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MARK'S MUSINGS

I took a break from work one morning and walked down the hill from church to pick up a package of Cheetos and a pint of chocolate milk at a convenience store to accompany the turkey sandwich I had brought from home for lunch. As I re-entered my office, I was startled by the shadow of a cross that was projecting itself against the blinds on the east window, surrounded by the rays of the morning sun. And then, as I watched, in a few more moments, the continual rising of the sun's rays eventually overwhelmed the dark cross until all that remained was light. It was like viewing an avant-garde short film celebrating the Easter resurrection.

Perhaps God enjoys self-revelation right in the mundane things of our life- back in the church office enjoying some Cheetos, God's finest junky snack *food (the proper fried Cheetos in the red bag and not those sorry, blue-bagged baked ones either)*, the Berliner ambient drone metal duo Nadja offering background music on Pandora internet radio, sermon research notes spread out over my desk- just another ordinary day. And then, there, God just suddenly pops in. Or maybe, it's more we who pop in, to an awareness of the God who is already and always there among us, even if sometimes as subtle as a passing shadow.

May God bless you in this Easter spring season with many resurrections,

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

Currently not having in-person gatherings – please call or email for the latest news!



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

We all look eagerly to the day we can resume supporting local small businesses!!!



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

Please call to check on the group's meeting status...

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!



Church of The Apocalyptic Optimists

Investing in people and ideas across the globe, via the Kiva microloan. Interested? See me.
As of April 19th - 1,208 loans; \$32,775.

Society for the Advancement of the Human Attention Span

Currently meeting via Zoom... call or email for current date, time, and link.

Pondering our reading during the era of physical distancing.

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



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

- William James -



Announcements

All in-person church activities have been cancelled until further notice.



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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June 2020 Newsletter items
due by
Sunday, May 17, 2020
email: mlnotari@msn.com &
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**SOLOs
Lunch Group**

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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OUTREACH



Our 20th Habitat Home

A large thank you to all GMUMC construction volunteers and the Outreach Committee lunch volunteers who signed up to build our 20th house with Jeffco Interfaith Partners. Habitat Metro Denver is doing everything they can to protect volunteers, staff, and the Habitat partner families during the COVID-19 outbreak. Habitat has canceled all volunteer shifts through May 31st. Both the Saturday, April 4 and the Saturday, May 16 build dates will be rescheduled. As Habitat works through the impact of the outbreak on the construction schedule they will contact Jeffco Interfaith Partners to reschedule build dates for the member congregations. During this time construction staff, AmeriCorps Volunteers and Habitat partner families continue work on the homes currently under construction while practicing social distancing. Our 20th home at 4353 Elizabeth is currently under construction and we have fulfilled our financial sponsorship of \$60,000. Habitat family services department is continuing to select new partner families and we hope to have information about our new partners soon.

Our 2019 home has been staged by Love Thy Neighbor. It looks lovely and is currently being offered to new families. Please see the YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hCJgk2nliE&feature=youtu.be>

In addition if you are looking for a project, check out the **Stay Home, Build a Home Challenge**. Habitat invites participants to build and fund a home from their own living room. Participants will announce participation in the Challenge through social media, raise funds, build a miniature house using materials they have at home and ultimately post photos of the finished product. For more information about how to participate go to the Habitat Metro Denver Website: <https://www.habitatmetrodenver.org/news/detail/join-habitat-metro-denvers-stay-home-build-a-home-challenge/296/>



COMING SOON

VIRTUAL
SPRING FLOWER SALE

(Changes due to the Corona Virus Outbreak)



GMUMC will still be selling the beautiful Hanging Baskets sourced directly from a local family owned grow house. Unfortunately, we will not be selling geraniums this year as O'Tooles is currently closed due to the pandemic. While we wait for the stay at home order to be lifted we are taking phone orders for the hanging baskets. Members of the Choir, Bell Choir, and Community Garden will be calling church members who have purchased flowers in the past for their orders. We ask that you pay for your baskets at pick up or delivery with check or cash, exact change would be appreciated. You may also email or call Lori Osborn with questions or to place an order. Pick up is currently scheduled for Saturday, May 9 outside the west doors of the church, providing the stay at home orders have been lifted. Please let us know if you prefer delivery of your basket, we will be happy to provide that service.

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. Living plants 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. The proceeds will be divided between the Community Garden, Music Department and Bell Choir.

Also a shout out for O'Tooles. If you need some plants they are a great place to purchase bedding plants, vegetable starters, and geraniums!

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

Please pay upon pick up or delivery

Please contact Lori Osborn with any questions: email to lorioho@gmail.com or text/call (303)902-1692





DATE CHANGE

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT TICKETS AVAILABLE IN JUNE

Saturday, June 27th 6:00 p.m.

Arvada UMC is again hosting **Girls Night Out**, a fundraiser for *Habitat for Humanity*, on Saturday, June 27, 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

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CHILDREN'S NEWS

April 2020



Happy Spring!

I hope that this finds you all well and safe. I am so thankful for all the amazing children and families and other supporters, who have been participating in the children's times on YouTube. Many kids have responded to the videos by sending me things, or just showing me some of the things they have been doing, during this unexpected time.

