



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



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### WINDOW ON THE HILL DECEMBER 2020

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*Guiding members and friends to a fuller knowledge of GMUMC  
through information, support, confirmation, praise, and celebration.*

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### Mark's Musings

The German mystic, Meister Eckhart, living in the middle ages, suggested the following:  
*If the only prayer you ever say is 'Thank You' that will suffice.*

Recently, I decided to conclude my daily meditation with a spontaneous recollection of something for which I could give thanks, but with a twist: a particular focus on being appreciative for the way things actually are rather than the way I would prefer them to be. Gratitude, with an accompanying Acceptance.

This season of Thanksgiving marks a year ago that I learned of my new appointment to this congregation, effective January 1, 2020. And while there was a lot to be thankful for in those first two months, even when the corona virus suddenly crashed our party, it still offered an opportunity to practice being thankful not so much for what I would have liked to have happened, but instead for that which actually did (or, on more than one occasion, did *not*!) A grateful acceptance of whatever comes and goes, possibly in a much different way, sometimes not immediately or easily understood.

So, although we remain socially distanced, I am thankful that our spiritual connection is not bounded by space. I am thankful for every warm welcome shared with me way back before COVID-19. And since, I think I am most grateful for the witness of your generous, positive, hopeful, patient, wise, protective care and love for one another, and our larger world. Thank you for being the best Green Mountain United Methodist congregation we can be under the worst of circumstances that has ever been (at least in my entire 30+ years of ministry.)

May there be enough gratitude around your thanksgiving table for everyone to enjoy a second helping.

*Pastor Mark*



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

**December 2020**

## STEVE'S STUFF

Questions? – please see me, email [swalden@gmumc.com](mailto: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 –

***Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.***

Words, or similar, of Martin Luther King,  
as reported by Marian Wright Edelman

Not entirely sure if that works as a Christmas quote, but it seems to fit the experience of 2020. Due to deadlines, these newsletter thoughts and plans hit the “send” button well before December. So, the state of the world when the clock strikes the 25<sup>th</sup> is unknown. But even the most oxytocin-pickled optimist would find it hard to get too exuberant. As I’m typing this SARS-coV-2 is on the prowl with renewed viral vigor, a turbulent election is over but the result is a point of contention, and the need for food, health, employment and rent assistance in our own communities, and the country, is strong as ever. The season of Hope & Healing has a few issues in 2020.

In this country Christmas has been commercialized, sanitized, pasteurized, and processed into something it is hard to sustain in real lives lived in a real world. Personal stress and headline making turmoil seem in defiance of Christmas spirit. But, even a casual review of that bundle of Biblical events assembled and titled the “Christmas Story” shows that the path to joy is more hair raising than Hallmark. Political intrigue, fractured divisions, and anxious concerns for health and safety were nothing new to Mary and Joseph. A pandemic couldn’t faze that couple given the stakes of their flight. The Christmas Story is messy – but the end of the narrative is actually a beginning. The possibility of hope is ever being born anew in each moment – but it’s not an easy birth. Those labor pains are felt by us all. And like birth, it’s no passive process – it takes sweat and tears to get to the Joy. The “Spirit” of Christmas comes from our sharing the labor together.

Wishing you all moments of Peace, Calm, and Joy amidst the very real burdens we share.  
Despite the deep ruts in the road of 2020, we travel together.

Merry Christmas...  
With gratitude,  
Steve & Marcia

**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. – 11:00 a.m.

**Virtual Coffee Hour** – 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 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 - \$33,975 (1,253 loans).

***Be safe & well!***



**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

## OUTREACH

For Christmas this year, the Action Center will not be able to hold their regular holiday toy drive due to COVID. They are asking people to Adopt-of-Family. On behalf of Outreach committee, I have signed up to adopt three families. Funds for this activity will be split between the Outreach budget and the Coralie Brown account. A description of our adopted families is below:

**Norma** – This family celebrates Christmas. Both parents have lost their jobs due to COVID and could use help with Christmas! They have three children (2-year old son, 9-year old daughter, and 13-year old son).

