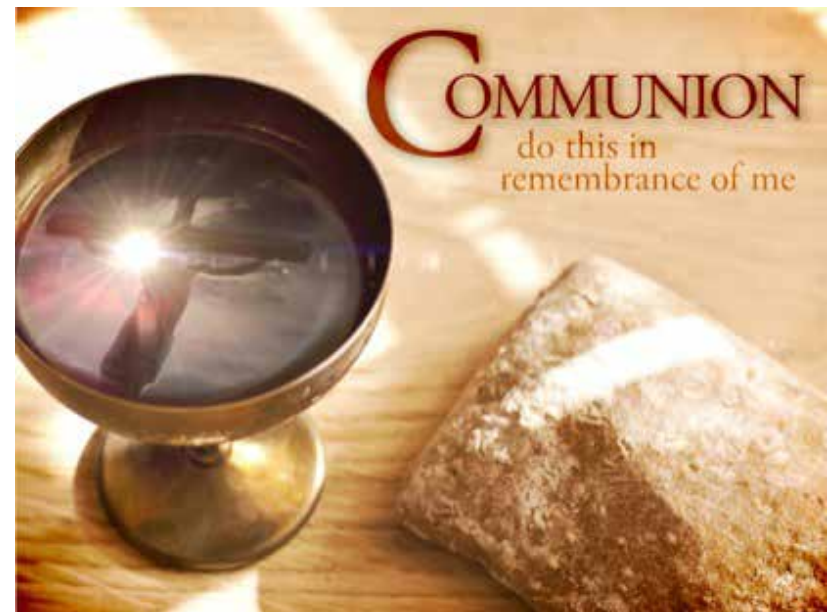
In the beginning it seemed like we would take a short break to allow the virus to go away. Then it stayed, and stayed, and stayed. Now we are in a new normal of guarding our health and those we love by doing things differently. We wear a mask to show our love and care for ourselves and others. We wash our hands more frequently and longer. We exchange our closeness of distance for closeness of spirit by allowing the space to be filled with love. We don't share hugs, or food, or drinks together and so we try to find a new way to share in the communion meal.

You are invited to a time of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. on the Fellowship Terrace, the outdoor space in front of the Fellowship Hall. You must bring your own elements, bread and juice, to join in the Thanksgiving celebration with others in our congregation. Please do not share with anyone other than your own family.

You will still need to social distance. You may sit on the wall or bring a chair. Families may sit together but please refrain from being close to others. We want to continue our safety protocols that have kept us healthy and allowed our church to meet in person. If you enter the church you will need to have on a mask. In case of bad weather we will attempt to meet under the large portico at the back of the church. Watch for updates on the church website. For any questions please contact me by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117.

Blessings and joy,

Rev. C. Kay Fuino



Wednesday Night Drive-Thru Dinner

and Food Collection for Hands of Christ: November 4th

We know you love our Wednesday night dinners at Duluth First UMC. Due to social distancing and wearing masks, eating together in Hinton Hall is not a viable option at this time, so we are offering **Wednesday Night Drive-Thru Dinners!** They are similar to curbside pick-up at your favorite restaurant where you order ahead, pay online, and drive by to get your dinner.

The menu for November 4th is turkey and dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, and dessert. For the kids (ages 11 years and younger) - chicken tenders and chips. Prices are: adults - \$6; seniors - \$5; family - \$19 (parents and their children only); children (ages 11 years and younger) - \$4.

All reservations must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 30th. In order to keep everyone safe, we are taking orders for meals and payments online only. A link to the online order and payment form can be found by clicking on the Wednesday Night Drive-Thru Dinner slide on the homepage of the church's website – www.duluthumc.org.

Please pick up your meals between 5 to 6 p.m. underneath the rear portico of the Family Life Center. Enter the rear parking lot from the rear-side entrance off of Norman Circle and pull under the portico from that side. You will be directed to pull in under the portico after the previous vehicle has pulled out.

Combined with the drive through dinner is our donation time of food items for Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op. You can pick up dinner for your family and drop off canned goods and other items to support other families. A listing of critically needed food items will be posted closer to each date of the food drive.

A Message from Christian Beginnings about Safety

Please be aware that our church's Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten program is in session from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our students and staff are outside on and off throughout the day so we would like to remind you to please drive carefully when you are on the Duluth First UMC campus during school hours.



Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten Nominated for "The Best of Gwinnett 2020"

Christian Beginnings, Duluth First UMC's weekday preschool and kindergarten program, has been nominated for "The Best of Gwinnett 2020" award. We are thrilled to have been nominated for this award and we would greatly appreciate your support in voting for us!

- Click on https://www.guidetogwinnett.com/best-of-gwinnett/vote?profession_fname=education-childcare.
- Scroll down to "Pre-K or Kindergarten Schools"
- Tap on "Christian Beginnings Preschool Kindergarten" and your vote will be taken.
- The voting is open now and you can vote every day!



We are thankful to be able to serve Duluth First UMC and our community. A special "thank you" to all of you who have supported this wonderful ministry for children in the past and your continued support for this school year!

A graphic with a yellow background and a red border. The words "DRIVE" and "THRU" are written in large, bold, white, sans-serif font. A red car is driving through the letters. A hand is holding a brown paper bag.

Children's "Zoom" Online Sunday School Classes

"Zoom" into Sunday school with your friends! The Children's Ministry is having Zoom Sunday school classes on Sunday mornings until we can meet in person.

