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MARK'S MUSINGS!



Pizza can sometimes turn into a spirited summit meeting between nations at our house. We are all very passionate about our ingredients. My wife, Judy, and our daughter, Madison, are more than happy with a strictly vegetarian while our son, Josh, is a meat-lover exclusively. I like mine with everything, including anchovies, which everyone else loathes! So, over the years we've developed a cooperative method to accommodate everyone's interests, so that Josh can get his sausage and Judy and Madison their arugula; and even me, my anchovies (albeit always on the side, far, far away).

A successful approach to a family pizza is not unlike the cooperative give and take that any relationship requires: marriage partners, parenting, siblings, colleagues at work, friends at church... citizens of a nation. At this particularly contentious time in America, whoever wins the presidency is going to inherit the dire need to create an atmosphere of cooperation between the winners *and the losers* in order to heal the nation, with everyone getting *some* of their needs met, without anyone needing to get *all* their needs met, so that no one will get *none* of their needs met!

Some of you, like me, can recall the days of hand-written correspondence, maybe a pen pal you wrote to from across the world. In that spirit, there is a terrific book entitled, *The Wisdom of Each Other*, by Presbyterian pastor and author of *The Message*, Eugene Peterson- an exchange of a series of letters between himself and a friend who is a recent convert to the Christian Faith. One of my very favorites concerns Eugene's friend griping about the hymns his church sings in worship. He just hates some of them, and wonders what he can do about eliminating these awful songs. Should he complain to the pastor or the music director? Should he meet with the Worship committee? Eugene writes back, in reply, resonating with the experience of coming across hymns that just insult one's theological, and even musical, sensibilities. 'Sing 'em anyway,' he advises. 'It's a good lesson in humility!'

You are probably reading this right before our national election. There will be cause for celebration among some, perhaps- I hope- many of us, but not all. Celebrate respectfully. And, my brothers and sisters, if in the days to come you find yourself unable to sing joyfully, then at least for the sake of the rest of the American community, sing your blues with humility, and also out of respect for the other's celebration.

From the church office of one of the most cooperative democratic and revolutionary traditions in America- Wesleyan Methodism- as proudly practiced in the congregation at Green Mountain, peace and liberty to you and all Americans.

Pastor Mark

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

November 2020

Steve's Stuff

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

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

Guilty as charged. That's why I keep those words in Room 403 and in my head & heart. Wise words from the Good Doctor James and properly unsettling. I suggest that if we're honest with ourselves, we all fall into "a great many people" at times in our individual lives. The Human Condition. Personal "certainty" is a popular drug. Our bias, prejudices, and ideologies can be stirred to a vigorous boil in an election season. One of the most constructive roles of any faith or secular tradition – though not a "popular" selling point – is offering a challenge to our way of seeing the world. The Great Religious Teachers had a way of messing with people's heads. Not always a recipe for popularity – the story of the uncompromising integrity of Jesus being an extreme example of the cost. Apart from culture, we are drawn to a tradition by deep questions of meaning and purpose – the answers we thought we knew have fractured. We sense there is something we do not see. *Faith lives in that tension.* All traditions are in danger of settling for a canned certainty – a bundle of neatly arranged "sacred" prejudices to ease the "dis"-ease. But whether seen as a Teacher, Savior, or Messiah, Jesus wasn't (and isn't) offering preplanned faith perspectives. He isn't about "rearranging" a set way of thinking – He's inviting people to a radical way of *seeing*. You can't open your mind with your eyes closed. And neither can you open your heart.

Program Notes: As we continue to abide by the precautions brought on by our viral visitor – I'm erring on the side of using "zoom" for our various groups. This reality is under constant evaluation.

Currently Sunday's "Classroom zoom" schedule:

Hilltopper's – 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Contemplative Action – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Virtual Coffee Hour – 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

...and Wednesday evenings enjoy a casual ***Mid-Week Check-In*** with Amy Santistevan at 7:00 p.m.

Special note to those not able to join due to tech limitations or understandable preference (you're right, it's not the same) – let's stay connected via phone, word, & "porch talks" where safely possible.

Group \$ support efforts: NarSarah Clinic - \$4,101; Kiva Microloan Group - \$33,725 (1,244 loans).

Be safe & well – and reasonably sane amidst the challenges of these days.