**Gloria** – This family celebrates Christmas. Gloria is a single mom with two boys. She works at a gym so her hours have been cut, and she is worried that gyms will have to close again during the pandemic. She is struggling to make ends meet and has no room in the budget for gifts or extra. It has been challenging balancing work with supporting her children doing on-line school several days a week because she does not have childcare. She has two children (an 11-year old son and an 18-year old son).

**Stephanie** – This family celebrates Christmas. Stephanie is taking care of a boy that had nowhere else to go after being removed from relative's homes. She has given him a safe place to live since 2016. Fulton is 15-years old.

The children in these families are overwhelmingly asking for items such as blankets, socks, shoes, hoodies and jackets. If the budget allows, I will also include a King Soopers gift certificate for the family.

### Also – this is from the ACTION CENTER

In addition to the Adopt - A - Family, the Action Center is also organizing a distribution of pre-packed bags of toys that are tailored for children based on age and interests. They still need tons of **NEW, unwrapped** toys. Some of our most needed toys include: Baby Dolls of diverse races, HEXBUGS, Legos for all ages, Make-up Kits, Science Kits, Scooters, Headphones, and Character Toys like PJ Masks, Paw Patrol, Star Wars, & Frozen.

If you would like to donate toys or cash for the toy distribution, you can drop of your donation to the **Holiday Gift Program site (1565 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood)** by **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** OR, call Mary Bloomstran (303-263-2906) and she will arrange to pick up your donations and deliver them.

**Nov. 16, 2020**

Dear Laity and Clergy of the Mountain Sky Conference,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2020 has proven to be a difficult year for so many reasons, the main one being COVID-19 and all the risks and harm it has brought. But there is hope! As I write this, news outlets have reported that Pfizer has been testing a vaccine that is proving to be 90 percent effective. This could become available as the new year dawns.

But we still must get from here to there. Currently, we are facing the harshest days yet of COVID-19. Rates of transmission are higher than ever, with many of the hospitals across the MSC nearing capacity.

Epidemiologists warn us that the worst of COVID-19 has yet to hit.

**As a result, I am strongly urging that as of November 22 all our churches cease indoor gatherings for worship and fellowship and continue to provide worship online or via other mediums and continue to creatively connect and deepen the bonds of fellowship, at least through the end of January 2021.**

We have learned so much this year and have a great deal of wisdom, insight, and experience to bring to this moment: We have learned how to worship online or over the phone; we have done Bible Studies in parking lots; we have had church drive in/take out dinners. We have done so not just out of an "abundance of caution." We have done so because we are followers of Jesus Christ, who hold that love of God and neighbor combine all the laws of faith and help us become a more faithful follower of Jesus.

It is this love of God and neighbor that caused us to close our buildings and worship in new ways, so we would not expose one another — particularly the most vulnerable — to COVID-19.

It is this love of God and neighbor that continues to inform how we are to do church in this new era.

It is this love of God and neighbor that has helped us create new ministries to care for those most impacted by COVID-19.

The next couple of months are going to be particularly dangerous and difficult as COVID-19 cases surge across the Mountain Sky Conference. We must do all we can to prevent transmission pathways while at the same time finding new ways to deepen our connections with one another. We are not shutting down worship, we are shutting down COVID-19 transmissions.

I am particularly grateful for the Ministry in a Time of COVID-19 Task Force, which has been meeting weekly, gathering the latest information on the disease as well as best practices for churches. [They are releasing new guidelines to assist you as we enter into the holiday season.](#) Please read these updates and feel free to reach out to the team with your questions at [covid19taskforce@mtnskyumc.org](mailto:covid19taskforce@mtnskyumc.org).

I know that there is a deep longing to be together in worship, particularly as we enter Advent and as Christmas approaches. But while being together and singing Christmas carols might bring short-term comfort, it has the potential to do long-term harm as we become COVID-19 hotspots.

