

The Sunday Supplement



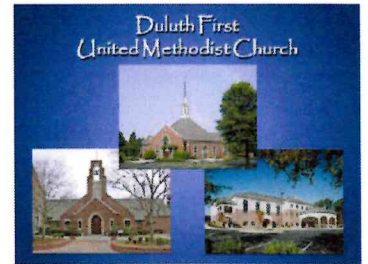
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

We are glad that you came to worship with us today. The mission of Duluth First United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are looking for more information about Duluth First United Methodist Church and its ministries, Bible studies, and other programs and events, please be sure to visit our church's website at www.duluthumc.org.

To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

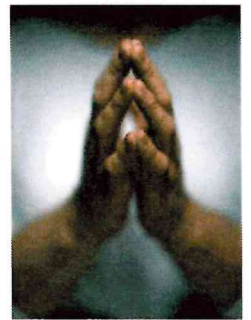
If you have any questions regarding membership or you are visiting and would like additional information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.



Prayer Concerns



- Kathy Anderson • Reed Balkcom • Doris Brackett • Sara Brewer
- Gen Butterworth • Erica Hall • Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett
- Carol Hitchcock • Linton Jones • ShirleyGrace Madajewski • Lynne Ometer
- Tom Owens • Joy Parsons • Mike Ramstead • Jeff Schulz
- Clara Truesdell • Dale VanPelt • Betty Worthington
- Ministry of Music and Worship Arts staff and Chancel Choir members on their retreat at Lake Junaluska.
- Beth Patterson & family in the death of her father.
- The victims of the mass shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

HELP — HOPE — HEALING

Stephen Ministers are here for you when life gets difficult.

For more information or to request the support

and care of a Stephen Minister,

contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at

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Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.



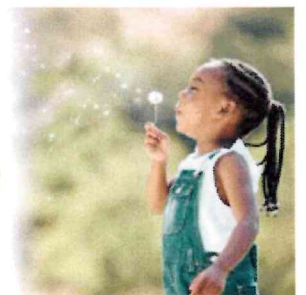
Today's Communion Offering:

2025 "Amazing Grace" Offering for Wellroot Family Services

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward today's communion offering for the **2025 "Amazing Grace" Offering for Wellroot Family Services**. **Wellroot Family Services**, the leading faith-centered family services organization in Georgia, nurtures the feeling of home for Georgia's most vulnerable children. When you give to **Wellroot Family Services**, 100% of your gift provides children and families the power to realize their God-given potential.

Give a gift that nourishes the soul and helps create a safe, loving home. For more information about **Wellroot Family Services**, please visit their website at wellroot.org. The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church.

Amazing
Grace



Join Us and Invite Your Friends to the "Sunday Fun Day" Block Party: Today!

Join us today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the church's front parking lot for an awesome "Sunday Fun Day" block party. There is something for everyone - hamburgers, hot dogs, inflatables, a DJ, Toofpick the clown, cotton candy, and a lot of fun and fellowship! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite our community to join us for a fun and fellowship-filled event at our church!



Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings in September

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.

Our schedule for the month of September is:

- **Sunday, September 7th:** "Sunday Fun Day" Block Party from 5 to 7 p.m. in the church's front parking lot;
- **Sunday, September 14th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, September 21st:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, September 28th:** 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, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.

Register by Today, September 7th, for the Youth Fall Retreat on October 24th – 26th

We are excited to be participating in **The Rooted Retreat** (North Georgia UMC Conference Retreat) hosted by Glisson Camp and Retreat Center for our Youth Fall Retreat, on **Friday, October 24th, through Sunday, October 26th**. It will be an incredible weekend with powerful worship experiences, dedicated youth group time, fun activities, and food and lodging at Glisson Camp and Retreat Center. We are looking forward to a meaningful and fun fall retreat together!



The cost is \$195 per student, and we want every student to be able to attend, so scholarships are available if needed. You can pay by cash, check, or online. Register online by



Sunday, September 7th, by scanning on the QR code located to the right with your smartphone.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org. For additional information about the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center, please visit their website at <https://glisson.org>.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: September 10th

Our Food Ministry staff, along with the amazing Dinner Belles and Beaus, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. **The menu for Wednesday, September 10th, is Chicken Piccata, noodles, English peas, broccoli casserole, garlic bread, and dessert. For the kids – chicken tenders and fries.**

Dinner service hours are 5 to 6:30 p.m., with to-go boxes available from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

The prices for Wednesday Night Dinners are:

