

Open Hearts....

**Open Minds...** 

Open Doors...

# WINDOW ON THE HILL APRIL 2022

## GREEN MOUNTAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Mark's Musings

"It's been a long, cold, lonely winter," in the words of the late Beatle, George Harrison... but "here comes the sun!" Yes, the celebration of Easter is just a couple of weeks away- when, just as the devil thought he had his claws on the crucified and buried Jesus, God triumphantly raised him from the dead. Another minister friend of mine likes to say God got the last laugh! So, in anticipation of the joy and laughter to come, chasing away the gloomy shadows of Lent, I'd like to share with you one of the funniest moments I think I've ever experienced in ministry; and it happened about this time of year during my very first appointment in the tiny town of Como, Texas. Hopkins County, in the Northeast part of the Lone Star state, has been historically dry, meaning the prohibition of the sale of alcohol. You couldn't buy a single can of PBR at the Piggly Wiggly or a convenience gas station or even at the few cafes down the road in larger Sulphur Springs if you tried. But Como happened to be on the fringe of Hopkins County, just a few miles from the border of the neighboring county to the west that did sell spirits; and received quite a brisk business from a number of the town's residents. Including a few of the members of the Methodist congregation I pastored.

One evening, I received a call at the parsonage from a person requesting an order of various libations for a pickup, and I happened to recognize the voice as belonging to one of my congregants. Seems the phone number to the liquor store was similar to the one at the parsonage, and she had simply misdialed. 'Mary,' I asked, 'is that you?' There was silence for a moment, and then she replied (using the preferred title of pastors there and then), 'Brother Mark? Is that you?' 'Yep, it surely is, Mary.' I awaited an embarrassed apology. But Mary replied, instead, 'What are YOU doing at the liquor store!'

I hope, in addition to Easter Sunday on April 17, you will also join us for the following Sunday, April 24, for a special worship service of Holy Humor, M.C.-ed by our own Rich and Jean Arnold, and Karlynn Cory. I'd refer to them as Green Mountain's 3 Stooges, but Jean and Karlynn are just too smart. Consider this your invitation to email me any jokes or cartoons or humorous stories, church appropriate please, that you would like shared in worship on April 24 at: <a href="mark@gmucm.com">mark@gmucm.com</a>, and I will pass those along to our stand-up comedy trio.

Christ the Lord has risen today!

Pastor Mark











**GOOD NEWS!** United Methodist Women internationally have rebranded ourselves. We've changed our name to **United Women in Faith**. So, our church's unit is now called **Green Mountain United Women in Faith**.

We have officially resumed our monthly breakfast meetings beginning in April at the same location, International House of Pancakes (**IHOP**), 389 South Wadsworth Blvd in the Lakewood City Commons shopping center (*SouthEast corner of Wadsworth Blvd & Alameda Ave*).

Please note that we have changed our meeting day to the 1<sup>st</sup> **Thursday** of each month and also the time has changed to **8:30 a.m.** We welcome all women, men, and children to join us for our breakfast meeting at IHOP. There's room for you at the table, so please join us at IHOP. If you would like a ride, please contact Brenda Bronson at (303) 941-7634.

Hope to see you at 8:30 a.m. on the 1st Thursday of the month!

Anna Myers, Carolynn Wrapp, Brenda Bronson, ClaraLou Humphrey, Ann Topliff, Phyllis Wittrup, & Barb Stoddard



#### **Green Mountain United Women in Faith**

Sunrise Breakfast
Thursday, April 7, 2022
8:30 a.m. IHOP-Lakewood City Commons



#### Prayer Journey for Lent – Virtual Upper Room

Jean Arnold, Certified Lay Speaker

What will you give up for Lent? How about 50 minutes of sleep once a week for 6 weeks? What new spiritual practice will you explore? How about simplicity? Watching the sunrise on a new day? How about giving up fear and moving to trust?

This season, as we emerge from COVID (and learn to live with the ever-present virus and uncertainty), we will learn to move from Fear to Trust and from *perceived* Chaos to Simplicity. Jesus said: "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20 NIV.

Grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and join me weekly during the six weeks of Lent to dedicate ourselves to a time of prayer and meditation.