At this time, I want you to consider what it means to follow the General Rules of Methodism: what does it look like for us to Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love With God? How do our actions reveal a love of God and neighbor? At Christmas, we remember the story of God's entry into a broken world that was full of yearning. The waiting was excruciating. May we live anew the Christmas story. May we journey through the wilderness of Advent together, awaiting the birth of God's own Son. May we wait with hope and expectation.

Just as we retell the story of God's in-breaking into the world at Christmas, we will have a story to tell about how the Body of Christ responded to a global pandemic to make God's love visible to a frightened world. Together, we are writing a story of hope as the best of humanity emerges to care for one another. Thank you for being a part of that story.

Be well! Stay safe! Wear a mask!

Bishop Karen Oliveto



With the holiday shopping season upon us, a gentle reminder that GMUMC benefits from online purchases made on Amazon by designating GMUMC as a charity when you shop at smile.amazon.com.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-0534933>



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the month of October, our income was \$28,178.42, and our expenses were \$30,459.70, for an income of -\$2,281.28. Overall, our balance for the year as of the end of October is -\$39,601.25. Our situation continues to get worse as the year goes on. We need some big time help in order to balance our budget at the end of the year. Again, realizing how difficult of a year it has been, both for the church and possibly some of our church family, if anyone would be willing to give any additional offerings, it would be greatly appreciated. Again, as a reminder, we do have a new on-line giving option on our website, which may be a much easier option for some.

Thanks,

Greg Hise & Jane Bernard  
Finance Co-chairs



***“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, beans, 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).



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



**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.**





## CHILDREN'S NEWS DECEMBER 2020



Thank you so much to the families that came to the Zoom Halloween pumpkin contest. I hope that in the future we can have a fun tradition of sharing some of our "creepy, scary sides" with each other. Special thanks to all the worship committee members for setting this up, buying prizes, and creating posters for the event. We can keep them for next year. ☺

A special thank you also, to Melanie Stickler, for creating fun Halloween bags for the kids, even though we were unable to deliver them due to the fact that I was exposed to COVID twice at school and we didn't want to risk that with our church family...so we will save those for next year as well. ☺

The Youth have asked us to join them in a church wide **CHRISTMAS CAROLING FROM THE COUCH**. We would like to invite everyone in the congregation to join us at **6:00 p.m. VIRTUALLY** on **Saturday, December 19th**. We will sing carols from home with a nice cup of hot cocoa and sit by the fireplace. We will have some fun Christmas jingles, some old, some new and some dancing even. Hope to see you there! We will be using the **GOOGLE MEET** platform, as we have heard that Zoom isn't the best for singing. A link will be sent out the week before.

We will not have a Christmas Eve children's service this year. Pastor Mark and I tried to figure out how to make it creative and fun and just struggled with the process without making it another ZOOM meeting, and I have heard loud and clear from the families, no more zoom meetings. ☺

Please enjoy the Christmas Eve service provided by the church!

**Merry Christmas and  
GOODBYE 2020!!!!!!!**

*Kelli Schnase  
Children's Director*









# Christmas Caroling from the Couch

Brought to the Congregation by the Children and Youth



Missing the Christmas spirit? Sad you can't sing with your church buddies? The children and youth are inviting **everyone** in the congregation to join us **virtually** on **Saturday, December 19th at 6pm** for singing Christmas carols from the comfort of your very own couch. We will send a Google Meet link a week before and we hope to see your singing smiles!

## Gift Card Sales

Need gift ideas that keep you and your loved ones safe? Gift Cards are the perfect solution! The youth have voted to give the proceeds from their annual Gift Card Fundraiser to the church this year! Wow, what amazing youth we have! Starting **November 22nd** Order forms can be



submitted via email **OR** Alex will be available with drive-up order forms for one hour each Sunday afternoon at the church's West Entrance. Cash or check can be submitted to Alex during that time **OR** you can pay with the online system from our website (**PLEASE CALL ALEX** for details). If you do choose to pay online, please include an additional 2.75% and \$0.45 with your order to cover the costs of the online fees. This way the church doesn't lose the money you are so generously trying to help us fundraise! The

last day to place an order of cards will be **Sunday, December 13th** and they'll be available for pick up on **Sunday, December 20th!** Thank you for supporting our church in this pandemic!

