



## *Window on the Hill* **JUNE 2020**

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## **MARK'S MUSINGS**

In October of 1347, several ships from the Black Sea docked at the Sicilian port of Messina. When the townspeople gathered on the docks they were met with a horrifying surprise: most of the sailors were dead, and those still alive were gravely ill, covered in black boils that oozed blood and pus. Having already struck China, India, Persia, Syria & Egypt, over the next five years the Black Death would kill more than 20 million people in Europe, almost 1/3 of the continent's population,

The disease was indiscriminately contagious and terrifyingly efficient. People who were perfectly healthy when they retired for the evening were just as likely to be dead by morning. A grisly nurse rhyme was even eventually composed about the plague, one I remember singing as a child: "Ring around the rosy (a rash), a pocket full of posies (used to ward off the smell of the disease), ashes, ashes, we all fall down (death and incineration)."

Because they did not understand the biology of the disease, many people believed that the Black Death was some kind of divine retribution for sins, which led to the unfortunate purging of thousands of non-Christians rather than a self-analysis of external hygienic as well as inner spiritual disciplines.

Interestingly, though, centuries before the Black Death, in the earliest years of the Church under the Roman empire, another plague had also ravaged the populated world, but with a completely different response from the Christian community. Following the failure of any kind of coordinate response from the government many Christians, at risk to their own personal health, physically attended to the needs of persons infected and dying. The surrounding pagan culture was so moved by their compassion that many were drawn to the Christian faith.

I am inspired by so many of you who have similarly responded to the needs of your neighbors and community as a living witness to your Faith and the power of love, the risen Christ's and his Church's continued relevance in the world, and our belief in the Spirit (rather than our physical bodies) as our truest and highest self. I'm proud to be your partner in ministry through and beyond this most current plague and am looking forward to our physical reintroduction in the not too distant future.

May God honor your discipleship and bless you with health, physically and spiritually,

*Pastor Mark*

**JUNE  
2020**



***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](mailto:swalden@gmumc.com), or call 303-989-3727.  
Thank You!

***Faith...in Each Other***

*In-person gatherings still uncertain as of newsletter deadline – 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 = \$4,001

***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 May 5th - 1,213 loans; \$32,925.

***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 -



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



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



**DATE CHANGE**

**GIRLS' NIGHT OUT TICKETS AVAILABLE IN JUNE**

**Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lorioho@gmail.com)



SOLOS is a group of women, 55 and above, who meet socially on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, September through May.

If you have questions, please call

Linda Dahlke at (303) 984-1994.

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# CHILDREN'S NEWS

## June 2020



It is so great to see all the activities that the children are creating and sending my way! I really appreciate the pictures of the amazing art and practicing their bells and chimes! Please continue to send me all the amazing links and pictures. I hope that you are all enjoying the activities and children's times and if you have further websites or ideas to please send them my way.



*Kelli Schnase*  
*Children's Director*



## GMUMC Grades 6 – 12 Summer 2020

**\*Check out the [GroupMe App!](#)\***

### All of June

### Click, Grab, Go Hunt

### Ongoing

Leading up to Mission Project, we'll have a photo scavenger hunt with bizarre activities and crazy requests. From dinosaurs to singing in the rain, this hunt has it all. Even though we can't do it together, we can share our adventures with each other and compete for the ultimate prize! With a whole month to play, there is no way we will be bored!

### Week of July 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

### Mission Project

### Flexible Time

Mission Project is back! After all the stress and challenges of quarantine, let's have fun while serving others! We will write cards for the congregation, challenge the church to do a photo scavenger hunt, play zoom games, and HAVE FUN!!!! All activities will be set up so we can do them with social distancing. Faith & fun meet again! The theme this year is **LIVE IN COLOR**.



### July & August

### Roaming Gnomes

### Ongoing

We will take lawn ornaments for the adventure of their lives! Videos, photos, creativity, and pure hilarity are sure to follow. Hanging with our "gnomies" has never been better!

**\*\*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](mailto:alex@gmumc.com)

## OUR SERVICE, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES For THE TUNA, PEANUT BUTTER, & MAC & CHEESE SERVICE PROJECTS

Unfortunately, due to the **CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**, our 3 Annual Service projects are not formally happening this year.



