



# THE MESSENGER



DULUTH FIRST UMC'S NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018

## Join Us for the Experiences of Holy Week and Easter!

### "Messiah in the Passover"

#### Seder Meal and Program: March 25<sup>th</sup>

Make plans to join us for the "Messiah in the Passover" Seder Meal and Program on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. in Hinton Hall. The "Messiah in the Passover" presentation is a powerful message not only of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but of the redemption of individuals from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus. The program is designed to give participants a deeper understanding both of Passover and of the Communion table.

Tickets for the dinner and program are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. All proceeds will benefit the June 2018 Genesis Youth Choir tour and mission trip. Tickets will be available from Genesis Choir members, as well as on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. A nursery will be provided for children through Kindergarten age. For additional information, please contact David Daniel, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, by e-mail at [ddaniel@duluthumc.org](mailto:ddaniel@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 116.



### Maundy Thursday Worship Service:

#### March 29<sup>th</sup>

Join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. for our Maundy Thursday worship service. Maundy Thursday is the Christian holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter. Maundy, from the Latin *mandatum* (commandment), commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles and institutes the Lord's Supper, Eucharist, or Holy Communion. "Do this in remembrance of me."

Leading in worship will be Rev. Beth Brown Shugart, *preacher*, Rev. Terry Tippens, *presider*, Rev. C. Kay Fuino, *liturgist*, and the Older Elementary Choir and Chamber Chorale. Childcare is available.



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### Duluth First United Methodist Church

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### Sunday Worship Services

Traditional Worship at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
L.I.F.E. Children's Worship at 9:30 a.m.

## **Tenebrae Service for Good Friday:**

**March 30<sup>th</sup>**

In the service of Tenebrae, or “shadows,” we hear the Passion narrative, extinguish candles, remove all items from of the communion table and pulpit, and cover the furnishings to emphasize the starkness of the events recalled.

This year the service will be held on Good Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The featured music for this service will be selections from Messiah and Brockes Passion, both by G. F. Handel. This is a wonderful service to bring a neighbor or a friend. Childcare will be available.

Volunteers are needed for the readings and assisting with the darkening of the sanctuary. Those who have participated in the past have found it a meaningful time for their Holy Week journey. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at [ckfuino@duluthumc.org](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org), or call at 770-476-3776, ext. 117.



## **Bring Flowers for Easter Morning:**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Worship Committee invites you to bring fresh flowers from your home to adorn the resurrection crosses that will be located outside of the Sanctuary and inside Hinton Hall on Easter morning, April 1<sup>st</sup>.



## **Easter Worship Services: April 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Sunrise Service (new for this year):**

**7:00 a.m. on the Fellowship Terrace**

Join us Easter morning at 7:00 a.m. on the Fellowship Terrace for an Easter Sunrise Service as the sun comes up. This service will include singing, prayers and devotion by Rev. C. Kay Fuino. As the sun shines forth we will carry the light of Christ into the Sanctuary and then gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of warm refreshment.

The service is casual and you will still have time to return later in your new Easter outfits for the regular Easter morning services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. For more information please contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino by email at [ckfuino@duluthumc.org](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117.

### **Contemporary Worship Service**

**9:30 a.m. in Hinton Hall**

The worship band, prayer team and pastor will be energized and ready to join with you in the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### **Traditional Worship Services:**

**9:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

At the Traditional Worship services, the music will be as glorious as the day deserves with the choir lifting praises to God, ending with our annual Easter acclamation, Handel’s “Hallelujah!” chorus.



## **“Parenting the Love and Logic Way”**

**Parenting Classes Begin April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Rev. Lynne Smith, a facilitator of *Parenting the Love & Logic Way* and *Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun*, will be leading a parenting class in April. The dates are April 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Parents and grandparents are welcome.



*Parenting the Love and Logic Way* will be offered again in the Fall of 2018. The April class is a short introduction. If you would like to know more about the class, please check out [www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com).



**Prayers Needed for...**

- Charlie Anderson    • Donna Bowman
- Cameron Fearon    • Sarah Gearing
- Bobby Jones    • Frances Jones
- Nettie McCauley    • Shirley Mitchell
- Chuck Shellhouse
  
- Max Aldridge & family in the death of his aunt.
- Tamara Ellis & family in the death of her father.
- Jef Fincher & family in the death of his mother.
  - Jon Hoovestol & family in the death of his mother, Rachel Hoovestol.
  - Annette McIntosh & family in the death of her husband, Tom.
- Deb Stallings & family in the death of her mother.
- Missy Tippens & family in the death of her father.