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

Thank you for supporting our church during this global pandemic by purchasing Gift Cards! Your support makes a huge difference!  
 TO ORDER: Fill out the quantity and CIRCLE the face value for the cards you want, and please total your purchase. Fill in your name, phone number, and email and make your check payable to GMUMC.  
 Give this order form to those at the Gift Card table at the West Entrance of the church. Orders will be available for pick up the following Sunday at the table. Thank you for your support!

NAME (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid? \_\_\_\_\_

Merchant	Face Value	Quantity	Merchant	Face Value	Quantity	Merchant	Face Value	Quantity
<b>RETAILERS - % EARNED</b>								
Ace Hardware - 4%	\$25/100		Macy's - 10%	\$25/100		Great Harvest Bread Co. - 6%	\$10	
Aeropostale - 10%	\$25		Neiman Marcus - 12%	\$50		Honey Baked Ham - 12%	\$25	
Amazon.com - 2.25%	\$10/25/100		Nintendo eShop - 8%	\$10/20/35/50		IHOP - 8%	\$10/25	
American Eagle/Aerie - 10%	\$25		Office Depot/Office Max - 5%	\$25/100		Little Caesar's Pizza - 8%	\$20	
Apple Store / iTunes - 5%	\$15/25		PetSmart - 5%	\$25		Maggiano's Little Italy - 11%	\$25/50	
AutoZone - 8%	\$25		Pottery Barn - 8%	\$25/100		Noodles & Company - 8%	\$10	
Barnes & Noble - 8%	\$10/25/100		REI - 8%	\$25		On The Border - 11%	\$25/50	
Bass Pro Shops - 10%	\$25/100		Ross Dress for Less - 8%	\$25		Panda Express - 8%	\$25	
Bath & Body Works - 12%	\$10/25		Sally Beauty - 14%	\$25		Panera Bread - 8%	\$10/25/50	
Bed Bath & Beyond - 7%	\$25/100		Sam's Club - 2.5%	\$50/100/250		PF Chang's - 8%	\$25/100	
Best Buy - 4%	\$25/100/250		Sears - 4%	\$25/100/250		Pizza Hut - 8%	\$10	
Build-A-Bear Workshop - 8%	\$25		Shutterfly - 11.75% eGift Card	\$25		Portobello Sandwich Shop - 8%	\$10	
Claire's - 9%	\$10		Target - 2.5%	\$10/25/100		Qdoba Mexican Grill - 7%	\$25	
Columbia Sportswear - 12%	\$50		Walgreens - 5%	\$25/100		Red Lobster - 8%	\$10/25	
Container Store - 9%	\$25/100		Walmart - 2.5%	\$10/25/100		Red Robin - 8%	\$25	
Crate and Barrel - 8%	\$25/100		<b>RESTAURANTS/FOOD:</b>			Rubio's - 10%	\$25	
Dick's Sporting Goods - 8%	\$25/100		Applebee's - 8%	\$25/50		Safeway - 4%	\$25/50/100	
Dillard's - 9%	\$25/100		Arby's - 8%	\$10		See's Candies - 9%	\$25	
Disney (Resorts & Stores) - 3%	\$25/100/1000		Boston Market - 12%	\$10		Smashburger - 10%	\$10	
Game Stop - 3%	\$25		Buffalo Wild Wings - 8%	\$10/25		Sonic - 8%	\$10/25	
Groupo - 7%	\$25		Burger King - 4%	\$10		Sprouts Farmers Market - 5%	\$25/50/100	
Home Depot - 4%	\$10/25/100/500		California Pizza Kitchen - 8%	\$25		Starbucks - 7%	\$5/10/25/50	
Hulu - 6% (eGift Card)	\$25/50		Carl's Jr. - 5%	\$10		Subway - 6%	\$10/50	
J.C. Penny - 5%	\$25/100		Chili's - 11%	\$25/50		Texas Roadhouse - 8%	\$25/100	
JoAnn Fabrics - 6%	\$25		Chipotle - 10%	\$10/25		Wendy's - 6.5%	\$10	
Journeys - 10%	\$25		Cold Stone Creamery - 11%	\$5/10		<b>ENTERTAINMENT:</b>		
Kohl's - 4%	\$25/100		Cracker Barrel - 8%	\$10/25		AMC Theaters - 8%	\$25/50	
Land's End - 15%	\$25/100		Del Taco - 7%	\$10		Aquarium - 9%	\$25/100	
L.L. Bean - 16%	\$25/100		Denny's - 7%	\$10		Dave & Buster's - 13%	\$25	
Lowe's - 4%	\$25/100/500		Domino's Pizza - 8%	\$10/25		Regal (United Artist Theaters) - 8%	\$10/25	
<b>TOTAL:</b>			Einstein Bros. Bagels - 10%	\$10		Southwest Airlines - 8%	\$250	
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**GRAND TOTAL:**