Please note the new meeting times:

- Preschool/ Kindergarten Sunday school (3 - 5 yr. old's) meets from 9:30 to 10 a.m.;
- Elementary Sunday school (1st - 5th grade) meets from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

If your child is interested in joining us on Zoom for Sunday school, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org.



Children's Ministry Bible Challenge for November

Who doesn't like a challenge? The Children's Ministry will be challenging kids with a Bible verse challenge for the month of November. Each day of the month, kids will be challenged to look up a particular Bible verse and discuss that verse with their family. The theme for the month of November is **THANKFULNESS**.

If your child is interested in this challenge, you may pick up the November Bible Verse Challenge packet at our first Wednesday Night Drive-Thru Dinner on November 4th, or if you would like your packet mailed, please contact Leslie Yokeley by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org. A prize will be awarded to the kids who complete the entire monthly challenge!



Bereavement Support Group: November 9th

The **Bereavement Support Group** meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 9th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in rooms F-145/146, located on the 1st floor of the Family Life Center. Everyone who has had a loss is welcome to attend. We will be wearing masks and observing social distancing.

The group is led by Stephen Ministers. For more information please contact Brenda Bridges by e-mail at bridb@bellsouth.net or call 770-313-6002, or call the church office at 770-476-3776.



A Message from the American Red Cross

Thank you for hosting a blood drive at Duluth First UMC. Your willingness to open your doors and recruit blood donors is vital to the lives of the patients that we serve. Your support and generosity helps to ensure blood needs are met locally. And, once that is done, assists the Red Cross in ensuring blood is available when and where it is needed the most – the ongoing fulfillment of our mission depends on you!

Your blood drive held in September is now on its way to helping hospital patients at the below hospitals:

- Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
- Emory University Hospital Midtown
- Upson Regional Medical Center
- Northside Hospital - Atlanta
- Emory University Hospital



**While there may have been other hospitals that benefited from your efforts, these hospitals received the majority of blood products collected from your drive.*

You and your team should be proud! **The next blood drive at Duluth First UMC will be on Wednesday, January 31, 2021.** On behalf of the hospitals and patients we serve, thank you for your continuing support of the Red Cross!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Are Available

We are underway for this year's **Operation Christmas Child**, our annual participation in Samaritans Purse's mission for God's children around the world. In 2019, Samaritans Purse delivered over 10.5 **Operation Christmas Child** million shoe boxes in over 160 countries.

By filling shoe boxes 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.

Shoe boxes are available in the Gathering Room and on a table in the back of Hinton Hall. You will find ideas on how to pack a shoebox gift, what not to include and labels inside each box. Remember to include the \$9 donation in the shoe box.

It is also possible to fill a shoebox online by picking out items and paying for it electronically. Please see instructions for doing so at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Please return your filed boxes to the Fellowship Hall stage no later than Sunday, November 15th.

This will be such a worthwhile and fun project for our Sunday School classes, Women's Circles, Youth groups, and families with their children to undertake. Let's try to better Duluth First UMC's total of 250 boxes we packed last year!

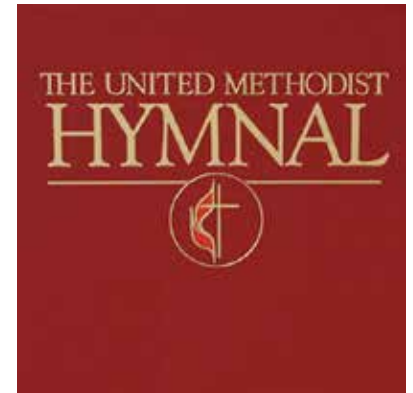
For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com or call 678-662-2115.



"Getting to Know the Hymnal" Online Study Begins December 6th

Getting to Know the Hymnal, a two-week online course beginning December 6th, will reveal the amazing resources that are a part of the **United Methodist Hymnal**. Not only will you will learn about hymns, but you will be introduced to the book that John Wesley said was "the second most important book you can own."

Class sessions are Sundays, December 6th and 13th, from 4 to 5 p.m. on-line via Zoom. Please register with Tracy Brinker, Church Receptionist, by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org, or by calling the church at 770-476-3776. To participate, you will need a **United Methodist Hymnal**. **Registration closes on Wednesday, December 2nd.**



The Star Project

The Butterfly Project we did for Easter was a wonderful success. Many people have inquired about participating in the project next year. It will happen again, but in the meantime let's do another similar thing – **The Star Project**.

For Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, let's cover the front lawn with stars! We will be using the same format as we did for the butterflies.

If you wish to participate in the Star Project, please send an email to sesquicentennial@duluthumc.org and let us know how you wish to participate.



Prayer Concerns

Our thoughts and prayers go out to...

- Kathy Anderson • David Beasley • David Burchett
- Pat Burden • Jena Cornell • Ellouise Daniel • Bill Flynt
- John Gilbreath • Joel Hall • Mary Hawker • Ron Hawker
- Gwyn Jones • Kelly Kelkenberg • Mary Looney
- Nettie McCauley • Wayne McCormack • Bill Minschwaner
- Bill Moe • Ann Reifert • Curt Rogers • Carole Ross
- John Scheiwe • Gail Small • Norman Terry
- The Truesdell Family • Betty Worthington



When you are hurting and feeling alone,
there's Stephen Ministry.
Call Rev. C. Kay Fuino at 770-476-3776, ext. 117,
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