

The Sunday Supplement



“Blessing of the Animals” Service: October 7th

Bring your pets to the annual **Blessing of the Animals** service on Sunday, October 7th. This service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on the Fellowship Terrace, located in front of the Fellowship Hall. In case of rain the service will be held under the back portico entrance of the Family Life Center.

Blessing of the Animals



Blessing of the Animals witnesses to God's and the Church's love, care and concern for creation. St. Francis of Assisi, the author of the hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* was an important person in reminding us of honoring all of God's creation. October 4th is the Feast Day of St. Francis and **Blessing of the Animals** is often celebrated on the Sunday nearest that day.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: October 10th

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

The menu for October 10th is BBQ chicken, rice pilaf, roasted brussel sprouts, green beans, rolls, dessert. For the kids - pizza. We also offer 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.**

Bereavement Support Group:

October 8th

The **Bereavement Support Group** meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 8th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in room F-151, located on the 1st 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.

Senior Fellowship Program & Luncheon: October 9th

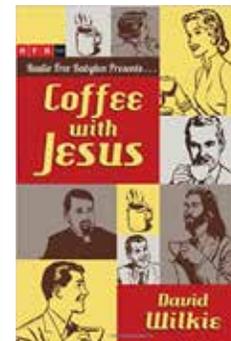
The **Senior Fellowship** will meet for its monthly program and luncheon on Tuesday, October 9th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way for senior adults to come together for food, fun and fellowship. Our guest speaker will be Steve Daniel from the Duluth Police Department.



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 contact Sarah Shafer at 770-277-4695.

“Coffee with Jesus” Begins October 10th

What would it be like to have coffee with Jesus? How would that conversation go? What would you ask?



Coffee with Jesus is a study based on a comic strip of the same name. In the comic strip you will meet several characters who honestly engage with Jesus about their successes and failures, wants and needs, effectively showing what conversation with God – or prayer – might look like.

The class begins Wednesday, October 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in F-145. To register, please contact Rev. Beth Brown Shugart by e-mail at bshugart@duluthumc.org. The cost of \$20 includes the textbook.

Genesis Youth Choir Cinnamon Roll Sale Fundraiser:

October 14th

The **Genesis Youth Choir** will be selling made-from-scratch, fresh-baked cinnamon rolls on Sunday, October 14th, from 9:15 to 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, to raise funds for their annual summer choir tour and mission trip. The cinnamon rolls will be \$3 each, or 2 for \$5.



“Trunk-or-Treat” Family Event:

October 31st

Halloween is coming! Get your trunk ready for giving out Halloween treats! Join us on Wednesday, October 31st, for **Trunk-or-Treat**, a fun and safe trick-or-treat experience at the church from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the front parking lot.

Bring your friends and family to our **Trunk-or-Treat** event. Come in costume, park your car, and pop the trunk! Set-up time begins at 4:30 p.m. and trick-or-treating begins at 5:00 p.m. Share a trunk load of goodies with your friends and neighbors, or just join in the fun as a trick-or-treater! Our regularly scheduled Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall will not be held on October 31st, but a hot dog supper will be offered in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be accepted.

Whatever you do, make sure you join us on Halloween for this fun filled, family-friendly event! This is a great way to reach out to the community. Come be a part of the fellowship and check out the amazing trunks and costumes.

For more information please contact Rev. Beth Brown Shugart by e-mail at bshugart@duluthumc.org or call 770-476- 3776, ext. 128.

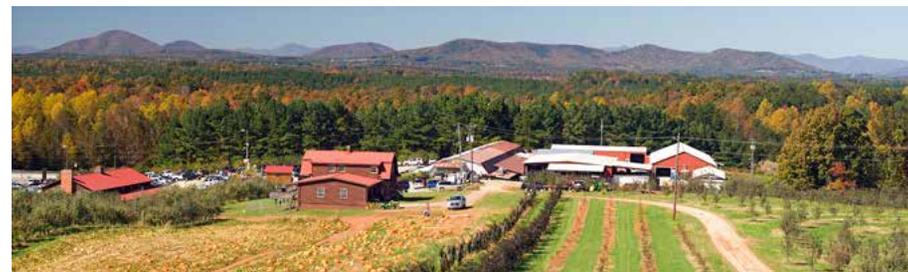


The Roadrunners are Travelling to Apple Country:

October 16th

The **Roadrunners** are planning an exciting trip to Apple country on Tuesday, October 16th. The first stop on the trip will be to Crocker Pottery in Lula, GA. Our visit there will include time for a tour (tour cost is \$5 per person) and time for shopping. Lunch on your own will be at the Rabbittown Café. Following lunch **The Roadrunners** will go to Jaemor Farms.

