



# THE MESSENGER



DULUTH FIRST UMC'S NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019

## Duluth First UMC Has a Heart for Children

During my tenure here at Duluth First UMC, I have been impressed by the heart this church has for children. Not only is there an excellent Children's Ministry, but many of our missions are focused on helping and supporting children. As the Pastor for Family Ministries, the church's strong support for children is an indication of the importance of families and nurturing their faith.

Beginning in 2019, there will be a dedicated hour for Sunday school. Worship is offered three times: Traditional at 8:30, Contemporary at 11:00 and Traditional at 11:00. Worship bags are available for elementary age children at the Traditional services and worship clip boards at Contemporary. The bags and clipboards help engage the children in worship. As a church, we are committed to teaching children to be worship leaders and participants. Several members of the church have shared why worship is important to their family.

For Kristen Shappert, worship is worship AND a family event: ***Hearing the sermon together offers us the opportunity to answer questions from our girls about what they learned and provides great discussions for lunch time. That makes the sermon relevant to our lives.***



Don Greene highlights the benefits for his son, Charlie, and for himself: ***A less obvious reason for bringing your child to worship is what it does for the parent. Charlie (and all of my kids) constantly asks me questions about the worship service. Why do we do something? What does it mean? What does this scripture mean? Why did God do something? Why did Terry say this in his sermon (which when he preached on David and Bathsheba was just a bit uncomfortable)? But all of these questions have taught me so much.***

***They make me think about all that we're doing.....really think about it. I've learned so much from reflecting on Charlie's questions. Sometimes I can answer them and sometimes I have to ask one of the ministers, but it keeps me actively engaged in the worship experience each Sunday.***

***Charlie's questions also cause me to reflect on my own relationship with God. I'm a child of God, just like Charlie is my child. Seeing God through Charlie's (and April's, Adam's and Anna's) eyes brings this into much greater focus for me. I get to see God in a childlike way, which keeps me grounded, humble and dependent on Him.***

Hope to see you and your family in worship this Sunday!

***Rev. Beth Brown Shugart,***  
Associate Pastor

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## Duluth First United Methodist Church

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## Sunday Worship Services

- 8:30 a.m.—Traditional Worship service with Communion in the Sanctuary.
- 11:00 a.m.—Contemporary Worship service in Hinton Hall.
- 11:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary.

## New Schedule for Sunday Mornings

### at Duluth First UMC

On Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, we moved our Contemporary Worship service in Hinton Hall to 11:00 a.m.

All Sunday School classes are now held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes are available for children (ages 3 and up), youth and adults. Children, newborn through two years of age, are eligible for childcare in the Duluth First UMC nursery.

A time for fellowship for all ages is held at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and in Hinton Hall.

The 11:00 Traditional Worship service will continue in the Sanctuary and the 8:30 Traditional Worship service with Communion will continue as well.

Childcare on Sunday mornings is available for children, newborn through pre-Kindergarten, in the Duluth First UMC nursery during all activities.



## Happy New Year!

It's the beginning of 2019 and a new year begins with a fresh start and new inspiration. This is the time we make great resolutions to be healthier by eating right, exercising, getting more sleep and simply trying to live less stressfully. The church can help you keep your resolutions!

Our new worship service times and single Sunday school hour allow you to live with less stress and more joy, plus you have an exciting opportunity to try something new for the New Year. There are openings in all of our Sunday school classes with a seat that is ready for you. There are friends from church waiting to share their faith stories with you. The children and youth have classes designed to help them learn more about their own walk with Christ as well as the history of how the world began and we became Christians.

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## Happy New Year!

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You can get up early to enjoy the whole day with our 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship service where you will receive a wonderful meal each week, the same meal Jesus shared with his friends. Then you can have coffee and go to a Sunday school small group to add faith knowledge that will help you for the entire year, and you can drop off your children in their class where they meet their friends each week.



