

The Sunday Supplement



Hope for the Holidays – A Candle Lighting Service of Remembrance: November 19th

Make plans to join us for **Hope for the Holidays - A Candle Lighting Service of Remembrance**, on Monday, November 19th, with services at noon and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us for a program of reflection followed by candle lighting in memory of your loved one(s).

We understand the holiday season may be a challenge for individuals and families who have lost someone special. Duluth First UMC has established a meaningful time for people to come together...to reflect, to remember and to honor those lives that have meant so much.



No Wednesday Evening Church Activities on November 21st

All regularly scheduled Wednesday evening activities, including Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall, will be canceled on November 21st due to the Thanksgiving holiday. They will resume on Wednesday, November 28th.

Church Offices Closed on November 22nd & 23rd

The church offices will be closed and all regularly scheduled activities will be canceled on Thursday, November 22nd, and Friday, November 23rd, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The church offices will re-open on Monday, November 26th.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: November 28th

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 November 28th is chicken fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, fried okra, collard greens, cornbread, dessert. For the kids - chicken tenders & chips. 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.**



“Surviving the Holidays” – A Grief Share Program: November 28th

Holiday celebrations take on a different meaning when you are grieving. Are you in need of finding a way to survive the holidays? Do you wonder how to celebrate when your loved one is gone?

Join the Grief Share Support Group on Wednesday, November 28th, for a special **“Surviving the Holidays”** class beginning at 6:30 p.m. in rooms F-153/154, located on the 1st floor of the Family Life Center. This class may be beneficial in helping you plan a holiday schedule that is best for you during the holiday season.



For additional information, please contact Brenda Bridges at 770-476-5126, Sue French at 770-476-9106, or call the church office at 770-476-3776.

Christmas for a Soldier 2018

The **Hugs for Soldiers Ministry** is collecting care package donations for soldiers serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Help us spread some holiday joy to troops who can't be home during the holidays by making donations of some of the items listed below.

Snack Items

- Individual packets of hot chocolate or apple cider
- Instant Ramen Noodle Soup 3 oz. packets
- Microwave popcorn
- Holiday candy (great time to ship chocolate)
- Slim Jims or beef jerky
- Trail mix, nuts, sunflower seeds (individual sizes)
- Cookies (small individual packs)

Other Items

- Gallon-size Ziploc bags used for packing food items
- Travel-size games
- Knit/crochet hats and scarves
- HOTHANDS toe and hand warmers
- Holiday themed items
- Items for military working dogs: dog toys and treats (**NO RAWHIDE**), Kong or similar for intense chewers, Chuck It Launchers, Kong Dog Frisbees and balls.
- Christmas cards: Deployed troops would love to receive a handcrafted or signed card from you with holiday wishes and letting them know we are thinking about them at this special time of year.

The deadline for donations is **Wednesday, November 28th**. Donation boxes are located on the stage in Fellowship Hall and inside the back entrance to the Family Life Center.



Join us to pack the care packages on Saturday, December 1st, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Scout Hut, located at the back of the Duluth First UMC property.

Monetary donations are appreciated to help purchase items not received and to help with shipping costs. Donations may be made by check to **Duluth First UMC** with **Hugs for Soldiers** written in the memo section.

For further information, please contact Angie Doerlich at hugsforsoldiers@gmail.com or at 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!

United Methodist Women's Christmas Brunch -

"Why Me, Lord?": December 8th

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of Duluth First United Methodist Church will present their annual Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 8th, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will examine the birth of Jesus from the perspective of Mary, Joseph, and a shepherd.

Mary- "It all started that night when an angel showed up..."

Joseph - "Why did this happen to me..."

Shepherd - "It was a cold night, the coldest night of the year..."

The women of our church (of all ages) and their guests are invited to our annual Christmas Brunch. Enjoy Christmas piano music as you arrive and Christmas carols to sing. Dr. David Daniel and company will provide more beautiful Christmas music throughout the program. Hear the amazing Christmas story as it unfolds through the eyes of those closest to the event. A delicious brunch and holiday treats will be served. We only ask for a \$5 donation to help with the cost of food. Girls under the age of 10 are free.

Our love offering will be given to Fugees Family, an organization which helps child survivors of war rebuild their lives, one step at a time, by giving them the structure and support they need through soccer and academics. Luma Mufleh, a Jordanian immigrant, first started coaching soccer teams and then established Fugees Academy for 6th through 12th graders. The 86 students in Fugees Academy come from many different countries, and the Academy is housed in Clarkston United Methodist Church.

The school's curriculum is tailored to the refugees' unique needs, packing a normal K-8th grade education into 3 years of middle school. The 6th grade is the critical "catch up" year of transition, moving the child from functional illiteracy to a solid foundation of language skills upon which to build. The goal is to delve deep into a subject to promote comprehension. Graduating seniors who have gone through the program have gone on to college. Luma Mufleh and the teachers also support the families and make home visits to extend their compassion and love to all. Please help us support this amazing program.