For six (6) Wednesday mornings at 6:05 a.m. during Lent: March 9 through April 13, we will gather in our virtual upper room to pray and share stories both biblical and personal – of sorrow, fear, reflection, and joy. We will use The Upper Room as our guide. You will find free copies of The Upper Room in the narthex. The Upper Room is also available, free online at that the following link: https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals.

If you cannot commit to all six weeks, please join when you can. Even if you do not have a copy of the *Upper Room* or access to the online version – call in anyway as we join our prayer voices together with Christians around the world by meeting in our *virtual* upper room for prayer time (I will be hosting the call): 1.800.430.1833; enter pass code 9626010#. The call is free, and our prayer and meditation time will last for about 50 minutes.

Virtual upper room meeting schedule for Lent: March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13, 2022 6:05 a.m.

Questions or need a copy of the meditation for the week: Call or email Jean Arnold – 303-257-2659 (cell) or jeanarnold@arnoldarnold.com.

## From the Trustees: Live Streaming of 10:30 Service

Our 10:30 a.m. Service is now live streamed to watch on **YouTube** or **Facebook**. Over the next few weeks, the production will be finetuned as we evaluate and improve the format. We have two cameras, one over the rear door and one to the right of the sound booth. They are operated remotely by a technician in California. The company we have contracted with, **Live Control**, is sent the Sunday bulletin information so they know where and when to aim the cameras appropriately. The announcements and the words to hymns and prayers are projected onto the walls by our sound booth operator and are also streamed.

In addition to Sunday service, we have the option to stream private events such as a memorial service or wedding. These events are password protected so only those receiving the link can view. This capability is especially nice for those out-of-town relatives and friends unable to attend in person.

Search YouTube or Facebook to find our live stream or watch later if you aren't available on Sunday at 10:30. A big thanks to Ron and Jane Bernard whose expertise have gotten the streaming project underway and installed. Also, Calvin Mukarakate and Vince Allen have added to the effort. And...if you would like to join the sound booth team, please let Mark or Ron Bernard know. We could use a few more folks to join in the operator rotation.

GMUMC 2022 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 favorite:

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

 ${\it Packets of Meals - Au \ Gratin \ Potatoes, Stroganoff, Hamburger}$ 

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. <a href="https://theactioncenter.org/get-involved/">https://theactioncenter.org/get-involved/</a>

#### MARSHALL FIRE RECOVERY



Below is the link for Marshall Fire Recovery Website for those interested in assisting those in need: https://www.bouldercounty.org/disasters/wildfires/marshall/



# **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.



## EASTER CELEBRATION LITE BITES

Everyone welcome for food and fellowship before worship

Easter Morning - April 17 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Fellowship Hall

A free will offering to defray expenses will be accepted





SOLOS is a group of wom en, 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.

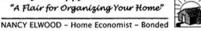




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## **SHARED JOURNEY**

Our support group for caregivers with loved ones experiencing dementia is open to all. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 403 at the church.

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



I would like to start putting the MAY-AUGUST Dinner for Eight groups together on APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>. This process takes time and I need your help. Please let your current Team Leader or me know if you would like to continue participating, rejoin, or leave DINNER for 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 7 or 8 people, with a mixture of couples, singles, and occasionally their children. The Team Leader and members of each group decide what days, times, and places work best for them and set up each dinner together. It is also a good opportunity to try new cuisines or suggest your favorite foods or restaurants, and enjoy an evening of Fellowship, especially now that the restaurants are opening up again.

New groups are formed every four months, giving you the chance to get to know more people. If you are interested in trying out or joining **DINNER for EIGHT**, or you have questions about what we do or how it works, contact **Darline Bowland** at <a href="mailto:darlinebowland@gmail.com">darlinebowland@gmail.com</a> or 303-987-1219.

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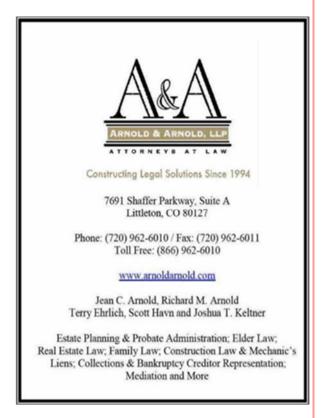
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Habitat for Humanity has long been a vital service project at GMUMC. We are currently in need of someone to represent our church with Jeffco Interfaith Partners to serve as our liaison for communication, building projects and fundraising efforts. A huge thank you to Mark and Lori Osborn for their outstanding leadership in this position in recent years! Please contact Mary Bloomstran with questions or for more info or the church office at 303-989-3727.

