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WINDOW ON THE HILL JANUARY 2022

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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

"It was an occasion for a variety of spiritual experiences..." recalls John Wesley on January 1, 1775. "I do not know that ever we had a greater blessing. Afterwards many desired to return thanks, either for a sense of pardon, for full salvation, or for a fresh manifestation of God's graces, healing all their backslidings." He was referring to the annual Covenant Renewal services the early Methodist movement used to celebrate, often during the hours preceding New Year's Eve. Filled with scripture reading and hymn singing, the heart of the 'Watch Night' service focused on the Covenant Prayer, in which persons were asked to wholly commit themselves to God. Talk about an unforgettable New Year's resolution:

*I will no longer be my own but will give myself up to your will in all things.
Lord, make me what you will.*

*I put myself fully into your hands:
put me to doing, put me to suffering,
let me be employed by you, or laid aside for you,
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.*

*I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you are mine, and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.*

To be honest, and as glorious a prayer that it is, it's a lot! Personally, I much prefer Wesley's simpler and, perhaps, most famous counsel (incidentally, emblazoned upon our own church's wall above the kitchen area in the Gathering Place):

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever YOU CAN.

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To a can-do year,
Pastor Mark



Announcements



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 November, we had income of \$38,589.34, and expenses of \$45,622.63, for a net income of -\$7,033.29. Our overall balance for the year, as of the end of November, is -\$39,397.40. We are not in good shape, as we enter the final month of the year, so any extra offerings, would be greatly appreciated. And as always, thank you for your continued financial support of GMUMC.

Greg Hise and 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.

Thank you for continuing to contribute to the food box. We have about a one-week turnover rate now. Please continue your support. Sunday, December 19th we noticed someone had made a cross on the ground - heartwarming!

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.



FEBRUARY 2022 Newsletter
items due by the
DAY AFTER CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
email: mlnotari@msn.com &
gmumc@gmumc.com



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.

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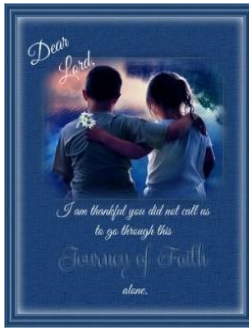
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SHARED JOURNEY

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.

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The church is adorned for the Advent season with thanks to the following people:

Dolores Bammerlin, Mike Bammerlin, Donna Boyea, Lorene Branson, Tom Cummins, Ron Dare, Deanna Hanna, Eric Morrison, John & Peggy Morrison, Gerry Rickett, Darrel & Ruth Schnase, Kelli Schnase, Chuck Thorman, Ann Topliff, Betty Walker, and Bob & Carolyn Wrapp.

Many enjoyed the lunch and fellowship before the Annual Church Conference on November 21st. Thanks to those who set up and decorated our Fellowship Hall, prepared, and served lunch, and helped with clean up: Dolores Bammerlin, Donna Boyea, Lorene Branson, Nancy Carray, Melyn Dare, John & Peggy Morrison, James O'Toole, Gerry Rickett, Karen Schmoker, and Ruth Schnase.



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

The Garden is getting ready to "go to bed" for 2021 -- with a final harvest and celebration of a successful second-year growing season with every plot under cultivation and a wait-list for plots in 2022. We have grown pumpkins, Swiss chard, beans, peas, peppers, onions, basil, marigolds, columbines, cosmos, petunias, kale, lettuce, beans, eggplant, arugula, zucchini, sunflowers, zinnias, strawberries, the list goes on.

We 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. We added a fence and shade pergola. All are invited to come into the garden for a respite and to just *be*.

The garden contributed to the healing of one of our 9-year-old gardeners, who had a kidney transplant at Children's Hospital this spring. His mom writes, in thanks:

"I wanted to thank you so much for the privilege of the garden plot. [I]t brought so much joy to us. [W]e got an amazing herb Harvest enough to last [] through the whole winter. When things were at its bleakest it was beautiful to come out to the garden to see the hope that it provides us."

Eagle Project. Joe Gaietto with Boy Scout Troop 989 refurbished the south shed with new shelves, paint, and hardware. The Troop added shelving, tool hooks, a bulletin board and white board to the new, north shed. See the pictures below. Joe began working on this project in the summer and was able to complete it in November. Thank you to co-garden leader Matt Ardiolo, who helped Joe and Troop 989 with this wonderful project.

Thank you for the **Fall mulch / leaves** – It takes about 3-4 bags of leaves for each garden plot. And we will be adding leaves through the winter months – once we start getting snow. Any remaining leaves will be used to make compost.

What we need:

Garden tools – As you put your own garden to bed – or you are downsizing – please think of the Garden and donate your used hand tools, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. 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 now that the fencing, compost bins and shade pergola are in (see below).

Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) Construction.

The bricks will be installed by a professional contractor, who met with Jean Arnold in August. Due to challenges with skilled labor, we decided to push the installation off until spring. Please contact Lori Osborn if you would like to purchase a brick; the garden's ongoing fundraiser.



Fundraising Bricks

Lori Osborn and Jean Arnold 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.

Garden Plots: If you would like a garden plot for the 2022 growing season, please contact co-garden leader **Ali Young** @ mustang.ali@hotmail.com to be added to the wait list. Once the wait list reaches 10 people, we will close the list until the 2023 growing season. We expect to have 1-3 plots available in the 2022 season. Ali is coordinating garden plot assignments.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



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.