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



News from the Garden Cedar Hill Community Garden at Green Mountain United Methodist Church

“Planting seeds for the future”

The vision: *Feeding our community. “I hope that time spent in the garden can grow not only sustainable food but a community from diverse people and foster a sense of place that brings peace.” Lori Osborn*

The Garden is getting ready to “got to bed” for 2020 -- with a final harvest and celebration of a successful first year growing season. Who knew we would fill every plot – during COVID? Who expected to feed 80+ people from the Victory garden plot alone? With all of the plots under cultivation, we have grown pumpkins, Swiss chard, beans, peas, peppers, onions, basil, marigolds, columbines, cosmos, petunias, kale, lettuce, beats, eggplant, arugula, zucchini, the list goes on. We have fed our neighbors (and ourselves) with vegetables and socially distanced chats – bringing our community into the Garden. And delivering produce to community members who are home-bound. We have participated in beauty and supported our pollinators – and many, many rabbits (more about rabbits below).

What we need:

- **Fall mulch / leaves** – Please drop bags of leaves outside the garden shed (on the east side). We will be adding mulch to the gardens as we put them to bed over the next few weeks.
- **Garden tools** – As you put your own garden to bed – or maybe you are downsizing – please think of the Garden and donate your used hand tools, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. Due to COVID we were unable to conduct a tool drive in the spring/summer. We would like to stock the shed over the fall/winter and be ready for spring planting. Any extra tools will be donated to DUG for other Community Gardens.
- **Bricks** – The brick fund raiser is still on going. We anticipate installing the bricks in the spring after the fencing and compost bins are in.
- **Labor** – Contact Jean Arnold if you are available to volunteer to install rabbit barrier below the fence line once the fencing is installed this fall.

Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) Construction:

We are on the fencing contractor’s fall install schedule. We will need volunteer labor to install rabbit barrier below the fence line. The contractor installs the perimeter fence, but not the barrier. While the barrier will not keep all rabbits and voles out, the barrier should reduce their numbers.

Once the fence is in, we will have the bricks installed by a professional contractor. The teaching/meditation/gathering area includes a shade pergola and benches. We are still raising money for these items. We have raised enough money to install the bricks, but not enough (yet) for the shade pergola, benches, and sign. So ... please contact Lori Osborn if you would like to purchase a brick, the garden's ongoing fundraiser.

Note: The garden will remain unlocked even after the fencing is installed. Feel free to visit at any time.

Bricks: Lori Osborn will be in contact with you if you have not provided the "words" you want on your bricks. We will be ordering bricks for delivery a few weeks before they are to be installed – likely in the spring as we need to wait for the fence to be installed first. If you have not ordered a brick but have been meaning to do so – it's not too late. Contact Lori Osborn.

Fundraising:

· 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.

Garden plots:

If you would like a garden plot for the 2021 growing season, please contact Jean Arnold to be added to the wait list. Once the wait list reaches 10 people, we will close the list until the 2022 growing season. We expect to have 2 - 4 plots available in the 2021 season. Email (jeanarnold@arnoldarnold.com) or text at 303.257.2659. Jean is coordinating garden plot assignments. Check out the website at: <https://communitygardengmu.wixsite.com/gmumc>.

Jean Arnold, Church and Society – Garden Liaison

Pictures from the garden this season. Thank you for your continued support.



FINANCE COMMITTEE



Our income for September was \$21,110.47, and our expenses were \$33,111.33. For the year, our overall balance as of the end of September is -\$37,319.97. As you can see, we are not in great shape as we near the end of the year. We know this has been a really weird year, but the finance committee would like to ask if anyone who is able, would consider some additional giving to the church, to help offset this huge deficit. We know these are still difficult times for everyone, but any help we can get would be greatly appreciated. Also, as a reminder, we do have a new on-line giving option on our website as well, which may make it easier for some. Also please remember to fill out your pledge

cards for 2021, and get them back to the church, either through the mail, or via the drive through return on Sunday morning, October 25th from 10:00am to 12:00noon.

Thanks,

Greg Hise & Jane Bernard
Finance Co-chairs

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ACTION CENTER

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Thanksgiving drive through food drive for the Action Center on Friday November 6th from 10 to 12. The Action Center will be distributing Thanksgiving grocery boxes to those families who participate in on-line appointments. The Action Center is always in need of any type of non-perishable food and all donations are welcome. If you want to specifically support the food boxes, they are in most need of:

canned fruit
canned vegetables
stuffing mix
canned cranberry
canned pumpkin pie mix

The Action Center is in most need of canned fruit. Please make sure to donate food that is in boxes and cans - food in glass containers can make a mess!

If you would like to donate and cannot participate in the drive on the 6th, please call Mary Bloomstran (303-263-2906) and she will pick up the food from you at your house.

