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WINDOW ON THE HILL NOVEMBER 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

Some of you, I know, live for Halloween. Among Americans, it's actually ranked the 3rd most popular holiday, more than Independence Day, Easter, or New Year's (numbers 4, 5, and 6). Hey, as I mentioned last month, I enjoy a good scare, too, reading Stephen King, watching Alfred Hitchcock, listening to Alice Cooper.

But the month of November truly begins my favorite time of year, as well as containing two of my personal favorite holidays left (the top two on the American poll): #2. Thanksgiving and #1. Christmas. I mean, c'mon, stuffing yourself with turkey and all the trimmings until the tryptophan carries you away into sofa slumber. What's not to like? Followed by all the splendor the celebration of Christmas brings in December- twinkling lights aglow, beautiful music in the air, and the giving and receiving of gifts. (Not to mention the blessed relief of cold and snow following this year's long, hot, smoky, dry summer!)

But speaking of gifts... along with all the others you'll be giving to your loved ones, why not give a gift to yourself, and join me on four Monday evenings- beginning November 29th and running through the entire Advent season until December 19th- for discussion of, and experience with, the wonderful meditations and practices offered in a little book entitled, *Pauses for Advent*, written by Trevor Hudson, a Methodist Minister who served in southern Africa for more than 35 years. Pastor Hudson encourages his readers with brief daily reflections on scripture, including a simple, doable practice that helps apply the day's word to our lives. 'Pausing for just a few minutes each day,' he promises, 'readies our hearts to receive the most wondrous gift of all- the Christ who is alive and present with us today and every day.'

You may find *Pauses for Advent* on both Cokesbury and Amazon websites for under \$10 or contact the church office and we'll be glad to order you a copy. Your assignment will begin on November 22nd, with a reading of Day #1 along with its practice, and you'll continue each day until our first-class discussion together on Monday, November 29th, here at the church, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

I hope you'll join us as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of America's (and mine) favorite holiday/holyday of the year.

Pastor Mark

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Announcements



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

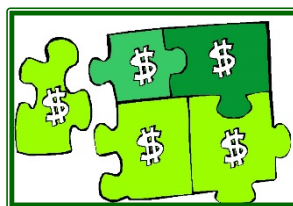


THE RETURN OF COFFEE HOUR

No tricks – just treats!!!

On Sunday, October 31st – yes Halloween – we will return to the social activity of the church. We will serve coffee and tea with individually wrapped treats in our Gathering Place. Please wear your masks unless actively drinking or eating. After the first Sunday, we will need volunteers to make coffee and set up the table for treats. Please make a note on the back of the attendance sheet or sign up on the sheet in The Gathering Place and volunteer for one Sunday or better – for one month. We must have volunteers to make this a success – a fun easy way to serve our church.

Contacts: **Phyllis Parker** peparker41@gmail.com (303) 986-0644
or **MaryJane Eddy-Scott** MJ@peacetoall.org (303) 986-6013



FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the month of September, we had income of \$28,238.56, and expenses of \$30,413.39, for a net income of -\$2,174.83 for the month. Our overall balance as of the end of September is -\$30,124.45. 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

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*



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/>



Bellissimo Handbell Group

Come join the fun and make beautiful music ♥

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.



DECEMBER Newsletter
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SOLOS is a group of women, 55 and above, who meet socially on the 3rd Friday of the months, September through May.
If you have questions, please call
Linda Dahlke at (303) 984-1994.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

GMUMC will be providing Thanksgiving Baskets again this year. Please contact Mary Bloomstran at mbloomstran@edgenvironmental.com or (303) 263-2906 to recommend someone to receive a basket.

We will be collecting food for the baskets and there will be a box in the coatroom labeled Food Baskets. We will also have a few baskets available at the church. The food items we suggest are as follows:

\$15-20 Grocery Certificate

Jiffy Pie Crust mix

Pie Filling if pumpkin please include

1 can of Evaporated Milk

1 can of Cranberries

Gravy mix or canned gravy

2 cans of Vegetables

1 box of Instant Potatoes

(15-20 oz) Canned Sweet Potatoes

2 cans of Fruit

(10-20 oz) Boxed Stuffing

1 can opener

Laundry Basket

THANKSGIVING DAY LUNCH

Staying at home for the holidays? Come join your other 'home-stayers' for our church Thanksgiving Day lunch. Sign up on the poster located in the North Entrance of the church.



King Soopers Community Rewards



As many of you know King Soopers has ended its gift card program. In its place, they have initiated the Community Rewards Program. This is a just a reminder for those of you who need to link their SooperCard, so that the church will still be getting money for your shopping at King Soopers. You will need to create a digital account by going to www.KingSoopers.com/CommunityRewards.