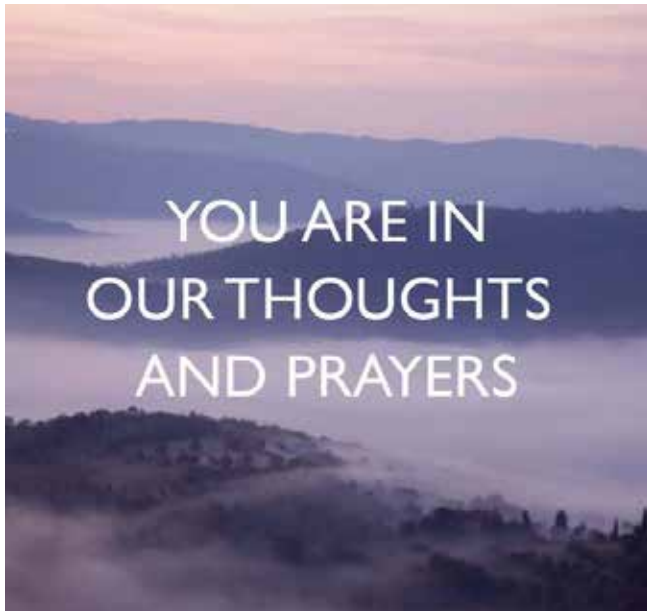
You can get a little more sleep by waiting until 9:30 a.m. to come for Sunday school then share in fellowship time with coffee and conversation with adults and children in the Fellowship Hall and Hinton Hall at 10:30 a.m. At 11:00 it's time for worship with style – your style. Traditional Worship is in the Sanctuary with a full choir, great organ and piano music, scriptures, sermons and quiet time for prayer. Like a little more relaxed service? Come to Hinton Hall for our Contemporary Worship service of music from current artists, a musical offering to move you into a spiritual moment to hear a sermon and see an occasional video to inspire your thinking. All three worship services offer a great opportunity to teach your children about the aspects of worship. What they learn now will be with them for a long time.

No matter which service you choose you will be surrounded by a warm spirit of welcome and friendship that will change your week. And all of that is simply on Sunday. There is more on Wednesday evenings to add to your fellowship at Wednesday night dinner, Bible study classes, **Foundations of Faith** for children Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Youth Group Bible study for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, along with other fun things like knitting or packing Happy Sacks.

Now do you see how your resolutions can be kept intact just by attending church? Invite a friend to join you so that they can have a successful New Year too!

Happy New Year!

*Rev. C. Kay Fuino,*  
Associate Pastor



**Prayers Needed for...**

- Jeff Campbell    • Marilyn Davis
- Kathryn Fitzgerald    • Ella Martha Gamble
- Sarah Gearing    • Cyndee Gullett
- Amalie Harvill    • Kevin Kesler
- Katherine Knox    • Fran Hearn-McGee
- Debbie Murdoch    • Janice Olson
- Mickey Pitts    • Myrtie Sitz
- Tommy Summerville    • Max Valentin
- Nancy Crouse & family in the death of her father.
- Joyce Fallin & family in the death of her brother.
- Ken Willi & family in the death of his father.
- Kristy Wilson & family in the death of her mother.

**Need Prayers?**

You can submit your prayer requests online at [www.duluthumcprayers.org](http://www.duluthumcprayers.org). Members of the Prayer Network will pray for you, a family member or friend throughout the week. Requests can be general and made anonymously.



**Church Operating Fund**

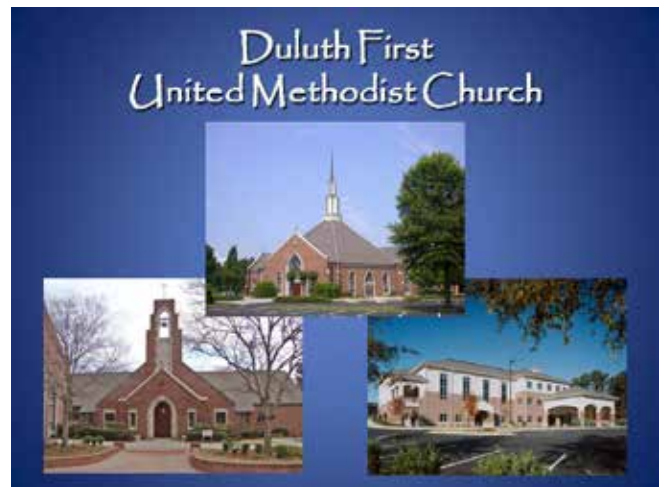
Received on December 2	\$29,850.10
Received on December 9	\$32,187.37
Received on December 16	\$28,851.30
Received on December 23	\$54,416.69
Received on December 24	\$24,707.85
Received on December 30	\$60,018.03

