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**WINDOW ON THE HILL
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Mark's Musings



Candy canes have held their own over the years, both as a sweet seasonal treat and also as lovely Christmas tree decorative ornaments. We had a dog several years ago that used to gaze longingly (and drool a bit, too) at the red and white striped candy canes hanging on the branches beyond his reach. Those of you with small dogs, and kids, are already familiar with the necessity of placing candy canes at a safe elevation. But I'm guessing that not all of you know the story behind the Christmas candy cane:

A candy maker in Indiana wanted to create a candy that would double as a treat and a witness to his Christian faith, so he began with a stick of pure white, hard candy- white to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard to represent the Solid Rock upon which the Church is founded, as well as the firm assurance of the promise of God. The candy was then shaped into a shepherd's staff to represent Jesus as our Good Shepherd guiding his wandering lambs back into the safety and fellowship of the fold. Thinking that the candy was still somewhat plain, the inspired candy maker finished the cane by staining it with the red stripes representing the scourging Jesus received and by which we are healed.

Most folks are probably unaware of the deeper significance of the candy cane. But the witness is still there for those who have eyes to see, and ears to hear... and tongues to taste!

Pastor Mark



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ADULT EDUCATION

Reverend Debra will be leading an Advent devotional group beginning Sunday, November 27, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will be reading *Low: An Honest Advent Devotional*, by John Pavlovitz. It consists of short daily Advent readings which invite us to go “low,” “placing our feet firmly in the dirt and dust of the everyday within the gospel stories.”

He helps us view Scripture from the ground level, trying to imagine how they looked and felt from the low places of people’s ordinary lives.

You are invited to participate in going “Low” through our Sunday morning classes as well as daily devotionals right up to Christmas.

The book is \$5.00 and should be in the office this week. If you have questions, please email Debra at Debra@gmumc.com.

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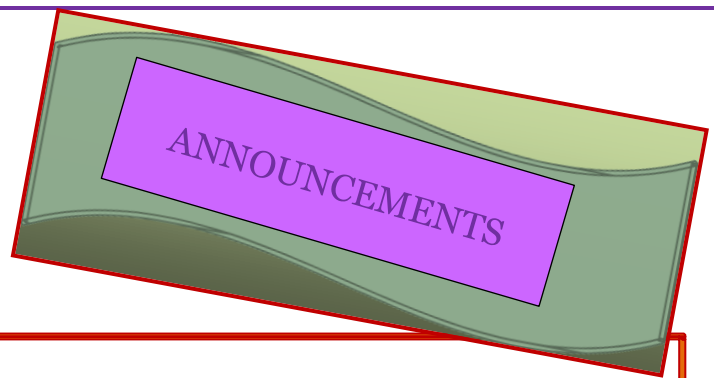
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THANK YOU 😊



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

You are invited to join **Green Mountain United Women in Faith** (GMUWFAITH, formerly *Green Mountain United Methodist Women (GMUMW)*), at our monthly meetings.

Where: We meet at **IHOP** located in **Lakewood City Commons** (southwest corner of Wadsworth & Alameda Avenue), **389 S Wadsworth Blvd.** We meet in their private meeting room.

When: the **FIRST THURSDAY** morning of **each month** beginning **at 8:30 a.m.**

Below are the GMUWFAITH meeting dates for the rest of 2022:

December 1

For more information, please call or text Brenda Bronson, iPhone 303.941.7634

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 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.



