

The Sunday Supplement



New Member & Inquirer's Class

Begins April 8th

The 2018 **New Member & Inquirer's Class** will begin on Sunday, April 8th, and continue through Sunday, May 6th. 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 20th, 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 or call 770-476-3405.



"Parenting the Love and Logic Way" Parenting Classes

Begin April 11th

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 11th, 18th, and 25th at 6:00 p.m. in room E-132 (please note change in location). 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.



Girl Scout Troop 4489 Fundraising Dinner:

April 11th

Girl Scout Troop 4489 will provide supper on Wednesday night, April 11th, as part of their annual fundraising efforts.

Supper will be served 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (please note change in location). The menu will include chicken pot pie (with pie crust topping), tossed salad, biscuit/yeast roll/corn muffin, peach cobbler, ice cream, tea and lemonade. A vegetable pot pie made with veggie stock will be available as a vegetarian option. Money raised at this dinner will go to support community efforts as well as provide funds for the girls' activities throughout the year.



Mark your calendars now. You don't want to miss this yummy dinner provided by the Girl Scouts of Troop 4489. **Donations will be accepted at the door and at each table. Please be generous!**

Save the Dates!

Vacation Bible School 2018: June 18th – 22nd

Mark your calendars and save the dates for the “**Shipwrecked**” 2018 **Vacation Bible School** at Duluth First United Methodist Church, being held Monday, June 18th, through Friday, June 22nd. Registration is underway and will continue through Sunday, May 20th. Vacation Bible School, held from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is for kids ages pre-Kindergarten through 5th 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**, are available at the Information Centers and on the church’s website - www.duluthumc.org. For more information please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children’s Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.

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 or call 770-330-8631.

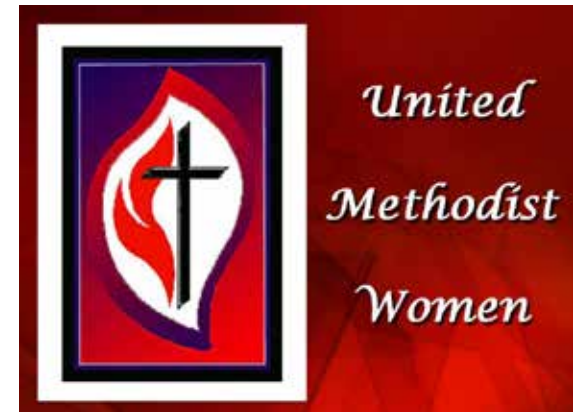


High Tea for Ladies and Girls: April 14th

Do you seek a return to elegance? Would you like to relax in a beautiful English tea setting, and eat finger sandwiches, scones, cookies, and petits fours with soothing aromatic teas poured for you? The United Methodist Women of Duluth First UMC cordially invite you, your mother, daughter, friend, niece, grandmother, granddaughter, aunt – or all – to a **High Tea for Ladies and Girls** on Saturday, April 14th, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time for wonderful fellowship with your favorite ladies! Little ladies, age 6 and older, are included in the invitation, and childcare will be provided for children under age 6.

Dress for the **High Tea** will be charming Spring elegance, with hats optional. Please arrive before 3 p.m., and you will be seated at a beautifully decorated table, with vintage tablecloths and fresh flowers, lovely teacups, and old and new friends!

Please RSVP by April 10th if you plan to attend. You can sign up in the Gathering Room and outside of Hinton Hall on Sunday mornings March 18th and 25th, and April 8th, and in Hinton Hall during Wednesday night dinners. You can RSVP “**Yes**” to Cathy Haas by e-mail at cchaas77@gmail.com. Please tell us if you will have guests with you at the High Tea. They are welcome! There is no charge for the **High Tea**, and a UMW Love Offering will be taken for the Salt Light Family Promise shelter of Gwinnett County.



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.



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

Our 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 1st, 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 or call 770-497-1743.



Blood Drive: April 18th

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 18th, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the **Scout Hut (please note change in location)**. Every donor will get a token of our appreciation and we will have 2 prize drawings as well as t-shirts.



The benefits of donating blood are:

- It feels great to donate!
- You get free juice and delicious cookies.
- It's something you can spare. Most people have blood to spare...yet, there is still not enough to go around.
- You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed. Most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do.
- You will be someone's hero! In fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation.

If you are already committed to giving a gift of life, please:

- Make an appointment online by visiting the American Red Cross' website at www.redcrossblood.org and entering **dufumc** in the sponsor code box;
- Make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767);
- Contact Tracy Brinker by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org, or by calling 770-476 3776, ext. 112.
- Last, but not least, as a "walk-in" on Blood Drive Day.

*"...use your hands for good hard work,
and then give generously to others in need."
Ephesians 4:28b (NLT)*

**The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.**



Need Prayers?

You can submit your prayer requests online at 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.



Additional Calendar Highlights

Sunday, April 8th

Church Library

Open 9 to 9:30 a.m., 10:30 to 11 a.m., 2nd floor of Family Life Center

Caregiving Support Group

2 to 4 p.m. in room B-113

Genesis Youth Choir Rehearsal

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in room F-149

Sunday Night Youth Group for Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers

5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank")

Wednesday, April 11th

"Foundations of Faith" for Kids

6 to 7 p.m. in the C and D-wing classrooms

Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal

6 to 7 p.m. in rooms D-126/128

Newborn Baby Ministry

6 to 7 p.m. in rooms F-206/207 (please note change in location)

Youth Bible Study

6 to 7 p.m. in the Scout Hut (please note change in location)

Happy Sacks

6:15 to 7 p.m. in rooms F-145/146 (please note change in location)

Men's Ensemble Rehearsal

7 to 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Women's Ensemble Rehearsal

7 to 7:30 p.m. in the Music Suite

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Music Suite

Thursday, April 12th

Contemporary Worship Praise Band Rehearsal

7 to 9 p.m. in the Scout Hut (please note change in location)

*To see the full calendar of events online,
visit the church's website at www.duluthumc.org
and click on the "Calendar" tab on the "About Us" page.*



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