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WINDOW ON THE HILL OCTOBER 2021

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

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Mark's Musings

Boo!

When I was a kid, I spent a lot of time on the weekends at my grandparent's house. On Saturday night, at 10:30 p.m. my grandmother Cookie and I would turn the dial to Houston's ABC affiliate, Channel 13 and, with a bowl of freshly popped buttered popcorn, watch the scary movies being broadcast on a show called, WEIRD! This probably explains my life-long preference of Stephen King over Jane Austen, and Alice Cooper over Barry Manilow. To this day, Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* ranks right up there near the top of my list of the greatest films of all time. What can I say? I enjoy being scared... at least when it comes to entertainment, or the kind of 'pretend' fear that Halloween offers.

You know what's truly frightening, though, and not enjoyable at all? The absence of faith. "Faith," the author of the letter to the Hebrews writes in the King James Version, "is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." But I rather prefer the way the NIV (New International Version, or what we jokingly called in seminary the Nearly Inspired Version) translates the same verse: "Faith is *confidence* in what we hope for, and *assurance* about what we do not see."

While we cannot know what the future holds, our faith assures us of who does hold the future.

Paul writes in his letter to the Christian community in Rome: "For we know that in all things God is working for the good of those who love God, who are called according to God's purposes."

Green Mountain UMC's saints of old, now passed, could hardly have seen the coming of COVID-19; but they did believe in God's purposes for this church so much that they generously made a bequest from their inheritance to support our ministry. Some of those are designated for specific things like capital improvements, i.e., but others were also given to assist the church in times of need, like the financial needs that arise from the spread of a global pandemic.

I guess all this is to say that we can choose to either be anxious about the long-term sustainability of endowments to supplement our church budget, or we can give thanks to the blessings that we have to sustain us right now. During this month of October, when fearsome ghouls walk the earth for one unhallowed night, let's remember and celebrate our deceased watching over us, praying for us every hallowed night and day, and give thanks for the financial provision that enables us to continue being the church they so dearly loved, until we are back in the black once more.

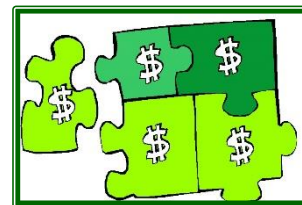
God loves the GMUMC. God has a purpose for this congregation. Nothing is greater than God!

Pastor Mark

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



For the month of August, we had income of \$35,163.21, and expenses of \$30,852.39, for a net income of \$4,310.82. We had nice bounce back for August, and hopefully we will continue in this direction for the rest of the year. Our overall balance, as of the end of August is -\$27,949.62. As always, thank you for your continued financial support of GMUMC.

Greg Hise & Jane Bernard
Finance Co-Chairs



Bobbi's Blessing Box is up and running. Located in the front corner of the parking lot, this little pantry of emergency staples has gotten donations and been used by neighbors who are very appreciative for the help. Many thanks to everyone who has helped along the way. I especially want to thank the Lyons and Montano families for making it happen. *Donna Bunger*

Sharing email from Gridley United Methodist Church in Northern California:

Original Message-----

From: Karl Coulter <power50source@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021, 7:07 AM

To: gmumc@gmumc.com

Subject: Blessing Box

It was with great excitement that I read about your memorial Blessing Box ministry in the recent UMC news. We here at Gridley UMC in Northern California have been ministering to the homeless community using a Blessing Box with great success. I uplift you and your leadership team in implementing this important lifesaving endeavor. We fill our box each day with canned goods, soft goods etc. Each day the box is completely empty. The feedback from the recipients is heartwarming. Some have been led by the spirit to join our Christian community as members. This aspect of the ministry is most gratifying and assures us that God blesses this work of feeding the hungry. God bless your community in this most gracious sharing ministry. Peace be with you. Karl Coulter Gridley UMC.



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.


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/>

SHRED-a-thON to support the Action Center



ACTION CENTER UNDIE SUNDAY



UNDIE SUNDIE
10/10
@ 1 p.m.

HELP THE ACTION CENTER ATTEMPT A WORLD RECORD!

Help the Action Center attempt to shatter the previous record of 1,350 pairs of underwear by helping them collect over 6,000 pairs of NEW underwear - the same number of those experiencing homelessness in the Denver Metro Area.

the ACTION CENTER
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UNDIE SUNDIE WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

Sunday, October 10, 2021

World Record Attempt • 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
In order for your donation to count for the World Record Attempt, it must be delivered between 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. on 10/10/21

Extended Collection • 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

AT
The Action Center
8755 W 14th Ave | Lakewood, CO

When you bring your undies, bring a \$1 and the Action Center will turn that into enough groceries for one meal!