**Year-to-Date, 2018**

Received as of December 30	\$1,671,282.15
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**Building Fund: Year-to-Date, 2018**

Received as of December 30	\$317,781.56
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**Worship Attendance:**

December 2	546
December 9	406
December 16	644
December 23	520
December 24	1253
December 23	330

## Join Us for Wednesday Night Dinners in Hinton Hall

### January 9<sup>th</sup>

Roast beef with gravy, oven roasted potatoes, carrots, green beans, rolls, dessert.  
For the kids - hamburgers & fries

### January 16<sup>th</sup>

Lemon garlic chicken, rice pilaf, roasted brussel sprouts, squash casserole, rolls, dessert.  
For the kids - chicken tenders & fries

### January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Breakfast quiche, sausage & bacon, cheese grits, tater tots, sausage gravy, biscuits, French toast sticks, dessert.  
For the kids - the same

### January 30<sup>th</sup>

Beef Stroganoff over noodles, broccoli, butter peas, rolls, dessert.  
For the kids - hot dogs & chips.

The Dinner Belles and Beaus prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Dinner is served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Hinton Hall of the Family Life Center. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends.

We are also offering a salad bar special. For only \$4 you can enjoy a fully stocked salad bar, a baked potato/sweet potato, dessert and drink.

Prices are: adults - \$7;  
seniors (age 60 and up) - \$6;  
children ages 11 years and under \$4;  
children under 2 years eat for free;  
no family (immediate family members only)  
pays more than \$19.

**You can now pay for your dinner(s)  
with a credit card or debit card.**

**NOTE: Menus are subject to change.  
For the week's menu please visit**



## Remember Your Baptism: January 13<sup>th</sup>

Like all of God's people through the ages, Christians need to participate in acts of renewal within our covenant community. On Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at all three worship services, we will have an opportunity to remember how much God loves us by sharing in the sacrament of remembering our baptism.



Through baptism we are initiated into the Church. Our lifelong journey is filled with experiences that nurture us, teach us, shape us and strengthen us to live faithfully. This is a time when we can fully open our spirit for God to reveal more and more to each of us.

## Crafts, Cookies, & Cocoa: January 13<sup>th</sup>

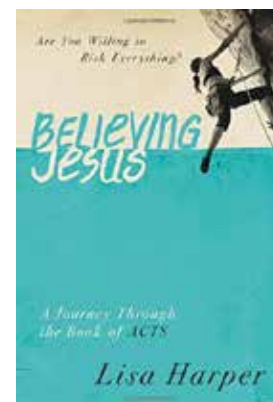
Make plans to join us for **Crafts, Cookies, & Cocoa** on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fellowship time for preschool and elementary children and their families to come together for crafts and snacks. For more information, please contact Rev. Beth Brown Shugart by email at [bshugart@duluthumc.org](mailto:bshugart@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.



## Lisa Harper's "Believing Jesus" Study: Begins January 10<sup>th</sup>

The ladies' Bible Study on Thursday mornings will be studying Lisa Harper's book **Believing Jesus**. Are you willing to risk everything?

Join this out of the box Bible teacher, as she retraces the revolutionary steps of the early Christians in the book of Acts. Although the followers didn't have much of a roadmap after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit catapulted them forward with so much power, grace, and authority that they dramatically impacted the first-century culture and ultimately change the world as we knew it today.



**There are 8 sessions, beginning on January 10<sup>th</sup>.** We meet in room F146/147 at 10 a.m. Please contact Fran Hearn McGee at [dr\\_fran@bellsouth.net](mailto:dr_fran@bellsouth.net) or leave a message at 678-773-5107 to reserve a study guide, \$15.

## United Methodist Women Join the Fight Against Human Trafficking

The United Methodist Women are joining the fight against human trafficking before the Super Bowl. The Super Bowl is one of the biggest events drawing many traffickers to our area. On Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be displays in the Fellowship Hall by organizations fighting trafficking here in the Atlanta/Duluth/Suwanee area. Please take time to walk through and talk to the representatives to find out what their organization does to combat trafficking and how you can help fight this horrific crime.