**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**

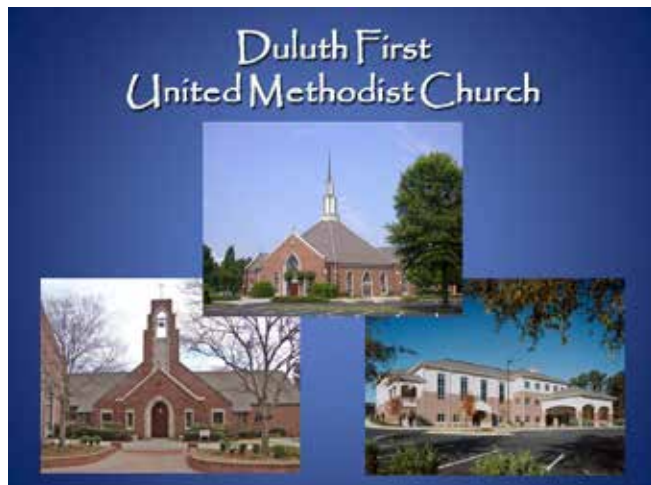
Received on February 4	\$32,529.86
Received on February 11	\$40,973.95
Received on February 18	\$21,780.10
Received on February 25	\$20,543.72

**Year-to-Date, 2018**

Received as of February 25	\$303,249.98
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**Building Fund: Year-to-Date, 2018**

Received as of February 25	\$66,569.80
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**Worship Attendance:**

February 4	401
February 11	542
February 14 - Ash Wednesday	300
February 18	544
February 25	457

## Join Us for Wednesday Night Dinner in the Duluth First UMC Hinton Hall

### March 7<sup>th</sup>

Chicken Parmesan, pasta with marinara sauce, sautéed zucchini, English peas, garlic toast, dessert.  
For the kids - chicken tenders and chips.

### March 14<sup>th</sup>

Sweet and sour chicken, rice, spring rolls, carrots, rolls, dessert.  
For the kids - pizza.

### March 21<sup>st</sup>

Turkey and dressing with gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, dessert.  
For the kids - hot dogs and fries.

### March 28<sup>th</sup>

“Breakfast for Dinner Night”

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

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.

**NOTE: Menus are subject to change.  
For the week's menu please visit the  
church's website at [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org).**



## New Member & Inquirer's Class Begins

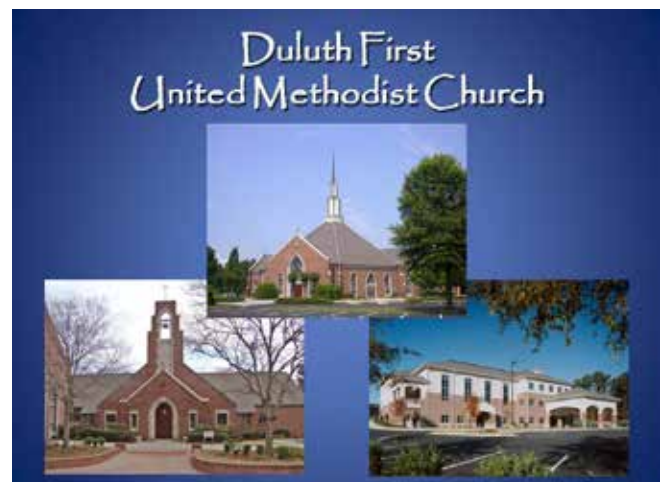
### April 8<sup>th</sup>

The 2018 **New Member & Inquirer's Class** will meet beginning Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, and continuing through Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This series, designed especially for new members and interested visitors, is held during the 9:30 church hour in room E-132, located just off the Gathering Room. This series has been held annually for more than 40 years. Each session stands on its own, so please come, even if you can only attend some of the sessions.

The series will include something of the city of Duluth's history and of the 147-year history of our own church. Rev. Beth Brown Shugart will tell us about the Methodist church and Methodism today. On other Sundays, led by Brenda Bridges, you will learn about Sunday school classes, different programs and missions of our church, and other opportunities for getting involved.

On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m. class members and their families, plus church staff, are invited to Kathryn Willis' home in downtown Duluth. First, there will be a special tour of downtown Duluth where you will see historic buildings, our old church and cemetery, plus the beautiful Duluth Town Green and the exciting happenings now going on in the downtown area. Afterward we will go back to Kathryn's house for supper, provided thanks to Beth Bell, her helpers, and Suzanna's Kitchen.

