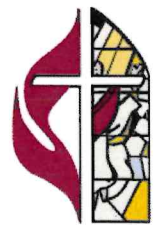




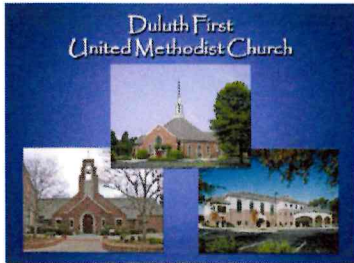
The Sunday Supplement



NOVEMBER 16, 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.

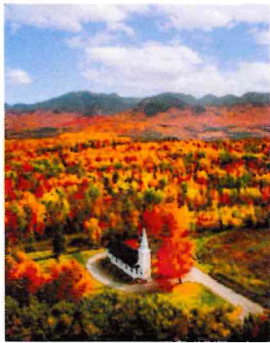


To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

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

- Charlie Anderson • Tracy Balkcom • Gen Butterworth
- Bill Evans • Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett
- Carol Hitchcock • Linton Jones
- Tracy Brinker's father, Jerry Keyees • Susan Paschal
- Charlie Pierce • Ann Reifert • Ethel Sales
- Clara Truesdell • Dale VanPelt • Gail Waigand • Easton Wall
- Federal workers and others affected by the government shutdown.



Want someone to talk to? Stephen Ministers are there for you.

For more information or to request the support and care of a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.



Today is Consecration Sunday

In all worship services this morning we will consecrate our Estimates of Giving for 2026. Please fill out an **Estimate of Giving card**, available in the pews/seats, and bring it forward at the designated time in the worship services. You can also make your estimate of giving online at the church's website - duluthumc.org - on the **STEWARDSHIP 2026** page. If you have already turned in your **Estimate of Giving card** or you have filled it out online, **Acknowledgement cards** are available to bring forward as we bring our estimates to the altar.



Please see the **Grow One Step** chart, included in this morning's Orders of Worship, and also available for download on the **STEWARDSHIP 2026** page on the church's website, and consider growing one step, as many of us are doing. This morning we will celebrate together as we grow one step each year toward the tithe.

Grow One Step Chart

Many folks have found the **Grow One Step** chart helpful for their giving. Most of us know it's best for us to put God first and to move toward tithing (giving God the first 10% of our income). But we find it hard to get started. That's where the chart comes in.

Over a decade ago, a young couple I know with two school-aged daughters wanted to tithe. They were giving, but they didn't know what percentage of their income they were giving.

The grid side of the enclosed chart showed them that they were giving 2%. They decided to grow one step by giving 3% the next year. That worked, and they kept going – the following year – 4%, then 5%, etc. After eight years they were tithing, giving God 10%. They are happy to be continuing that practice today as their daughters graduate from college.

Rev. Terry Tippens,
Senior Pastor



"Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser: Today!

Bundle Up for Buffalo, our annual fundraiser to assist the Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY with their winter heating costs, is today. It will open on Sunday, November 16th, at 9:30 a.m., will be closed during both 11:00 a.m. worship services, and will re-open at noon and finish by 1:00 p.m.

All proceeds from **Bundle Up for Buffalo** go to Seneca Street UMC to assist with their winter heating costs. There is a great need for the heat to be kept on in part of the church where 65+ children arrive after school every day. Heat is on from October to April (and often May) in that part of our country. The after-school program provides children with a healthy snack, warm greetings, and volunteers to help them with their homework until their moms get home from work.



Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings

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 (unless otherwise noted). **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 November is:

- **Sunday, November 16th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, November 23rd:** **Friendsgiving** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, November 30th:** 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.

Operation Christmas Child: Completed Shoeboxes Are Due Back by Today, November 16th

Please return your completed **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes to the Narthex, the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, outside of Hinton Hall, and outside of room F145, located on the 1st floor of the lower level of the Sheldon Family Life Center no later than today - Sunday, November 16th.

You can still fill a shoebox online through the month of December. The cost of the Build Online Shoebox is \$30, and this is a quick and easy way to participate in this mission - no shopping going store to store, no lines, no driving. **The DFUMC Goal Page is active and you can complete an online shoebox by:**

- Using specific instructions, prepared for using the online process, which are available at the shoebox distribution locations around the church.
- Scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet to complete your shoebox online.
- Going to the church's website - duluthumc.org - clicking on the **MINISTRIES** tab and then clicking on the **MISSIONS** tab, where you will find information about **Operation Christmas Child**.