We need NEW undies, for Any Age & Any Size!
NEW undies only, please. **Would you want used?**



MOST PAIRS OF NEW UNDERWEAR COLLECTED IN 1 HOUR WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 10, 2021

CONTACT: Tawney Eisenbraun
tawney@theactioncenter.org
o: 720.407.6686 | c: 605.863.1232

THE ACTION CENTER AND BREAKING HISTORY™ ATTEMPT WORLD RECORD

Lakewood, CO - The Action Center and Breaking History™ with Ryan Avery will attempt to break the world record for Most Pairs of New Underwear Collected in 1 hour in an effort to raise awareness about homelessness issues in the Denver Metro area. On Sunday, October 10 from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. the Action Center will attempt to collect 6,000 pairs of new underwear at their location at 8745 W 14th Ave in Lakewood, CO. The event is open to the public.

The attempt will try and break the previous record of 1,350 pair of underwear collected. According to the Denver Rescue Mission, the metro area has over 6,000 residents who are experiencing homelessness. The Action Center wants to bring to light the homelessness issues that surround not only the Denver Metro, but specifically in Jefferson County. The organization is seeking the help of the community and local businesses to help break record and shatter perceptions around homelessness.

In addition to collecting 6,000 undie the Action Center is encouraging the public to Bring a Pair of New underwear, Bring a Buck to raise \$6,000 for The Action Center's food programs to help keep the community fed.

The public can help in a variety of ways. They can donate new underwear on October 10th from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., in order to qualify for the World Record Attempt and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to support the organization. Folks can also raise funds for the Action Center that help the organization's programs for those experiencing homelessness, or challenge their offices, community groups, friends and family to organize a undie donation drive.

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About The Action Center

The Action Center is a human-service non-profit organization located in Lakewood, CO serving those that face hardship or are experiencing homelessness in Jefferson County. The organization strengthens the fabric of its community by meeting needs in a compassionate way that connects those in need to resources, such as food and clothing and promotes pathways to lasting change. The organization offers the single-most comprehensive range of services in Jefferson County. You can learn about the organization's services, ways to get involved, or make a donation at www.theactioncenter.org.

PLEASE HELP US BREAK THE WORLD RECORD

Bring those NEW undies for Any Age & Size to the
ACTION CENTER on Sunday, October
10th





NOVEMBER Newsletter
items due by
Sunday, October 17, 2021
email: mlnotari@msn.com &
gmumc@gmumc.com



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Bellissimo Handbell Group is looking for some new ringers. We practice on **Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** No experience is needed, we'll teach you everything you need to know! We'd love to have you join us.



Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) Hunger Walk

C.R.O.P. Hunger Walk Josiah's 9th year walking to end hunger!

What can a dollar do?

\$10 seeds to start a garden or a blanket or a month of emergency rations for a child or a doctor's visit

\$15 chickens for a family - eggs, meat and income or School Kits or Hygiene Kit

\$22 500 baby fish - food and start a business

\$30 Biosand Water Filter

\$50 a toilet, or two months of food for a refugee family

\$60 a sheep or beehive

Every Dollar Counts!!!

Josiah Myers and his Boy Scout Troop #36 will be participating in the C.R.O.P. Hunger Walk on **Sunday, September 26th at Clement Park** and doing a **5-mile hike in October** to raise money and awareness. Their goal this year is \$3000. Last year they raised \$2605. We'd love to have you join us on the walk. You can donate on Josiah web page or contact Josiah and Kim Myers to make cash or check donations. 720-810-2157

You can learn more about the CROP Hunger Walk or donate to a great cause at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/josiah-myers>

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 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*.

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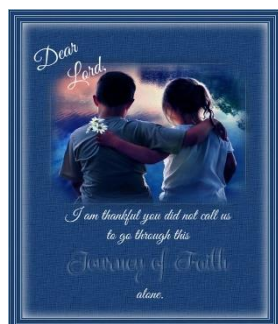
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SHARED JOURNEY

Our support group for caregivers with loved ones experiencing dementia is open to all. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Place to be determined.

For more information, contact Sonya Noyes 303-985-9522.



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



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 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.

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.

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

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



I was contacted in April with the interest of resuming **Dinner for Eight**. I gladly contacted all the TEAM LEADERS to get their feedback and to ask 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 25th. This process takes time to do, so I need your help. Please let your current Team Leader or me know if you would like to continue participating in Dinner for Eight.

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 wonderful way to try new cuisines or suggest your favorite and enjoy an evening of Fellowship.

New groups are formed every four months, giving you the opportunity to get to know more people. If you are interested in joining or trying it out, or have questions about DINNER FOR EIGHT, please contact Darline Bowland at darlinebowland@gmail.com or (303) 987-1219.