BOBBI'S BLESSING BOX

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

Macaroni and Cheese
 Peanut Butter
 Soups – condensed and regular
 Dry Pasta
 Spaghetti Sauce
 Meats in a Can – Sloppy Joes, Manwich, Spaghetti & Meatballs,
 Ravioli
 Rice
 Beans – dry, canned, refried
 Canned Vegetables – favorites: Green Beans, Corn, Tomatoes,
 Potatoes
 Packets of Meals – Au Gratin Potatoes, Stroganoff, Hamburger Helper.
 Skillet Meals
 Ramen/Cup o Noodles
 Canned/Packets Meats – Tuna, Chicken
 Crackers (any type)
 Cereal
 Oat

Milk – Dry or in a Carton (refrigerate after opening)
 Flour
 Coffee
 Tea
 Salt, Pepper, Seasoning Packets
 Salad Dressing
 BBQ Sauce
 Snacks – single serving crackers, fruit snacks,
 popcorn, Jell-O gelatin and pudding
 Candy



HELP NEEDED: LITURGISTS, GREETERS, USHERS, HEAD USHER & COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH SUNDAY

We are looking for some willing volunteers to help with our Sunday Worship Service. If any of these opportunities are of interest to you, please sign up on the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Your help would be most appreciated. If you would like to be a liturgist, please contact Donna Bunger at donnabunger@gmail.com

Thank You ♥

Donna Bunger



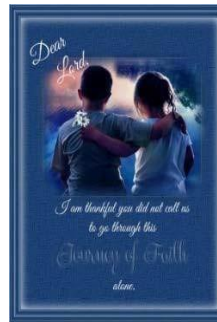
Action Center Donations and Volunteer Opportunities

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/>



JANUARY 2023
Newsletter items due by
December 18, 2022
 Email: mlnotari@msn.com
 &
gmumc@gmumc.com



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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SOLOs Lunch Group

SOLOS is a group of women, 55 and above, who meet socially on the 3rd Friday of the month, September through May.

If you have questions, please call

Linda Dahlke at (303) 984-1994.

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Did you know?

Things about **Green Mountain United Methodist Church** you might find interesting and/or useful to know.

CHAPTER 4 – GMUMC INFORMATION in no particular order of importance.

- The beautiful Christmas tree in the sanctuary is actually known as a “Chrismon Tree.” The ornaments are specially made “Monograms of Christ,” representations of the wide variety of names and titles of Jesus. There are also other ornaments with Christian symbols. Over 300 Chrismons have been created and cared for faithfully for many years, and we are grateful to those who preserve this amazing tradition. Please take time to study the ornaments up close. You will be amazed by their beauty and understand their sacred significance. A Sunday bulletin insert will describe the various Chrismons.
- The “secret” of our Advent Wreath is revealed! Our Advent wreath hangs from the ceiling. Most Advent wreaths are placed on a table. There is a cord with a hook that drops down from a ceiling beam that we hook the wreath to. This cord goes up over a pulley and down along the ceiling beam toward the rear of the sanctuary. Then it drops down into the usher’s closet. Every Christmas we cross our fingers and hope the cord with the hook will drop down as designed because it’s a long way up to fix!
- GMUMC once had a “mansard.” This is a roofing term describing shingles covering a vertical wall, and ours was located over the west entrance. When our last big hail storm hit in May 2017, the mansard was removed along with the west building skylights. Trustees replaced the mansard area with light-colored metal siding and a United Methodist cross and flame metal sculpture was donated for the area. The skylights had caused heat loss and water leakage problems since originally installed. Hopefully, our 4th set of roof shingles through the years will last a long time since our hail deductible is now at \$50,000! However, GMUMC carries a \$25,000 additional insurance rider for hail, and Trustees established an Insurance Dedicated Reserve of approx. \$28,000 from payments for doing inside water damage repair work themselves. (The water drains on the flat office roof had plugged with all the hail causing wall and rug damage near Meg’s office.) Now you know what a “mansard” is!
- Have you read the pew insert explaining our two stained glass windows? Members don’t often see our original window at the south end of the west building in the area of the original sanctuary but it is worth going up the ramp to see the beautiful cross on this window.
- The pipe organ we enjoy has a storied history. Organist Donna Baker contributed her salary for 4.5 years, and memorials and donations brought the total fund to \$6,000. A music production, Fiddler on the Roof, brought in \$1,700 and enabled the purchase of a used 8-rank Wicks organ that members of the church found in Chicago. Choir members made a trip to Chicago to transport it back to Lakewood and they refinished the cabinet, and then the organ was installed in the new sanctuary. The organ has been upgraded and repaired since acquiring in 1979, and we now have a hybrid that kept the traditional pipes but added new digital effects to broaden and deepen the organ’s various voices.
- Tiny Hearts Academy rents our daycare space. Andy Sunar and his brother own four Tiny Hearts centers. Through the years we have had several daycare renters and a Waldorf School. The daycare has 80 children of which 30 are babies and 50 preschool children. The waiting list for daycare is very long. Tiny Hearts has made several improvements to the space such as new flooring, window air conditioners, paint for their areas and Fellowship Hall. We are very fortunate to have this occupant.
- For several years Lorene Branson had thought the north, front side of the building needed a cross to identify it as a church. She brought the idea to Trustees and in 2019 the large cross on the west building was installed.

