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

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### WINDOW ON THE HILL AUGUST 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

Having recently returned from a backpacking trip to Wheeler Peak, the summit of New Mexico, I am reminded of a gentleman I met on the top of that same mountain several years ago. He came strolling up the final ascent, apparently un-winded, and sure-footed like a mountain goat. He later confessed he was well into his eighties. Turns out he was a widower who, following the death of his wife, had vowed to hike to the summit of every state in the country (except Alaska's Mount McKinley which he flew over in a prop plane.) He had already completed over ½ the list. When asked about his most memorable state he immediately answered, 'Nebraska!' Nebraska? Not the Rockies in Montana or the Smokies in North Carolina? Not even a real tall lighthouse in Maine? 'Nope, Nebraska,' he insisted, 'in the middle of someone's corn field.' After receiving permission, he simply hopped the fence, located the summit, and checked that one off his list. 'Easiest ascent of the bunch,' he concluded. 'I'll never forget it.'

Perspective is everything, isn't it? What is, in fact, a summit for a Nebraskan is radically different than what it is, also in fact, for a Coloradoan. But is one summit somehow a truer one than the other? Suppose, as a practice of your Christian discipleship, you were to take that idea into the discussions you have at work or school, conversations with your family and friends, reactions to social issues- with the intention of considering another's perspective rather than defending your own, more concerned with being in relationship even than being 'right'?

May God bless your journey to the summit,

*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!

*August 2021*

### *With Gratitude...*

Dear Green Mountain UMC Community,

After a prolonged period of reflection, I've decided to tender my resignation from my Program and many other roles at GMUMC. For over 21 years I've tried to do my best for this faith community – but there comes a time you realize that you know more people who have died than you do the living – and you know quite a few of those.

There's a heaviness in my heart that I just can't shake. I'm tired and have other great challenges ahead. For all the causes I've fought for – alternative ways of seeing the Christian faith, LGBTQ equality, alliances with the interfaith (especially Muslim) communities, the Community Garden, and efforts to create awareness and education around racial justice and white privilege – I offer a prayer that these efforts continue with new faces and energy. To all the people I have worked with, journeyed with, studied & pondered with, talked & laughed with, shared joys with, and those gentle souls I sat with as their breath faded – I thank you for the opportunity to be part of life beneath the *Window on The Hill*. There is much life, challenge, and adventure you have left to see – I encourage you to ever seek that vision that looks beyond the walls of this place, and never settle for a blind survival. In the Spirit of the Radical Soul we strive to follow, I wish you the gentle comfort and unsettling challenge of the life of faith.

With respect, admiration, and gratitude –  
be well!!!

*Steve Walden*





Green Mountain United Methodist Women  
 Sunrise Breakfast  
 Generally 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
 8:00 a.m. IHOP-Lakewood City Commons



I was contacted in April with the interest of starting Dinner for 8 back up, I gladly contacted all of the TEAM LEADERS to get their feedback & for them to contact the members of their groups. Various groups have been going out to their favorite restaurants & having fun catching up.

I would like to start putting the SEPTEMBER –DECEMBER groups together August 25<sup>th</sup>. This process takes time to do. I need your help, you need to let your current Team Leader or me know if you would like to continue being in DINNER f or 8.

**IF YOU ARE NEW to GMUMC**, We meet once a month, at a local restaurant to dine and socialize. It is a great way to get to know others from our church. Each group has 8 people; with a mixture of couples, singles and occasionally their children. The Team Leader & members of each group decide what days, times and places work best for them and set up each dinner together. It is a great way to possibly try new cuisines or suggest your favorite & enjoy an evening of Fellowship. New groups are formed every four months, giving you the opportunity to get to know more people, but if you are interested to trying it out / joining **Dinner for 8** now or you have questions about what we do or how it works, contact, **Darline Bowland** at [darlinebowland@gmail.com](mailto:darlinebowland@gmail.com) or 303-987-1219.

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## FROM THE TRUSTEES:

The Trustees have not had any projects underway lately but here are a few updates regarding building maintenance which is always underway. We are fortunate to have James, our building custodian on duty. He has fixed several sprinkler waterline leaks and rebuilt the swamp cooler plumbing system lately. Retrofitting our LED lighting fixtures throughout the buildings is complete. The Comcast access cable for internet and telephones has been installed.

Most of our trees need trimming as they are touching the building or have dead areas, and there is a large dead pine below the columbarium that needs removal. This tree project will occur on August 12 & 13 (by a professional arborist!). Chuck Thorman has trimmed the bushes on the west side of the building and hired help to weed whack the south side. For this we are grateful!

