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

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### WINDOW ON THE HILL JULY 2021

**Reverend Mark Thurman, Pastor**

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

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#### Mark's Musings

As the grip of COVID continues to loosen, more and more of us are finally returning to in-person worship. We celebrate the return of children, the choirs, and others distanced too long. But it all takes a little getting used to again after such a long absence, not to mention in light of the acquisition of some new, adaptive behaviors. For example, one of the disadvantages of in-person worship is the inability to fast forward through a boring sermon as you can with a recorded service! So, in the event that one cool summer Sunday morning in church, following perhaps a late Saturday evening, your eyes begin to get a little heavy during the message, here's a couple of tips on how to liven things up a bit:

- Slap your brother's cheek and see if he turns the other one. If not, report him to the pastor during the prayer concerns.
- Sit in the back row and roll a handful of marbles under the pews ahead of you. After the service, credit yourself with 10 points for every marble that made it to the front. Challenge a pew mate.
- Pass a note to the organist asking whether she plays requests.
- Chew gum, and if the sermon goes on for more than 15 minutes, start blowing bubbles until they pop.
- Test to see if a yawn really is contagious. Start a yawn wave down your pew.

My God bless your summer with warmth and relaxation, fully rested and alert to receive the Word in worship, and in-person.

*Pastor Mark*

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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!

*July 2021*

OOOH, NO NEWS...



STAY TUNED...



*We'll be right back in action!*



**AUGUST 2021**  
Newsletter items due by  
**Sunday, July 18, 2021**  
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Green Mountain United Methodist Women  
Sunrise Breakfast  
Generally 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
8:00 a.m. IHOP-Lakewood City Commons

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## FROM THE TRUSTEES

### **Church Security is Everyone's Responsibility**

*"A safe and secure church means that all of the People, Places, Property, Programs, and Processes of the place of worship functioning in a way that is as free from the potential for harm as possible, twenty-four hours a day, every day, in every service and activity. At the same time, leaders, volunteers, and congregants are ready to respond to a threat or emergency of any kind, to get assistance and to help themselves and others."*

*Tina Lewis Rowe, 2015*

To this end, the Trustees of Green Mountain United Methodist Church have attended local law enforcement meetings on church security, consulted church security videos and publications, and analyzed GMUMC's current security situation with our Lakewood Police. However, the following items should be noted by all members as we do what we can to keep GMUMC a safe place to be. Thanks.

- Members should report to the church staff or Lakewood Police any security situations such as (1) persons or family members having issues against church and/or staff and (2) persons having issues with church members that could seek revenge against them at the church. Reports can be anonymous. Intervention procedures will be initiated by either church staff or police, as necessary.
- Know where the exits are from the sanctuary and other areas of the building. Exits from the sanctuary are:  
The main doors at the back of the sanctuary. 2. The door along the east wall (nearest the organ) leading to the Fireside Room patio doors and stairway to the exit on the lower level. 3. The exit door near the bell tables leading to the columbarium and the stairs to the Fellowship Hall on the lower level.
- Do not prop doors open in any way. Those folks arriving late for a meeting should have a cell phone number for someone already at the meeting.
- In case of a security situation remember – *Run, Hide, Fight*.



### **Action Center Donations and Volunteer Opportunities**

The Action Center is now taking all seasonal clothing donations and also donations of blankets and linens as well as non-perishable food. Visit their website for donation drive thru times.

Also – they will be holding the annual **Beautiful Junk Sale** in September this year. Please plan to attend this event on the **weekend of September 17-2021**.

The Action Center is always in need of volunteers, and you can sign up for just 3 hours at a time. Visit their website to find out about opportunities to volunteer in the clothing bank and food distribution.  
<https://theactioncenter.org/get-involved/>

**School Supply Drive** – The Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies through Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please leave school supplies in the gathering place coat room in the box labeled "Action Center School Supplies."

