



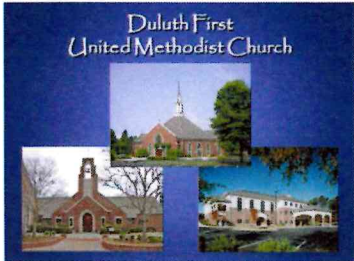
# The Sunday Supplement



JUNE 7, 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](http://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](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

## Prayer Concerns



- Kathy Anderson • Tracy Balkcom • Jack Brannon
- Ann Fleming • Jae Hallett • Beth Intondi
- Jan Jones • Pam Logan • Barbara Martin
- Tom Martin • Pat Pepper • Bette Pickin
- Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher
- Sharon Swisher • ShiQuita Ward

- Our Youth Ministry students and adult leaders on their Summer Mission Trip, the Gainesville Aid Project (GAP), June 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Hal Ball & family in the death of his wife, Fran.



STEPHEN MINISTRY



## **WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION.**

Duluth First UMC Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one emotional care and support to those in our church and community who are hurting.

Contact Rev. Dr. C.Kay Fuino by e-mail at [ckfuino@duluthumc.org](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org) for additional information.

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## Today's Communion Offering: The North Georgia Annual Conference's Special Offering - The Center for Clergy Excellence's International Fund

The church has always moved across borders: carrying hope, building relationships, and answering the call wherever God leads. This year's **North Georgia Annual Conference's Special Offering** will support **The Center of Clergy Excellence's International Fund**. This fund will help pastors navigate the practical steps required to serve across cultural and national boundaries. Your generosity today is more than a financial gift. It is a statement of faith that the church moves together, and when one part of the body is ready to serve, the whole body leans in to help. Let's open doors together.

The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church.



## Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 June is:

- **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**: Gwinnett Stripers Game at 1:05 p.m. at Coolray Field.
- **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**: No **Sunday Night Gathering** (returning from the Gainesville Aid Project);
- **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**: No **Sunday Night Gathering** (Father's Day);
- **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**: **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](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



## Popsicles on the Playground: Mondays, June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>

The summer is too long to go without seeing our friends! Preschool-aged children, their siblings, and their grown-ups are invited to come play at the church **on Mondays, June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** We will have popsicles for the kids and iced coffee for the grownups!

Join us on the playground if the weather is nice, and if it is raining or way too hot, we will be in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org).

Be on the look out for other meet up opportunities this summer by following us on:

- Our church's website – [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org);
- Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/DuluthFirstUMC>;
- Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/duluthfirstumc>.



## Pack a Backpack with School Supplies for a Child at Seneca Street UMC: Beginning on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Over the last six years it has been a joy for our congregation to be part of the **Summer Reading Camp** at Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY, by packing backpacks here in Duluth with school supplies for the children in Buffalo. After being shipped to Buffalo, backpacks are distributed to children at the end of the two-week camp for use in the upcoming school year. A portion of the backpacks will be processed as we have done in the past, while for the rest of the backpacks we will buy and collect school supplies and have a packing party for filling them with collected school supplies.

If you would like to pack a backpack:

- **Grades 1 – 8: Beginning on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**, select one or more school supply cards to be used to buy supplies with. Please return all school supplies **by Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**. The packing party will be held **on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 10 a.m. in Hinton Hall, where you can come and fill backpacks with collected school supplies.
- **Kindergarten and grades 9 – 12: Beginning Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**, select an empty backpack which will include a school supplies list and note on the return process. Shop for school supplies to fill it with and return completed backpacks **no later than Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**.



This approach was very successful last year as it allowed a greater number of our members to participate in the ministry. Backpacks and school supplies can be left in the collection areas located on the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall stage, and outside of room F145, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at [chaz3d@gmail.com](mailto:chaz3d@gmail.com) or 678-662-2215. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

## **Senior Adult Coffee Hour: Wednesdays, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 12<sup>th</sup>**

Senior adults are invited to join us once a month this summer for a time of coffee, conversations, and fellowship. Bring a game, something you want to discuss, or just show up to enjoy time together!

We will meet on Wednesdays, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the cul-da-sac area outside of the offices on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Register Now for Vacation Bible School: June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

Register now for **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God** Vacation Bible School, being held Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>) through rising 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

All Vacation Bible School participant registration forms, as well as volunteer forms, are available online at the church's website – [duluthumc.org](http://duluthumc.org), by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet, or by going to [vbspro.events/p/42cb8a](http://vbspro.events/p/42cb8a). For more information, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at [lyokeley@duluthumc.org](mailto:lyokeley@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.



## **Vacation Bible School Decorations Request for Loaner Flora and Fauna**

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Amazon wish list for decorations and other supplies! As we prepare to create an exciting rainforest environment around the theme of our upcoming Vacation Bible School, **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**, we are also requesting donations or loans of:

- **Green, leafy potted plants (preferably artificial, but all welcomed);**
- **Tropical- and jungle-themed stuffed animals (monkeys, tigers, sloths, birds, reptiles, etc.).**

We'll be glad to care for, label, and return any loaned items after Vacation Bible School. If you have questions, please contact Bryan Taylor by e-mail at [bryantaylor44@gmail.com](mailto:bryantaylor44@gmail.com).

## **Vacation Bible School Decoration Day: Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

It's time to build our lush rainforest adventure setting throughout the church for this year's Vacation Bible School, **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**. Volunteers are needed to help decorate on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 a.m. No sign-up required – just show up when you can for as long as you can and be ready to help create an exciting environment for our Vacations Bible School kids!

If you have questions, please contact Bryan Taylor by e-mail at [bryantaylor44@gmail.com](mailto:bryantaylor44@gmail.com). Childcare will be available for children ages pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They will be helping with their own special decorations for Vacation Bible School. If you will be needing childcare, Please contact Linda Wettlaufer by e-mail at [lwettlaufer@duluthumc.org](mailto:lwettlaufer@duluthumc.org).

## **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day Celebration: Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Join us on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, in Hinton Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship services as we celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence of the United States. A meal will be provided by the church and the choir will lead patriotic music.



## Thank You From Happy Sacks

With the end of the 2025-26 school year, **Happy Sacks** has completed our fourteenth year of providing nutritious weekend snacks for children in need. This past school year, we packed and delivered 4,133 sacks to children at five local schools. Since the program began in 2012, we have delivered over 44,000 sacks!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the **Happy Sacks** ministry this school year! Thank you to those who have donated food items and money, to those who have helped pack sacks on Wednesday night, and to those who have delivered the sacks to the schools! We hear over and over from the counselors at the schools how much the children appreciate the sacks. This ministry would not be possible without your support.

We look forward to starting back when school resumes in August. Thank you again for all of your support!

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