- Don't be surprised to see deer visiting the columbarium for a drink at the fountain. During a memorial reception in November 2016, a buck with a nice rack was parading just outside the Fellowship Hall windows!
- During 2019 the Trustees were given funds by a member to upgrade the Fellowship Hall bathrooms. They totally gutted the bathrooms, then installed new tile, stalls, counters, fixtures, mirror and lights, flooring, wallpaper, and paint to totally modernize the restrooms. The total cost of doing it ourselves was a fraction of the professional bid!
- If you use the elevette, remember to close the gate and the door! The elevette won't move up or down for the next customer unless the door and gate are closed, and it's very frustrating to wait and find someone to go up or down to close the doors.
- Our Pastoral Staff since 1963:

Carl Branson	Deanna Bleyle
H. Deon Martin	Kenneth Redfearn (Assoc.)
Thomas English	John Foreman
Claude Sullivan (Assoc.)	Riley Grant
Sandra Stephens (Assoc.)	Jean Schwien
David Huffnagel (Assoc.)	Paul Murphy-Geiss
John Nieves	Mark Thurman
Lina Gould (Assoc.)	Debra Juarez (Assoc.)
- In the summer of 1992, GMUMC was fortunate to have a 3-octave set of handbells donated by two families of the church. For 30 years the bell choir has added so much to our Sunday services. In 2014, Janet Starkey wrote a wonderful article for the newsletter, "The History of Handbells at Green Mountain United Methodist Church". She has updated it for this newsletter, and we thank her for the devotion to our bell choirs and excellence that she has provided through the years.
- Have you downloaded the church directory to your computer or phone? It is a very handy tool and find the names that go with the faces you see on Sunday! The directions are located in a separate area of this newsletter. Please remember to advise the church office of any changes in your address, email, or phone numbers. Current pictures are also appreciated so send them to the church office.
- After many years of heavy use by the church and outside groups, the Fellowship Hall will have a new floor soon. This expense will be paid for by endowment funds. **No budget funds will be used!**
- This Chapter 4 concludes our information on a variety of topics. Got a question about something? Just call Meg at the church office, and the answer will be forthcoming for all in a future edition of The Window on the Hill!



THE HISTORY OF HANDBELLS AT GREEN MOUNTAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sometime in the early 1990s, two driving forces at GMUMC had the same idea: our church needed a handbell choir. Those two families were Chuck and Barb Thorman, and Ruth and Jerry Cook. The bells were important to Jerry, as when he was a youngster, the handbells played at one particular time at his church. Jerry was intrigued by this instrument, so after the service was over, he went to the bell table and proceeded to pick up and touch one of the bells. At that point, he was reprimanded severely by one of the bell players. This bothered him greatly, that a child was not allowed to touch the bells.

Chuck was instilled with a life-long love of music by his mother, Martha Jane Thorman, who herself loved music. Once, as a child, he was practicing his violin, and proceeded to play some wrong notes. His mother came into the practice room and advised him that he was making some mistakes. He then said something to the effect of "Well, if you can do it better than I, why don't you?", and she then did just that - played it better than the young Chuck! Nice try, Chuck!

