

The Sunday Supplement



Blood Drive: April 14th

A Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 14th, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The benefits of donating blood are:

- It feels great to donate!
- You get free juice and delicious cookies.
- It's something you can spare. Most people have blood to spare... yet, there is still not enough to go around.
- You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed. Most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do.
- You will be someone's hero! In fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation.

If you are already committed to giving a gift of life, please:

- Make an appointment online by visiting the American Red Cross' website at www.redcrossblood.org and entering **dufumc** in the sponsor code box;
- Make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767);
- Contact Tracy Brinker by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org, or by calling 770-476 3776, ext. 112.
- Last, but not least, as a "walk-in" on Blood Drive Day.



Donate Boxes of Cereal and Help Christian Beginnings Celebrate Duluth First UMC's 150th Birthday

Duluth First UMC's **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten** program is celebrating our church's 150th birthday! Please help us celebrate by donating unopened boxes of cereal. **Our goal is 150 boxes!** The boxes of cereal will be donated to the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op. **Please put your boxes of cereal in the wagons located in the Atrium and inside the back entrance to the Family Life Center by Wednesday, April 14th.**



Tea for You: April 14th

Since we are unable to have our annual High Tea this year, the United Methodist Women of Duluth First UMC have put together a booklet that they hope inspires you to have your own tea with friends or family. In the booklet you will find information on how to plan a tea, as well as some favorite recipes for scones and other traditional foods served with tea. You will enjoy reading about High Tea traditions and an interesting history about the origins of Afternoon Tea.

Spring is the perfect time for having an afternoon tea party, **so pick up a copy of the booklet at the Wednesday Night Drive-Thru Dinner on Wednesday, April 14th**, or outside on the office on the 1st floor of the Family Life Center, or in the Narthex in front of the Sanctuary, and plan your own afternoon tea.



As we usually donate a Love Offering from our annual High Tea to one of our many mission programs, we invite you to donate to Happy Sacks:

- Online at duluthumc.org/online-giving and selecting **Miscellaneous Gift**;
- By check made payable to **Duluth First UMC** with **Happy Sacks** in the memo section.

Wednesday Night Drive-Thru Dinner
and Food Collection for Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op:
April 21st

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 April 21st is Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, fried okra, biscuits, and dessert. For the kids (ages 11 years and younger) - hamburgers and fries. 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, April 16th. 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. Enter the rear parking lot from the rear-side entrance off of Norman Circle and pick up your meals at the side entrance of the Family Life Center near the playground.

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.



Baby Recognition Sunday: April 25th

Baby Recognition Sunday at Duluth First UMC will be held on Sunday, April 25th. The United Methodist Women (UMW) will welcome and recognize all new babies born to our church family during the past year. If your family (immediate or extended) has welcomed a new addition between March



2020 and March 2021, please let us know by completing a Baby Recognition Sunday form, available for download on the church's website - duluthumc.org - go to the **RESOURCES** page and click on the **FORMS** tab. Please provide

complete information so that invitations may be sent to the parents. All babies will be honored and welcomed at the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship service. A donation to missions may be made in honor of a specific baby or in honor of all new babies collectively.

This time of recognition is open to all our church family and parents do not have to be members of our congregation. Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me." We want to echo that invitation. The JAM (Jesus Among Mommies) Circle sponsors this special ceremony along with the entire UMW unit. All babies signed up will be honored, and a donation is not required. Please put your completed form in the Baby Box in the Gathering Room, in Hinton Hall, or in the collection plate on Sunday mornings. **The final day to submit names is Sunday, April 18th.** Please contact Victoria Ladd by e-mail at victoriasladd@gmail.com for additional information.



GriefShare Support Sessions Begin May 5th

The next **GriefShare Support Group** sessions at Duluth First United Methodist Church will begin on Wednesday, May 5th, at 6:30 p.m. **GriefShare** is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. **GriefShare** support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help.

We will start these sessions online with Zoom. You must download the Zoom app and have internet capability at the time of the meetings. Also, you will need to go on the **GriefShare.org** website and register under the Duluth First United Methodist Church group so you will be able to watch the online video each week before you come into the Zoom meeting room. Once you sign up on the website we will be able to send you the links to both the video and the online Zoom meeting.

You can register for these sessions by contacting Brenda Bridges by e-mail at bridb@bellsouth.net or call 770-313-6002, or Sue French by e-mail at bramsu@bellsouth.net or call 770-476-9106.