Total Cards Ordered:

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If you don't see your favorite merchant, just ask! There are hundreds of participating retailers!

Merchant	Face Value	Quantity	Retail / Restaurant Groups:	%	Face Value	Quantity				
<b>RETAILERS - % EARNED</b>										
Adidas - 13%	\$25		<b>Darden Restaurants includes:</b> - Olive Garden - Longhorn Steakhouse - Cheddars	8%	\$10/25/100 - Bahama Breeze - Seasons 52 - Yard House					
Advance Auto Parts - 7%	\$25/100									
Bloomingtondale's - 12%	\$25/100									
Burlington - 8%	\$25									
Carter's / OshKosh - 10%	\$25		<b>Bonafish Grill includes:</b> - Fleming's Prime Steakhouse - Outback Steakhouse	16%	\$10/25/50 - Bonafish Grill - Carrabbas Italian					
Cost Plus World Market - 7%	\$25/100									
Children's Place - 12%	\$25									
CVS Pharmacy - 6%	\$10/25/100									
Gift Card Wrappers - 10%	\$2		<b>T. J. Maxx includes:</b> - T.J. Maxx - Marshall's - Home Goods	7%	\$25/100 - HomeSense - Sierra Trading Post					
Great Clips - 8%	\$25									
Jiffy Lube - 8%	\$30									
Michaels - 4%	\$25									
Nike - 12%	\$25		<b>Athleta includes:</b> - Banana Republic - Athleta - Gap	14%	\$25 - Gap Factory - Old Navy					
Nordstrom/N. Rack - 6%	\$25/100									
Ultra - 4%	\$25									
Under Armour - 11%	\$25									
Wayfair - 6%	\$100		<b>1-800-Baskets includes:</b> - Popcorn Factory - 1-800-Flowers - Fruit Bouquets - Henry & David	12%	\$50 - Cheryl's Cookies - Shan's Berries - 1-800-Baskets					
<b>RESTAURANTS/FOOD:</b>										
Bruegger's Bagels - 7%	\$10						<b>**The above gift cards work at any of the stores/restaurants included in the group. Select the face value you would like too!**</b>			
Chuck E. Cheese - 8%	\$10									
Fazoli's - 9%	\$25									
Jack-in-the-Box - 4%	\$10									
Jamba Juice - 6%	\$25		<b>ENTERTAINMENT:</b>							
Taco Bell - 5%	\$5/10/25									
<b>AMC (Single Ticket) - 10%</b>										
Century Theaters - 4%	\$10/12		<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$					
Cinemark (Single Ticket) 8.5%	\$25									
	\$11									
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$									

If you don't see your favorite merchant, just ask! There are hundreds of participating retailers!

eGift Cards	Possible Range	Face Value	Quantity
Google Play- 3%	\$10 - 200		
Grubhub - 4%	\$10 - 100		
Uber - 2.5%	\$20 - 100		
Uber Eats - 2.5%	\$20 - 100		
**The above eGift Cards have the option of a variable face value. Please choose a face value within the given range by <b>increments of \$5.</b>			
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## OUR SERVICE, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS



## DECEMBER 2020

**Thanks** to all of you wonderful friends for all the birthday cards and visits for my 95th birthday. I miss everyone and cannot wait until we can see each other again.