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CHILDREN'S NEWS NOVEMBER 2020



Saturday, October 31st

Are you looking for a social distanced event for Halloween? The children's department and worship committee are teaming up to bring a socially distanced get together!!

Come with your carved pumpkin! Drop it off and come back for the first ever GMUMC Pumpkin carving, socially distanced Contest!!! Babies to 105-year old are welcome to take part! Small awards will be given!! Can't wait to see you there!!!

Does your child have a musical talent they would like to share with the congregation on Sunday? We would love to share it during our weekly worship services. Let Kelli know.

I am looking for ways to get the children back involved with each other! Please forward me any ideas or thoughts you have! Virtual Sunday School? Pumpkin Carving Contest? Reading the scripture in the worship? Virtual mission project?

Happy Halloween everyone!! Please be safe!



"In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

With the Thanksgiving holiday fast approaching, a fun activity for the children might be to make a Thanksgiving tree. Trace each family member's hand using construction paper in different autumn colors and write something for which you are thankful.



Wishing you a wonderful November and Happy Thanksgiving!

*Kelli Schnase
Children's Director*

Youth



GMUMC
November 2020
Grades 6 – 12

Sun, Nov. 1st **Post-Halloween Relaxation**

No Youth due to Halloween candy comas!

Sun, Nov. 8th **Game Night** **6 - 7:30 PM**

The time for fun and games has arrived!!! Destress with some games that will leave us laughing! Remember, you are welcome to bring friends to our zoom get togethers! The more the merrier!

Sun, Nov. 15th **Movie Mayhem** **6 - 8 PM**

How about a movie night to kick back and relax before the stress of the holidays?! With school amping up and mid-terms coming, this is a great way to take a break in the stress free zone!

Sun, Nov. 22nd & 29th **No Youth**

Enjoy relaxing with your families for Thanksgiving Break! You all deserve a little rest & relaxation!!

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec 20th - Holiday Party
(Let me know about your finals so we can move this if we need to!)

Dec 27th & Jan 3rd - No Youth - Christmas Break

****Make sure you are taking your gnomies for adventures! We can't wait to see all the fun they have been up to!****



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

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ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

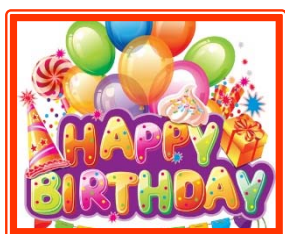
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| Frank Penn | 11/01 |
| Lettie Covert | 11/02 |
| Stacey Horne | 11/02 |
| Lorene Branson | 11/04 |
| Calvin Mukarakate | 11/05 |
| Madeleine Allen | 11/05 |
| Brandon Barnes | 11/06 |
| Karena Olson | 11/07 |
| Dolores Bammerlin | 11/08 |
| Charles Akers | 11/11 |
| Kyla Smith | 11/12 |
| Lorna Chapa | 11/12 |
| Thayne Coulter | 11/14 |
| Sarah Russell | 11/16 |
| Pat Barker | 11/18 |
| Tanner Moore | 11/19 |
| Walt Rudolph | 11/20 |
| Laurie Walcott | 11/21 |
| Paula Simmons | 11/21 |
| Madison Thurman | 11/22 |
| Mae Davies | 11/22 |
| Jane Bolton | 11/23 |
| Kirsten Arthur | 11/25 |
| Judy Hagerman | 11/26 |
| Michael Rickett | 11/28 |
| Lori Osborn | 11/30 |
| Sarah Wylie Long | 11/30 |

Ray & Carole Kagiya 11/12



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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For those who have experienced loss:

The Family of:

Don Ryan, Gerry Rickett's brother-in-law

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

Church Members:

Mary Bloomstran Charlotte Harding Madelene Vestal
Tom Cummins Alex Neve
Charlotte Worster Tom Walker

Family of Church Members:

Susan Myers Morris, Anna Myers' daughter
Vicky Hamilton's son & daughter-in-law
Frank Williamson, Clara Lou Humphrey's husband

Friends of Church Members:

Mike Sebok, friend of Kim Myers

Remember these people in your prayers.

Let us continue to pray for:

Nicholas Billman, friend of Vestals
Ari Quast, Nephew of Pastor Paul
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
Taylor Merrill, Charles & Madelene Vestal's grandson
Evan & Danielle, Marsha Carey's son & daughter-in-law
Joni Wick, friend of Rich & Jean Arnold



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

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.