I truly appreciate Amy Santistevan for editing, Ruth Schnase for filming and re-filming many times each week, and Lynne Smithpeter for posting it. Oh, and for Steve Walden with hair and makeup! That's right, you probably have seen quite a bit more gray hair. *(He is trying to make me look as old as him!!:)*

As many of the families merge into home-schooling, please keep in mind that my full-time job is being a 2nd grade teacher, so I am here to help you if you don't know or understand exactly what a teacher is looking for. I have taught 1st-6th grade so have some pretty solid knowledge in those areas. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

I am praying for a quick vaccination and cannot wait to see all of you soon.

Kelli Schnase

Children's Director





*The **GroupMe App** has Youth Group updates!*

Sat, May 2nd Virtual MS Walk / Run Flexible Time The MS Walk is going virtual this year! Contact Alex to register and walk/run when you want to in your own area to support those living with MS! Ask Alex if you have any questions.

Sun, May 3rd GAMES 6 - 7:30 PM

Games keep us sane, allow us to connect, make us laugh, and help us appreciate our blessings!

Sun, May 10th Mothers' Day - No Youth

Enjoy time with your families celebrating Mothers' Day!

Sun, May 17th End of Year "Bash" - Photo Scavenger Hunt Flexible Time Even if we can't have a party together for our last hurrah of the season, we can still have FUN!! Don't miss out on this shenanigan-filled scavenger hunt with photo opportunities, activities, and clues to neighborhood spots.

IMPORTANT INFO:

"Youth Sunday" - We are still taking on a GIANT-sized Youth message even if it isn't a Youth Sunday exactly! We will create YouTube content with a David and Goliath theme. Life has certainly thrown us gigantic challenges and now we are choosing to react with POWER and CREATIVITY! Grab your favorite disguise and get ready to become an inspirational leader!

April 26th - Game Night via Zoom

May 2nd - Virtual MS Walk

May 3rd - Game Night via Zoom

May 17th - Photo Scavenger Hunt

Mission Project - We will be doing a safe Mission Project in June to serve our community!

****Programming may change based on church and community efforts to keep everyone as healthy as possible! Please take care of yourselves & avoid exposure to COVID-19.****

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

OUR SERVICE, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS



The GMUMC family turned out in force last week to support [The Action Center](#) drive.....here are the numbers:

\$2000 in monetary donations (became \$3,000 with match!)

200 hygiene kits

A van full of food

90 T-shirts (for food distribution bags)



A HUGE thank you to Mary Bloomstran-Thomas for arranging the *Action Center Church Parking Lot Food Drive*, and to her daughter, Aimee, who sewed all 90 T-shirts-to-become-food-bags! Thank you to Steve Walden for manning the parking lot with Action Center folks to take donations, and thanks to all those who masked up and donated! It was a great drive-by assembly of appropriately distanced & Masked Methodists! The Masked Methodists are a force to be reckoned with!

Gratitude to those who donated N-95 masks for health care use, thank you!!!



You are cordially invited to attend The Action Center's "Where Action Matters" virtual fundraising event. At the event you will hear an update from our Executive Director, Pam Brier on the Action Center's emergency response to the Covid-19 crisis, and you'll experience an inspirational story from one of our participants. Your attendance and participation will demonstrate how you're able to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

This profound, virtual event will take place on your choice of days: Thursday, April 30 at 12 p.m., Friday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m., or Saturday, May 2 at 3 p.m.

I hope you are able to join us as we continue to provide a compassionate response to those in our community. Please be sure to RSVP by Thursday, April 23rd.

Link to register: <https://theactioncenter.org/whereactionmatters/>



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Vincent Allen	05/01
Gloria Dockter	05/02
Zachary Thomas	05/02
Alexander Walcott	05/04
Mary Williams	05/05
Mary Beth Taylor	05/06
Charles Haase	05/07
Anna Stenman	05/13
Frank Williamson	05/14
Tegan Moore	05/14
Jane Moore	05/17
Teresa Benedett-Farmer	05/17
Tania Moore	05/19
Jean Arnold	05/21
Maddocks Turner	05/21
Derek Huenneke	05/23
Janet Riedesel	05/23
Kelsey Asplin	05/23
Lukas Horne	05/23
Joel Chapa	05/24
Carl Worster	05/25

Chelsea Young	05/25
Ann Snow	05/26
Mary Bloomstran	05/26
Rigby Johnson	05/26
Larry Edwards	05/27
JD Osborn	05/31



Robert & Tena Harris	05/05
Ben & Cassie Turner	05/17
Joan Carlson & Dan Huenneke	05/19
Steve & Katie Bernard	05/22
Brian & Ann Snow	05/25
Eric & Kim Morrison	05/26
Sandra & Othan Sanchez	05/28
Karlynn Cory & Jonathan Fleck	05/29

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:

Scott & Oran Kita for the loss of their mother, Suzanne Kita

Doris Reid

Mary Shallenberger, friend of ClaraLou Humphrey

Brenda Raker, family of Don & Donna Bunger

Karen, sister-in-law of Dolores Bammerlin

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

Church Members:

Ray Tanner Alex Neve

Celena Robinson

Family of Church Members:

Keith & Jeanne 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

Friends of Church Members:

Linda Seydel, friend of Lorna Chapa

Tim Doolittle, friend of CeCe Huffnagle

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 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

Doug Huenneke

Michael Anderson

Andrew Quast

Timothy Skinner

Brady Christensen

Gloria Sher

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*.