The **TUNA DRIVE** that was to start for 2 Sundays, March 15<sup>th</sup> & March 22<sup>nd</sup> hadn't officially started but some of you had donated some tuna early. We started this year with 2,893 cans & packets. Steve Walden took 25 cans to the Action Center's Food Bank on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The official running total is 2,918.

Thank you to those of you who had donated a week early.  
**THANK YOU Steve** for taking what we had to the **ACTION CENTER'S FOOD BANK**.

**THE ANNUAL JEAN SCALMANINI PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE** was scheduled for Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

We will start next year with 3707 jars collected 2011-2019.



**MAC & CHEESE SUNDAY** was planned for Father's Day, June 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
We will start next year with 6097 boxes donated 2011-2019.

### Action Center

The Outreach Committee will be holding another food drive for the Action Center on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon similar to the successful drive held in April. The Action Center truck will be in the church parking lot collecting donations of food, cash, and old t-shirts (to be made into tote bags), and empty egg cartons (dozen eggs). Because the Mother's Day Peanut Butter Sunday and Father's Day Mac 'n Cheese Sunday are cancelled, this is a good time to make those donations as well as any other nonperishable items. If you want to participate, please email or call Mary Bloomstran ([marybloomstran@comcast.net](mailto:marybloomstran@comcast.net) or 303-263-2906). Also, let Mary know if you would like to have your donation picked up from your house.



**THANK YOU**

**Darline Bowland and Mary Bloomstran**





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|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Janice Ramsthaler | 06/01 |
| Carol Schattinger | 06/04 |
| Taylor Neve       | 06/04 |
| Rilene Thompson   | 06/05 |
| Julia Montano     | 06/06 |
| Phyllis Wittrup   | 06/06 |
| Dee Morse         | 06/07 |
| Katie Bernard     | 06/08 |
| Michael Coen      | 06/09 |
| Renée Parker      | 06/09 |
| Erik Evans        | 06/10 |
| Vicky Hamilton    | 06/10 |
| Marge Rudolph     | 06/11 |
| Sherry Coulter    | 06/11 |
| Aaron Nichols     | 06/12 |
| Sharon Berry      | 06/12 |
| Bonnie Haase      | 06/14 |
| Chuck Thorman     | 06/14 |
| Phyllis Parker    | 06/16 |
| Allan Arnold      | 06/17 |
| Jacob Olson       | 06/17 |
| Isaac Wondel      | 06/18 |
| Bob Walcott       | 06/19 |
| Jack Branscome    | 06/19 |
| Harry Thomas      | 06/21 |
| Brian Snow        | 06/24 |
| Eric Morrison     | 06/26 |
| Jackson Fleck     | 06/27 |
| Quinn Bride       | 06/30 |

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|----------------------------------|-------|
| Walt & Marge Rudolph             | 06/02 |
| Christopher & Marsha Carey       | 06/08 |
| Doug & Mary Wylie                | 06/08 |
| William Thomas & Mary Bloomstran | 06/09 |
| Emery & Carol Schattinger        | 06/12 |
| Joel & Lorna Chapa               | 06/12 |
| Dee & Jody Morse                 | 06/14 |
| Ken & Brenda Bullard             | 06/18 |
| Duane & Kathy Patterson          | 06/20 |
| Gary & Dixie Bowker              | 06/21 |
| Frank & Velda Walters            | 06/26 |
| Harold & Karen Harmon            | 06/26 |

## Congratulations to our Graduates & Scholarship Winners!

**Myria Garcia** from Lakewood High School. She will attending American University, which is a United Methodist University in Washington D.C., to study international relations or possibly pre-law.

**Julia Montano** from Columbine High School. She will be attending University of San Francisco to study international studies. Julia was also a GMUMC Scholarship Winner.

**Lisa Neve** from Metropolitan State University with a Masters of Social Work.

The Barb Thorman Scholarship was awarded to **Kerry Parker**. She will be attending Arapahoe Community College to become Physical Therapy Assistant.





# 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:

Mindy Lubell Nielsen, sister-in-law of Mary Lou Notari  
& aunt of Kris

Paul Tilp

Joyce Rorman, friend of Lorene Branson and former member

## 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 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:

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

## 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



## 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*.

