

Window on the Hill April 2020

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Reverend Mark Thurman, Pastor



MARK'S MUSINGS

John Chrysostom, the 4th century Archbishop of Constantinople (Istanbul, today), was known for his preaching, particularly his denunciation of the abuse of authority by both ecclesiastical and political leaders; and, was one of the most prolific authors in the early Christian Church, exceeded only by Augustine of Hippo (North Africa) in the quantity of his surviving writings.

Although most modern United Methodists are not nearly as familiar with St. John as our brothers and sisters from the Orthodox and Catholic Christian traditions are, he was well-know and revered by John Wesley. After reading his famous Paschal sermon, preached one Easter Sunday morning close to two thousand years ago, I think you'll see why:

If anyone is devout and loves God, let him/her enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast! If anyone is a wise servant, let them rejoicing enter into the joy of their Lord. If any have labored long in fasting, let them now receive their recompense. If any have wrought from the first hour (pastor's note: John is referencing Matthew 20:1-16, one of Jesus' parables), let them today receive their just reward. If any have come at the third hour, let them with thankfulness keep the feast. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let them have no misgivings; because they shall in nowise be deprived, therefore. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let them draw near fearing nothing. And if any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let them, also, be not alarmed at their tardiness.

For the Lord... will accept the last even as the first. God gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto her who has wrought from the first hour... Wherefore enter ye all into the joy of your Lord; receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival! You sober and you heedless, honor the day! Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast ye all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away... Let no one bewail their poverty, for the universal Kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let not one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. Be descending into Hell, he made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh... It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen and fell upon the unseen.

O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown! Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen! Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen, and life reigns! Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave!

May God bless your Easter with light, and life, and love... resurrected,

Pastor Mark

Green Mountain Family & Friends,

In light of current events related to COVID-19, and with the wise suggestion from Bishop Oliveto, we have decided to suspend worship services through the end of March. (Please see the Bishop's email below.). However, the church will be open on Sunday mornings for any individuals wishing to talk and/or pray. During this time of formal worship suspension, we encourage you to keep contact with us, letting us know of any concerns you may have around health or other life matters. Whether occupying a pew or apart due to circumstances, we are still one community. These are challenging times, but we will be present and willing to help with whatever needs will arise!

Blessing & Be well, The Staff of GMUMC

Bishop Oliveto Recommends Suspension of Worship Services in Response to Coronavirus Outbreak

March 13, 2020

To the laity and clergy of the Mountain Sky Conference of The United Methodist Church,

In light of the current health crisis created by COVID-19 (Coronavirus), I am recommending that all churches throughout our conference suspend all worship services and meetings through the end of March while we continue to monitor the transmission of this disease. This recommendation is not made lightly but after reviewing current medical news as well as the state and federal declarations of emergency. I continue to encourage you to consult with local public health departments to stay current on the latest developments in your area.

Jesus says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16). Just because the lights are off in your sanctuary should not dim the light of your congregation's witness in your community. There are going to be many needs emerging as a result of this health crisis. While we must exercise social distancing to prevent the spread of the virus, we must not allow this to foster social isolation and break down our communities.

The elderly will be especially vulnerable and are being encouraged to stay home. How can members care for the elderly and homebound in your community, providing groceries and other necessities?

There are school age children whose schools have closed that will be in need of meals. How can you provide them with a regular meal?

Some workers will have their income severely cut. How can you insure they don't have to make the hard decision between buying food or paying the rent?

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." – Teresa of Avila

The cabinet, conference staff and I are committed to supporting you through this time. Director of Communications Charmaine Robledo has been providing numerous <u>resources online</u>. We continue with <u>Digital Devotions Monday-Friday at 6:30</u> <u>a.m.</u> as a way to remain spiritually together.

I invite you to a **Fireside Chat over Zoom this Monday evening**, March 16, at 7 p.m. This will be a time for us to pray together, share together, and ask questions and share best practices.

In the meantime, follow CDC guidelines:

Take steps to protect yourself:

- Clean your hands often.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds .especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Cover all
 surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially
 important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Take steps to protect others:

Stay home if you're sick

• Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.

Cover coughs and sneezes:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

Wear a facemask if you are sick:

- If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.

Clean and disinfect:

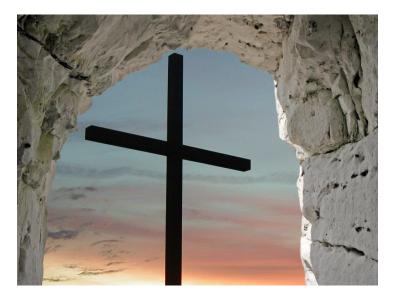
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

I am so grateful for your ministries. We are stronger together as we respond to this crisis. I pray that you will find moments to care for your body, mind and soul. May we all be guided by God's wisdom and compassion. Blessings,

Bishop Karen Oliveto

In order to keep in touch with you, our family, we have created a YouTube Channel where we will post periodic updates and thoughts during these uncertain times. We are attaching the link to the channel so that you can easily find it. You do not have to have a Facebook or YouTube account to access it. Please check it often. <u>YouTube Green Mountain</u>.