The **New Member & Inquirer's Class** is open to everyone, but is designed especially for new members and interested visitors. Brenda Bridges and Kathryn Willis would love to have you come at least once and find out if this is for you. It is a great way to get to know new people, and learn more about our wonderful church and Methodism. So whether you are new, or are already a member, please visit! You are welcome any or all of the Sundays! For more information, please contact Kathryn Willis by e-mail at [kwillis@parsonsgifts.com](mailto:kwillis@parsonsgifts.com) or call 770-476-3405.



## Christian Beginnings Wins “Best of Gwinnett 2017” Award

Christian Beginnings, Duluth First UMC’s weekday Preschool and Kindergarten program, has won “**The Best of Gwinnett 2017!**” We are thrilled to have received this award! This is a huge honor and the staff, teachers, kids and families are beyond ecstatic over this honor. We are thankful to be able to serve Duluth First UMC and our community. Thank you to all of you who have supported this special ministry.



## Save the Dates!

### Vacation Bible School 2018:

**June 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Mark your calendars and save the dates for the “**Shipwrecked**” 2018 Vacation Bible School at Duluth First United Methodist Church, being held Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration will begin March 18<sup>th</sup> and continue through May 20<sup>th</sup>. Vacation Bible School, held from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is for kids ages pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost is \$30 per child with a maximum of \$70 per family.



Registration forms, as well as opportunities to sign up to be a volunteer at “**Shipwrecked**” Vacation Bible School, will be available at the Information Centers and on the church’s website - [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org) - beginning Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Register Now for the Christian Beginnings Preschool and Kindergarten 2018-2019 School Year

Registration for the **Christian Beginnings Preschool and Kindergarten** 2018-2019 school year is underway. What better way for your child, or a friend’s child, to learn their ABC’S, numbers, shapes, God’s love for us and so much more, than in a caring, loving, Christian environment.



They will have fun and make friends while attending our accredited, award winning school. We hope you will come join us! If you know of anyone looking for a wonderful preschool, please send him or her our way.

Our Preschool and Kindergarten program is for children ages 6 weeks (by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018) through kindergarten. **Registration is underway and the registration fee is \$170.00 per student.**

If you would like more information regarding **Christian Beginnings Preschool and Kindergarten**, or if you would like to schedule a tour, please contact Pat Szathmary by e-mail at [pszathmary@duluthumc.org](mailto:pszathmary@duluthumc.org) or call 770-497-1743.

## Help Needed in Childcare

Do you love working with children? Are you over the age of 18? Would you like to work in the church nursery? We are looking for one or two workers for Sunday morning and evening, Wednesday evening, and some occasional Saturdays.

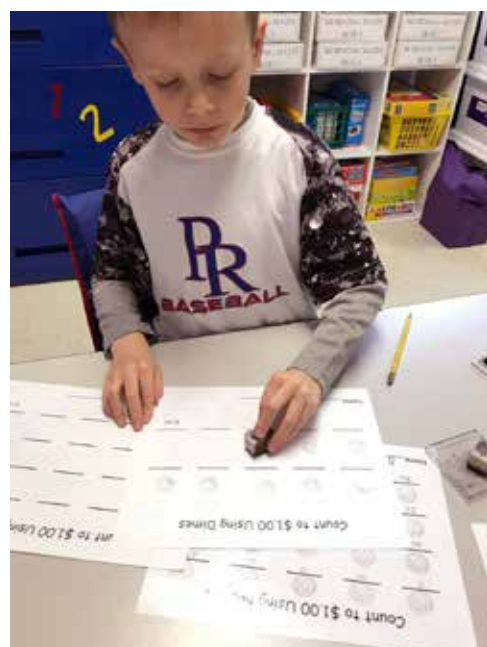
You will need to pass a background check and be CPR certified. Please contact Kathryn Fitzgerald, Director of Childcare, by e-mail at [kfitzgerald@duluthumc.org](mailto:kfitzgerald@duluthumc.org) or call 770-330-8631.



# Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten: Dr. Seuss Fun & Dinosaur Fun!



# Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten: Kindergarten Celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School!



