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### MARK'S MUSINGS

I'm writing a couple of days before this year's session of the Mountain Sky Annual Conference and feeling a bit ambivalent about the whole thing. The things I usually enjoy – inspirational worship, catching up with friends over dinner, etc. – obviously, aren't happening this year (at least not in the material sense!) Zoom, among other cyberspace gatherings sites, has assertively introduced its presence into our lives, and like the first automobile roaring down the road, formerly occupied by a horse, the technology is here to stay, like it or not. (Once you get past the nostalgic images of riding the wide-open range, you might more thoughtfully consider the **reality** of returning to a horse as your primary mode of transportation. Lotta poop, for starters. And, that day trip to the mountains just turned into a week.)

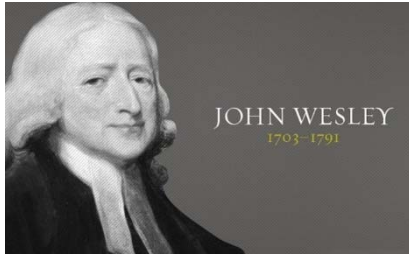
These moments of technological progression both give and take a little from us. But they always carry unique opportunities for us to enhance the ministry and mission of the Church in the United Methodist tradition. In that sense, it might even be regarded as a privilege to be actually living in this historic event in United Methodism, perhaps to be chronicled in future United Methodist publications!

Speaking of Methodist history, in celebration of another year of spiritual conferencing, and in honor of our founder, John Wesley, I thought I'd share a quiz I recently ran across online that I hope you'll enjoy. This is especially designed for Donna Bunker, our lay delegate to Annual Conference, who, like me, will be experiencing the most pc/laptop time that's ever been demanded by Annual Conference. I mean, you can only do so much Sudoku while waiting for the voting results on some amendments, right?

*Pastor Mark*

### JOHN WESLEY TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What was John Wesley's middle name?
2. Who was Old Jeffery?
3. What traumatic event in his childhood made Wesley's mother think his life had a special calling?



4. What was the name of the ship that brought Wesley to America?
5. Where did Wesley live during his two years in America?
6. Why did Wesley start preaching outdoors?
7. Where did Wesley deliver a sermon when his father's church refused to let him preach?
8. To whom did Wesley marry and when?
9. What was Wesley's suggested cure for baldness?
10. What was the subject of Wesley's final letter?



### ***Answers to John Wesley Trivia Quiz:***

1. **BENJAMIN:** The names John and Benjamin came from two earlier brothers who died in infancy. John's mother, Susanna, birth 19 children in all.
2. An alleged poltergeist who was active in the parsonage for a year during John's childhood.
3. John was rescued by neighbors from a parsonage fire moments before the roof fell in.
4. The Simmonds. During rough seas, when Wesley found himself scared to death, he noticed the serene attitude of a group of Moravian Germans possessed. He began from that moment to seek that kind of serenity and conviction of salvation.
5. In the parsonage on the southeast side of Savannah, Georgia.
6. The churches did not agree with his theology of holiness and banned him from their pulpits.
7. Upon his father's tomb outdoors
8. After letting one young woman slip away because of his fear of how it might affect his ministry, he later married another, but it was unharmonious and eventually led to a separation.
9. Rubbing of an onion vigorously until scalp is read. Wesley incidentally produced a book of medicine that was widely circulated in the 1700s, containing hundreds of cures for a number of ills, like his remedy for lethargy: strong vinegar up the nose. Hoarse throat? Bruised garlic applied to the soles of the feet. And his choice for something approximating a universal medicine? Electricity.
10. Addressed to Wilber Wilberforce on February 24, 1791, it spoke of Wesley's opposition to slavery and urged Wilberforce to take action against it.
11. After bidding some friends farewell on March 1, 1791, he mustered up all his strength, lifted his arms and said, "The best of all, God is with us." During the night, he tried to recite from the 46<sup>th</sup> Psalm, but could only get out, "I'll praise." The next morning, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m., with several persons around his bed, he said simply, "Farewell," and passed. He was 88 years old.



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

New times. Evolving “normal.” Changing format. As we continue to greet openly (or not) what has always been so – *the certainty of uncertainty* – I’ve decided to toss the old and err on the side of simplicity. Less is more. More or less. We’ll see. Rather than mechanically list a month’s worth of opportunities, they’ll get a mention with the relevant details in a more minimalist format. The flesh and bones of an effort are best given motion in conversation (see links above – or me directly sans the tech).