The Roadrunners will leave the church’s front parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and return to the church by 3:00 p.m. Please make your reservation for this trip at the Senior Fellowship gathering on Tuesday, October 9th, or by calling Shirley Conley at 404-791-6718, or Brenda Foster at 770-367-5112.



Duluth First UMC’s Transportation Ministry

The **Transportation Ministry** is dedicated to providing non-emergency transportation for members of Duluth First United Methodist Church. If you have or become aware of a transportation need, such as a doctor or dental appointment, please call Charlie Pierce at 770-682-9082.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes Are Now Available

We are geared up for this year's **Operation Christmas Child**, our annual participation in Samaritans Purse's mission for needy children around the world. By filling shoe boxes with toys, school supplies and hygiene items you not only give children in third world countries the only gift they will likely receive for Christmas, but also help deliver hope, joy and the gospel of Jesus Christ to them and their families.



Empty shoe boxes are on the stage in Fellowship Hall, as well as outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall. You will find ideas on how to pack a shoebox gift and labels inside each box. It is also possible to fill a shoebox online by picking out items and paying for it electronically. Please see instructions

for doing so at www.samaritanpurse.org/occ. **Please return your filled boxes to the Fellowship Hall stage no later than Sunday, November 11th.**

This will be such a worthwhile and fun project for our Sunday School classes, Women's Circles, our Youth groups and families with their children to undertake. Let's try to better Duluth First UMC's total of 250 boxes that we packed last year!

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Renata Walker by e-mail at omifla@aol.com or calling 770-623-8513, or Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com or calling 678-662-2115.

Barnes Class "Meet or Beat" Challenge

The Barnes Sunday school class is challenging the other Sunday school classes 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.



15th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for Our Military Families

Many of our military families are barely getting by on their pay and benefits and do not have much left for extras. As the holiday season approaches, Americans are reminded of the blessing of freedom that we all share. We are grateful for the sacrifices made by our military and their families.

The **Hugs for Soldiers Ministry** is collecting canned food and non-perishable food items to make Thanksgiving food baskets for soldiers and families based at Fort Benning. Donations will go to the Battle Buddy Resource Center, a food bank ministry of the Fort Benning Chaplains and a ministry outreach to the Fort Benning community.

Hugs for Soldiers Thanksgiving Food Drive collection boxes are located on the stage in the Fellowship Hall and inside the back entrance to the Family Life Center. Items needed include:

- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned yams
- Canned fruit
- Canned/packets of gravy
- Macaroni and cheese
- Instant potatoes
- Stuffing mix
- Chicken broth
- Dessert mixes

Donations will be accepted through Friday, November 9th. Monetary donations or gift cards to Walmart or local grocery stores are also appreciated to help purchase items not received. Checks are made payable to **Duluth First UMC** with **Hugs for Soldiers** written in the memo section.

For additional information, please contact Angie Doerlich by e-mail at hugsforsoldiers@gmail.com or call 404-316-8183. For additional information about the **Hugs for Soldiers Ministry**, please visit their website at www.hugsforsoldiers.org. Thank you for supporting our troops!



Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry

Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry, a local missions ministry supported by Duluth First United Methodist Church, is a 501c(3) non-profit, faith-based ministry dedicated to providing emergency assistance to qualified individuals and families who live in the 30096 and 30097 Duluth zip codes. **Hands of Christ** is a volunteer-driven organization that utilizes the resources of local churches, businesses and the community to provide effective ministry to our neighbors in need.

There are a multitude of opportunities throughout the year where you can serve and help out this ministry.