## Senior Fellowship Program & Luncheon:

March 13<sup>th</sup>

The **Senior Fellowship** will meet for its monthly program and luncheon on Tuesday, March 13<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 program will feature a guest speaker from Just Bakery of Atlanta, a non-profit organization that trains, certifies, and employs refugees as a living wage. Just Bakery of Atlanta partners with their**

**bakers to create diverse, life-giving community and economic security as they settle into their new homes and lives in the Atlanta area.**

The meeting begins at 11 a.m. and the program starts at 11:15 a.m. Lunch is \$3 per person and begins at noon. All senior adults are welcome to attend the program or the lunch or both. For more information, please contact Sarah Shafer at 770-277-4695.

## The Roadrunners Trip to Milledgeville and the Lockerly Arboretum: March 20<sup>th</sup>

The Roadrunners trip on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, will begin with a ride through the countryside to Milledgeville, a relatively small college town north of Macon, which was the first Capital City of Georgia. We will tour the beautifully restored old Governor's mansion and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Following the tours of these buildings we will go downtown to Hancock Street where you can choose from several casual restaurants for lunch. The final stop will be the Lockerly Arboretum, featuring Rose Hill, a Greek Revival mansion, as well as geological and fossil displays, woods, a museum, and a gazebo housing an old fashioned water pump.

The Roadrunners will leave the church's front parking lot at 9 a.m. sharp and will return to the church by 4 p.m. The cost of this trip is \$12 per person, and lunch will be on your own. For additional information, please contact Katherine Posey at 770-232-1637.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have signed up for the Mercedes-Benz Stadium Tour trip, rescheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>, but have not paid yet, please do so as soon as possible. There is currently a waiting list for this trip, so if you have/have not paid yet and can not go on the new date, please contact Katherine Posey as soon as possible so that someone on the waiting list can take your space.

## Bereavement Support Group:

March 12<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, March 12<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 (**please note the new meeting room location**). 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.





## Suffering from a Strained Relationship?

Relationships with loved ones can have their ups and downs. Misunderstandings, dis-agreements and moments of frustration and hurt feelings will happen because we're all human. But when a relationship deteriorates to the point of being disrespectful and filled with hurtful words or actions, we are heartbroken! Equally upsetting is the total silence of a loved one as if the relationship is non-existent. The decline of a once loving relationship is devastating and the pain and sadness of it all can consume us.



Over time, a strained or unhealthy relationship with a loved one can take its toll on us if we don't address our feelings of heartache, anger, rejection, guilt, or not being able to forgive. These negative feelings can torment us and impact many of our relationships. While it's not easy to share our private life with others, it's important to talk to some-one. By giving voice to our pain and concerns, we're better able to find clarity and begin healing our brokenness.

### **Consider talking with a Stephen Minister.**

Because many **Stephen Ministers** have experienced the impact from a strained or un-healthy relationship, you'll be talking with someone who truly understands your pain and heartache. Your specially trained **Stephen Minister** will create a safe place for you to confidentially share and explore bottled up feelings and concerns. While a **Stephen Minister** will not fix your relationship, you will have a confidant to help you find hope and healing. You'll also have someone praying for you every step of the way.

To learn more about **Stephen Ministry** or to request a **Stephen Minister**, please contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at [ckfuino@duluthumc.org](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org) or call 770-476-3776, ext 117.



## Thank You for Donating Blood!

### Our Next Blood Drive is April 18<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to the donors for taking time from your busy schedules on February 21<sup>st</sup> to donate blood. 1 pint of blood can help save up to 3 lives and we collected 31 pints of blood! Blood donors are someone's HERO.

The next blood drive scheduled at the church will be on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating blood where you too can save a life. If you have any questions or if you are ready to schedule an appointment please contact Tracy Brinker at 770-476-3776 or by e-mail at [tbrinker@duluthumc.org](mailto:tbrinker@duluthumc.org).



*Some of our awesome blood donors! Thank you!*

## **Order Your Easter Lilies:**

### **Final Day to Place Orders is March 25<sup>th</sup>**

The Worship Committee invites you to remember or honor a loved one with a lily on Easter. The lilies will be used to adorn the Sanctuary and the Grand Hall on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost per plant is \$15. You may pick up your lily following the 11:00 a.m. Easter service.

All proceeds go to Seeds of Hope, whose funds are used to help meet the needs of God's people living in Duluth and Suwanee--often strangers, widows, orphans, homeless, those who are lost, and those who are without hope--who come to Duluth First United Methodist Church seeking assistance.

**You now can place your order for lilies online with a credit/debit card payment. Anyone wishing to pay by credit/debit card must complete their order form online.** To order online please go to <https://fs11.formsite.com/DuluthFUMC/form38/index.html>.