You will then select **Create an Account**. Under sign-in information, enter your email and create a password (write down your password, you will need it in step 2). Select 'Use Card Number' and enter your SooperCard Number or Alternate ID, last name and zip code. Under 'Select your Store', enter your zip code and then select 'Find Stores'. Choose your store and then select 'Create Account'. Once you get the welcome email, then you can go back in clicking on the link in the email and finish creating your account. Then click on the Community Rewards link on the left hand side and either search by Green Mountain United Methodist Church or use this number to find us: RK117, which is our organization code. Any questions, please call the church office for assistance.





PREPARING FOR ADVENT SEASON

The Advent Season is just around the corner

On Sunday, November 21st, after church, volunteers are needed to carry the Chrismon Tree boxes, the large Christmas wreath, and the Advent Candle, into the sanctuary.

Then on Tuesday, November 22nd, we plan to decorate the tree and the sanctuary beginning at 9:30 a.m. We would like to invite both the women and the men in the church to help. This is an ideal time to become better acquainted with members while preparing the sanctuary for the Advent Season.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact **Dolores Bammerlin** at 303-985-4869 or **Peggy Morrison** at 303-988-9491.

Thank you for your support of this annual tradition.



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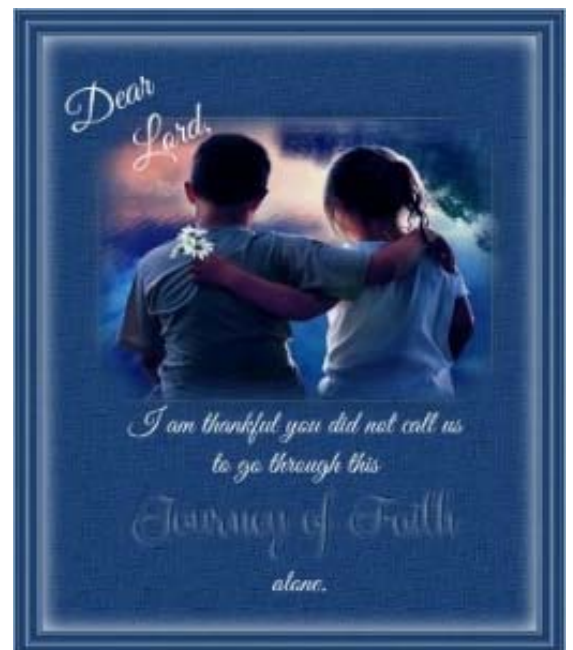
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SHARED JOURNEY

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.

The Cedarhill Community Garden at GMUMC needs your leaves!

Before just bagging up those leaves and tossing them- seriously consider blowing or raking them into your mixed perennial and/or vegetable beds or mulching them into your lawn. And...if you have extra bags of leaves, please leave the bags in the Garden on the east side of the new shed by the compost bins. The gardeners will make good use of them in the next few weeks. You may want to follow our example in your own garden after reading below what we will be doing with your leaves.

For you fellow veggie gardeners, to prepare your soil for next year, rake in several inches of leaves and then spade over and leave rough, then spread more laves on top and lightly cover with soil. This is a form of sheet composting (for you that need to know), and I believe it was invented for lazy gardeners (like me). That's why I use it, but what's the prob – it works! The freeze/thaw cycle that we experience many times in the winter will break down those large rough pieces and at the same time, the leaves will decompose or at least partially, making the soil lighter and richer. Peace to all and to the gardens, a good winter's sleep.

Jean Arnold (co-garden leader)

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 NOVEMBER 2021



Time to get **"PUMPED"kin** up!!!! 🎃🎃🎃 Let's celebrate our 2nd **Annual Pumpkin** 🎃 **contest** together. Halloween falls on a Sunday! Bring a decorated or carved pumpkin 🎃 to line the outside stairs for Halloween! Drop them off anytime during the week or bring it on Sunday and take it home Sunday too!;) **Owl** 🦉 also encourage families to dress 🧛🧛🧛 up and let's have a fun Sunday school! Please don't **"ghost"** me!! 👻👻👻👻👻👻

Church council has requested that staff provide future goals for GMUMC to build attendance. I am open to ideas, and depending on my budget for the year, some thoughts that I have come up with but are subject to change:

1. **Halloween Celebration** (October 31st)
2. Implementation of the **"Parents Night Out"** Friday night (beginning in December, depending on volunteers, 2021 or in the beginning of January)
3. Writing the **"Protecting God's Children"** class for volunteers with Arvada UMC to implement safety for the children (classes beginning in January)
4. I have reached out to various Sunday school teachers to have an **Advent Study** for the children (starting in December)
5. **Gardening club** for kids (Kelli will reach out to Jean Arnold about thoughts, ideas, and dates)
6. Ms. Janet will begin **Children's Bells** gradually... and implement melody bells
7. **Hiking club, Cooking club, Art club, Boo at the Zoo, Botanic Gardens Christmas lights, Caroling, Christmas programs, Children's choir, Quilting club, Summer Programs, Vacation Bible School** are all things I would love to implement again as families return.
8. **Open** the **nursery** again, Cherie Werkhoven is still interested in running
9. **Outreach for Kids** (Heifer Project, notes to soldiers, sponsoring or fundraising for climate change)

After church council met, we agreed that continuing the history of the church is **SO** important! If you have pictures or a story to tell about the church, please send them to Meg so that they can get them in the books!