In the summer of 1992, the Cooks and the Thormans purchased a 3-octave set of handbells (36 bells) from Schulmerich, one of the only two U.S. handbell manufacturers, based in Pennsylvania. There were two major thoughts: from Jerry, the stipulation that children would be able to play them, as his childhood experience was quite traumatic to him. From Barb, that this project be done **right** (*doesn't that sound just like Barb?*); the bells were going to be just as important as the chancel choir, and they deserved their own space. (*Author's note: I am eternally grateful that they have their own space, as there are many church bell choirs that must set up their space and take it down for each and every rehearsal.*)

HISTORY OF HANDBELLS AT GREEN MOUNTAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (CONT'D)

When the original set of bells were purchased, Vernon Moody was the Chancel Choir director, and since his wife, Cherita Moody, had experience in handbells, she became the first handbell director at GMUMC. Some of the church members who were part of that first handbell group were Jean Arnold, Roberta Bunger, Elizabeth Wypiszynski, Jo Nettleton, Tanya Asplin, Rhonda Renaud, Rich Arnold, Rilene Thompson, Randy Wypiszynski, Ruth Cook, and others. Interesting to note that several of these people are still enjoying playing today! At one point, Cherita "passed the baton" to Gary Sattazahn, who was then followed by John Shannon, then John Polinski, and today, Janet Starkey. Sadly, Cherita passed away in March, 2007.

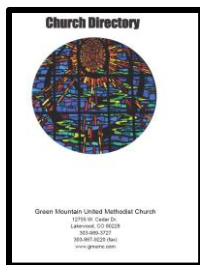
Throughout the years, the church has been able to add more handbells to the original 3-octave set. The 4th octave was purchased in 1998, and we have been adding bells in bits and pieces since then. For example, in 2004, the Asplin family purchased 2 bells, and in December 2013, contributions for the purchase of several more bells were made by miscellaneous memorial funds, and also by the Lyons, the Kagiymas, the Arnolds, and Tanya Asplin's mother and sister (*both bell ringers in their home state of South Carolina and Georgia*). Also, in May of 2014, the bell choir was asked to play for Elizabeth and Randy Wypiszynski's daughter's wedding. Elizabeth and Randy very generously purchased a large bell for the choir to commemorate this joyful event.

To complement the sound of the bells, most bell choirs also have hand chimes, and we were able to purchase a 3-octave set of Schulmerich chimes in 2001, with the 4th octave being added in 2003. In addition, the children in the church have their own group called "Children's Chimes"; they have their own practice room and their own set of 3-octave chimes. Ruth Cook says that Jerry is in heaven beaming at this.

Of course, in addition to the bells, you also need cases. For a long time, we had a particular bass bell for which we had no case. Instead, we were able to procure a clean 5-gallon paint bucket, and that was where we stored that bell. This bell became known as "the bucket bell". However, with some memorial funds from Gavin Lodge, we were finally able to get a real case for that bell. Today, September 7, 2014, we welcome and bless the final two bells in the GMUMC family of handbells, as these two bells bring us to a total of 5 octaves (61 bells). These bells were able to join the family through the use of funds from the Lowell Mellott memorial, and from the generosity of Joyce Mellott herself.

It may be interesting to note that if the bells were purchased as a set today, in 2014, the cost would be \$24,970, with the chimes costing an additional \$2,890. But most importantly, the bells are an important part of the musical ministry of GMUMC, and they will continue to be long into the future.

Since the original writing of this article back in 2014, we have been able to purchase the fifth octave of hand chimes, bringing the total set to 5 octaves of bells and 5 octaves of chimes. In addition, the Youth Bell choir has their own set of 3 octaves of bells and 3 octaves of chimes. We also have purchased a "bell tree," enabling us to string together a series of bells so that a ringer can perform a solo piece.



