



Window on the Hill February 2020

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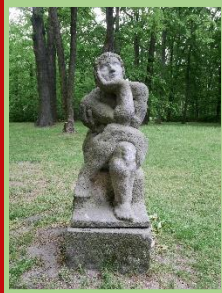
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MARK'S MUSINGS

Well, we closed on our new home Monday morning. And by Monday evening, I was repairing a running toilet!

I've been living in parsonages almost exclusively for my 30 years in ordained ministry, and when something has gone wrong, I simply called the Board of Trustees to fix it. Owning a home, however (as most of you already know), is an entirely different situation. Now, when something happens, it's my responsibility to handle it. And so I did. After unsuccessfully tinkering with the old ballcock assembly that appeared to have been present since the birth of Jesus, I finally bought a new apparatus at Home Depot and with quick and easy installation, we were back in business. And, I experienced a hitherto unknown satisfaction in doing it myself.

Of course, that's only one check off the list. There's a few more awaiting, both at our new home as well as in our new congregation here at Green Mountain. And, I'm guessing you've got your own list of things that need some attention in this brand-new year, at home or work, among your family perhaps, etc. From what, and to what, are you transitioning? And, more importantly, how? When an unexpected challenge comes into your life – a running toilet, for example, or worse: a job lay-off, a divorce, disease, the death of a loved one – do you react with fear and despair, resentment or denial? Or, do you respond with the energies of faith and search for something wonderful that might just be lying dormant, hidden underneath that otherwise terribly unwelcome event? Will your attention remain only on the adversity in and of itself, or will it travel farther, transcending past the trouble and towards the satisfaction in realizing the opportunity that awaits from God?

May God give you the discernment to enable you to always outrun your toilets.

Your new *Pastor, Mark*

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

STEVE'S STUFF

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

Faith...in Each Other

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



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

A multi-session offering using the text:

Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future by Margaret J. Wheatley

The #403 coffee jar \$ benefits the *SEED/NarSarah Clinic* in Sierra Leone = \$3,717

Society for the Advancement of the Human Attention Span

Sunday, February 2nd – Fireside Room

Pondering ***Talking to Strangers*** by **Malcolm Gladwell**

For those interested in this evolving book group...please see me.



The Shared Journey

Wednesday, February 19th, 1:30 p.m., Room #403

SJ is an ever evolving, supportive, community for those sharing the daily challenges of facing a dementia diagnosis – as caregivers, families, and caring friends.

All welcome!



Food Halls & Fellowship – The Stanley Marketplace

Saturday, February 29th, 4:00 p.m. carpool



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*.

Church of The Apocalyptic Optimists

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

As of January 10th – 1,181 loans; \$32,025

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

- William James -



Ken Caryl Concerts presents

"An Evening of Love Songs"



Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 7:30 pm

St. Philip Lutheran Church - 7531 S. Kendall Blvd. Littleton, CO

Join us for a mix of classical, musical theater, pop and rock songs to get your heart singing just in time for Valentine's Day. Performers include Bryan Chuan, piano, Kristen Celusniak & Angy Lyslo, sopranos, Jim Keller, baritone, Chappell Kingsland, piano/guitar/vocals, and members of the Wild Beautiful Orchestra from the University of Denver, Lamont School. This is a free and family friendly event. Donations will be collected to benefit the Action Center in Lakewood.

For more information please visit
<https://www.stphilip-co.org/concerts/>



The shelter at the Action Center is reopening at the end of the month. We want to invite any interested groups to take a tour of the new 'digs'. Below is a list of tour dates. Please call to set up a convenient time to take a tour.

Shelter tour dates:

1/30	1:30 - 2:00 pm
1/31	11:00 - 11:30 am
2/04	11:00 - 11:30 am
2/05	2:00 - 2:30 pm
2/12	11:00 - 11:30 am
2/14	2:00 - 2:30 pm
2/19	11:00 - 11:30 am



Green Mountain United Methodist Women
Sunrise Breakfast
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
8:00 a.m. IHOP-Lakewood City Commons



THE GATHERING PLACE®



Give Your Hearts to the Gathering Place Women and Their Children

The month of February Outreach will be collecting NEW bras and NEW underwear for women and their children. The Gathering Place helps women experiencing poverty and homelessness. We can help them feel good from the inside out. Please place these items in the Outreach bins upstairs. If you have any questions or need assistance shopping, please contact Anna Myers 303-989-2294.



Epiphany Sunday Thank You -. King carriers – Carlos Warclub, Marisabel Santistevan and Jennifer Stenman. King escorts/gift carriers – Steven and Jake Olson and Delilah Dare. Stars – Caitlyn Stenman, Aubrie Smith and Gemma Dare. Animals – Karena Olson, Tommie Walker, Theo and Bridget Brege Camel - Randy Johnson and Steve Walden. Valuable assistant - Aimee Johnson. Photographers – Amy Santistevan and Kelli Schnase. Sound - Vince and Kristen Allen.