**Hygiene Items** – the Action Center is also in desperate need of hygiene items such as small sizes of shampoo, body wash, conditioner, toothpaste, and deodorant. If you would like to donate, please leave your donations in the gathering place coat room in the box labeled "Action Center Hygiene Supplies." This will be an ongoing drive because the need is always there.



#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

For the month of May, we had income of \$28,334.67, and expenses of \$32,919.65, for a loss of -\$4,584.98. For the year, our balance currently sits at -\$12,886.09. We are not in as bad of shape as we could be, but we still need to be very careful with our expenses moving forward. We always would welcome any extra offerings you would be able to offer. As always, we thank you for your continued financial support of GMUMC.

Thanks,  
Greg Hise & Jane Bernard  
Finance Co-Chairs



**News from the Cedar Hill Community Garden  
at Green Mountain United Methodist Church**  
(part of Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) community gardens)



"Planting seeds for the future."

Jean Arnold, Outreach and Garden Liaison

**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.

All garden plots are planted and growing. We have a growing waitlist and close it out a few weeks ago. We will reopen the waitlist in the fall. The garden had its first Compost Class and workday on June 6, 2021. We are making good use of the leaves that were dropped off in the fall and the straw in the spring. We need more "greens" for our composting operation: untreated grass clippings, weeds and tree trimmings would be welcome. Just place bags of organic material on the east side of the new shed next to the compost bins. Do not put donations in the compost bins – where we are "cooking" and turning compost in a 70-30 ratio of "browns" to "greens".

We appreciate all the tool donations that have come in – especially the wheelbarrow from Roxanne Penn. Thank you, Roxanne. We had been using tarps to drag dirt and hay and compost around the garden. The wheelbarrow is a "back saver." The remaining items on our tool wish list appear below. We will also be spending some of our plant sale money \$700+ on these items once we see what is left on the list after donations:

**Spade shovel, hand spades, steel rake, soft rake, landscaping rake, gardening fork, broad fork, hoe, stirrup hoe, hose repair items, replacement dramm wands, 5-gallon buckets, trash bags, hand pruners, twine, hammer, nails, would all be great to have around!**

A Boy Scout from Troop 989 will be doing his Eagle Scout project in the garden this summer. He and his troop (and other volunteers) will be constructing bat/bird boxes and raptor perches (natural rabbit control). We have an owl living in our Russian olive tree who is helping with the rabbits. When watering at dusk, it is fun to watch the owl drop on soundless wings out of the tree in the hunt for her evening meal.

The shade pergola will be installed by a contractor in the coming months (located where the pollinator garden and bench are located). DUG will let us know the date once they get their contractors lined up for the construction season. After the pergola is in, we will *finally* be able to order and install the bricks. The garden is open to all, so come visit. Just remember to close the gate – those pesky rabbits are still sneaking in and eating the produce.

**Fundraising 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. If you have not ordered a brick but have been meaning to do so – it's not too late. Contact **Lori Osborn**.

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](mailto: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.

Check out the website (under construction by co-garden leader Stacey Cummins) at:

<https://communitygardengmu.wixsite.com/cedarhill>

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>





## CHILDREN'S NEWS JULY 2021



We have invited the children back for outdoor activities Sunday mornings. Volunteers have graciously donated their time to get the kids back and wandering around the church grounds; the children and many adults are so happy to be back and see each other.

We are working with the Worship Committee to help get things planned for 'Kick-off Sunday', planned for September 12th. The Children's Department will be setting up and running two games for kids. In addition to that, I will be helping Melissa with possibly getting t-shirts made to celebrate the 2021/22 year and advertising. I am helping Ruth Schnase (*feels weird to say that, about my mother*) organize the different activities for other committees and helping set up what needs to be done for a fun filled event.

We are asking each committee to be active members in this year's Kick-off to make it more of a whole church event rather than just a kid's Kick-off.

Pastor Mark will bless the children's backpacks on September 12th, and we will be presenting third graders and up (*whomever hasn't received one from COVID or just in the past*) Bibles. Please just let Ms. Kelli know if your child would like one.

