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WINDOW ON THE HILL FEBRUARY 2022

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

Eckhart Tolle's *The Power of Now* seems to be one of those books that remains as relevant as the day it was published over 20 years ago. Perhaps its timelessness reflects its very essence, the theme of the entire book: that spiritual transformation is not a distant future possibility, but available now, and to everyone. "From the very first page of this extraordinary book," the back cover jacket reads, "we move rapidly into a significantly higher altitude where we breathe a lighter air... (and) although the journey is challenging, Eckhart Tolle uses simple language and an easy question-and-answer format to guide us."

I, too, found his language simple to understand the first time I read this book last summer. I knew what the words meant. But the absorption, assimilation, application might just take a lifetime to be truly meaningful. And while Tolle is not aligned with any particular religion or tradition, Jesus is probably quoted more than anyone throughout his book, albeit re-interpreted a little differently from most traditional commentaries. That, along with Tolle's claim that there is a way out of suffering and into peace, makes this a wonderful book to read and discuss during the upcoming season of Lent.

Our first of six discussions will begin on Tuesday, March 1st, @ either 10 a.m. or 7 p.m., and conclude on April 5th, the week before Palm Sunday. Please have the *Introduction* and *Chapters 1 & 2* read **before** our first discussion. And as with our prior book discussions, you may purchase a copy yourself either online or at any brick & mortar stores like Barnes and Noble; or contact the church office and we'll order some copies for you.

Looking forward to joining you next month as we journey through Lent together, and experience for ourselves the power of NOW.

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



Green Mountain United Methodist Church Finance

	2020	2021	2021 Budget
INCOME			
Donations	\$ 31,741.69	\$ 318,222.18	\$ 313,124.00
Other Income	\$ 94,624.96	\$ 101,806.69	\$ 114,120.00
Total Income	\$ 426,366.65	\$ 420,028.87	\$ 427,244.00
Expenses			
Wider Missions	\$ 29,087.10	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 27,500.00
Salaries	\$ 276,115.94	\$ 262,471.75	\$ 294,463.00
Office	\$ 9,465.83	\$ 10,187.29	\$ 12,100.00
Building	\$ 102,859.34	\$ 99,113.63	\$ 82,700.00
Committees	\$ 8,838.44	\$ 20,756.20	\$ 10,481.00
Total Expenses	\$ 426,366.65	\$ 420,028.87	\$ 427,244.00
Net Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Fortunately, we were able to cover our expenses in 2021 by adding \$42,000 from our endowments to cover the loss of income we have been feeling from the effects of COVID19. The salaries were down due to the loss of our program manager, the resignation of our streaming assistant, and lack of choir director. In December, we purchased a streaming service that will be available some time in 2022.

Jane Bernard, Finance Chairperson

From the Trustees:

Green Mountain United Methodist Church (GMUMC) Trustees 2021 Project Report

- GMUMC resumed all church services in March after a years' suspension due to the COVID pandemic. The Lakewood Symphony, Rocky Mtn. Ukulele Orchestra, AA, and HA groups also resumed meeting in person. Tiny Hearts Academy never suspended daycare operations. Trustees provided reopening protocols such as marking seating for worshiper separation. The tape used to separate attendees has been removed; however, hand sanitizer, attendance sign-in and restroom information continues. The Gathering Place coffee time was resumed in October. Masks continue to be required inside the building for all activities including worship and meetings.
- The LED Lighting Project was completed in April. All sanctuary, Gathering Place, narthex, daycare, closet, and classroom lights were replaced. The sanctuary pews had to be moved to access spotlights, pendants, and recessed lights along ceiling beams.
- Comcast replaced CenturyLink as our internet provider in July.
- A water pump was replaced for the west building's boiler.
- A large dead pine tree was removed from the lower columbarium area. All trees on the property were trimmed professionally.
- Bobbi's Blessing Box was installed near the entrance to the parking lot.
- The Fellowship Hall was painted, and new cove mouldings installed. Tiny Hearts paid for the labor and GMUMC paid for the paint and moulding.
- The east building's boiler pump was replaced. The ignition control was also replaced.
- A contract was signed with Rebecca Moritsky for use of three parking lot spaces for business rental.
- A contract was signed with Tiny Hearts Academy to rent Room 206 through 5/31/2032.
- Tiny Hearts Academy has installed new flooring in their hallways at their expense.
- A contract was signed with LiveControl to provide equipment and services for streaming of worship services. Cameras and equipment have been installed and streaming is scheduled to begin mid-January 2022.

GMUMC 2020 Trustees: Ron Bernard, John Morrison, Calvin Mukarakate, Karen Schmoker, Mike Coen, Mike Lyons, Aimee Johnson



Bobbi's Blessing Box

Bobbi's Blessing Box continues to serve our community. Outreach/Church & Society is supporting it with funds from Coralee Brown and shopping by Mary Bloomstran. Thanks to all who continue to add to it as you are able.

Mary has set up a box in the coat closet where you can add donations that might not fit in the box at the time you bring them. Especially if you buy large volumes of certain items, they might not all be needed in the box at once.