Thanks from Marcia Johnston-Walden



FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the month of December, we had income of \$53,151.99, and expenses of 13,655.81. We finished the year 2019 with an overall balance of -\$700.94. We made a good recovery toward the end of the year, but we had to use the finance reserve, to cover most of the remaining deficit. Finances are going to be pretty tight in 2020, with \$17,000 less in pledges, so we need to ask everyone, to only spend money when absolutely necessary, or unless money is specifically donated for a special purpose. As always, thank you for your continued financial support of GMUMC.

Thanks,

Greg Hise & Jane Bernard
Finance Co-Chairs



March 2020
Newsletter items due
by
Sunday, February 16,

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN



"Planting seeds for the future"

Jean Arnold, Church and Society – Garden Liaison

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Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) Construction and Volunteer Days. The water is installed, the grubbing is done, and the materials are delivered and waiting to be installed. After being snowed out on October 27, Denver Urban Gardens has scheduled two workdays for the Community Garden.

Our two volunteer days will be **Sunday, November 24, 2019 beginning at 11:45 a.m. and Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m.** Weather permitting, of course. The 10-day forecast for Sunday November 24 shows sunny and mid-50's. We will be instructed by Nessa with Denver Urban Gardens. DUG will provide all tools and materials needed to construct the beds. If we finish the work on Sunday (11-24), we will not need the December 7 workday, but we wanted to get the second day on everyone's calendar just in case.

Any amount of time you can devote to the garden on either Sunday (11-24) or Saturday (12-7) would be appreciated. Please RSVP to Jean Arnold by email (jeanarnold@arnoldarnold.com) or text at 303.257.2659.

- **Fund raising.** We have sufficient funds to build the "basic" garden infrastructure. But we need another \$20-30,000 to complete the full design. DUG is phasing the build-out over 5 years. Plus, a garden is "forever" fund raising.
- The **Community Brick fund raiser** continues. You can order bricks at any time to support the garden. The bricks will be installed once the heavy work is done. Please contact **Lori Osborn** (lorioho@icloud.com or 303-986-8802) to purchase a brick. Order forms are on the program table outside the Gathering Place.
 - \$100 per 4 X 8 brick + \$10 for clip art;
 - \$200 per 8 X 8 brick + \$10 for clip art.

Website Management: Garden Community member **Holly Schnitzler** is managing the website. If you have information for the site, contact **Jean Arnold** at: jeanarnold@arnoldarnold.com or 303.257.2659 (call or text).

Check out the website at: <https://communitygardengmu.wixsite.com/gmumc>. See the pictures from our "brick" retrieval day in the spring. Soon we can start posting *PROGRESS* photos. Below are pictures of the garden so far.



Jackson Barnes

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SOLOS is a group of women, 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.

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CHILDREN'S NEWS

February 2020

We always start the new year off with an amazing reenactment of the wisemen coming to visit Jesus and bring gifts. We have many children participate in the service and it is fun for all. A very special thank you to all the children, families and Ms. Marcia for leading this, every single year!!

In review of our 2019 year, we had an amazing Eggstravaganza event, Vacation Bible School, and a very fun kick off Sunday!

We finished the Sunday School year off in May, with the hopes of adding some new and different life in the children's department. We funded this project with Butter Braid proceeds, and a huge thank you to Church council for approving a generous sum of the Cora Lee funds to help finance the project. We were able to repaint all three classrooms, purchased new furniture (flex seating), wall decorations, a variety of posters, shelves and school supplies. The rooms were fresh and clean for the first day of Sunday School!

Our carnival themed kick off Sunday was a blast, we had many volunteers come to play games with the children, a food truck, prizes, human ball wrestling, bottle tosses, and fun by all!

We have a very flexible amount of children coming in for Sunday School (3-10 year old's) anywhere from 1- 16 per Sunday. There are around 30 children registered this year and we are always looking for new volunteers to help run the classes. The volunteers are required to take a four-hour training on Safeguarding God's Children and are very dedicated and so appreciative of their service to the church!!!

Our Harry Potter Vacation Bible School was a ball! GMUMC joined forces with Green Mountain Presbyterian Church and St. Joseph Episcopal Church, we had about 25 wizards and witches amongst the three churches.

We finished the year with a Christmas Eve service filled with melody bells, bells, children's puppet plays and a fun family event for all.

Ms. Janet is in search of Children bells ringers!! As many of her junior high students move up, opening are available for new Children's bell ringers. If you are interested, please let Ms. Janet or me know.

Thank you all so much for your amazing support and love to the children! We truly appreciate it!!