GMUMC Online Directory

There are two ways to access the church online directory with pictures of members, their phone numbers, and emails. The church office will need to have put your information into the directory in order for you to open and use directory.

Here are the two methods.

1. Go to the church website, gmumc.com, and click on "directory" which is on the bottom bar of the home page. You may either download or open the directory. You will need the church password, so call the church office at 303-989-3727 to obtain the directory password.
2. Download the app on your smart phone or tablet: Instant Church Directory by Communication Resources (a yellow church icon). The app will ask for your email address (which must be in the directory), and then you can set a password. You can get the app on Google play, the Kindle store, or the Apple store.



I hope that you've enjoyed your various Dinner for 8 Groups this year. I'll be working on the **Winter January- April 2023** Groups, starting the week of **Dec 26th**; this process takes time to do. If you would like to continue, comeback from taking a break, (*for the fall for instance*) or leave **DINNER for 8**, please let your current leader know or let me know directly.

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 towards the end of the evening. It is a great way to possibly try new cuisines or suggest your favorite & enjoy an evening of Fellowship, especially now that restaurants are opening up again, and there are a few new ones.

New groups are formed every four months, giving you the opportunity to get to know more people. If you are interested in trying it out or joining **Dinner for 8** now, or you have questions about what we do or how it works, please contact, **Darline Bowland** at darlinebowland@gmail.com or (303) 987-1219.



Adopt-A-Family this Christmas – Outreach has adopted 3 families this Christmas through the Action Center Adopt-A-Family program. There are a total of 8 children who have wished for various items – but mostly warm clothes. The items they wished for are noted on a tags on the Cheer Tree. If you would like to participate, please take a card from the tree, purchase the item, and return it (unwrapped) to the Cheer Tree by Sunday December 4th. If you would like to participate but cannot purchase gifts, there are cards with \$\$\$ and you can donate money towards purchase of the gifts. Make this Christmas special for these families!



Socks, Mittens, and PJs – We are also collecting socks, mittens, and pajamas (any size) for the Action Center. Place your donations under the tree throughout December.



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

The Garden is *going to bed* for 2022. The plots are empty and beginning to be covered in leaves (sheet composting thanks to your leaf donations). We are celebrating our third successful growing season with every plot under cultivation. We have grown pumpkins (with the Children’s Sunday School and Tiny Hearts), 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 – placing lots of our extra veggies (tomatoes, zucchini, beans, peppers, etc.) in **Bobbie’s Blessing Box** during the growing season where they moved into the community within a few hours. Our community has found the Garden! We have participated in beauty and supported our pollinators, and a bee hive colony (no honey for us just yet – the hive needs it to get through the winter) – and many, many rabbits. All are invited to come into the garden for a respite and to just *be present*.

The garden contributed to the healing of one of our 10-year-old gardeners, who had a kidney transplant at Children’s Hospital in the spring of 2021. Gabe and his mom moved to a large plot this season where they added a bench and kept some open dirt for Gabe to play in. Gabe’s plot is one of our scholarship plots. Gabe’s mom writes, in thanks:

“I wanted to thank you so much for the privilege of the garden plot. It brought so much joy to us. We 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 #2 Bat Boxes.** Brennon Myers with Boy Scout Troop 989 constructed and installed bat boxes on the shade pergola. The Scouts and Leaders signed the boxes with sharpie pens. Come into the garden to see them. (Pictures below)

It can take two-three years for bats to take up residence, but gardeners are accustomed to patient waiting. Thank you to co-garden leaders Ali Young, Stacy Cummins, and Chief Composter Mark Osborn, who helped Brennon 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 for sheet composting. And we will be adding leaves through the winter months. Any remaining leaves will be used by Mark and his team of composters 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.

Lori Osborn or **Jean Arnold** will be in contact with you if you have not provided the “words” you want on your bricks.