Here is a list of items that seem to be favorites:

Macaroni and Cheese
Peanut Butter
Soups - condensed and regular
Dry Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce
Salsa
Cereal
Oats
Meals in a Can - Sloppy Joe, Manwich, Spaghetti & Meatballs,
Ravioli
Rice
Beans - dry, canned, refried
Canned Vegetables - favorites Green Beans, Corn, Tomatoes,
Potatoes
Fruit - canned and single snack packs
Packets of Meals - Au Gratin Potatoes, Stroganoff, Hamburger
Helper, Skillet Meals

Ramen/Cup o Noodles
Canned Meats - Tuna, Chicken (or in packets), any type
Crackers
Milk - Dry or in a Carton (refrigerate after opening)
Sugar
Flour
Coffee
Tea
Salt/Pepper
Seasoning Packets
Snacks - single serving crackers, fruit snacks, pop corn
Jell-O - Gelatin and Pudding
Salad Dressing
BBQ Sauce
Candies

Thank you, 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.



MARCH 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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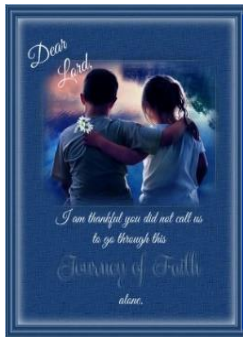
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SHARED JOURNEY

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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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 FEBRUARY



A very HUGE thank you to all the families that took part in the Epiphany events on January 9th! Marcia Johnston-Walden, Steve Walden, Ruth and Darrel Schnase, Aimee Johnson, and Alyssa Olson for setting up the costumes, props, and helping the children! Calvin, Hamu, and Maxwell for being the Holy Family! John and Karl for being our amazing camel, Katie, Stephen, and Penny for carrying in those kings, and all the BEAUTIFUL children (Jake, Karina, Isaac, Delilah, Gemma, Robbie) for skipping and dancing and bringing joy to all the congregational members!! Look for the pictures in the church of this fun day!

February is the month for LOVE, so to show the children how to spread love, we are going to work in Sunday school on ways in which we can "Love they neighbors..." I would like to show the children that one of the ways in which we show this is by helping people who have experienced loss (Marshall fires) or those who need our assistance (Heifer project).

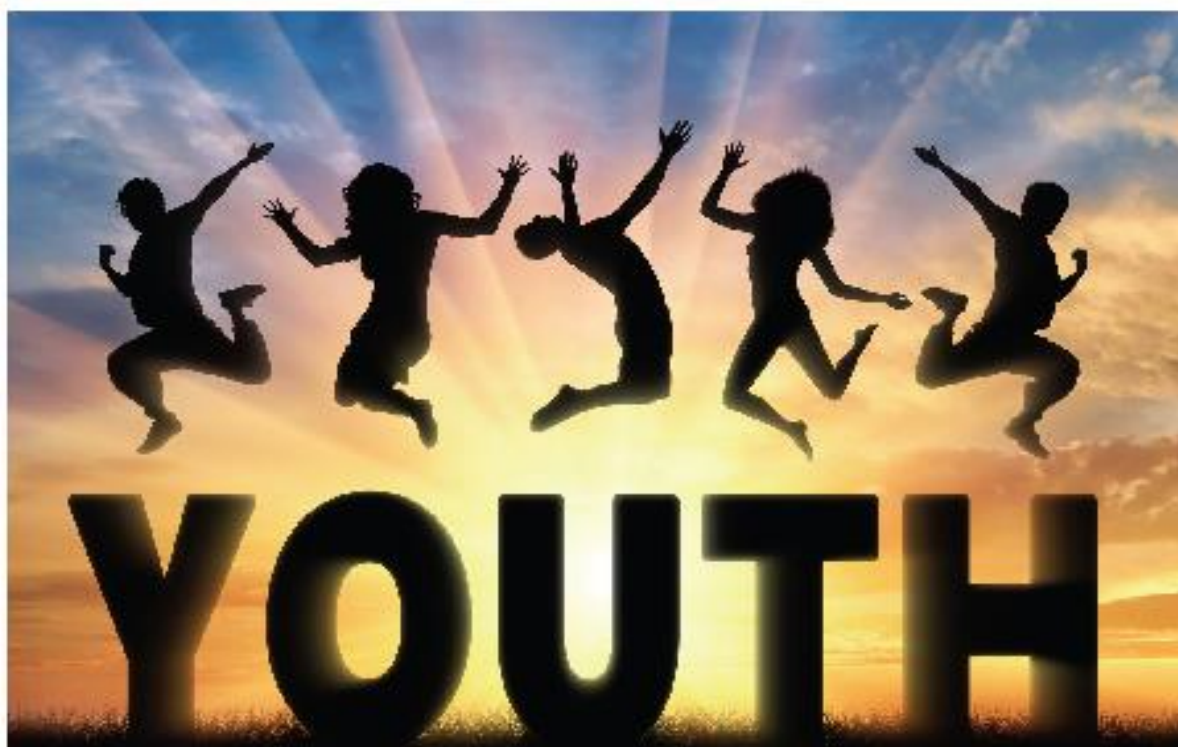
I will be talking to our Finance Committee to see if this is a good time to raise money for the Heifer Project. In the past we have run the program for 6 weeks, around Easter, which would be starting February 27th. I would like to try to bring back some pieces of the outreach that our church used to thrive on and loving and helping our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you would like to learn more about this, check it out at <https://www.heifer.org/>. It is truly an amazing outreach!