*Lettie Covert*



### *Thank You!*

Thanks to all of you wonderful friends for all the beautiful and loving birthday cards you sent for my 90th. What a gift!!!! You ALL are the greatest! It is a blessing to be 90!

*Lorene Branson*

*My brothers & I are naming the following four wonderful organizations for **Memorial gifts for Ruth Bronson**:*

**Green Mountain United Methodist Church** *(Church family Mom joined & actively supported the last 12755 W Cedar Drive  
Lakewood, CO 80228 9 years of her life in Colorado).*

**Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church** *(Church family Mom joined & actively supported in 1800 S Northern Blvd  
Independence, MO 64052 many different roles for more than 65 years during  
her life in Missouri).*

**United Methodist Women Legacy Fund:** <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/give>

*Mom was devoted to United Methodist Woman & wholeheartedly promoted & donated to its Legacy Fund so it can continue its mission work. Learn more about it and donate at*

**Friends of Colorado Talking Book Library (CTBL):** <https://www.friendsofctbl.org/>

*Mom listened to talking books on their bullet-proof reading machine built for both the visually and hearing impaired nearly nonstop for the 9 years she lived with us. Her quality of life was improved immensely by listening to so many books.*

Thank you,  
**Brenda Bronson**  
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Hamunyari Chigwada	12/01
Eden Turner	12/02
June Ryker	12/03
Margrith Alminas	12/03
Melissa Bride	12/03
Richard Jaworowski	12/04
Claire Johnson	12/06
Patti Hildenbrandt	12/06
Thomas Branscome	12/06
Kim Myers	12/07
Linda Rosen	12/08
Mary Lou Notari	12/08
Paul Murphy-Geiss	12/08
Ryan Morse	12/08
Karen Schmoker	12/10
Jean Schwein	12/11
Chloe Harris	12/12
Kayci Morse	12/12
Bob Wrapp	12/13
Erik Wypiszynski	12/13
John Morrison	12/13
Lisa Fulks	12/13
Nicole Smithpeter	12/13
Amy Hindman	12/15
Ray Tanner	12/15
Stephen Walden	12/16
Ali Young	12/17
Lexine Kagiya	12/17
John Polinski	12/19
Tom Walker	12/19
Cadence Allen	12/21
Carole Falvey	12/22
Joyce Buckland	12/22
Amy Alexander	12/23
Charlotte Harding	12/23
Jody Morse	12/23
Brenda Mole	12/24
Matthew Schlieper	12/24
Lisa Allison	12/25
Monte Bride	12/26
Ruth Schnase	12/26
Karen S. Johnson	12/28
Nora Nichols-Montano	12/28
Jim Thompson	12/29
Danielle Smithpeter	12/30
Brian Wilson	12/31

Steve Cummins & Mary Beth Taylor	12/11
Glen & Mary McLaughlin	12/11
Calvin & Hamunyari Mukarakate	12/12
John & Peggy Morrison	12/16
Rich & Jean Arnold	12/22
Steve Sides & Myra Bates	12/26
Richard & Susan Jaworowski	12/27
Paul & Gail Murphy-Geiss	12/29
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If you have questions, please call

Linda Dahlke at (303) 984-1994.

# 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:

Ruth Bronson

Ted Doubleday, Meg's son's father-in-law

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

### Church Members:

Neomi Hilton Charlotte Harding Charlie Oleson

Shirley Allison Tom Cummins Alex Neve

Ray Tanner Charlotte Worster Tom Walker

### Family of Church Members:

Jack Merrill, Charles & Madelene Vestal's grandson

Gena Karg, family of Patti Hildenbrandt

Joel Chapa, Lorna Chapa's husband

Ana Hardin, Suzanne Barnes' mom

Lucille Gomez, Pete Gomez's mom

James Tanner, Vivian Gines-Tanner's husband

Edward Shirley, Renee Shirley's father

### Friends of Church Members:

Stan Lackey, friend of Bob & Carolyn Wrapp

## 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

*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*.