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.



CHILDREN'S NEWS

JANUARY 2022

It's a brand New Year!



Thank you so much to many families that volunteered to take part in the Advent **Grinch** program through the Advent Season. It is so encouraging to see all the new and returning families and children back at church!

In Sunday school, the children each created their own advent wreaths to take home and learn.

Our Sunday school class is getting very large. We had about 12 children last week. One of the Sunday school classrooms is now being rented out to the day care, so we lost a room.

We had a 6-month-old and a 13- year-old, and for the children to get a learning lesson out of Sunday school we need to open up the other classroom for the younger ages. I am in search of teachers. If you are interested in this, please reach out to Kelli.

Please come and join us January 9th for Epiphany! This is one of my favorite services with the children involved and us celebrating our newest members as Jesus and just getting a variety of people involved. Bring your children and they can participate too! ;)

Happy New Year!

Kelli Schnase
Children's Director





GMUMC - January 2022 Grades 6 – 12

Sun., Jan. 2nd

No Youth

No Youth due to Winter Break! Enjoy time with your families before school starts again.

Sun., Jan. 9th

Visualization Program

6 - 7:30 PM

Let's start off 2022 with a bang! After a COVID filled December, I'm ready to start fresh. Who else wants a year filled with great goals and awesome adventures?! Part of creating a fabulous new year is visualizing our goals and how we can make them happen. This will be a fun program where we get to dream up the best year of our lives!

Sun., Jan. 16th

No Youth

No Youth due to Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend. Enjoy family time!

Sun., Jan. 23rd

Game Night!!

6 - 7:30 PM

Ready to get your game on?! You know we deserve some fun! Friends are welcome as always.

Sun., Jan. 30th

Program Night

6 - 7:30 PM

It's time to dive into discussions and have some fun exploring a topic together. I'll share our topic as we get closer so you know what we are covering tonight!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 6th - Dating Program

Feb. 20th - No Youth for Presidents' Day

Feb. 13th - Possible Chili Cook-off

Feb. 27th - Game Night

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

OUR SERVICE, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS



Tom & Billie Cummins

01/18

Richard & Barbara Stoddard

01/28



Congratulations to:

Richard & Barbara Stoddard on the birth of a new great-grandson, Cash Piralla, and new great-niece, Charlie Kathryn Dal Porto.

And to:

Chuck Thorman on the birth of his 5th great-grandchild, Kaden Graf.

Robert Kimball	01/02
Carole Kagiama	01/03
Lorna Carter	01/03
Vivian Santistevan	01/03
Nancy Carray	01/04
Tim Moore	01/04
Clara Lou Humphrey	01/05
James Fairman	01/05
Kayleigh Thomas	01/05
Omot Ajang	01/06
Ian Snow	01/08
Myria Garcia	01/08
Tena Harris	01/08
Gillian Young	01/09
Kelli Schnase	01/09
Katrina Garcia	01/11
Myra Bates	01/11
Steve Cummins	01/13
Alyssa Glasco	01/15
Janis Johnsen	01/15
Clay Ramsouer	01/16
Meg Leak	01/16
Mark Osborn	01/17
Elise Chevalier	01/18
Jacob Schlieper	01/18
Doris Chelius	01/19
John Camper	01/20
Jennifer Stenman	01/21
Edith Davis	01/22
Evie Kellogg	01/22
Brian Chevalier	01/23
Janice Brown	01/25
Janet Starkey	01/27
Kristen Allen	01/27
Jenna Hindman	01/28
Warren (Andy) Thomas	01/28
Marcia Johnston-Walden	01/30
Rich Arnold	01/31

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special thanks to Bob & Carol Wrapp for hosting the Thanksgiving dinner for those who needed an alternative Thanksgiving meal plan this year. I heard it was very delicious!

The Worship Committee has heard many compliments on how beautiful the sanctuary is this year. Thank you to everyone who took time to come and work on setting up such a pleasant atmosphere for Christmas. Another Thank You to those who came in to help set out the poinsettias. Though there are fewer this year, they are still colorful and add a brilliant color to the altar. Many thought the Tree Lighting with the children was breath-taking, thanks to Kelli.

What is Sunday, January 9th? It is the day we will be hosting the Holy Family and the visit to the manger by the three Wiseman, known as Epiphany Sunday. Many thanks to Marcia for arranging this delightful event for us again this year!

What a wonderful group of people we have at GMUMC. So many of you have come together and worked so hard to make this year's Christmas season one of the best ever! What a fantastic change from last year's COVID isolation.

Ruth Schnase, Worship Committee

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:

Stan White, Jean Arnold's uncle
Paul, Melyn Dare's cousin

Church Members:

Brian Lewis	Charles Vestal	Donna Boyca
Lisa Neve	Charlie Oleson	Shirley Allison
Alex Neve	Charlotte Worster	Charlotte Knox

Family of Church Members:

Richard Stoddart, Barbara Stoddart's husband
Shirley, Melyn Dare's aunt
Perry Whittle, Lise Jones' brother, Brenda Bronson's cousin
Allan & Vanessa Arnold, son & daughter-in-law of Rich & Jean Arnold

Friends of Church Members

Rosemarie Watson, friend of the Myers family

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

Cathy Sheldon, neighbor of Ken Bullard & Brenda Mole
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
11/28	4	66
12/05	1	85
12/12	4	93
12/19	5	85