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**HABITAT BUILD DAY** – Our church has 3 slots for the April 23rd Habitat Build Day. The construction site is located close to Federal and 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave in Denver. Work on that day is from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Meg at the church office or call Mary Bloomstran @ 303-263-2906.



**Cedar Hill Community Garden** 

#### at Green Mountain United Methodist Church

(part of Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) community gardens)
The garden is always unlocked, so please feel free to visit anytime.

"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

# 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.

Spring is the time for our annual spring plant sale – along with the choirs. So, watch for more information to come in April. Visit the shade pergola and sit in the waking garden and watch for those early signs of spring. The pollinator garden is filled with perennials, and you can observe nature's progress. All are invited to come into the garden for a respite and to just be – no matter the season.

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 2-4 plots available in the 2022 season. Ali is coordinating garden plot assignments.

#### What we need:

- **Garden tools** As you start working in your own garden 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 this spring.
- **Bricks** The brick ongoing fund raiser. We anticipate installing the bricks in the spring/summer 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 2021. And we can continue to install bricks where we have blanks into the future.

Check out the website (under construction by co-garden leader Stacey Cummins) at: <a href="https://communitygardengmu.wixsite.com/cedarhill">https://communitygardengmu.wixsite.com/cedarhill</a>

## 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.

## **EASTER FLOWERS**



This year we are offering a variety of colorful flowering seasonal plants for Easter Worship services. We are unable to get Easter Lilies this year. Complete this form if you wish to have Easter Flowers in the Sanctuary in honor of/ or in memory of a special person or event in your life. Attach your check payable to GMUMC in the amount of \$12.00 (for each plant ordered) and plainly mark your check "Easter Flowers". Orders can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the Church Office. There are a limited number of flowers available, the DEADLINE TO ORDER is Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

You may select and take home your plant after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

Seasonal Flower/Plant			
Name			
In Celebration Of			
In Loving Memory of			
Number Ordered:	Total \$	Attached	

SAVE THE DATE - GMUMC ANNUAL
FLOWER SALE
MAY 2022
JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY
PICK UP WILL BE
SATURDAY, MAY 7th





# CHILDREN'S NEWS

# **APRIL**



It is that very special time of the year. EASTER!!!!! We are so excited to celebrate this amazing holiday.... In person!!! We will be rejoicing that Christ has RISEN INDEED!!!!!! We have been learning of the amazing journey that Jesus took to show all of us his LOVE!!!

Let's celebrate!!! Palm Sunday. Please come celebrate on April 10th at the beginning of the service. We will gather in the back and then march around the church waving our palms! ALL are welcome to come and walk with us or stay in your pew and wave palms as well! It's a great way to kick off Holy Week! I will be sending the children home with a HOLY WEEK activity packet, so come and get one so you can do the activities each day as well!!

Easter Sunday is April 17th!! Christ the Lord has risen!!! It is one of the most important celebrations as Christians, along with Christmas! But it is also such a beautiful time to remember that God loves us so much! Every day; Every minute! His love is overwhelming at times, and we don't always know what He is guiding us or asking us to do, but just knowing that He is there helps remind us to relax and (Psalms 46), Be still... and know that I am God... it is time for families to come together again and celebrate Easter with your brothers and sisters in faith! The children will join at the beginning of the service to have Children's time, and this year's MINI EGGSTRAVAGANZA! During Sunday school we will have fun arts and crafts, a visit by the Easter bunny, and an Easter egg hunt!! Please come and join us!

Lastly, Sunday school teachers needed!!! According to church laws and regulations for insurance purposes we should NEVER only have one adult working with children for the safety of the children and adults. Unfortunately, most of our volunteers who once were Sunday School teachers have either left the church or are no longer interested in teaching.

There are different options that churches have used to remedy this situation:

- One parent is required to volunteer each week. If two adults aren't present, then children would have to be sent back to attend church service with parents.
- Nursery coordinator and Children's coordinator could merge together. (May have to check legal on that due to certain age groups have different adult to baby ratios).

Each volunteer needs to take a Safeguarding God's Children course, that I can lead and present.