I am excited to begin new and old activities that gathered our church family together and led to such genuine relationships under this sanctuary.

Ecclesiastes 4:9

"Two are better than one; because they have good reward for their labor."

When individuals work together, they can double their strength and get much more done as a team. They also reap the value of having worked in unison, thus creating harmony instead of disorder. Working as one person begins with the efforts of each person, as they work with another person.

Let's work together to build together!! Let's build our **GMUMC!**

Kelli Schnase,
Children's Director



Youth

GMUMC
November 2021
Grades 6 – 12

Sun, Nov. 7th **Game Night** **6 - 7:30 PM**

Who doesn't love games?!? Take a break from homework, school stress, and hectic activities to have some fun and laugh it up.

Sun, Nov. 14th **Gender Program** **6 - 7:30 PM**

Ever get sick of being put in a box by society? Have you wondered why "boys don't cry" and "girls like pink"? This program is all about recognizing how being male and/or female impacts what people think we should say, do, think, feel and be. Then we'll brainstorm ways we can call out and break out of these restrictive boxes society puts us in. This is a really cool program!

Gift Card Sales will start today after the 10:00 a.m. church service! If you are able to help, you know I would love the company. These funds support our outreach work like Christmas Shopping and Mission Trip.

Sun, Nov. 21st **Movie and Outreach Night** **6 - 8:00 PM**

Time to unwind with a movie and a fun outreach project to help the community. Who's ready for a laid back way to give back?! We can vote on a movie to watch too! We will have **Gift Card Sales** before and after the 10:00 a.m. church service.

Sun, Nov. 28th **No PM Youth**

Enjoy relaxing with your families for Thanksgiving Break! You all deserve a little rest and relaxation after a hectic fall!! Anyone is welcome to join **Gift Card Sales in the morning**.

UPCOMING DATES:

Nov 14th to Dec 12th - Gift Card Sales

Dec 5th - Christmas Shopping Outing

Dec 12th - Games / Gifts & Presence Program

Dec 19th - Last Day to Pick Up Gift Cards & Holiday Party

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

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




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



Frank Penn	11/01
Meghan Bernard	11/01
Rebecca Camper	11/01
Lettie Covert	11/02
Stacey Horne	11/02
Lorene Branson	11/04
Calvin Mukarakate	11/05
Madeleine Allen	11/05
Karena Olson	11/07
Dolores Bammerlin	11/08
Charles Akers	11/11
Kyla Smith	11/12
Lorna Chapa	11/12
Thayne Coulter	11/14
Sarah Russell	11/16
Pat Barker	11/18
Tanner Moore	11/19
Gemma Dare	11/20
Walt Rudolph	11/20
Claudia Harris	11/21
Laurie Walcott	11/21
Paula Simmons	11/21
Madison Thurman	11/22
Mae Davies	11/22
Jane Bolton	11/23
Kirsten Allen	11/25
Judy Arthur	11/26
Michael Rickett	11/28
Lori Osborn	11/30
Melyn Dare	11/30
Sarah Wylie Long	11/30



11/12

The logo features a large, stylized 'A' and 'A' with an ampersand between them, all in black. Below this, the text 'ARNOLD & ARNOLD, LLP' is written in a gold-colored serif font on a black rectangular background. Underneath that, the words 'ATTORNEYS AT LAW' are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font on a white rectangular background.

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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:

George Grega
Lorna Chapa's aunt

Church Members:

Charles Vestal	Donna Boyea	Karen Harmon
Tom Walker	Charlie Oleson	Shirley Allison
Alex Neve	Charlotte Worster	Charlotte Knox

Family of Church Members:

James Tanner, Vivian Dewberry Tanner's husband
Richard Stoddart, Barbara Stoddart's husband
Michael Pireda, Donna Boyca's father
Donna Hill, Kirsten Arthur's sister-in-law
Germaine Parker, Renée Parker's mom
Michelle Paopao, Stacey Horne's sister-in-law

Friends of Church Members

Jim Hopkins, Friend of the Wrapp's
Margie, friend of Melyn Dare

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
09/26	10	53
10/03	5	61
10/10	2	60
10/17	6	55
10/24	-	70