One of the most overused phrases in human culture is: *These are challenging times*. But I think we can safely say, despite the overuse, the words ring true in a world of facemasks, financial hardship, meaningful protest, broken glass, and tear gas. I lived in Illinois in the summer of 1968 – somewhat the same feel without the (biological) viral guest. It seems we always muddle through with more house-of-cards accommodation rather than actual change. We keep seeing the same movie but refuse to change the channel – and wonder why the story never changes.

A lot has happened since we last gathered outside our “zoom boxes.” There is much to discuss – and much action to be planned to put meaning and purpose to the words. As of this writing, it’s too early to tell when that “reopen” will happen – and most importantly, how it will be done. So plan on business-as-not-usual to continue until further notice. Zoom gatherings will happen on Sunday mornings, and perhaps evolve into other formats. Our ventures out to explore our world are ever assessed given the current state of our viral visitor. New ways of meeting and greeting – with and without the aid of technology – will be evolving, and prayerfully we will find a new and more effective way to be a “faith community.”

### **Gratitude:**

I want to thank *Amy Santistevan* for covering some Sunday zooms when a family emergency drew me across the country. Her kindness, support, and gracious willingness to help are much appreciated. Also, gratitude to *Mary Jane Eddy-Scott* for her gentle and wise support. And *Marcia Johnston*, for “sweating the details” behind the scenes to make everything move forward without fanfare.

Wishing you peace, kindness, and a bit of sanity amidst the storms – be well.

Steve



**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



**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)



August 2020  
Newsletter items due  
by  
Sunday, July 19,



**SOLOS Lunch Group**

SOLOS is a group of women, 55 and above, who meet socially on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the months, September through May.  
If you have questions, please call  
Linda Dahlke at (303) 984-1994.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the month of May we had income of \$32,114.29, and expenses of \$32,036.51, for a net income of \$77.78. As of the end of May, our overall balance for the year is at -\$6,024.63. We know these are difficult times for all, but we ask that you continue to support the church with your offerings, either through mailing, or our new on-line giving option on our new website. Even though we are not able to physically attend services right now, the church is still there, and is still operating, so any financial support you can give, would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Greg Hise & Jane Bernard  
Finance Co-Chairs

## Drive thru Gift Shower



In this difficult time a member of our church family is bringing joy to a child. Katy Greible is adopting a 5- year-old deaf son named Isaac. We have an opportunity to help Katy and Isaac off to a great start. Isaac has been in foster care for a while and will need everything a little boy needs to grow strong and healthy.

To help them we are going to hold a drive-thru shower for Katy and Isaac on **July 11 from 9 am to 12 pm**. Please drop your gift off at the west door of GMUMC (the first door you come to in

the parking lot) and please don't forget to wear your masks. If you are unable to get to the church but still want to give a gift Katy has prepared an Amazon list:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Z7QCSY16WER3?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Z7QCSY16WER3?ref=wl_share).

Anything ordered from this list will be shipped to Katy's house.

Also, if you'd rather shop yourself Katy has provided a list of needed items for Isaac. [Click here](#) for that list.

You are such a wonderful, supportive church and I know Katy and Isaac are appreciative of any help you can provide.

Any questions give Melissa Sussman a call 303-667-7780.

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# CHILDREN'S NEWS

## July 2020



Hello Families!

Happy Summer!! What a crazy year we have encountered! As stores and shops begin to open up, many of us are so excited to start seeing our friends and church family members. As many of you know, we must continue with the safety of all of our members. This brings us great hope! I am so excited to see many different and new ways in which we can still be connected with one another, yet in new ways.

To just go a bit rogue and off topic for the kids, I thought it would be different to start telling the parables of Jesus. The stories will not align with Mark's sermons but should be fun for the kids.



I have reached out to the families to see how they feel about returning to church. Many great ideas were brought to me. Some families identified that we don't have to have Sunday school on Sundays with zoom and google meets programs!! We can mix it up! Some families would still like to see Sunday school on Sunday mornings, and the kids spread out. Perhaps some outdoor lessons? All excellent plans! As The Resurrection Regiment committee works through the proper process to return to church, I will then set up a group of parents, volunteer teachers and others interested in children and we can discuss different ideas or thoughts to bring to the church for our children's program. I don't think that there will be one right way! This is the greatest part about it! We can try things and if they don't work we cannot be afraid to push the pause button!

