

## Window on the Hill OCTOBER 2020

... Open Hearts  
... Open Minds  
... Open Doors



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### MARK'S MUSINGS

It's a sure bet that if my wife, Judy, is driving somewhere in the morning, she's tuned in to hear what local radio personalities BJ and Jamie are talking about. Their banter may be heard on Alice Radio, 105.9, in between all those awful top 40 songs they play from the likes of Taylor Swift and Justin Bieber. I much prefer Punk Rock and Free Jazz; you know, good music. That said,

though, I do enjoy BJ and Jamie's humorous conversations about current events, both here in Denver and around the rest of the Country. Like, for example, one they were recently discussing about a community (I believe in California) who are contemplating a ban on trick or treating this Halloween because of their fear of spreading the Coronavirus. BJ and Jamie were curious about why that is being considered, given all the other crowds that have already been gathering for motorcycle rallies and football games and political assemblies, and often without wearing masks at all? By contrast, Halloween is the only event of the bunch where a mask is actually a component of the required wardrobe! As the late comedian George Carlin once remarked, America is a great country but sometimes an odd culture- where criminals and maniacs may purchase firearms without a background check, but Toys R Us have banned the sale of toy guns!

October is typically a month of frightful oddities, mostly offered in a spirit of fun. But this particular October seems to be a little short on mirth, what with the presence of the truly horrific coronavirus, and our upcoming horrifying national elections. As you contemplate your decisions, please don't get 'tricked' by what the candidates are promising, but instead 'treat' yourself to an honest assessment of their actual behavior & policy decisions on record, and to a particular consideration of the compatibility of their leadership and vision for America with the kind of reign Jesus campaigned for- the hospitable reception of immigrants, a just structure of society w/ regards to people of all races and economic circumstances, responding to enemies with non-violent retaliation, and a myriad of other issues which are clearly addressed in the gospels. As a Christian disciple, will every vote you cast honor the teaching and example of Jesus, God's gift of unconditional love to the entire world?

*May tricks be a thing of the past, replaced by the sweet treats of a better future for all,*

*Pastor Mark*



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

*October 2020*

## STEVE'S STUFF

Questions? – please see me, email [swalden@gmumc.com](mailto:swalden@gmumc.com), or call 303-989-3727. Thank You!

### What Sign Would Jesus Carry?

The answer to that question says more about the person providing the answer than it does about Jesus. I haven't the slightest idea. (I'd guess no sign at all – the way He lived and taught *was* the sign.) As a devout introvert I've never been drawn to the visibility of standing on a street corner with a bit of poster board proclaiming this or that. But for the past month I've joined a dedicated group of diverse "corner-standing" souls flying under the banner, "Lakewood for Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion" which is in "solidarity" with "Black Lives Matter." Those last three words can generate *a whole lot* of preconceptions – especially in those mind's animating white bodies. *I can only speak from my lone, pale experience but these assumptions often fall into three categories:*

1. If I say "Black Lives Matter" I'm saying all other lives don't matter (especially white lives). ***False.*** Of course *all lives matter* – that's the point – but there remains in our culture a conscious and unconscious bias based on the fiction of race. Beyond rhetoric, all lives have not mattered *equally* in our country. It's an awkward analogy, and many versions are made, but if I call you up and say, "my car's broken down" and you respond "all cars matter" – where does that leave each of us? It leaves me alone. Together we can do better.
2. If I say "Black Lives Matter" I'm anti-police. ***False.*** Many of us support giving the police the tools and training to do their difficult jobs – and many departments do just that. I can attest it's a difficult and, at times, dangerous job where much is asked and much expected (often too much). To openly examine instances of potential bias & abuse, to seek equity in justice, and to weigh varying models of public safety (see support services like CAHOOTS in Eugene, Oregon and Denver's own recent STAR efforts) – these are ways to *build* community, *share* challenges, *create* safer streets – and yes, support women and men in law enforcement in their work.
3. If I say "Black Lives Matter" I'm a Marxist. ***False.*** Sigh. You actually could be many things – the desire for a better more inclusive way forward doesn't require a particular -ist, -ism, or even an -ology. It just requires a recognition of our common humanity.

So does standing on a street corner with a sign make a difference? I don't know. But the process of getting to that corner – the conversations and the listening done – I believe does make a difference. Setting aside the seductions of ego and ideology, *don't we all just want our lives to matter?* – and openly realize for that to happen, *then each life must matter?* But if we take this "mattering" seriously, there is a persistent ache in how to make it so. And perhaps that "ache," when shared together, with honesty and vulnerability, is the source of our justice, humanity, and hope. All lives matter – it's at the heart of our faith traditions and civic values – but it's a truth that only appears if we *work together*.

