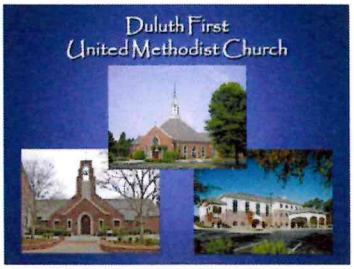
The Sunday Supplement

OCTOBER 25, 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.



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OVERWHELMED AND STRUGGLING?

There's Stephen Ministry.
Request a Stephen Minister to help you find hope and healing.

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.



Join Us for Our Annual Trunk or Treat: TODAY!

Bring your friends and family to our **Trunk or Treat** event today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in front of the church. Come in costume, park your car, and pop the trunk! Volunteers are needed to host a trunk at **Trunk or Treat** as we welcome our community to Duluth First UMC for an afternoon of fun. We hope to have at least 35 trunks and YOU can be one! Decorate and/or have a game at your trunk for the opportunity to win the soon to be coveted Golden Pumpkin prize! **Set-up time begins at 3:30 p.m. and trick-or-treating begins at 4:00 p.m.**







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Care Packages for Our College Students: Gift Cards Needed by Today - Sunday, October 25th

As finals weeks are quickly approaching, we want to show our love and care for our college students by sending them care packages to enjoy during their finals! If you would like to donate gift cards to be included in the care packages, please purchase any of these gift cards – Chick-fil-A (most requested by students), Starbucks, or Dunkin' – with the amount of $25 per card, and drop them off in Rev. Min Lee's office (Director of Youth Ministries), located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center **by Sunday, October 25th.**

If you have a college student (or if you are the college student) who is a member of Duluth First UMC, we ask you to scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet and fill out the contact information form and update the student's mailing address.

We appreciate your generosity!

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. ***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 October is:

- **Sunday, October 25th: *Trunk or Treat*** from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the front of the church.

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**.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: October 28th

Join us for a time of food and fellowship around the table with family and friends at our Wednesday Night Dinners from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall, located on the 2nd floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Chef Kenny Lewis, our Food Ministry Manager, along with our very talented and dedicated Dinner Belles and Beaus volunteers, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices.



The menu for October 28th is baked Chicken Alfredo, penne pasta, steamed broccoli, Italian mixed vegetables, breadsticks, and dessert. For the kids – the same. Dinners are served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall, with to-go boxes available from 6:00 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 and 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. Please note - menus are subject to change. Please visit the church's website - **duluthumc.org** - to view upcoming menus.

Wednesday Night Food Drive: October 28th

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 Wednesday, October 28th, we ask you to bring canned peas.** Please leave your donated food items on the **Food Drive** table 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!

Crafts, Pieces of Art, and Baked Goods Needed for "Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser: November 14th & 15th

Crafters, potters, artists, and bakers of all kinds – your talents will be needed in November! Our annual missions fundraiser, ***Bundle Up for Buffalo***, will be on Saturday, November 14th, and Sunday, November 15th. All proceeds from the ***Bundle Up for Buffalo*** fundraiser help our sister church, Seneca Street United Methodist Church in Buffalo, NY, keep the heat on their facility during the winter months which fall from October 2026 through April 2027. Last year, we raised enough money to designate this church to be a warming center, where people could come into the building and get a bite to eat if their own heat had been turned off or was not working. This was major – YOU helped do this!

Volunteers are needed on Friday, November 13th, at 2:30 p.m. to help set up the tables and sale items in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. If you can help with the set up, or have items you would like to donate to the sale, please contact Beth Intondi by e-mail at **Beth.intondi@outlook.com**. You have been so faithful in prayer for this "pocket of poverty" in the North for many years. Please consider what you can make, and something that others would enjoy purchasing. Thank you for your support.






Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, our annual participation in **Samaritan's Purse's** mission for God's children around the world, is underway. In 2025, **Samaritan's Purse** delivered **over 12.2 million shoeboxes to 170 countries and territories**. Since the inception of the program in 1993, **over 244 million shoeboxes** have been delivered to children around the world.

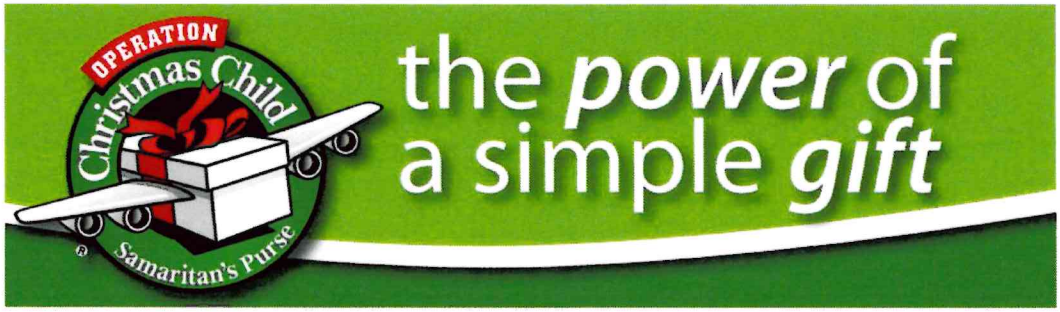
By filling shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and hygiene items, you not only give to children in need the only gift they will likely receive for Christmas, but also help deliver hope, joy and the gospel of Jesus Christ to them and their families. Many children who receive these shoeboxes gifts will also enroll in ***The Greatest Journey***, **Operation Christmas Child's** 12-lesson discipleship program. Since 2009, over 52 million children have participated in this program, teaching them about God's amazing love and guiding them through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

Empty shoe boxes are available in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, in the hallway by the entrance to Hinton Hall, and by the cul-de-sac are 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 which supports the in-country ministry training and materials for ***The Greatest Journey*** activities, as well processing and shipping the shoebox. Using the adhesive labels allow you to register your shoebox(s), make your donation, and track your shoebox online.

Duluth First UMC has a special web site for you to use to complete your shoebox online, and **our goal is 80 online shoeboxes by December 19th**. You can access the web page by scanning the QR code located to the right. You can also get printed instructions for using the goal page at the **Operation Christmas Child** tables.

Please return your completed boxes to the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall stage, inside Hinton Hall, or outside room F145 (located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center) **no later than Sunday, November 15th.**

This is a worthwhile and fun project for our Sunday School classes, Women's Circles, our Youth group, and families with their children to undertake. 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!



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Goodwin/Bentley Cemetery Restoration Information Meeting: Saturday, November 7th

For decades, the historic cemetery on the 3200 block of Duluth Highway has stood as a silent monument to the families and early history of our area. Though it sits without a formal sign—known locally as Goodwin Cemetery and recorded in death records as Bentley Cemetery—it is currently abandoned, overgrown, and deeply in need of care. There are over 100 burials in the Goodwin/Bentley Cemetery, and many are unmarked.

The William Day Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), along with the Duluth Church Cemetery Foundation, invite you to a critical community meeting on Saturday, November 7th, to discuss the preservation, restoration, and ongoing support of this sacred landmark. Together, we can honor and reclaim this vital piece of Gwinnett County heritage. The meeting is from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Duluth Public Library, located at 3180 Main Street. Whether you are a descendant, a history enthusiast, or a neighbor who cares about preserving our local landscape, your voice is essential.

At the meeting you will learn about the current state of the burial site and the immediate preservation needs; help organize volunteer cleanup days and long-term care initiatives; share family histories, obituaries, or regional records to help properly document every individual laid to rest at the cemetery; discuss local partnerships and resources to ensure the site is permanently protected.

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