**If you wish to pay by check or cash, order forms will be available:**

- At the Welcome/Information Centers;
- Online at the church's website - [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org) - under the "Resources" tab;
- In the Sunday Traditional Worship service bulletins on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>;
- At the Information Table in the back of Hinton Hall at Contemporary Worship services.

Order forms are available at the Welcome Centers and online on the church's website - [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org) - under the **RESOURCES** tab. Place your form/forms, along with a check made payable to "Duluth First United Methodist Church" and marked "Easter Lilies" in the memo section, in the Church Staff Drop Box located in the Atrium. **NOTE: All orders must be received by Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.**



## **Happy Sacks Needs Your Help!**

For the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Duluth First UMC United Methodist Women's **Happy Sacks** mission is providing healthy snacks for local school children who may go hungry over the weekend. Your help and support has made this mission possible by meeting some of this critical need in our community. It is our prayer that you, as a congregation, will continue to contribute food items, financial support and/or volunteer time to keep this mission going.



In an effort to help some of the children in our own community who do not have sufficient food over the school year weekends, members of the United Methodist Women are partnering with four local elementary schools and three middle schools to help children who are not eating sufficiently over the weekend. Free and reduced-price lunches at school provide nutritious meals for children in need during the school week, but these children may not want to go home on Friday afternoons and cannot wait to get off the bus for breakfast on Monday mornings. **Last school year, we provided 3,178 Happy Sacks and we have packed and delivered more than 10,000 Happy Sacks since our beginning 5 years ago.** We are honored to continue this outreach program again this school year.

We are currently providing over 110 **Happy Sacks** every Friday to the 7 participating local schools. These are distributed by the school staff to the children identified by school counselors as being in need of extra food for the weekend. In keeping with school policy, no religious information is distributed with the **Happy Sacks**; however, the prayers of the packers go with them every week.

Each week 4 project coordinators pick up the necessary items and set up an assembly line of items to fill the sacks. Next 8 to 10 volunteers from UMW Circles or Sunday School classes – even our Kindergarteners – help to pack these sacks on Wednesday night after the Wednesday night supper. Each group signs up to pack for a specific month. Then our driving teams take over and one driver from each team delivers to a school – that is 7 drivers each week. Each sack costs approximately \$5.00 – that's OVER \$500 a week!

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## **Happy Sacks Needs Your Help!**

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You can help us fill the **Happy Sacks** by:

- Contributing money to buy the items (make checks out to **Duluth First United Methodist Church** with **Happy Sacks** in the memo line);
- Donating any of the specific items needed for the **Happy Sacks**. There are pink **Happy Sacks** shopping list cards available at the Welcome Center;
- Donating your time to help pack or deliver to schools.

**NO CHOCOLATE INGREDIENTS, PLEASE! All items should be name brands and MUST be within the expiration date period.** Green **Happy Sacks** collection bins can be found in the Fellowship Hall on the stage and in the Family Life Center by the doors to the rear portico entrance.

This is a full school year long program, so your continued help is greatly appreciated! **Happy Sacks** is a mission many in our church are very passionate about to help less fortunate children in our community. For more information, please contact Terrie Adkins by e-mail at [ttadkins@sprynet.com](mailto:ttadkins@sprynet.com) or call 770-476-7981.



## **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. Seven 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 \$35 per vase or \$100 for three vases (2 vases in the Sanctuary/1 vase in the Grand Hall). Flower designations will be listed in the church bulletin for the Sanctuary services, and displayed on the screens for 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.



## **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 Honor of C. Kay Fuino**

Bob & Cindy Peterson

### **In Memory of Judy Bargainnier**

Albright, Fortenberry & Nina's, LLP;  
Duffey Sunday School Class;  
Harold & Wynn Hickam; Kathryn Ponzio;  
Dick & Pam Rodie; Lynn Salman

### **In Memory of Marvin Myers**

Laurie Bozeman

### **In Memory of Jewel Patterson**

Kathryn Willis

### **In Memory of Harry Schindler**

Danell Andersen; Robert & Mildred Bercik;  
Greg & Pamela Casto; Pat & James Gayhart;  
Jane Haman; Helen Landers;  
Nelson & Debbie Murdoch; Karen Valduga

## **Deadline for the April 2018 Edition of "The Messenger"**

The article deadline for the April 2018 edition of *The Messenger* is Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m.