Also, on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the United Methodist Women will host along with other partners a tailgating party and awareness and action called **RUNNING OUT THE CLOCK ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING**. This event takes place downtown Atlanta on Mitchell Street near the Mercedes Benz stadium at Central UMC. Please see the United Methodist Women table for more information.

## Blood Drive: January 16<sup>th</sup>

Don't let your heart be "frozen" - help save a life and donate blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive being held at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment:

- Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://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](mailto:tbrinker@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 112.
- Last, but not least, be a "walk-in" on Blood Drive Day.



## Disciple Fast Track: Into the Word, Into the World

Join Rev. C. Kay Fuino as we begin the next session of **Disciple Fast Track** with *Into the Word, Into the World* in January 2019. This study will immerse you in the books of Luke and Acts for 12 weeks.

*Into the Word* helps deepen an understanding of Scripture and make connections between what you already know and what you are reading. Each week you will encounter three spiritual disciplines, learn what they are and how you can engage those disciplines. The first discipline varies from week to week, and then moves into Sabbath and prayer. In every session, you commit to how you will respond to Scripture in terms of ministry in the world.

*Into the Word* identifies some needs in the world for which ministry is needed and suggests possible responses, then invites you to summarize the scripture message that will shape your ministry and to decide what response and commitment to make to that message. Each week you will be guided in experiencing the gift of Sabbath rest and renewal.

Class will meet on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in rooms F-205/206, beginning on January 13<sup>th</sup> and concluding on March 31<sup>st</sup>. **Disciple Fast Track** is designed for those with busy lives and the reading is very manageable for each day. Class members share what they have learned, watch a short video and are led through the weekly readings. Please join us even if you have had **Disciple** in the past, it is a wonderful way to renew your studies.

The cost of the book for Luke and Acts is \$18 and may be paid by cash or check made out to the church. Please call and reserve your space in class with our receptionist Tracy Brinker. Please contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino if you have any questions by e-mail at [cfuino@duluthumc.org](mailto:cfuino@duluthumc.org) or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117.



## **Senior Fellowship Program & Luncheon:**

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**

The **Senior Fellowship** will meet for its monthly program and luncheon on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way for senior adults to come together for food, fun and fellowship. **The guest speaker for the January 8<sup>th</sup> will be Herb Ricks.** Herb will be showing us techniques on how to stay active at home during the cold days of winter when we can't go outside.



The meeting begins at 11 a.m. and the program starts at 11:15 a.m. Lunch begins at noon. All senior

adults are welcome to attend the program or the lunch or both. For more information, please call the church office at 770-476-3776.

## **The Roadrunners to Visit the Anne Frank in the World Exhibit: January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**The Roadrunners** will visit the Anne Frank in the World exhibit in Sandy Springs on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit uses 600 photographs with more than 8,000 words to tell the story of Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl who kept a diary while she hid with her family from the Nazis in Amsterdam. Anne grew up in Europe amidst the events that culminated in World War II and the Holocaust. The powerful, moving exhibit provides visitors a chance to learn, explore, share and remember the history and lessons of the Holocaust and its continued relevance today.



**The Roadrunners** will leave the church's front parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and return to the church by 4 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$5 per person. The self-guided tour takes about 1.5 hours. Following the tour, lunch on your own will be at the Egg Harbor Restaurant located in the same area as the exhibit. Please make your reservation for this trip at the Senior Fellowship gathering on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bereavement Support Group:**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**

The **Bereavement Support Group** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in room F-151, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Family Life Center. Everyone who has had a loss is welcome to attend.

The group is led by Stephen Ministers. For more information please contact Brenda Bridges at 770-476-5126, or the church office at 770-476-3776.



## **Caregivers United Support Group Meets Every Sunday Afternoon**

Do you have a loved one that counts on you for care and support? Do you wonder how other caregivers deal with the emotional and physical challenges of caring for a loved one? You are not alone. Come join us whenever you can at the Caregivers United Support Group to connect with others that are facing these same struggles. This support group, which is facilitated by the Stephen Ministry, is there to walk with you on your journey and to help you feel less alone in the struggle to care for a loved one.