God's Blessings and Stay Well Your Friends at GMUMC



The point of a faith community is not to think alike, but to think together.



STEVE'S STUFF

Questions? – please see me, email <u>swalden@gmumc.com</u>, or call 303-989-3727. Thank You!

Please note: All in-person adult program gatherings are canceled until further notice. Be well!

Faith...in Each Other

Sunday's, 9:00 a.m., Room #403



Want to turn down the noise...and turn up the real conversation?

Exploring world issues & events through the lens of experience & faith.

The #403 coffee jar \$ benefits the SEED/NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone = \$3,921

Food Halls & Fellowship - New Chef Inspired Venue, Junction Food & Drink

This monthly effort currently in brief hiatus...will reappear in May.



One of the better community-driven trends in our market-based culture is the contemporary "food hall." Take an old building (abandoned store or warehouse), add food & retail niches run by local creative souls, toss in open seating and you have a social, bread-breaking, space where conversations begin and relationships form.

Please register your interest via me or the Program Table. Presented by The Center for Contemplative Anarchy.

The Shared Journey

SJ is an ever evolving, supportive, community for those sharing the daily

challenges of facing a dementia diagnosis - as caregivers, families, and caring friends.

Church of The Apocalyptic Optimists

Investing in people and ideas across the globe, via the Kiva microloan. Interested? See me.

As of March 10th – 1,196 loans; \$32,450.



A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.

- William James -





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Green Mountain United Methodist Women Sunrise Breakfast Generally 1st Wednesday of Each Month 8:00 a.m. IHOP-Lakewood City Commons

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SOLOS is a group of wom en, 55 and above, who meet socially on the 3rd Friday of the months, September through May. If you have questions, please call

Linda Dahlke at (303) 984-1994.

OUTREACH



Volunteer! Come build a New Home

We have 2 build dates:

Saturday, April 4 and Saturday, May 16 8:50 AM to 4:30 PM Location: Swansea Homes: 44th Ave and Columbine St. A carpool will be available from the church.

We need 10 to 12 people each day. Please be prepared to work outside and dress accordingly. You do not need any special training or tools. Just bring your willingness to learn. Construction Supervisors will teach us all new skills and if you feel uncomfortable, they will help you to learn or find a new task more suitable for your skill level. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old on the construction site. Bring a friend or friends!

Sign up at the program table. The wonderful outreach committee will provide lunch for the builders and we can carpool from church.

You must register with Habitat for Humanity online. Contact Lori Osborn to sign up: <u>lorioho@gmail.com</u> or (303)902-1692 I will email you the link to sign up for our build

About Swansea Homes

Our new home is a 4-bedroom duplex in the Swansea Hoes Development. This will be our 2nd build in the Elyria Swansea neighborhood that will be hoe to 32 families in new affordable and energy efficient 3-and 4-bedroom duplexes close to light rail and neighborhood schools. Currently 14 homes have been completed and residents are preparing to move in.

About Jeffco Interfaith Partner

Green Mountain United Methodist church participates with Jeffco Interfaith Partners, a coalition of 7 faith congregations working as Faith Sponsors for Habitat for Humanity. This year we will be sponsoring our 20th home with a partial sponsorship of \$60,000.00. Members of our Faith coalition divide up build days. GMUMC will be taking on 2 build days this year. Our sponsorship is funded largely through the Pumpkin Patch and Girls Night Out, as well as special offerings from member congregations.

About Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization that seeks to build strength stability and self-reliance through affordable housing. We are dedicated to eliminating substandard housing through building and preserving homes; advocation for just housing policies; and providing training resources to help families improve their housing. Habitat believes that everyone deserves to live in dignity and safety, and that strong and stable homes create strong and stable communities. Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver has served more than 1000 families throughout its 40-year history in Denver.

For more information, please visit: www.habitatmetrodenver.org



COMING SOON SPRING FLOWER SALE



You know she wants one, a beautiful hanging basket or a lovely flowering geranium. Potted flowers make great Mother's Day gifts that lasts. Flowers improve mood, beautify a home and our neighborhoods. So don't forget to ask your neighbors to purchase flowers as well. If they hang them on their front porch you will benefit every time you drive by.