(Cedar Hill Community Garden at Green Mountain United Methodist Church – continued)

Donations for scholarship plots. Two of the plots in the garden are scholarship plots. Thank you for your 2021 donations making these plots possible for gardeners in 2022. The cost to support a scholarship plot is \$50 / plot.

Garden plots. If you would like a garden plot for the 2023 growing season, please contact co-garden leader **Ali Young** (mustang.ali@hotmail.com) to be added to the list. We anticipate having 2 plots open up this spring. Once the wait list reaches 10 people, we will close the list until the 2024 growing season.

Bricks – We anticipate ordering the bricks in the fall. **Jean Arnold** will be in contact with you if you have not provided the “words” you want on your bricks.

Fundraising. Community Brick fund raiser continues. You can order bricks at any time to support the garden. Order forms are on the program table outside the Gathering Place or Jean Arnold can send you a form:

\$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 2023 growing season, please contact co-garden leader **Ali Young** (mustang.ali@hotmail.com) to be added to the wait list. We should have one or two plots available in 2023 and perhaps more.





CHILDREN'S NEWS DECEMBER 2022



Brrr!!! it's been **SO** cold outside!! Many people don't have the accessories to stay warm and healthy. Please help the Children's Department and Outreach Committee decorate the Cheer Tree with mittens/gloves, hats, and scarves for children and adults. We will be donating items to the Action Center.



The Children's Department presents *"Angel Dance"* written by Jean Arnold. On Sunday, December 4th at the 10:30 a.m. service the children of our church will entertain you.

There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, December 3rd from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. for all performers.

If you have any questions, please call Kim Myers 720-810-2157.



Sunday January 1st Children's Department is having a "pajama party"! Join us for church in your pajamas we'll celebrate the new year by sleeping in a few extra minutes.

Kim Myers, Children's Director



Youth Group

GMUMC - December 2022
Grades 6 – 12



****Youth Gift Card Sales are Nov. 20th and Dec. 11th****

Sat., Dec. 3rd **Christmas Shopping Outing** **2 - 4 PM**

Who is ready to go shopping?!? Outreach Christmas Shopping is always one of our favorite Youth events!!!! We will choose families in need and find amazing Christmas gifts for them. There's no better way to celebrate Christmas than giving to those in need.

Sun., Dec. 11th **Mission Follow-up / Gift of Hope Program** **10 AM - 12 PM**

We will do **Gift Card Sales** before and after church. During Mission Minute, we will share about our two **Mission Projects** this past summer in church. Then we will do a quick program on the Gift of Hope. Phew!! That's a busy Sunday!

Sun., Dec. 18th **Holiday Party!** **10:15 - 11:30 AM**

Who needs a break from finals and studying?!?! Ready for THE Wrapping Relay? Join the holiday festivities for games galore! The more the merrier, so bring your friends and an **ornament** to exchange!

Sun., Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st **No Youth - Christmas Break**

No Youth due to Christmas and Winter Break! Enjoy time with your families!

UPCOMING DATES:

Jan. 8th - Visualization Program
Jan. 15th - **No Youth** for MLK, Jr. Day
Jan. 22nd - Program Night
Jan. 29th - Game Night

Feb. 5th - Love Languages Program
Feb. 12th - Possible Chili Cook-off
Feb. 19th - **No Youth** for Presidents' Day
Feb. 26th - Game Night

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

Thank you for supporting the Youth Group and all of our programming, outreach, mission work, and outings by purchasing Gift Cards! Your support makes a huge difference!
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 Give this order form to those at the Gift Card table in the Narthex of the church. Orders will be available for pick up the following Sunday at the table. Thank you for your support!