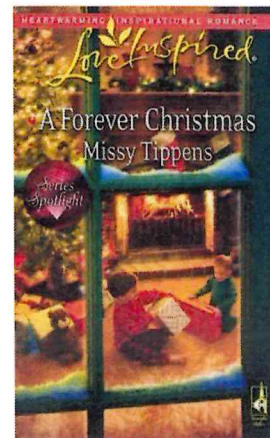
For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by email at chaz3d@gmail.com or call 678-662-2115. Thank you for your support!

Book Club to Discuss "A Forever Christmas" by Missy Tippens: Monday, November 17th

The Duluth First UMC Library Book Club will meet on Monday, November 17th, to discuss **A Forever Christmas** by our own Missy Tippens, wife of Senior Pastor Terry Tippens. Missy will lead the discussion of **A Forever Christmas** beginning at 10 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

In **A Forever Christmas**, a love-inspired romance, Sarah Radcliffe's quiet Christmas back in her hometown will be lost if she agrees to direct the church's Christmas pageant. But when she meets two little boys determined to gain their father's attention, Sarah agrees to help. Then she discovers that the dad in question is Gregory Jones, the man she loved and lost. The single dad is working himself to the bone to give his boys the Christmas of their dreams, when all they want is some family time. Time that includes a new mommy. If Sarah can learn to open her heart, she may receive the most wonderful present of all—a family of her own.

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Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: November 19th

Our Food Ministry staff, along with our amazing Dinner Belles and Beaus volunteers, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. The menu for Wednesday, November 19th, is chicken pot pie, asparagus, steamed carrots, roasted potatoes, biscuits, and dessert. For the kids – hot dogs and French 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.

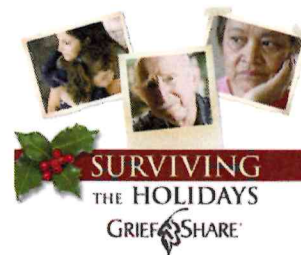


"Surviving the Holidays" – A Grief Share Program: Wednesday, November 19th

Holiday celebrations take on a different meaning when you are grieving. Are you in need of finding a way to survive the holidays? Do you wonder how to celebrate when your loved one is gone?

Join the Grief Share Support Group on Wednesday, November 19th, for a special "Surviving the Holidays" class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in rooms F154/155, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. This class may be beneficial in helping you plan a holiday schedule that is best for you during the holiday season.

For additional information, please contact Brenda Bridges at 770-313-6002, Sue French at 404-434-8001, or call the church office at 770-476-3776.



Diaper Drive: Through Wednesday, November 19th

The competition is fierce and the stakes are high as the Children's Ministry takes on the Youth Ministry to see who can collect the most diapers for A Beacon of Hope, a local ministry that provides holistic, life-affirming, integrated sexual health care that fosters knowledge and hope, transforming the lives of women and their families for generations, using scripture and medical accuracy as their cornerstones.

The diaper collection competition will go through Wednesday, November 19th. For every package of diapers you bring in, please cover a "poop" emoji with a red diaper (Children's Ministry) or a blue diaper (Youth Ministry) on the Diaper Drive bulletin board located in the Atrium. The team who collects the most diapers gets to pie the other team in the face!

For additional information about A Beacon of Hope, please visit their website at www.friendsofbeacon.com. Thank you for your support!



Wednesday Night Food Drive: November 19th

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 November 19th we ask you to bring peanut butter and jelly.** 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.

Hope for the Holidays – A Candle Lighting Service of Remembrance: Monday, November 24th

Make plans to join us for **Hope for the Holidays - A Candle Lighting Service of Remembrance**, on Monday, November 24th, with services at noon and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us for a program of reflection followed by candle lighting in memory of your loved one(s). The 7:00 p.m. service will be streamed live on the **Duluth First UMC Worship** page on **YouTube.com**. Childcare in **Childcare Corner** will be available for both services.

We are asking people to send in names of loved ones that they would like to be read aloud during candle lighting. Please send the name(s) by e-mail to Tracy Brinker at tbrinker@duluthumc.org by **Friday, November 22nd**. Please put **"Service of Remembrance Names"** in the subject line of your e-mail. We understand the holiday season may be a challenge for individuals and families who have lost someone special. Duluth First UMC has established a meaningful time for people to come together... to reflect, to remember and to honor those lives that have meant so much.



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