With all that being said, we would like to tentatively start arranging for Sunday School curriculum to be purchased, and volunteer teachers again. So, if you, or anyone you know, would like to teach, please let me know. During church service, Children's Time will also be available beginning September 12th. Until then, keep checking the YouTube channel.

### **Current Sunday School schedule:**

June 13th- Ms. Jean

June 20th- Alyssa

July 11th- Ms. Stacey

July 18th- Alyssa

July 25th- Ms. Jean

August 1st- Alyssa

August 8th- Ms. Jen S.

August 15th- Ms. Jean



Thank you for your support and help!

*Kelli Schnase, Children's Director*





**Sun, July 25<sup>th</sup>**                      **Mission Project**                      **5 - 8 pm**

Mission Project is back! After all the stress and challenges of quarantine, let's have fun while making t-shirt bags for the Action Center. We will meet at Coyote Gulch park for games and bag making. Bring sharp scissors and 3 to 10 clean t-shirts to transform into bags! Once we get the hang of it, we can share a how-to video on YouTube!

Our free little library idea is not going to work since they are the center of a nation-wide controversy. Instead we may be trying a book-mobile to reach some of our congregation members who aren't able to join us in person yet.

**July / August**                      **Fire Pit Party**                      **Date TBD**

Devotions done in epic fashion. Let's have a fire pit party! Bring snacks to enjoy around the blaze! We will try to schedule this around family plans and the start of school so we can all be together. Keep an eye out for texts about other summer shenanigans for youth!

Plus Kick-off Sunday is coming up on September 12th!

**\*\*Programming may change based on church & community efforts to keep everyone as healthy as possible! Please continue to take care of yourselves, consider vaccination, and avoid exposure to COVID-19.\*\***

If you have any questions please contact Alex at: 303-882-0006


## OUR SERVICE, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS



Anna Young	07/01
Marc Gracey	07/01
Reegan Bride	07/01
Ben Turner	07/04
Cassie Turner	07/06
Victoria Gemma	07/06
Annika Horne	07/07
Dan Huenneke	07/07
Melanie Stickler	07/07
Velda Walters	07/08
Shirley Coen	07/12
Kim Renaud	07/13
Kris Little	07/13
Beth Schlieper	07/14
Jonathan Fleck	07/15
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
Carlos Warclub	07/20
Josiah Myers	07/20
Darrel Schnase	07/21
Carol Gettle	07/22
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



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
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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:

Arvada Police Officer, Gordon Beesley  
and John Hurley, private citizen  
Lucille Gomez, Pete Gomez's mom  
Marlene Notari, Mary Lou's mother-in-law &  
Kris' grandmother

## Church Members:

Phyllis Witttrup Georgia Lewis Rhonda Renaud  
MJ Paulson Neomi Hilton Charlotte Harding  
Charlie Oleson Shirley Allison Alex Neve  
Charlotte Worster Charlotte Knox

## Family of Church Members:

Linda Carter, Betsy Lee's sister  
Judith, Pastor Mark's mom  
Dorothy Hines, Phyllis Parker's sister  
Glenn & family, Jane Bolton's brother  
Emily, granddaughter of Patti Hildenbrandt  
John Dietz, Tom Cummins' brother-in-law  
Louise Simms, Patti Hildenbrandt's sister

## Friends of Church Members:

Catherine Sheldon, friend of Ken Bullard & Brenda Molé  
Craig Champlin, friend of Karlynn Cory

## Remember these people in your prayers. Let us continue to pray for:

Richard Seip, brother of Anna Myers  
Nicholas Billman, friend of Vestals  
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  
Glenn, Jane Bolton's brother  
Linda Carter, Betsy Lee's sister  
Joel Chapa, Lorna Chapa's husband



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

Doug Huenneke  
Gloria Sher Timothy Skinner

*If you have family members who are currently in military service or the Peace Corps 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*.



## ATTENDANCE

DATE	ATTENDANCE
05/30	39
06/06	47
06/13	56
06/20	57