Our beautiful hanging baskets filled with blooms proven to perform in full to part sun come fresh from the grower ready to hang on your front porch or back deck. O'Tooles has again graciously provided red, salmon and pink geraniums. Geraniums are easy to grow and produce constant flowers throughout the summer and fall. The proceeds will be divided between the Community Garden and the Music Department.

> Orders will be available for pick up in front of west doors at church on Saturday, May 9 at 9:00 AM - 12:00PM Come early for the best selection

Look for us in the Narthex between services beginning Sunday, April 19 through Sunday May 3. Or contact Lori Osborn: email to lorioho@gmail.com or text/call (303)902-1692





GIRLS' NIGHT OUT TICKETS AVAILABLE IN APRIL

Arvada UMC is again hosting Girls Night Out, a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity, on Saturday, May 9 at 6:00 PM. The dinner proceeds will go towards funding our 20th Habitat for Humanity Home as a member of Jeffco Interfaith Partners. The night includes a delicious dinner prepared and served by the Men of AUMC looking sharp in their white shirts, bowties, and black pants followed by the New Zealand award winning film, Hunt for the Wilderpeople (PG-13). This comedy/drama is about a Maori foster child who is a defiant city kid dealing with his placement in the countryside of New Zealand. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM and film at 7:00 PM. Bring your mothers, grandmothers, sisters and friends for a Girls Night Out. Children may attend Kids Movie & Pizza Night for free. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$20. Sign up at the program table, we can carpool out to Arvada together, or see Lori Osborn: (303)9902-1692, lorioho@gmail.com 07



CHILDREN'S NEWS April 2020



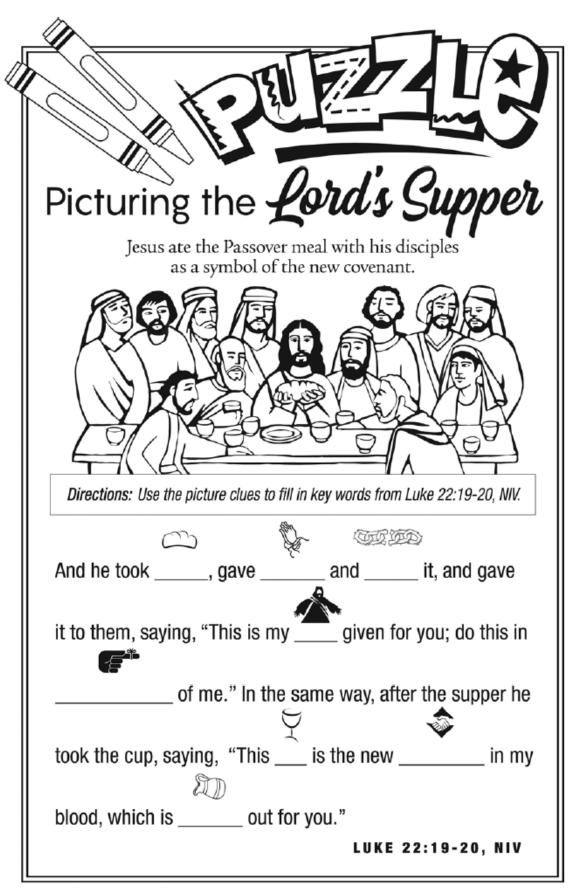
We hope all of our children and families are safe and weathering this global situation. Sharing a fun activity to engage your child(ren).

Kelli Schnase Children's Director

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 5th – Palm Sunday Sunday, April 12th - Easter





Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured



GMUMC April 2020 Grades 6 – 12

Check out the GroupMe App for Youth Group!

ALL IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sun, April 5th Youth Sunday Planning 6 - 7:30 PM

We are taking on a GIANT-sized Youth Sunday! With a David and Goliath theme, we are looking at redefining disadvantages and advantages. When life throws us gigantic challenges, what we have within us will determine how we react. Tonight is about planning out our ideas, choosing roles, and looking at our own lives.

Sun, April 12th Easter - No Youth

Enjoy time with your families celebrating Easter!

Sun, April 19th Game Night 6 - 7:30 PM

Tonight is about celebrating and letting off steam, and GAMES are the best way to do both!

Sun, April 26th Youth Sunday Practice 6 - 7:30 PM

We will practice our parts for Youth Sunday (May 3rd)! We'll run through the plan several times, and if we have time left over we will play some games!

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 5th & 26th - Youth Sunday Practices April 12th - Easter (No Youth) May 3rd - Youth Sunday May 10th - Mother's Day (No Youth) May 17th - End of Year Bash

All programming may be subject to change based on church and community efforts to keep everyone as healthy as possible! Please take care of yourselves and avoid exposure to the coronavirus!

