

The Sunday Supplement



Youth Ministry "California Dreaming" Missions Fundraising Dinner: April 18th

Make plans to attend the Youth Ministry's "California Dreaming" Missions Fundraiser Dinner on Wednesday, April 18th, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the **Fellowship Hall (please note location)**. Funds raised at this dinner will help support the youth summer mission trip to the Seneca Street United Methodist Church in Buffalo, NY. **The menu for the evening's dinner will be Chicken Parmesan, pasta marinara green beans, Caesar salad and croissants.**

Tickets are \$10 per person – all ages – and may be purchased in the Gathering Room and at the Scout Hut on Sunday morning. **Tickets for this fundraising dinner go quickly, so make sure you purchase your ticket(s) as soon as possible.**



Graduate Recognition Sunday: May 20th

Make plans to join us on Sunday, May 20th, at the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship service as the congregation of Duluth First United Methodist Church recognizes those students who will be graduating from high school, college, graduate school, or trade school. We will also be recognizing the graduates from our church's Christian Beginnings Kindergarten program.



If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school/college/graduate school/trade school this year, or you yourself will be graduating, please submit a headshot photo to Ken Willi, Director of Communications, via e-mail at kwilli@duluthumc.org. Please include the graduate's name, from where they are graduating, and their future plans. These will be in compiled into an insert on May 20th. **All photos and information must be electronically submitted by Sunday, May 6th.**

Baby Recognition Sunday: April 29th

Baby Recognition Sunday at Duluth First UMC will be held on Sunday, April 29th. The United Methodist Women (UMW) will welcome and recognize all new babies born to our church family during the past year. If your family (immediate or extended) has welcomed a new addition between March 2017 and March 2018, please let us know by filling out the form below. Please provide complete information so that invitations may be sent to the parents. All babies will be honored and welcomed at the 11:00 Traditional Worship service. A luncheon will follow for the babies and their families. A donation to missions may be made in honor of a specific baby or in honor of all new babies collectively.

This time of recognition is open to all our church family and parents do not have to be members of our congregation. Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me." We want to echo that invitation. The JAM (Jesus Among Mommies) Circle sponsors this special ceremony along with the entire UMW unit. All babies signed up will be honored, and a donation is not required. Please complete the form below and put it in the Baby Box in the Gathering Room, in Hinton Hall, or in the collection plate on Sunday mornings. **The final day to submit names is Sunday, April 22nd.** Please contact Victoria Ladd by e-mail at victoriasladd@gmail.com for additional information.

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Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male/Female (circle)

Names of Parents: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Person Submitting Form: _____

Submitter's Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

A monetary gift to women's and children's missions is given by The United Methodist Women in honor of each new baby. If you would like to make a donation to honor this new baby or others in our church family, your gift will go towards missions.

_____ I am making a donation to honor the baby listed above.

Donor's Name: _____

_____ I am making a donation to honor of all babies born to our church family.

Donor's Name: _____

***Please make checks payable to Duluth United Methodist Women with "Baby Recognition" in the memo section.**

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.**

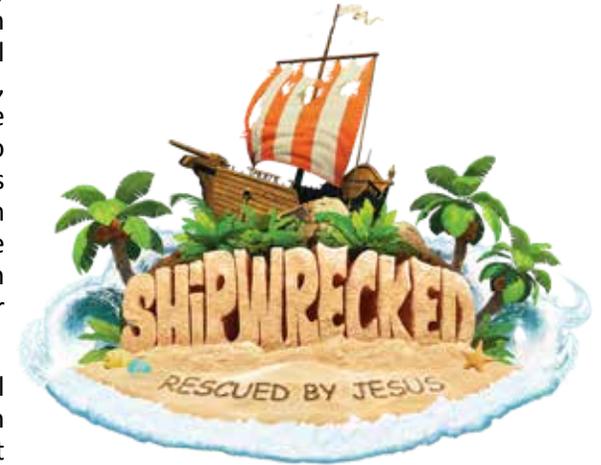
Give blood.



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.



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 \$35 per vase or \$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, or call 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.



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.



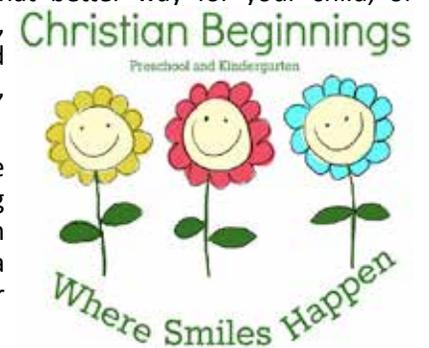
Register Now for the Christian Beginnings Preschool and Kindergarten 2018-2019 School Year

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.



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 15th

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 Fellowship Hall (please note change in location)

Wednesday, April 18th

“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 19th

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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