- Volunteers are always welcome during the Food Pantry hours. Please call 770-623-9563.
- You can donate items directly to the **Hand of Christ Food Pantry** on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or you can leave items in the collection bins at the church. You can find a list of urgent needs on collection bins located at the Sanctuary entrance, at the back entrance to the Family Life Center, and in the church newsletters. In addition to food items, the pantry supplies bar soap, laundry soap, dish soap, cleaning supplies, coffee, tea, toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues.
- Organize a collection drive or fundraising event to supply the shelves year round.
- Special holiday collections are held at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, providing special giving to local families who the **Hands of Christ** staff members identify each season. Gifts for children, household needs, and gift cards are accepted.
- Backpacks and school supplies are available to homes with children prior to the start of the school year. Donations are taken before the beginning of each Fall season.
- Employment resources and referrals are shared with families in need. Please contact **Hands of Christ** if you can help with employment.

For more information about **Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry**, please visit their website at www.duluthco-op.org, or contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117, or contact Wynn Hickam by e-mail at whickam@bellsouth.net or call 770-497-0236.



Rainbow Village Giving Guide

As a member of Duluth First UMC Mission Outreach program, you are a partner in providing housing and programming that will impact the life of a homeless family. You are helping a family become financially self-sufficient and contributing members of the community. You are investing in future generations through the provision of pre-school and after school programs designed to help youth reach their maximum potential. They can't do it without you and our community. Homeless families arrive at **Rainbow Village** doorsteps frightened, hopeless and traumatized – but also ready to forever change their lives.

There are many ways to give. Here are a few ideas:

- Volunteers at **Rainbow Village** teach after school, organize and serve meals, provide activities for children for **Mom's Night Out** or holiday shopping, mentor adult life-skills programs, and assist with seasonal celebrations and fundraisers. Gifts of your talent and encouragement to family members bring joy and success to both residents and staff members. Notes of praise, prayer and encouragement are welcome.
- Gift cards for families allow them to purchase food, gas, birthday gifts and other essentials. Walmart, Target, Publix, Kroger gift cards of \$25.00 or movie passes are very much appreciated.
- Monthly financial gifts provide the essential ongoing support to keep our doors open and welcome families home. Recurring gifts provide a predictable income stream that allows **Rainbow Village** to remain financially sound and focus on their mission.
- The most appreciated gift may be one that helps others. When you give to **Rainbow Village** in honor or memory of a special person in your life, it will directly benefit homeless family's right here in our community.
- Create an Amazon Smile account at <https://smile.amazon.com> and designate **Rainbow Village** as your charity of choice.
- Create your own social media fundraising campaign.
- Request a donation lieu of flowers/gifts whenever appropriate.
- Many families arrive at **Rainbow Village** with nothing. A donation of items needed to stock an apartment can help a family feel right at home! Copies of the **Wish List** are available on the **Missions Ministry** bulletin board located in the B-wing hallway.
- Use the **Rainbow Village** Amazon Wish List at <https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist>.
- Many corporations match employee donations (or the tax deductible component of your membership) to our organization. If you volunteer with **Rainbow Village**, your employer may also provide a grant as a way to recognize your ongoing support. Thanks for checking to see if your company offers these programs!

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Rainbow Village Giving Guide

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If you or your small group want to become a more active participant(s) in support of the families served by **Rainbow Village**, please contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117, or Linda Berry by e-mail at lindaberry65@gmail.com for information.

Rainbow Village Property Beautification Projects

Rainbow Village, a local missions ministry supported by Duluth First United Methodist Church, has an ongoing need to improve residential and/or common areas through efforts that enhance the village's appearance and help create a more inviting and comfortable environments. **Rainbow Village** transforms the lives of homeless families with children by providing a stable community and services that instill initiative, self-development and accountability for future generations. They utilize a faith-based educational and holistic approach towards breaking the cycle of homelessness, poverty and domestic violence.

Current needs at **Rainbow Village** include leaf raking, cleaning the river rock creek, bench removal and assembly, mulch distribution, planting plants and more. Please contact Elizabeth Hewell, Volunteer Coordinator at **Rainbow Village**, by e-mail at EHewell@rainbowvillage.org to join one of the project teams. Two opportunities to serve are:

- Gwinnett Day of Service: Friday, October 19th; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- United Way Great Day of Service: Thursday, November 15th; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For additional information about **Rainbow Village**, please visit their website at www.rainbowvillage.org.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Rainbow Village Families:

November 15th

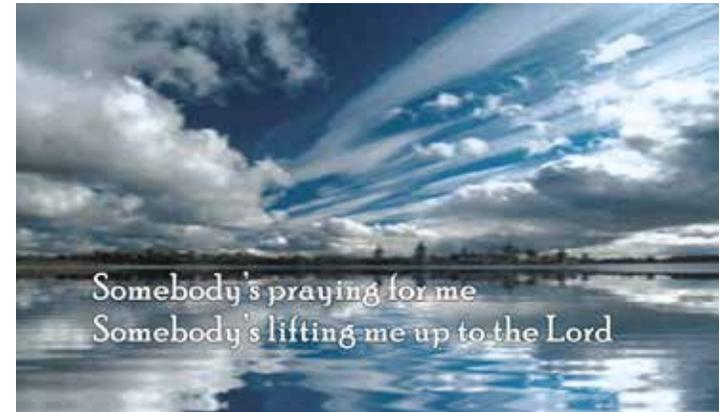
Join us as we bring together the families at **Rainbow Village** for the **Annual Family Thanksgiving Dinner** on Thursday, November 15th. The Thanksgiving dinner will be hosted by Duluth First Baptist Church, 2908 Duluth Highway 120, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This is a time of fellowship, laughter, food, and gratitude with friends and family. Volunteers are needed to decorate, set-up, serve, greet guests, and make the residents feel welcomed.

Please go online to www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4da8ac28a1fb6-annual to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117, or contact Linda Berry by e-mail at lindaberry65@gmail.com or call 770-622-1427.

Prayer Concerns

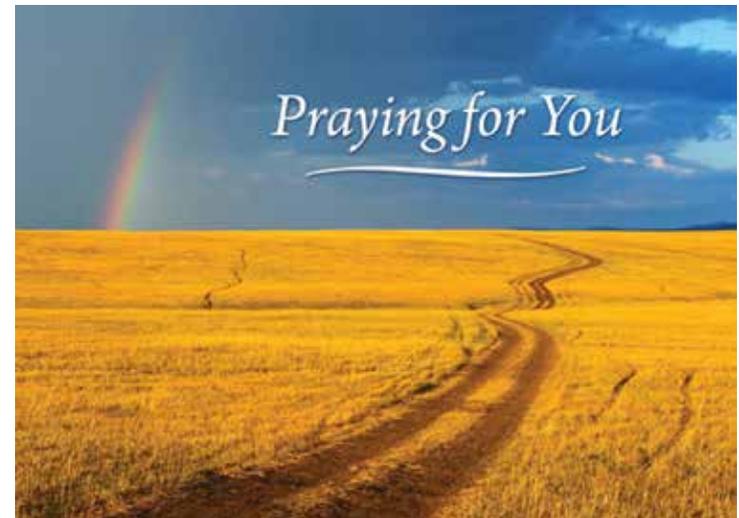
Our thoughts and prayers go out to...

- Doug Bridges • Jeff Campbell • Marilyn Davis
- Lorraine Day • John Fenton • Kathy Fincher
- Billye Jo Fuchs • Sarah Gearinger • Connie Goodman
- Gwyn Jones • Kevin Kesler • Willa Kinsel
- Wallace Lail • Ramona Meyer • Andy Olson
- Richard Rawls • Tommy Summerville • Ramona Thielmann
- "Journeys of Paul" travelers



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, October 7th

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, October 10th

Wednesday Night Dinner

5 to 6:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall

"Book Bunch" Story Time for 3 Year Olds

6 to 6:30 p.m. in the Louise McDaniel Memorial Library

"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 the Sanctuary

Newborn Baby Ministry

6 to 7 p.m. in room F-147

Youth Bible Study

6 to 7 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank")

"Coffee with Jesus" Adult Bible Study

6 to 7 p.m. rooms F-145/146

"Parenting Beyond Your Capacity" Study

6 to 7 p.m. rooms F-153/154

GriefShare Support Group

6:30 to 8 p.m. in room F-151

"Hope.. The Next Step" Support Group

6:30 to 8 p.m. in room F-150

Women's Ensemble Rehearsal

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

Men's Ensemble Rehearsal

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

Contemporary Worship Praise Band Rehearsal

7 to 9 p.m. in Hinton Hall

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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

Thursday, October 11th

United Methodist Women Mary Martha Circle Meeting

7 to 8:30 p.m. in rooms F-145/146

*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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