If you have any questions please contact Alex at: 303-882-0006 or email: alex@gmumc.com















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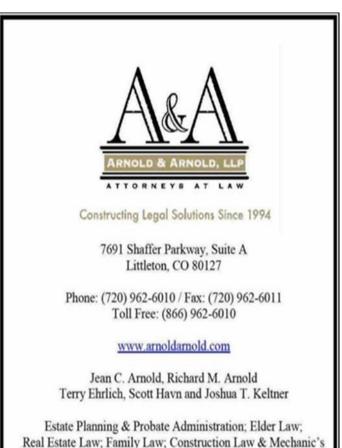


APRIL

Don Bunger	04/01
Amy Branscome	04/02
Anna Myers	04/02
Caitlyn Stenman	04/02
JW Hindman	04/02
Emery Schattinger	04/03
Frances Arsenault	04/03
Robert Harris	04/03
David Little	04/04
Jim Schmoker	04/06
Teresa Camper	04/06
Greg Montano	04/07
Betty Walker	04/11
Carsten Scholl	04/14
Gregory Hise	04/15
Sydney Maybury	04/16
Jessica Haden	04/17
Edith Gammon	04/18
Pamela Sunday	04/18
Deanna Hanna	04/20
Nancy Elwood	04/22
Rhonda Renaud	04/26
Tom Cummins	04/26
Bob Keating	04/27
Alex Thomas	04/28
Amy Santistevan	04/28
Andrea Thomas	04/28
Ken Schoeman	04/30



Brian & Georgia Lewis	04/04
Ronna Duncan & Charles Akers	04/05
Phil & Jan Brown	04/14
Nelson & Lisa Garcia	04/19



Estate Planning & Probate Administration; Elder Law; Real Estate Law; Family Law; Construction Law & Mechanic's Liens; Collections & Bankruptcy Creditor Representation; Mediation and More



Keeping Our Promises

By Upholding the Church with...

Our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.





For those who have experienced loss: The family of: Brenda Raker, family of Donna & Don Bunger

For those who are experiencing health concerns or other difficulties in their lives:

Church Members: Ray Tanner Alex Neve

Family of Church Members:

Keith Haemmelman, son-in-law of Chuck Thorman Tom Russell, cousin of Charlie Oelson Ronald Curtis, Sr., cousin of Vivian Gines-Wheeler Herman Mitchell, Phyllis Wrapp's son-in-law Karen, Dolores Bammerlin's sister-in-law **Friends of Church Members:** Goldie Sellers, friend of Meg Leak Linda Seydel, friend of Lorna Chapa Tim Doolittle, friend of Lorna Chapa Darlene Shockey, friend of Jean Arnold Andrea Powelson, friend of MaryJane Eddy-Scott Melinda Powelson, friend of MaryJane Eddy-Scott Joyce Rorman, friend of Lorene Branson and former member

Remember these people in your prayers. Let us continue to pray for:

Nicholas Billman, friend of Vestals Ari Quast, Nephew of Pastor Paul Dustin Neerhof, great-grandson of Joyce Mellott Virginia Sorenson, sister-in-law of Frank & Roxanne Penn Cherie Williams, friend of Jean Jerry & Linda Seiner, friends of Vestals Susan, daughter of Anna Myers Cody Wirth, friend of Brenda Christy Caroline Clovesko, Kristen Allen's mother Kinsasha & Kahlia Zamora, great-granddaughters of Edith Gammon Bernice Arsenault, mother-in-law of Francis Arsenault Patrick Wendy, relative of Marcia Johnston-Walden Rev. Bob Titus Ashlie Torbic, young friend of Thayne & Sherry Coulter Linda, Vicky Hamilton's sister Laura Inzano, friend of Marsha Moore Jeanne Faulkner, friend of Marsha Moore Ashley Osborn, niece of Mark & Lori Osborn Sean Scott, son of MaryJane Eddy Scott Jason Dennen, friend of Steve Cummins Taylor Merrill, Charles & Madelene Vestal's grandson Evan & Danielle, Marsha Cary's son & daughter-in-law Joni Wick, friend of Rich & Jean Arnold Les Hildenbrandt, son of Patti Hildenbrandt Marlene & Paul Notari, parents-in-law of Mary Lou/grandparents of Kris Notari





Prayers for those serving in the military and their families, especially:

Tell Acott Doug Huenneke Michael Anderson Brady Christensen Andrew Quast Gloria Sher Timothy Skinner

If you have family members who are currently in military service or the Peace Corp and wish to have their name listed in this section, please notify Meg in the church office. Please Note: Names will remain on the Prayer List in the bulletin for four weeks, unless you notify the church office to remove them sooner. If you wish to have someone on the Prayer List for longer than four weeks, please notify the church office so the name may be added to the Long-Term Prayer List that is published in the church newsletter, *Window on the Hill*.



April Showers		A	APRIL 2020				
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