I have had a lot of my regular Sunday school teachers decide to serve in the church a different way or move on. I am in search of finding more people to become engaged in the Children's Program, (*i.e., children's time, Sunday school, music for kids, leading Saturday nights out*) to help keep the children excited and encouraged to learn about Jesus. If you are interested, please let me know.

Thank you everyone for your thoughts, cards, and prayers during my time with the COVID Omicron variant. It brightened my day!;)

Kelli Schnase
Children's Director





Sun, Feb. 6th The Wild World of Dating 6 - 7:30 PM

Sun, Feb. 13 th	Calling to Check-in	Individual Calls
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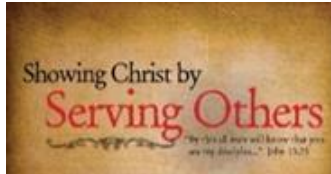
Sun, Feb. 20th **No Youth****Sun, Feb. 27th** **Game Time** **6 - 7:30 PM**

IMPORTANT DATES:

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



OUR SERVICE, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS



Bob Dallmer	02/01
Robb Stenman	02/01
Blake Ramsouer	02/02
Carolynn Fox	02/02
Wava Fleck	02/02
Deborah Bruner	02/03
Kathleen Hise	02/05
Marty Keating	02/05
Katy Griebel	02/06
Neomi Hilton	02/06
Renee Shirley	02/07
Ronald Bernard	02/07
Roxanna Cutler	02/08
Doug Wylie	02/09
Shirley Allison	02/09
Stacey Cummins	02/09
Gary Bowker	02/10
John Olson	02/10
Kathy Patterson	02/12
Randy Johnson	02/15
Jackson Barnes	02/16
Caitlin Haden	02/17
Ian Alexander	02/17
Mary Tilp	02/18
Lyn Berry	02/20
Roxanne Penn	02/20
Carolynn Wrapp	02/21
Charles Vestal	02/21
Dixie Bowker	02/21
Steve Sides	02/21
Kyle O'Toole	02/23
Rachel Haden	02/23
Betty Butler	02/24
Robert Christy	02/24
Sara Hindman	02/24
Karlynn Cory	02/25
Cathy Young	02/26
Evan Morrison	02/26
Harold Harmon	02/26
Jennifer Thomas	02/26
James Oliver	02/27
Jason Ramsouer	02/27
Johnnie Sheeley	02/27
Betty Kissell	02/28
Anna Branscome	02/29



Don & Carole Falvey	02/10
Amy Santistevan & Renee Shirley	02/12
Bob & Carole Wrapp	02/12
Ron & Jane Bernard	02/15
Ed & Barb Smith	02/17
Mike & Shirl Coen	02/28

THANK YOU

Just a quick thank you to everyone who came and helped make the Sanctuary so gorgeous during the holiday season and to all of you who came and helped put Christmas away. As several noted, "Many hands make light work!" A special thank you, too, to all of you who helped set up, plan (Marcia), and all of you who took part in the Epiphany Service! It was AWESOME like always.

Ruth Schnase, Worship Committee

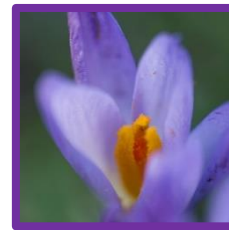
Our Care Corner

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:

Doug Ehrlich, friend of Rich & Jean Arnold
Jeffery High, Barbara Stoddart's cousin
Michael Heron, Ramona Twiss' granddaughter's husband
Barbara Ogle, Meg Leak's sister
Stan White, Jean Arnold's uncle
Paul, Melyn Dare's cousin

Church Members:

Charles Vestal Charlie Oleson
Hannah Fitzgerald Shirley Allison
Charlotte Worster Charlotte Knox

Family of Church Members:

Betty Cory, Karlynn Cory's mom
Michael Pireda, Donna Boyea's father
Jill Careau, Vanessa Arnold's cousin
LaJean Elwood, Nancy Elwood's aunt
Stan Camporini, Anna Myer's brother-in-law
William Rickett, Gerry Rickett's great grandson
Richard Stoddart, Barbara Stoddart's husband
Shirley, Melyn Dare's aunt

Friends of Church Members

Gary Imes, friend of Ken Schoeman
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

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*.



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

Gloria Sher Doug Huenneke
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.



ATTENDANCE

DATE	8:00am	10:30am
12/26	3	57
01/02	7	45
01/09	4	65
01/16	2	52
01/23	-	65