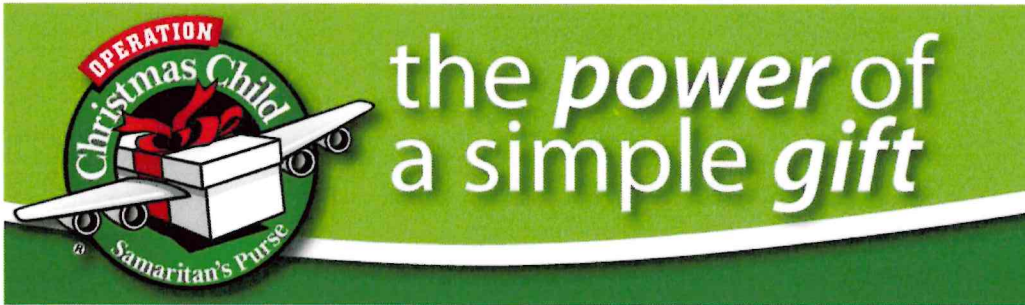
- \$10.00 for adults (including seniors and from 11 years up);
- \$7.00 for children 10 years and younger;
- \$30.00 for family meals (nuclear family members only – husband, wife, their children under 18 years);
- \$7.00 for salad bar only, which includes the salad bar, a choice of baked potato or sweet potato, dessert and a drink.

Credit/debit card payments, as well as cash and checks, are accepted.

Operation Christmas Child

We are gearing up for this year's **Operation Christmas Child**, our annual participation in **Samaritans Purse's** mission for God's children around the world. For 2024, **Samaritans Purse** delivered **over 11.9 million shoeboxes** in **over 170 countries and territories**. Since the inception of the program in 1993, **over 232 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 **Operation Christmas Child's** 12-lesson discipleship program, ***The Greatest Journey***. In 2024, **over 5.5 million children** participated. This program teaches children about God's amazing love and guides them through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

Empty shoe boxes will be available beginning Sunday, September 14th, in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, in the hallway by Hinton Hall, and outside of room F145, 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 for each shoebox you take and fill. This donation not only covers the processing of the shoebox and shipping, but also supports the in-country ministry training and materials for ***The Greatest Journey*** activities. Using the adhesive labels allow you to register your shoebox(s), make your donation, and track your shoebox on-line. See more information included in the empty shoebox.

Duluth First UMC will have a special web site for you to use to complete your online shoebox. This year we have increased the goal to 80 online shoeboxes and expanded the timeframe. The web page is active and specific instructions are available for use of the online process. Additional information about filling shoeboxes online can be found in the article located below.

Please return your completed boxes to the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall stage, in Hinton Hall, or outside room F145 **no later than Sunday, November 16th**.

This will be such a worthwhile and fun project for our Sunday School classes, Women's Circles, our Youth Group, and families with their children to undertake. Let's try to better Duluth First UMC's total of 160 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.

Online Option for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

The time has come for this year's **Operation Christmas Child**, our annual participation in **Samaritans Purse's** mission for God's children around the world. As we did last year, there will be physical shoeboxes available to be completed by you, as well as the option to complete shoeboxes online.

If you wish to do your shoebox(s) online, please use the **DFUMC GOAL PAGE**, a special personalized website available for use to complete your online shoebox. The **DFUMC GOAL PAGE** is now active, and the cost of the Build Online Shoebox option is \$30 per online shoebox. These online shoeboxes are delivered to certain locations that need special customs and cultural needs met. With the **DFUMC GOAL PAGE** there are two options this year: build the shoebox yourself by selecting items to be included in the shoebox, or you can select an option where the shoebox is built by **Samaritan's Purse**. This option is a "one and done" approach. You can also include the ***"Greatest Journey"*** materials to go along with your online shoebox for an additional \$6. Please consider this option.

This year we have increased our goal of online shoeboxes completed through the **DFUMC GOAL PAGE** to **80 shoeboxes**, and we have extended the timeframe **until Friday, December 19th**. Specific instruction sheets have been prepared for using the **DFUMC GOAL PAGE** online process and are available at the **Operation Christmas Child** distribution locations around the church. By using the online **DFUMC GOAL PAGE** you will help make sure that every online shoebox from our church is counted toward our goal!

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 of our annual **Operation Christmas Child** campaign!

Welcome to Our New Food Ministry Manager, Juan Venegas

Please extend a warm welcome to Chef Juan Venegas as our new Food Ministry Manager. Juan has over 25 years of experience in the food service industry. He has experience with churches as well as other types of businesses. He and his wife reside in the Duluth area. Stop by on a Wednesday Night to say hello to Juan and join us for Wednesday Night Dinner!

