



The Sunday Supplement



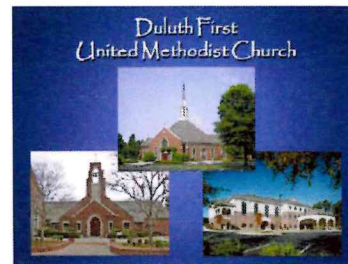
MAY 10, 2026

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



- Sara Adams • Kathy Anderson • Tracy Balkcom • Lorraine Day
- Ann Fleming • Pam Logan • Barbara Martin • Tom Martin
- Dottie Moor • Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher
- Sharon Swisher • Clara Truesdell's mother, Clara Wade • ShiQuita Ward
- Sue VanLanen & family in the death of her sister.



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.

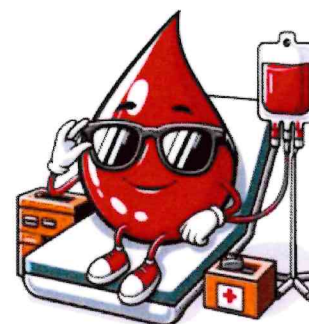


Donate Blood at Duluth First UMC: Wednesday, May 13th

Giving blood is one of the simplest yet most powerful ways to make a direct, life-saving impact in someone else's life. A single donation can help multiple patients—People undergoing surgery, trauma victims, cancer patients and those with chronic illness who depend on regular transfusions to survive. **Blood cannot be manufactured; it can only come from donors, which means every contribution matter.** It's a small act that takes little time but offers immeasurable value—turning an ordinary day into an opportunity to be someone's lifeline.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13th, in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating blood as the Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. To schedule an appointment:

- Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code **dufumc**;
- Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767);
- Contact Tracy Brinker by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 112.
- Last, but not least, be a "walk-in" on Blood Drive Day.



Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to your donation. All donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card, thanks to Amazon! Please go to rcblood.org/Amazon for additional information.

Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for May

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.



The **Sunday Night Gathering** schedule for May is:

- **Sunday, May 10th**: No **Sunday Night Gathering** (Mother’s Day);
- **Sunday, May 17th**: **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, May 24th**: **Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, May 31st**: **Adult Volunteer Appreciation Night** 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.

Library Book Club to Discuss “The Book Club for Troublesome Women”: Monday, May 11th

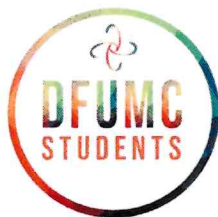
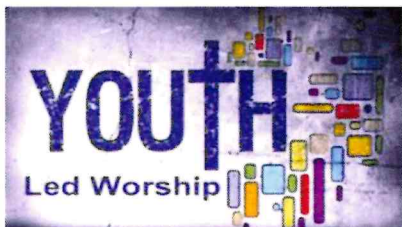
The Library Book Club will meet on Monday, May 11th, at 10:00 a.m. in room F 145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss **The Book Club for Troublesome Women** by Marie Bostwick. **The Book Club for Troublesome Women** is a historical fiction novel about four suburban housewives in 1960s Virginia who form a secret book club, inspired by Betty Friedan’s **The Feminine Mystique**, to discuss their dissatisfaction with the “American dream” and find empowerment through friendship and shared experiences.

Nicknamed “The Bettys,” the women—Margaret, Charlotte, Viv, and Bitsy—navigate personal crises and societal expectations, discovering their own strength and the power of sisterhood during a pivotal year. (Source: www.google.com)

Youth-Led Worship Sunday and Recognition of Graduates: May 17th

Please join us on Sunday, May 17th, for youth-led worship in all three worship services (8:30 a.m. Traditional, 11:00 a.m. Contemporary, and 11:00 a.m. Traditional). It will be a great morning as we come together to support our youth, and get to hear messages from our students as they lead us in various aspects of our worship services.

We will also be recognizing our graduates of 2026 at all three worship services on May 17th. Congratulations to all the graduates and their families!



Miracle Sunday: May 17th

In 2025 The United Methodist Church launched a new vision statement - “**To love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.**” As a result we, as United Methodists, are recommitting ourselves to supporting clergy and United Methodists around the world. John Wesley made education a core commitment of his Methodist movement going back to its earliest days. In 1748, just a decade after his heart-warming spiritual awakening, Wesley established the still-thriving Kingswood School to provide high-quality education to the children of coal miners, as well as adults.