**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 "zoom"

- *Hilltopper's* – **8:45 a.m.**
- *Contemplative Action* – **9:45 a.m.**
- *Virtual Coffee Hour* – **10:45 a.m.**
- *Wednesday 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 - \$33,525 (1,236 loans)

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



**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



The Habitat for Humanity Pumpkin Patch starts **NEXT WEEK**.

We need help two ways

- A) Help unloading the trucks
- B) staffing the pumpkin patch for all of October



*Habitat for Humanity needs your help!*

**Can you lend a hand?**

**“Our mission – turning pumpkins into homes”**

Our challenge – getting the pumpkins off the truck and selling two truckloads of pumpkins.

**Volunteers Needed:**

**Pumpkin Patch Unloads 2020**

Wed. Oct 7th, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Fri. Oct 16th, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**DESCRIPTION-** Unloading a truck of pumpkins. Due to COVID We will be using conveyor belts and wheelbarrows to ensure social distancing. Masks and gloves are required.

**LOCATION-** Mile Hi Church - Alameda and Garrison

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**Second Opportunity to Help: Selling Pumpkins throughout October**

We need volunteers to work a 4-hour shift to help sell pumpkins between Thursday, October 8th and Halloween, Saturday, October 31st. Social distancing and masks will be required for volunteers and customers. Volunteers should also bring gloves. Prices will be marked on the pumpkins after they are measured.

Two shifts each day starting Oct 8th until October 31st – Halloween

Daily shifts are from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to dusk. Community service gladly documented.

The [Signup.com](https://signup.com) links for the Lakewood Pumpkin Patch are up and running.

Pumpkin Sales signup: <https://signup.com/go/bXaAeng>

GMUMC is part of Jeffco Interfaith Partners, who sponsors and builds a Habitat for Humanity house every year for the past 21 years. Profits from our pumpkin patch are used to build a new home for a deserving family in the west metro area.

Thanks for your love and support.

For information contact Mark Osborn

303-980-8835

[mosborn@rcm-media.com](mailto:mosborn@rcm-media.com)

## FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Kris Notari for winning an Emmy at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Sports Emmy® Awards for his work (*Outstanding Technical Team Remote-Technical Supervisors*) on The Masters (golf tournament)! Way to go Kris!!!!

There was a generous donation to "Spruce up the Sanctuary" for Fall. Thanks so much to the anonymous donor. It is beautiful and has brought a touch of Fall inside.

Worship Committee decided to decorate only the 2 small trees 🌲 In the front of the Sanctuary this holiday season. It has been suggested we also use a smaller Advent Wreath that will sit on the altar.

Worship has also requested The Quilters help us replace the altar cloths.

We have Liturgists who have volunteered through November!!! Thank you so much!! If you are interested in reading, please give George Lee a call at: (269) 502-3679. We'd like to encourage children to take part in the service as well. If you have a child who would like to participate in the service, please contact Ms. Kelli.

At this time, we haven't any plans on returning to live services. If you have some ideas to help keep **EVERYONE** connected please get in touch with me. Our first ALL church event will be sponsored by the Worship Committee and the Children's Department. .... AND....get your knives, paints, or craft item ready and enter your creative pumpkin in the first ever, **Green Mountain Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest** ! This event will take place on Saturday, October 31st. See the Children's section for further details! Hope to see you all there!

Ruth Schnase  
Worship Chair  
(303) 564-2461



### FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the month of August, we had income of \$36,212.92, and expenses of \$31,715.03. We had a positive income of \$4,497.89 for the month of August. As of the end of August, our overall balance for the year is -\$25,519.10. The Finance Committee understands the difficult year it has been and continues to be, but we really need everyone to really curb their spending for the rest of the year, as much as possible.

Thanks,

Greg Hise & Jane Bernard  
Finance Co-chairs



November 2020  
Newsletter items due  
by  
Sunday, October

# CHILDREN'S NEWS

## OCTOBER 2020



On Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Josiah Myers and his Boy Scout troop will be doing a mini CROP walk. The event will be a virtual event. The boys will be walking around Clement Park Lake and raising money to fight hungry locally and around the world. We will be simulating a lot of the stations (carrying water jugs, blindfolded for river blindness, trivia, photo ops, exercise), as they have done the past for the boy to experience for the first time; which had a great impact on Josiah and his life's passion for the CROP walk.

The church has always been a huge supporter of the CROP walk and Josiah. Last year he raised over \$1200. If you would like to help Josiah and the CROP walk, you can donate to the link below.

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/foothillsco/josiahmyers>

This year also marks the 32nd anniversary of the **Call to Action** by Father Joseph Wresinski — which inspired the observance of October 17th as the *World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty* — and the recognition by the United Nations of the day as the *International Day for the Eradication of Poverty*.



### PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

The Children's Department is teaming up with Worship Committee to host the first ever pumpkin carving contest!