Wednesday Night Food Drive: September 10th

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. **On September 10th we ask you to bring cans of diced tomatoes.** A table for donated items will be 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.



42nd Annual Duluth Fall Festival: September 27th & 28th

Mark your calendars and save the dates for the **42nd Annual Duluth Fall Festival** being held Saturday, September 27th, and Sunday, September 28th, in downtown Duluth. Duluth First United Methodist Church and its congregation take an active roll in the **Fall Festival** each year.

The **Fall Festival** kicks off on September 27th with a parade through downtown beginning at 10 a.m. This year's Grand Marshals will be Kathryn Willis and Ann Odum — sisters, long-time members of Duluth First UMC, and long-time residents of Duluth.

On, September 28th the **Duluth 5K Donut Dash** race, a qualifier for the Peachtree Road Race, starts at 8 a.m. The race attracts both the serious competitive racer and the occasional runner/walker, and provides an opportunity for participants of all ages to help this year's race beneficiary, **Wellroot Family Services**, supporting their vision of a world where every child is raised in a loving, compassionate, and nurturing home. For additional information about **Wellroot Family Services**, please visit their website at www.wellroot.org. To sign up for the **Duluth Donut Dash**, please go to www.duluthdonutdash5k.org.

Join us for **Worship on the Town Green** on September 28th with a community worship service beginning at 10 a.m. at the Duluth Town Green. Duluth First United Methodist Church's Rev. David Burchett will be leading the morning's worship service, with the church's Contemporary Worship Praise Team leading the worship music.

PLEASE NOTE:

- On September 28th, our Contemporary Worship Service will take place beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Duluth Town Green for the **Duluth Fall Festival's Worship on the Town Green** with Rev. David Burchett preaching.
- The 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship services **WILL MEET** in the Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles preaching.
- Sunday school classes for children and youth will not be held on September 28th.

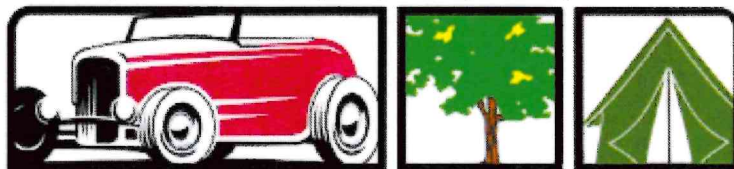
For additional information about the **Duluth Fall Festival**, please visit duluthfallfestival.org.

BSA Troop 419's 9th Annual "Cars for Campouts" Classic Car Show, Cruise In, and BBQ:

Saturday, October 4th

BSA Troop 419 will hold their 9th Annual "Cars for Campouts" Fundraiser Car Show, Cruise In, and BBQ on Saturday, October 4th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church's front parking lot. If you have a special vehicle (all years, makes, models) – muscle cars, classics, resto-mods, exotics, bikes, and one-offs – if it rolls, please bring it and participate.

Preregistration by October 3rd is \$20, and registration on the day of the show is \$25. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/cars4campouts-2025>. Sixty participant-judged awards will be presented. If you just want to see some cool vehicles, feel free to attend as admission for spectators is free.



CARS FOR CAMPOUTS

Food and beverages will be available. Enjoy great food, hots dogs, BBQ (available on-site or for take home) snacks and beverages.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to carshow@bsatrop419.org, or call Mike Ringham at 770-815-4206. All proceeds from the event help make **BSA Troop 419's** program one of the best in the council, and with your support, will continue to do so.

Book Club to Discuss "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again":

Tuesday, September 22nd

Join us on Monday, September 22nd, as the Book Club discuss Rachel Held Evans' **Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again**, her book on falling in love with the Bible again. "If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she embarked on a journey to better understand what the Bible is and how it's meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it can change you, too."

The **Book Club** will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in room F-145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

**Seeking Volunteers for Altar Guild, Sacristans (Communion Servers),
and Liturgists at the 8:30 Service**

If you have a great eye for detail, enjoy caring for the Sanctuary, a talent for speaking, or enjoy serving at worship, please consider joining one of these teams: Altar Guild, Sacristans (communion servers), and Liturgists. These volunteer positions do not take very much time and training is provided. Please contact Verena Lucía Anders, Director of Music and Worship Arts, by e-mail at vanders@duluthumc.org to volunteer or for more information.



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