CHILDREN'S NEWS OCTOBER 2021



It was so great to have five children be a part of our "first-in-person-Sunday" back, which was also Bible Sunday. We distributed three Bibles to three third grade kids: Abel Bosair, (Grace) Gemma Dare, (Ron Dare's daughter) and Aubrey Smith (Velda and Frank Walters' granddaughter.) The children and I had a great time learning about our new Bibles, creating a fun little craft, and playing a game. Sunday School will still be offered the first and third Sunday of the month. Children's time will begin "in-person" again.

Did you know Halloween falls on a Sunday this year? We will be having our 2nd Annual Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest. 🎃 👻 🕯️ Bring a pumpkin carved and ready to be judged for the Halloween service.

Children can decorate the entryway with carved, painted, or decorated pumpkins. We would like to invite the children to come dressed up in their Halloween costumes on Sunday, October 31st. Each child will receive a gift bag (*that we wanted to give them last year*) and have a special fun Halloween craft-making Sunday School with Ms. Kelli! Any adults that would like to take part in dress up or decorating.... Please feel free to do so 😊.

Kelli Schnase
Children's Director



Youth Group

GMUMC

October 2021

Sat, Oct. 2nd - Sun, Oct. 3rd Boondocks Lock-in 5 PM - 10 AM

Ready for our annual Boondocks Lock-in?!? We will play at Boondocks and then have a lock-in at the church. Permissions slips needed!

Sun, Oct. 10th Game Night & Fear Program 6 - 7:30 PM

Game night is back and it's time for some FUUUUUNNNNN!!! Plus we can talk about a topic befitting a creepy time of year: fears! What freaks you out and how do we deal with fear?

Sun, Oct. 17th Mission Project Follow Up Planning & Nerf War 6 - 7:30 PM

Who is ready for a Nerf War?!? We will plan how we want to share our Mission Project experiences with the church and then don our battle gear for a Nerf extravaganza! Get ready!!!

Sun, Oct. 24th Chatfield Corn Maze 1 - 3 PM

Let's celebrate fall with adventure! We will go to the Chatfield corn maze and get lost in fall.

Fri, Oct. 29th Pumpkin Carving & Movie 6 - 7:30 PM

Get your own pumpkin (or contact Alex to get one) and join us tonight to show off your skills and your masterpiece. Ready for a Halloween movie & some pumpkin carving?!?!

Sun, Oct. 31st No Youth for Halloween

Enjoy your spook-tacular holiday!!!

UPCOMING DATES:

Nov 7th - Games / Gender Program

Nov 14th - Movie / Outreach Project

Nov 14th to Dec 12th - Gift Card Sales

Dec 19th - Last day to pick up cards

Nov 28th - No Youth - Thanksgiving Break

Dec 5th - Christmas Shopping Outing

Dec 12th - Games / Gifts & Presence Program

Dec 19th - Holiday Party

Dec 26th & Jan 2nd - No Youth - Christmas Break



If safety is questionable with COVID variants, we'll adapt and overcome!

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

OUR SERVICE, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS



Ramona Twiss	10/01
Billy Cummins	10/03
Elizabeth 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
Phillip Caldwell	10/13
Lisa Garcia	10/15
Judy Thurman	10/17
Marisabel Santistevan	10/17
Kimberly Morrison	10/18
William Thomas	10/18
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
Herman Roque	10/29
Chris Walter	10/30



Steve Walden & Marcia Johnston-Walden	10/05
Thayne & Sherry Coulter	10/05
George & Betsy Lee	10/11
Robb & Jennifer Stenman	10/11
Frank & Georgia Morrison	10/18
John & Teresa Camper	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



Congratulations! To Jean Dinwiddie who is a first-time great-grandmother to great-grandson, Christian Matthew, born Tuesday, August 24th, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. Proud parents are Jake and wife, Hailey.



Thank you for the generous contributions to the organization of my choice. I selected a long-time partner on several past efforts at GMUMC — Project Angel Heart. I deeply appreciate the money raised for this excellent community health organization. Also, a special note of gratitude to the Green Mountain Quilters for their kindness in remembering me with their abundant skills — the quilt will have an honored place in our home. Be well, with gratitude...Steve Walden



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For those who have experienced loss: The Family of:

Lynn Anduss, Doug Wylie's uncle
David Bronson, Brenda Bronson's brother
David Chapa, Joel Chapa's brother

Church Members:

Tom Walker Charlie Oleson Shirley Allison
Alex Neve Charlotte Worster Charlotte Knox

Family of Church Members:

Michelle Paopao, Stacey Horne's sister-in-law



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
MJ Paulsen



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	8:00am	10:30am
08/29	6	54
09/05	2	63
09/12	3	76
09/19	5	79