Bring your **CARVED PUMPKINS** 🎃 on Saturday, October 31st! Please drop your pumpkin(s) off at the church between 9:00-9:30 a.m. and come back for a socially distanced stroll through the carved pumpkin patch at 10:30 a.m.

The pumpkins will be sorted by age, 0-4-year-olds; 5-8 year-olds; 8-12 year-olds; 13-19 year-olds; and 20-105 year-olds.

Show your creativity! You can paint them, carve them, decorate them but please **no candles** or **open fire**. Prizes will be placed on the pumpkins by 11:30 a.m. There will be no limit to the number of pumpkins you can enter, nor do you have to be a church member. All kids will be awarded a TREAT! Costumes welcomed for the stroll!

**Please wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart at all times.**

*Can't wait to see you there for a spooktacular time!!!*

*Kelli Schnase*  
*Children's Director*



# Youth Group

**GMUMC**

**October 2020**

## October - December Roaming Gnomes On-going

Take hilarious pictures & videos of your gnomes on adventures. There are opportunities for puns and pics EVERYWHERE you look. We will have a party down the road to share our epic trips!!

### Sun, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>                      Mission Project Follow-Up                      6 - 7:30 PM

We did an **incredible** job of adjusting to the pandemic and creating a meaningful service project for our community. Now it's time to share our experiences with the church. Let's use our gnomes to record our Zoom call and make a YouTube videos about our week of service.

### Sun, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>                      Zoom Game Night                      6 - 7:30 PM

Game night is back and it's time for some FUUUUUNNNNN!!!

### Sun, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>                      Movie Night on Zoom                      6 - 8:00 PM

Who's ready for Halloween?!? The best way to get ready is with the perfect Halloween movie: Hocus Pocus. Don't miss out on this classic movie during your **Fall Break** from school.

### Sun, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>                      Pumpkin Carving Contest                      6 - 7:30 PM

It's pumpkin carving time!!! Get your own pumpkin (or contact Alex to get one) and join us tonight to show off your skills and your masterpiece. We can listen to spooky music or watch another great Halloween movie together.

### Sat, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>                      Reverse Trick-Or-Treating                      Happy Halloween

Alex will be by to deliver you some goodies in case you can't go out to score some candy!

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – Virtual Second Wind Walk/Run (\$30)

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – No Youth - Enjoy your treats from Sat.**

Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – Game Night

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night

**Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> - No Youth - Thanksgiving**

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

**Dec 27<sup>th</sup> & Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> - No Youth - Christmas Break**



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



*Congratulations to Taylor Neve & Cara Nair who were married  
on Saturday, September 12, 2020.*



Congratulations to Kris Notari for winning an Emmy® at the  
2020 – 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Sports Emmy® Awards for the category of  
Outstanding Technical Team Remote as a Technical Supervisor  
for **The Masters** (golf tournament) 2019.



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Ramona Twiss	10/01
Billy Cummins	10/03
Betsy Lee	10/03
Katie Schmidt	10/03
CeCe Huffnagle	10/04
Jennifer Borcan	10/05
Phil Brown	10/05
George Lee	10/06
Claire Founie	10/09
William Walcott	10/10
Ian Morse	10/11
Phil Caldwell	10/13
Lisa Garcia	10/15
Judy Thurman	10/17
Marisabel Santistevan	10/17
Kimberly Morrison	10/18
William Thomas	10/18
Bud Kent	10/19
Tanya Harper	10/19
Tatum Moore	10/20
Mary Ihle	10/21
Charlie Oleson	10/23
Alexandra Evans	10/25
Ronan Cummins-Hurtado	10/25
Richard Arsenault	10/27
Jo Roque	10/29
Chris Walter	10/30




Thayne & Sherry Coulter	10/05
Steve Walden & Marcia Johnston-Walden	10/05
George & Betsy Lee	10/11
Robb & Jennifer Stenman	10/11
John & Teresa Camper	10/18
Frank & Georgia Morrison	10/18
Monte & Melissa Bride	10/19
Bob & Norma Schneider	10/21
Charles & Bonnie Haase	10/23
Richard & Frances Arsenault	10/26
Tom Walker & Brenda Bronson	10/26
Roger & Karen Haden	10/27



**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  
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# 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:

Norma Schuette, Shirley Coen's mom

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

### Church Members:

Charlotte Harding	Rich Arnold	Madelene Vestal
Tom Cummins	Ray Tanner	Alex Neve
Charlotte Worster		Tom Walker

### Family of Church Members:

Louise Simms & Family, sister of Patti Hildenbrandt  
Joyce Whitmore, Mary Jane Eddy-Scott's Sister  
Glenn, Jane Bolton's Brother  
Jerri Parker, Renée Parker's Mom  
Cassidy & Mateo Martinez, niece & great-nephew of Bruce Bane,  
& granddaughter and great-grandson of DeWayne Bane

### Friends of Church Members:

Stacey Grega

## 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.*