Kelli Schnase
Children's Director



GMUMC - Feb 2020 Grades 6 – 12

****Download the
GroupMe App
to receive updates !****

Sun, Feb. 2nd SOUP-er Bowl Sunday / Chili Cook-off 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Today we will run around the sanctuary with pots and ladles to collect money for “Souper Bowl Sunday” before giving it to the charity of our choice. Then we will help with the Chili Cook-off supporting Youth Scholarships! After we fill our bellies, we can go cheer on our favorite team!

Sun, Feb. 9th Youth Council / Diverse Religions 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Ever wonder what lies beyond Christianity? There are so many cool religions in the world, and we will take a look at some of the diverse beliefs and practices of other religions. Choosing your faith and knowing the other options out there are crucial parts of creating your identity. Let's get curious and have fun exploring an array of ideas about God, life, and faith.

Sun, Feb. 16th No Youth

No Youth due to Presidents' Day Weekend. Enjoy family time!

Sun, Feb. 23rd Bigger or Better Outing 2 - 3:30 PM

Starting with a paperclip, we will venture into the community in search of an item that is bigger and better! Let's see where the afternoon takes us and how far we can go!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 17th - No School in Jeffco for Presidents' Day
March 21st - 29th - Jeffco Spring Break - No Youth

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



OUR SERVICE, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS



FEBRUARY

Robb Stenman	02/01
Blake Ramsouer	02/02
Carolynn Fox	02/02
Wava Fleck	02/02
Deborah Brunner	02/03
Gary Starkey	02/04
Vergil Bane	02/04
Kathleen Hise	02/05
Marty Keating	02/05
Katy Griebble	02/06
Neomi Hilton	02/06
Emily Snow	02/07
Renee Shirley	02/07
Ronald Bernard	02/07
Roxanna Cutler	02/08
Doug Wylie	02/09
Shirley Allison	02/09
Stacey Cummins	02/09
Gary Bowker	02/10
John Olson	02/10
Kathy Patterson	02/12
Randy Johnson	02/15
Jackson Barnes	02/16
Caitlin Haden	02/17
Ian Alexander	02/17
Mary Tilp	02/18
Roxanne Penn	02/20
Carolyn Wrapp	02/21
Charles Vestal	02/21
Dixie Bowker	02/21
Rachel Haden	02/23
Betty Butler	02/24
Robert Christy	02/24
Sara Hindman	02/24
Karlynn Cory	02/25

Cathy Young	02/26
Evan Morrison	02/26
Harold Harmon	02/26
Jennifer Thomas	02/26
James Oliver	02/27
Jason Ramsouer	02/27
Johnnie Sheeley	02/27
Betty Kissell	02/28
Anna Branscome	02/29



John & Sylvia Polinski	02/05
Don & Carole Falvey	02/10
Amy Santistevan & Renée Shirley	02/12
Bob & Carole Wrapp	02/12
Ron & Jane Bernard	02/15
Ed & Barbara Smith	02/17
Clara Lou Humphrey & Frank Williamson	02/25
Mike & Shirl Coen	02/28

Our Care Corner

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:

Janice Mowry, former member
Karen Stott, friend of Renée Parker

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

Church Members:

Bruce Bane Chuck Thorman Kim Myers
Lettie Covert Ray Tanner Alex Neve

Family of Church Members:

Allan Arnold, Rich's father
Jonathan Fleck, Karlynn Cory's husband
Kedra Schattinger, Emery & Carol's daughter-in-law

Friends of Church Members:

Andrea Powelson Singer

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 Carey's son & daughter-in-law
Joni Wick, friend of Rich & Jean Arnold
Les Hildenbrandt, son of Patti Hildenbrandt



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

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

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*.

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.



ATTENDANCE

Date	8:00am	10:30 am
12/29	27	125
01/05	20	160
01/12	22	120
01/19	22	126



FEBRUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:30 p.m. Ken Caryl Concert St. Philip Lutheran Church
2 Super Bowl Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Book Club 10:15 a.m. Youth Souper Bowl Sunday/Chili Cook-off 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Youth Bells	3 10:00 a.m. Women's Spiritual Journey 7:30 p.m. AA	4 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Action Center Tour	5 8:00 a.m. UMW Breakfast – IHOP 2:00 p.m. Action Center Tour 5:30 p.m. Bellissimo 6:30 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	6 11:00 a.m. Front Room Ruminators 7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting	7	8
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16 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Youth Bells NO YOUTH GROUP Newsletter Articles Due	17 Presidents' Day Holiday Church Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Women's Spiritual Journey 7:30 p.m. AA	18 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Church Council	19 11:00 a.m. Action Center Tour 1:30 p.m. Shared Journey 5:30 p.m. Bellissimo 6:30 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	20 11:00 a.m. Front Room Ruminators	21	22
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