Vacation Bible School 2021 "Rocky Railway" -

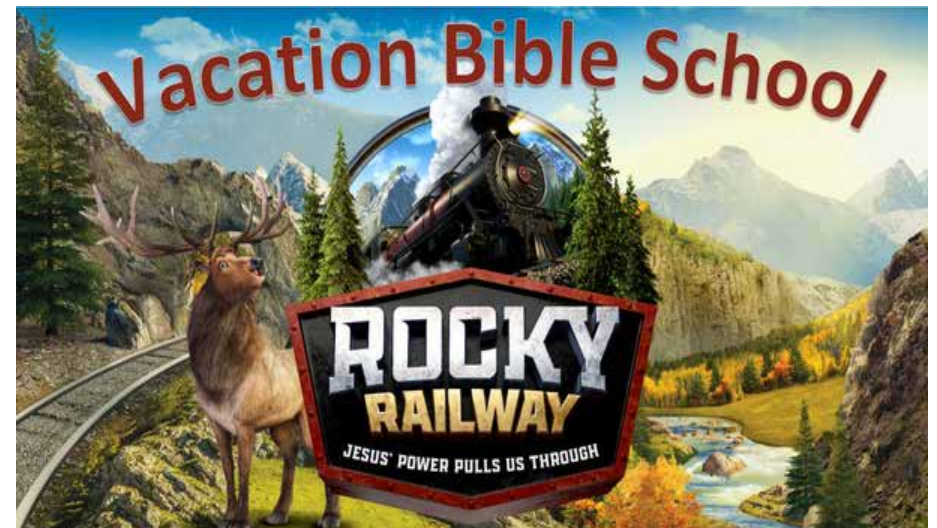
June 21st - 25th: Free and Online!

Registration is now open for Duluth First UMC's Vacation Bible School 2021 – **Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!** You and your family can enjoy VBS together this summer with our **FREE all-virtual** VBS the week of June 21st through 25th. Kids in Pre-Kindergarten through rising 6th graders will be able to enjoy the Bible stories, songs, crafts, and snacks at home this year. All participants who register by Wednesday, May 19th, are guaranteed a t-shirt and CD as well as all of the supplies needed for the crafts and snacks, plus a few surprises.



Each morning the week of June 21st, a new video will be posted to the church's **YouTube** channel to lead your kids in song, give them directions on making their craft, and share a new Bible story. Rising 5th and 6th graders will participate in the same VBS but will also have the opportunity to participate in a mission project.

We hope you and your family will be able to join us for **Rocky Railway** this summer. **To register online, please go to the church's website - duluthumc.org - and click on the *Vacation Bible School* slide on the homepage.** If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.



Register for the Christian Beginnings

Preschool and Kindergarten 2021-2022 School Year

Spots are currently available for the **Christian Beginnings Preschool and Kindergarten's** 2021-2022 school year. 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. We have won the **"Best of Gwinnett"** award three years in a row and we were awarded the **"Gwinnett Daily Post Reader's Choice Award for 2019!"** 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 1, 2021) 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.

Christian Beginnings

Preschool and Kindergarten



Where Smiles Happen

Calling All Small Groups: Share Your History

This year marks Duluth First United Methodist Church's 150th anniversary – our Sesquicentennial. Part of the celebration will be a celebration of your story. We want to share your group's history — through word and picture — with the entire church as part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration on September 19th.

We're hoping to share scrapbooks from all of our "small groups." Consider what you can include — when and how the group began, who were your first members, how you've grown and changed over time, your activities, etc. We can't wait to read your story and we would love to see lots of pictures!



Please have your scrapbooks ready to share by August 1st. On the first Sunday in August, I'll have a box in the Fellowship Hall for you to place them. Starting in September, they will be on display throughout the church. We will return the scrapbooks to you after the celebration! Please make sure you include a point of contact for your group. These scrapbooks are sure to become valued keepsakes.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Ellouise Daniel by e-mail at weeziedaniel123@gmail.com or call 703-477-4438.





Our thoughts and prayers go out to...

- Bob Balkcom • Rick Barrientos • Tara Beauchamp
- Joyce Boothe • Jena Cornell • Carroll Curry
- Lorraine Day • Dottie Hann • Pat Harper
- Carol Johnson • Kelly Kelkenberg • Barbara Martin
- Dottie Moor • Herb Schlubach • Gail Small
- Jan Smid • Gary Smith • Ginger Summerville
- Tommy Summerville • Doug Tiberghien • Diann Tyrrell
- Jim Davis & family in the death of his wife, Marilyn.



When you are hurting and feeling alone,
there's Stephen Ministry.
Call Rev. C. Kay Fuino at 770-476-3776, ext. 117,
or Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.



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