So it makes sense that as the people called Methodist “spread scriptural holiness over the land,” they planted not only churches but also schools for all ages. Those campuses eventually came to include United Methodist seminaries and theological schools to educate clergy around the globe. But ensuring would-be pastors can pay for their education has long been a challenge — especially in Africa, the Philippines and parts of Europe. While 71% of United Methodist clergy in the U.S. have a master’s degree or higher in theology, less than 5% of clergy in Africa, Europe and the Philippines can say the same.

That’s where **Miracle Sunday** comes in. The one-time offering is scheduled to take place in the denomination’s more than 30,000 congregations on Sunday, May 17th, the final Sunday of this year’s Easter season. The offering will raise funds for the **Endowment for Theological Education in Africa, Europe and the Philippines**. We will take this offering during all three worship services on May 17th and invite you to participate in this important mission of The United Methodist Church. This offering is in addition to your giving to the general fund.

Thank You to Connie Goodman and Jodie Bowling

After decades of faithful service, the “Dynamic Duo,” Connie Goodman and Jodie Bowling, teachers from **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten**, are stepping into a well-earned retirement! They both leave behind a legacy that has shaped generations of children and families in our Duluth community.

Together, these two women have given over three decades of service to our church preschool ministry. Ms. Connie has taught for 35+ years and Ms. Jodie has taught for 27 years! Their commitment reaches far beyond the classroom, having built relationships, supporting families, mentoring colleagues, and helping to shape the spirit of our preschool into what it is today! Many lives have been influenced by their dedication to teaching young minds.

While their daily presence will be missed, their influence will continue in the lives of the children they taught. We are tremendously grateful for their years of dedication and the love they have shared with the children and their families.

As they begin this new chapter, we would like to wish them happiness, rest, and the opportunity to enjoy life to the fullest! **Thank you, Ms. Connie and Ms. Jodie, for everything!**

THANK YOU!
SO MUCH
Connie Goodman
35+ years!



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27 years!

Register Now for This Summer's Vacation Bible School: June 22nd - 26th

Register now for “**Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**” Vacation Bible School, being held Monday, June 22nd through Friday, June 26th, at Duluth First United Methodist Church. Vacation Bible School, held from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is for kids going into pre-Kindergarten (age 4 as of September 1st) through rising 6th graders. The cost is \$30 per child with a maximum of \$70 per family. Each day participants will participate in Bible story time, sing songs, play games, make crafts, and eat snacks.

In addition to registering participants, we are also registering adult and youth volunteers. We especially need shepherds, who are adult volunteers in charge of a group of 6-10 kids. Shepherds do not need to prepare anything in advance. They lead their group to the various activities where other volunteers are in charge. If you would like to help but are only available one or two days that week, you can put your available dates on your registration. We often need substitute shepherds. Also, the Childcare Corner is available for the children of volunteers if you have a child who is not old enough to be a participant.

Everyone who registers by May 24th is guaranteed a VBS t-shirt and copy of the music. All Vacation Bible School participant registration forms, as well as volunteer forms, are available online at the church's website – duluthumc.org, by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet, or by going to vbspro.events/p/42cb8a.

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.



Item Donations Needed for Vacation Bible School

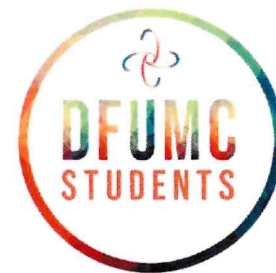
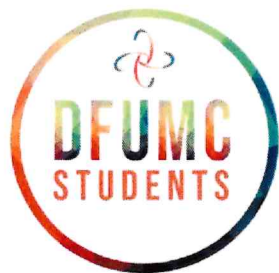
Please consider making a donation of items on our Amazon wish list for this summer's Vacation Bible School - “**Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God.**” The wish list includes items needed for crafts, as well as snacks.

If you would like to donate an item or items, please use your smartphone or tablet to scan the QR code located to the right. Thank you for your support of “**Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God.**”



Youth Summer Mission Trip: The Gainesville Aid Project

Students from our **Youth Ministry** are excited to partner with **The Gainesville Aid Project (GAP)** from Wednesday, June 10th, through Sunday, June 14th, to serve those in the Gainesville, Hall County area. Students and adult leaders will serve those needing home repairs, wheelchair ramps, lawn care help, etc., during the day and will participate in group activities, games, and worship in the evening. We ask for your prayers for this mission trip!



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