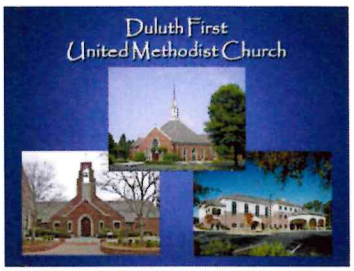
The Sunday Supplement

NOVEMBER 1, 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



• David Baker • Doug Bridges • Larry Bunten
• Dale Burns • Ann Fleming • Lawrence Gibbs
• Jim Green • Sherry Griffeth • Shamain Hallett
• Bryan Johnson • Linton Jones • Caleb Klayman
• Judy Lutz • Ann Reifert • Marilyn Scheiwe
• Charlotte Schlubach • Chuvalo Truesdell

• Youth and adult leaders on the Youth Fall Retreat (November 6th - 8th) at the Glisson Camp and Retreat Center.



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.





This Morning's Communion Offering: Member Assistance Fund

Any gifts left on the altar rail or communion table will go toward this morning's communion offering for the **Member Assistance Fund**. The **Member Assitance Fund** helps church members in need. The communion offering is in addition to your regular giving to the Church.

COMMUNION OFFERING

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Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for November

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 November is:

- **Sunday, November 1st: *Sunday Night Gathering*** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, November 8th:** No Sunday Night Gathering (returning from the Youth Fall Retreat);
- **Sunday, November 15th: *Friendsgiving*** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, November 22nd: *Sunday Night Gathering*** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, November 29th: *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**.

Collecting Toys and Gifts for the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op's Christmas Shop

Would you like to help make a difference in a child's life this Christmas? Duluth First UMC is partnering with **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op** in a toy drive to stock the **Hands of Christ Christmas Shop**. **The Christmas Shop** helps families in need to provide gifts for their children this Christmas. If you would like to help us provide Christmas for all of these children in our community, your generosity can make sure that happens.

Beginning Sunday, November 1st, you can bring in unwrapped toys and place them in collection areas in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room and Hinton Hall. We will be accepting toy donations from November 1st – 29th. We hope that you will prayerfully consider helping to make Christmas a joyous day for all the families that **Hands of Christ** assists every day and every year. Thank for your generosity and your faithfulness.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: November 4th

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 November 4th is baked turkey with dressing and gravy, sweet potato casserole, buttered corn, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, rolls, and dessert. For the kids – chicken tenders and French fries. 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: November 4th

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, November 4th, we ask you to bring tuna fish.** 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!

Blood Drive at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 11th:
Give Thanks—Give Blood—Give Life

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 11th, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment to make a blood donation:

- 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 BloodDrive Day.

Free A1C testing, a test commonly used to screen for diabetes and pre-diabetes, will be offered to those who donate blood. Each donor will receive a $10 gift card and 200 bonus points with a successful donation. Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to your donation.

"Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser: November 14th & 15th

Crafters, potters, artists, and bakers of all kinds – your talents will be needed! Our annual missions fundraiser, ***Bundle Up for Buffalo***, will be on Saturday, November 14th, and Sunday, November 15th. The fundraiser will be held in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall on November 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on November 15th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (the sale will be closed during the worship services). 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, including 75 plus children, 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 aree 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. Thank you for your support.

"Surviving the Holidays" – A Grief Share Program: Wednesday, November 18th

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 18th, 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.

Item Donations Needed for Ferguson Elementary School

Ferguson Elementary School needs our help again this upcoming holiday season. Ferguson Elementary, a Title 1 school located in Duluth, has a wonderful tradition each year of students shopping in the **Holiday Shop** for their families for Christmas by using their behavior points. The students work hard all year to earn their behavior points, so they can spend them on their families. After the students purchase their gifts, the staff wrap them before the students take them home. For many of these students, the **Holiday Shop** is the only opportunity they have to purchase holiday gifts for their families.

To help make the **Holiday Shop** happen, Ferguson Elementary needs our donations. If you have any items that are new or gently used from the following list, you can leave them in collection areas in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, November 1st. Items needed include:

- Toys
- Holiday decor
- Jewelry
- Soap
- Tissue paper for gifts bags
- Games
- Candles
- Lotion
- Men's items
- Home decor
- Craft/art supplies
- Perfume
- Gift bags

Thank you for your generosity.

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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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