Holiday Pop-up Shop at Rainbow Village Community Center: December 7th

Join in on the holiday fun at the **Holiday Pop-up Shop** at **Rainbow Village Community Center**, located at 3427 Duluth Highway 120 in Duluth, on Friday, December 7th, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.!

The **Holiday Pop-up Shop** is offered to the children of **Rainbow Village**.

The children have an opportunity to search out that perfect gift for mom and/or dad, wrap the gift, include a sentimental card, and participate in arts and crafts.

Do you like to shop? We would encourage you to purchase gifts for the children to choose for their mom and/or dad. Suggestions include candles, scarves, hats, umbrellas, tools, coffee cups, and...

Volunteers are needed to bring supplies for all areas, help in craft station, organize gifts, and help the children with wrapping. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4da8ac28a1fb6-holiday1> if you would like 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.



Rainbow Village, Inc.

Update on the “Meet or Beat” Challenge in Raising Funds for the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Fund

The Barnes Sunday school class has been challenging 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) Sunday school class accepted and met that challenge with their \$1000 donation to the fund. Recently, the Steadham Sunday school class not only met the challenge, but raised the bar in this challenge with their contribution of \$1150!



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

Coats and Toys for Friends of Refugees

Last year Duluth First UMC's United Methodist Women were overwhelmed with your generosity of coats, hats and gloves for the **Friends of Refugees** in Clarkston, GA. They were so appreciative of our efforts. This year we are giving you the opportunity to donate through their Amazon Wish List. You will find coats, soccer balls, baby dolls, games, educational games, etc. The choice is yours.



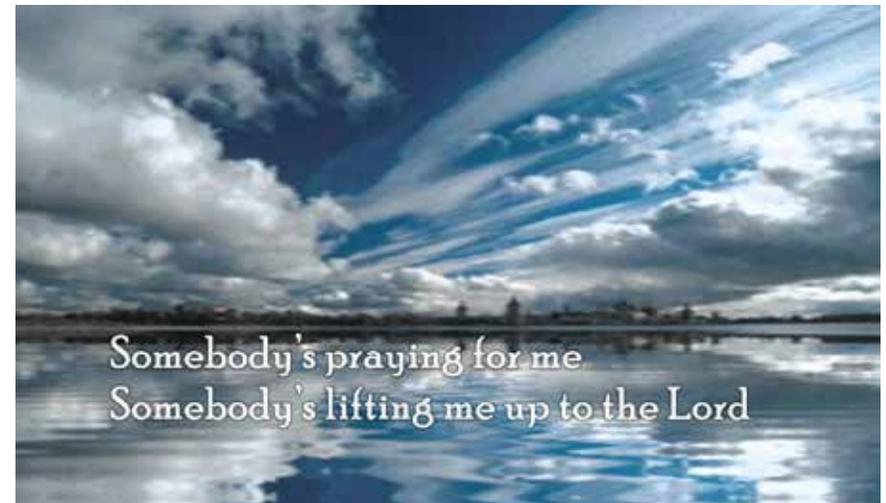
Go to <http://a.co/foSEjsk> and this will take you directly to the **Friends of Refugees Amazon Wish List**. Once you have made your choice and are checking out, make sure you choose the **Friends of Refugees** gift address. **Please make your donation by November 25th to ensure the gifts arrive on time.**

Your gifts will enable parents to shop for their children on December 8th and pay whatever they can afford at the time. This strengthens their self-esteem and allows them the opportunity to purchase gifts their children actually need.

For more information, please contact Sue French by e-mail at bramsu@bellsouth.net. As always, thanks for your generosity.

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.



Prayer Concerns

Our thoughts and prayers go out to...

- Joyce Boothe • Doug Bridges • Jeff Campbell • David Daniel
- Marilyn Davis • Lorraine Day • Kathryn Fitzgerald • Sarah Gearinger
- Diane Gilbreath • Cyndee Gullett • Bryan Johnson • Gwyn Jones
 - Helen Jones • Kevin Kesler • Wallace Lail • Paul McFall
 - Ramona Meyer • Charlie Pierce • Richard Rawls
- Tommy Summerville • Ramona Thielmann • Max Valentin
 - Harland McGehee & family in the death of his father.
 - The family of Peggy Roach in her death.



Additional Calendar Highlights

Sunday, November 18th

Caregiving Support Group

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

Genesis Youth Choir Rehearsal

Canceled

Sunday Night Youth Group for Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers

Canceled

Tuesday, November 20th

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, November 22nd, & Friday, November 23rd

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*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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