We want the children to be excited to come and be a part of the community of Green Mountain United Methodist Church. Please volunteer some names to me, or even yourself! No person is too old or not experienced enough! You will not be left alone with the children. If you want to come and read a story to the children, play a game, or lead a craft that would be very much appreciated!

I always try to use the children's names so that everyone knows our youngest members... but I need your help, please come, and show them who you are!

I discovered that we still have some money left from our fundraising and are being gifted some funds donated by Coralie Brown to renovate the classrooms! I am going to gather some parents to discuss items to purchase some things that will entice and encourage children to come to church. Everyone's suggestions, recommendations, feedback are always welcome, so please feel free to contact me.

As always, Thank You all so much for all you are doing and for always loving the children.



Kelli Schnase
Children's Director







# GMUMC April 2022

**Grades 6 - 12** 

\*Please contact Alex Neve if you are interested in joining Walk MS this year!\*

Sun, April 3rd

## Addressing Addictions

6 - 7:30 PM

Do you know someone who might have an addiction?! From screen time to drugs, alcohol to dieting, vaping to sex and pornography, and gambling to gaming, there are millions of vices all around us. How do we define addiction, what areas do we struggle with saying "no", and how can we deal with addictions in our lives whether they are our own or are someone else's?! Let's explore this topic in a safe, supportive space, discover where we see addictions, and figure out how we can deal with addictions in healthy, positive ways.

Sun, April 10th

## Game Night

6 - 7:30 PM

Who is ready to have some fun and play games tonight?! Friends are always welcome!

Sun, April 17th

Easter Sunday - No Youth

Enjoy time with your families celebrating Easter!

Sun, April 24<sup>th</sup>

## Being Christian

6 - 7:30 PM

What does it mean to be a Christian? What is the difference between being United Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Catholic, etc.? How do Christians act at school, at sports, or in the world? Tonight we will explore what it looks like and what it means to be a Christian. We will consider if we identify with being Christian and we will discuss if there are any Christian stereotypes, ideas, or traditions we would rather not continue. What is our relationship to religion and why?

## UPCOMING DATES:

May 1st - Program Night

(Sat) May 7th - Walk MS

May 8th - Mother's Day (No Youth)

May 15th - Coping Strategies Program

May 22nd - End of Year Bash

May 25th - Last Day of School

If you have any questions please contact Alex at: 303-882-0006 or email: <a href="mailto:alex@gmumc.com">alex@gmumc.com</a>

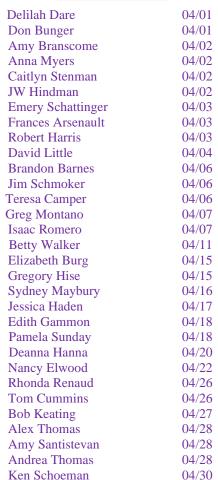






## OUR SERVICE, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS











Brian & Georgia Lewis	04/04
Phil & Jan Brown	04/14
Nelson & Lisa Garcia	04/19

Check out these two Green Mountain United Church – YouTube videos created by our Youth Group:



#### **Green Mountain United Methodist Church**

Check out the **Youth Mission Project for 2022** with a tutorial for how to make reusable t-shirt bags and dog toys! We do NOT claim rights to the music, photos, or research included in this video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ob0l05U6T4



## **Green Mountain United Methodist Church**

Winter 2021-2022 has been full of wonders for the Youth Group. Check out their adventures! The background song is *Come With Me Now* by KONGOS from 2014.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56Mx0Jo-VsY



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:

Kathy Dutton, Frank Penn's sister Stanley Fineman, uncle-in-law of Mary Lou & Kris Notari

#### **Church Members:**

Georgia Lewis Darline Bowland Patrick Sullivan
Patti Hildenbrandt Charles Vestal Charlie Oleson
Shirley Allison Charlotte Worster Charlotte Knox

## **Family of Church Members:**

Roxanne Killian, Billy Cummins' sister Ron Snodgrass, Pat Harris' son-in-law

#### **Friends of Church Members:**

Angel, friend of Lorna Chapa Ann Teerlink, friend of Kirsten Arthur

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

Nicholas Billman, friend of Vestals
Virginia Sorenson, sister-in-law of Frank & Roxanne Penn
Cherie Williams, friend of Jean
Jerry Seiner, friend 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 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.



DATE	8:00am	10:30am
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03/13	2	92
03/20	89	82