As we return to "normal" this fall, we will be scheduling a "Grubby Sunday". Please plan to stay after church for lunch and then to do the outside and inside jobs that help keep our building and grounds looking good! Thanks

### **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 are 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/>



To stir up more excitement for the Re-Opening of church and the beginning of the Church Season the church will be selling T-Shirts in the narthex. Be a part of the Grand Re-Opening and pre-order a T-Shirt in the narthex after church on Sunday's until August. Or you can call or email Melissa Sussman and let her know what size you would like. Cost will be \$15 per shirt for S-M-L-XL and \$20 for 2XX.

### 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>



# CHILDREN'S NEWS

## AUGUST 2021



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

August 1st- Alyssa

August 8th- Ms. Jen S.

August 15th- Ms. Jean

### **Opening Sunday, Sept 12th**

Get ready for a wonderful day celebrating the start of a new church year with a fantastic, family-friendly Opening Sunday. Our theme this year is "Jesus Heals," as we continue to heal from the pandemic and start to come back together as a church and community family.

We will have our 8:00 am meditative service, followed by our 10:30 am traditional service, both of which will have a sign language interpreter to promote inclusion. During the service, children can receive their very own bibles to take home and enjoy (please let Kelli Schnase know in advance if your child wants one so we have enough - [kelli@gmumc.com](mailto:kelli@gmumc.com)). Immediately following the 2nd service, at about 11:30 am - get ready for games, activities, and more!

- Free lunch will be served (sloppy joes, chips, and a drink; GMUMC members - please bring salads, side dishes and desserts to share)
- Kids can enjoy their very own balloon animal
- Kids can also enjoy games like Sumo-ball, ring toss, and bottle toss
- Kids will also get the chance to win cupcakes or even a cake during a cake walk
- Kids can also play on the playground equipment as well
- Our community gardeners will share their bounty and give away vegetables
- Goodwill offerings are welcome, but not required

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to this fun faith-gathering open to everyone!

*Kelli Schnase, Children's Director*





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

Let's make 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!

**Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**                      **Mission Project**                      **10 - 11:30 am**

The Herd Sanity group has invited us to join their Civic Saturday! Christopher Arlen will be leading the event. It is like faith for citizens where we can discuss ways to participate in community in a fun and empowering way! Think uplifting songs and celebrations!

We can even share some of our favorite songs with the Herd Sanity group!

**Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**                      **Fire Pit Party**                      **Around Sunset: 8 - 9 pm**

Devotions done in epic fashion. Let's have a fire pit party! Bring snacks to enjoy around the blaze! I have some stuffed marshmallows and s'more supplies.

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 and avoid exposure to COVID-19.\*\***

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

## OUR SERVICE, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**



Aimee Kover	08/01
Karla Byrd	08/01
Pete Gomez	08/02
Owar Ajang	08/03
Charlotte Worster	08/04
Susan Jaworowski	08/04
Mary Curtis	08/06
Karen Haden	08/07
Elizabeth Ongu	08/08
Alyssa Olson	08/11
Ruth Cook	08/12
Barbara Stoddart	08/13
Nina Sturgeon	08/13
Hannah Fitzgerald	08/18
Julie Reigle	08/19
Vivian Tanner	08/19
Aimee Johnson	08/23
Kent Bates	08/24
Ronna Duncan	08/24
Beverly Kimball	08/26
Kristen Kagiya	08/26
Patricia Harris	08/26
Brenda Bronson	08/31

Mark & Lori Osborn	08/01
Stacey & Alex Horne	08/01
Boyd & Sharon Berry	08/06
Lisa & Mark Allison	08/11
Charles & Madelene Vestal	08/11
Darrel & Ruth Schnase	08/20
David & Kris Little	08/27
Aimee & Arnie Kover	08/28
Jim & Rilene Thompson	08/31



The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Maxwell Paxton Mukarakate born on Monday, July 19, 2021. Maxwell weighed 6lbs, 10oz. Proud parents are Hamu Chigwada and Calvin Mukarakate and big sister, Penny and grandma, Penelope. Congratulations to all and we can't wait to meet him!

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**For those who have experienced loss:**

**The Family of:**

Son of James Tanner, husband of Vivian Dewberry-Tanner  
Dr. Paul Nelson, Dr. Nancy Taoka's father  
Andrea Powelson-Singer, friend of MaryJane Eddy-Scott  
Glenn, Jane Bolton's brother  
Dorothy Hines, Phyllis Parker's sister  
Arvada Police Officer. Gordon Beesley and  
Good Samaritan, John Hurley

**Church Members:**

Georgia Lewis Charlotte Harding Charlie Oleson  
Shirley Allison Alex Neve Charlotte Worster  
Charlotte Knox

**Family of Church Members:**

Linda Carter, Betsy Lee's sister

**Friends of Church Members:**

Michael, son of friends of the Wrapps

**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



**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
06/27	54
07/04	50
07/11	56
07/18	49