We invite you to join us on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. in room B-113. For more information, please contact the church office at 770-476-3776.



## **Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry**

The **Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry** here at Duluth First UMC continues to be busy making and giving out quilts to those with serious health concerns. We have given out 67 quilts so far this year and they have gone to 9 different states! If you know of someone with a serious health concern, please complete a yellow Prayer Quilt Request form available at different locations in the church and mail it to Liz Staley at the address given on the form. You will then be contacted about the quilt. You will need to ask the person if they would like to receive a quilt and ask them what they want people to pray for them. We would also like a picture of the person, which we can keep for our scrapbook.

**Prayer & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry** workshops are held twice a month:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

All are welcome to come and help sew, sandwich and do the handwork to finish the quilts. If you have a question about this ministry, which has given out over 1200 quilts since it began in 2003, ask any of the following people who have attended a workshop this year:

Ardie Sudduth, Kay Spearman, Annette McIntosh, Janet Castello, Tina Flynt, Joy Riley, Annette Pierce, Daryl Begley, Mary Harley, Beth Intondi, Lori Klayman, Karen Robertson, Dannie Martin, Fran McGee, LaVonne Childers, Terrie Adkins, Ann Waggoner, Gail Small, Randi Hughes, Sara Lee, Jane Sumner, Kimberly Ahern, Pam Rodie, Jacque Shellhouse, Beth Ross, Shari Ross, Aline Ricks, Trudy Lehman, Frances Horne, Renee Day, Sara Burns, Vicki Waits, JoEllen McLees, Liz Staley, Beth Brown Shugart, C. Kay Fuino.



**Sara Brewer**

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Elizabeth's children are Kingston & Empress.

**Randy & Linda McKee**

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## **Order Flowers for Worship Services in the Sanctuary and Hinton Hall**

Our Flower Guild creates beautiful flower arrangements for Sunday morning worship services in both the Sanctuary and Hinton Hall. Teams of talented, eager-to-serve Flower Guild members create these arrangements each week. As always church members and friends are invited to purchase flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, or to mark a special event, such as a birthday, anniversary, etc.

The cost for each arrangement is \$100 for three vases (2 vases in the Sanctuary/1 vase in Hinton Hall). Flower designations will be listed in the church bulletin for the Sanctuary services, and displayed on the screens for Contemporary Worship in Hinton Hall.

Please place your orders at least one week in advance. Your completed forms and payment must be received in order to reserve a date. For more information or to see if a specific date is available, please contact Tracy Brinker at the church office by e-mail at [tbrinker@duluthumc.org](mailto:tbrinker@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776.





## **“Christmas Gifts to the Church”**

### **Offering**

The following people and groups have given to the **“Christmas Gifts to the Church” Offering** to the glory of God in memory of others:

- Chet & Martha Apley, by Les & Kay Apley.
- Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Baker,  
by David & Susan Baker.
- Lewis & Rose Brewer, by Sara Brewer.
- Mr. & Mrs. William Davidson,  
by David & Susan Baker.
- Charles Douglas, by June Douglas.
- Rusty Fallin, by Joyce Fallin.
- Nell Ford, by Debby Perrotta.
- Patrick Grube, by Jackie Grube.
- Jim Gullett, by Jeanine Gullett
- Lawrence Hess, by Larry & Miri Hess.
- Lester & Esther Korsch, by Bob Grace.
- Doris & Jane Langford, by Arthur Langford.
- Kimberley Leonard, by Jack Leonard.
- Lillian Mayton, by Sue & Curt Rogers.
- Tom McIntosh, by the family of Tom McIntosh.
- The Mason/Mozley Family,  
by Jimmy & Beth Mozley.
- My parents, Robert & Esther Ometer, and  
sister-in-law, Sandy Ometer, by Lynne Ometer.
- Our parents, by Bob & Joanne Dyson.
- Our parents, by Sally & Olen Leonard.
- Our parents, by Andy & Janice Olson.
- Jack Sanders, by Polly Sanders.
- Joe Sitz, by Myrt Sitz.
- Pat Southerland, by Mary Jo Southerland.
- Karl Stoneking, by Bettie Stoneking.