**Please email Kelli if you are interested in joining this group, it is open to all!**

*Kelli Schnase  
Children's Director*



## GMUMC Grades 6 – 12 Summer 2020

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

### Summer

### Click, Grab, Go Hunt

### Ongoing

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 summer 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**.



### August

### Roaming Gnomes

### Ongoing

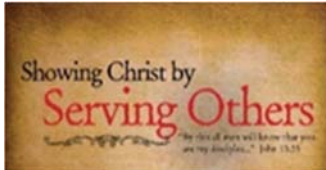
We will take lawn ornaments for the adventure of their lives! Videos, photos, creativity, and pure hilarity are sure to follow. Hanging with our "gnomies" has never been better!

**\*\*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



## OUR SERVICE, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS



## OUTREACH

Once again, the GMUMC family turned out to support [The Action Center](#) drive with almost 40 members/friends/families participating.....here are the numbers:

- ♥ \$1500 in monetary donations
- ♥ A van full of food (including 85 cans of tuna, 150 boxes of macaroni and cheese and 64 jars of peanut butter)
- ♥ 80 T-shirts (for food distribution bags)
- ♥ Many empty egg cartons

Thank you to Kim, Josiah, and Anna Myers, and Mary Bloomstran for helping the Action Center folks take donations, and thanks to all those who masked up and donated! The Masked Methodists are a still a force to be reckoned with!





## JULY 2020



|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Anna Young          | 07/01 |
| Mark Gracey         | 07/01 |
| Reegan McBride      | 07/01 |
| Ben Turner          | 07/04 |
| Cassie Turner       | 07/06 |
| Victoria Gemma      | 07/06 |
| Annika Horne        | 07/07 |
| Melanie Stickler    | 07/07 |
| Velda Walters       | 07/08 |
| Mary Jane McClellan | 07/12 |
| Shirley Coen        | 07/12 |
| Kim Renaud          | 07/13 |
| Kris Little         | 07/13 |
| Beth Schlieper      | 07/14 |
| Lynne Smithpeter    | 07/15 |
| Harvey Meyer        | 07/16 |
| Nathan Medina       | 07/16 |
| MaryJane Eddy Scott | 07/18 |
| Darline Bowland     | 07/19 |
| Gerry Rickett       | 07/19 |
| Randy Wypiszynski   | 07/19 |
| Carolos Warclub     | 07/20 |
| Josiah Myers        | 07/20 |
| Darrel Schnase      | 07/21 |
| Ray Dockter         | 07/22 |
| Judith Berkhouse    | 07/23 |
| Amanda Glasco       | 07/24 |
| Georgia Lewis       | 07/24 |
| Gail Murphy-Geiss   | 07/25 |
| Brad Gutknecht      | 07/26 |
| Gerrit Borcan       | 07/26 |
| Nancy Taoka         | 07/26 |
| Brian Lewis         | 07/27 |
| Ray Kagiya          | 07/27 |
| Roger Haden         | 07/27 |
| Lesley Chevalier    | 07/29 |
| Kristofer Notari    | 07/31 |
| Marsha Carey        | 07/31 |



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|--------------------------|-------|
| Gary & Melissa Sussman   | 07/01 |
| Mark & Judy Thurman      | 07/04 |
| Andy & Jennifer Thomas   | 07/06 |
| Greg & Nora Montano      | 07/07 |
| Ray & Gloria Dockter     | 07/09 |
| JW & Deborah Hindman     | 07/18 |
| Tim & Tanya Moore        | 07/20 |
| Nick & Erica Anderson    | 07/26 |
| Brian & Lesley Chevalier | 07/27 |



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# Our Care Corner

Keeping Our Promises

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## For those who have experienced loss:

### The family of:

Dick Thorman, brother of Chuck Thorman  
Ray D Vua, longtime friend of Thayne & Sherry Coulter

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

### Church Members:

Bob Wrapp      Vicky Hamilton  
Ray Tanner      Alex Neve  
Celena Robinson      Pat Harris

### 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

### 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:

|               |                  |                   |
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| Tell Acott    | Michael Anderson | Brady Christensen |
| Will Hamilton | Doug Huenneke    | 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*.