The following people and groups have given to the **“Christmas Gifts to the Church” Offering** to the glory of God in honor of others:

- Will Belleperche, by Lacy & Bill Evans.
- Jamison & Elias French, by Sue French.
- Tom Martin, by Glen Cornell.
- Caroline Moore, by Jaime & Cheri Espinosa.
- Our parents, by Chuck & Renee Day.
- Glen & Stella Rorison, by Les & Kay Apley.
- Marion Shirley & Joyce Jones,  
by Linton & Jan Jones.
- Karen Smith, by Glen, Lauren & Allison Smith.
- Our granddaughters, Reese Ann & Celia  
Thompson, by Clinton & Mary Ann Thompson.
- Nancy Wooten & Gail Thomas,  
by Paul & Michelle Larate.
- Lois Young, by Cynthia Peterson.

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### **Offering**

*(Continued from the previous column.)*

The following people and groups have given to the **“Christmas Gifts to the Church” Offering** to the glory of God:

- Bill & Nancy Arnold
- Mary Ellen Ask
- Tim & Dawn Beasley
- Don & Cindy Bennett
- Jerry & Sarah Bignotti
- Jack & Pat Brannon
- Carol Bullock
- David & Gail Burleson
- Marty & Debbie Bush
- Sean Delaney
- Duffey Sunday School Class
- Dan & Janet Dunwoody
- John & Betsy Fenton
- Forum Sunday School Class
- Teguh & Lita Ghazalie
- Jim & Cindy Green
- Jane Greenwood
- Sherry Griffeth
- Glory Hanna
- Harold & Winn Hickam
- Angeline Holmes
- Ashley Johnson
- Jeanelle Jordan
- Dai & Ranja Kang
- Richard & Gloria Kerns
- Sandra Lamar
- Merri Loy
- Bob & Jenny Masterson
- Bill & Mary Anne Minschwaner
- Greg & Elaine Norton
- Dennis & Debbie Patterson
- Ellouise Pennington
- Richard & Jan Rawls
- Dick & Pam Rodie
- Ethel Sales
- Ron & Susan Seeger
- Chuck & Jacque Shellhouse
- Kathy Skidmore
- Harold & Mazie Stone
- Mark & Diann Tyrrell





## **Gifts in Memory and In Honor of Others**

The following people and groups have given gifts to the glory of God in memory or in honor of others:

**In Memory of Nell Dorsey,  
Dianne Gilbreath's Mother**  
*Dianne & John Gilbreath*

**In Honor of Jane Haman**  
*Steve & Bonita Hatch*

**In Memory of Ray Haman**  
*Steve & Bonita Hatch*

**In Memory of Patti Harris**  
*Tom & Joyce Upchurch*

**In Memory of Shirley Mitchell**  
*Kristin Frankowski*

**In Memory of Charles Noel**  
*Bob & Cynthia Peterson*

**In Memory of Peggy Roach**  
*Lacy & Bill Gaiski; Ronald & Maureen Herberle;  
Otto Goyco Internal Medicine;  
Gerald & Sharon Rockey; Maura Rockey;  
John & Marjorie Zeleznick*

**In Memory of Bernard M. (Jack) Sanders**  
*Don & Robin Sanders*

**In Memory of Diann Tyrrell's Brother**  
*Duffey Sunday School Class*

**In Honor of Jim & Melanie Waid**  
*Melinda Waid*

**In Memory of Kenneth S. Willi,  
Ken Willi's Father**  
*Duluth First UMC Staff*



## **Update on the "Meet or Beat" Challenge in Raising Funds for the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Fund**

Toward the end of 2018 the Barnes Sunday school class challenged the other Sunday school classes and groups in the church to match or beat their \$1000 donation to the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Fund to help provide the funds needed to replace the air handlers in the Sanctuary. The SOS (Single on Sunday) and Forum Sunday school classes each met that challenge with their \$1000 donations to the fund. The Steadham Sunday school class not only met and but raised the bar in this challenge with their contribution of \$1150!

All four of these Sunday school classes are continuing to encourage other classes and groups in the church to help with this expense.



## **Deadline for the February 2019 Edition of "The Messenger"**

The article deadline for the February 2019 edition of *The Messenger* is Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9 a.m.