NAME (print): _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ Paid? _____

Merchant	Face Value	Quantity	Merchant	Face Value	Quantity	Merchant	Face Value	Quantity
RETAILERS - % EARNED			L.L. Bean - 16%	\$25/100		Great Harvest Bread Co. - 6%	\$10	
Ace Hardware - 4%	\$25/100		Lowe's - 4%	\$25/100/500		Honey Baked Ham - 12%	\$25	
Aeropostale - 10%	\$25		Macy's - 10%	\$25/100		IHOP - 8%	\$10/25	
Amazon.com - 1.7%	\$10/25/100		Marshall's - 7%	\$25/100		Instacart - 4%	\$25/100	
American Eagle/Aerie - 10%	\$25		Neiman Marcus - 12%	\$50		Little Caesar's Pizza - 8%	\$20	
Apple Store / iTunes - 5%	\$15/25/100/500		Nike - 12%	\$25		Maggiano's Little Italy - 11%	\$25/50	
Auto Zone - 10%	\$25		Nintendo eShop eGift Card 8%	\$10/20/35/50		Noodles & Company - 8%	\$10	
Barnes & Noble - 8%	\$10/25/100		Office Depot / Max - 5%	\$25/100		On The Border - 11%	\$25/50	
Bass Pro Shops - 10%	\$25/100		PetSmart - 5%	\$25		Panda Express - 8%	\$25	
Bath & Body Works - 12%	\$10/25		REI - 8%	\$25		Panera Bread - 8%	\$10/25/50	
Bed Bath & Beyond - 7%	\$25/100		Ross Dress for Less - 8%	\$25		Papa John's Pizza - 10%	\$10	
Best Buy / Geek Squad - 4%	\$25/100/250		Sally Beauty - 12%	\$25		Papa Murphy's Pizza - 8%	\$10	
Big 5 Sporting Goods - 8%	\$25		Sam's Club / Walmart - 2.5%	25/50/100/250		PF Chang's - 6%	\$25/100	
Build-A-Bear Workshop - 8%	\$25		Shutterfly - 16.5%	\$25		Pizza Hut - 8%	\$10	
Cabela's - 10%	\$25/100		Target - 2.5%	\$10/25/100		Qdoba Mexican Grill - 7%	\$25	
Claire's - 9%	\$10		RESTAURANTS/FOOD:			Red Lobster - 8%	\$10/25	
Columbia Sportswear - 12%	\$50		Applebee's - 8%	\$10/25/50		Red Robin - 8%	\$25	
Container Store - 9%	\$25/100		Arby's - 12%	\$10/25		Rubio's - 10%	\$25	
Crate & Barrel - 8%	\$25/100		Boston Market - 12%	\$10		Safeway - 4%	\$25/50/100	
Dick's Sporting Goods - 8%	\$25/100		Buffalo Wild Wings - 8%	\$10/25		See's Candies - 9%	\$25	
Dillard's - 9%	\$25/100		California Pizza Kitchen - 8%	\$25		Smashburger - 10%	\$10	
DSW - 8%	\$25		Chili's - 11%	\$25/50		Sonic - 12%	\$10/25	
Groupon - 7%	\$25		Chipotle - 10%	\$10/25		Sprouts Farmers Market - 5%	\$25/50/100	
H&M - 7%	\$25		Cold Stone Creamery - 11%	\$5/10		Starbucks - 4.5%	\$5/10/25/50	
Home Depot - 4%	\$10/25/100/500		Cracker Barrel - 8%	\$10/25		Texas Roadhouse - 8%	\$25/100	
Hulu - 6% (eGift Card)	\$25/50		Del Taco - 7%	\$10		ENTERTAINMENT:		
J.C. Penny - 5%	\$25/100		Denny's - 7%	\$10		Aquarium - 9%	\$100	
JoAnn Fabrics - 6%	\$25		Domino's Pizza - 8%	\$10/25		Dave & Buster's - 13%	\$25	
Journeys - 10%	\$25		Funstein Bros. Bagels - 10%	\$10		Main Event - 15%	\$50	
Kohl's - 4%	\$25/100		Fazoli's - 9%	\$25		Regal (United Artist Theaters) - 8%	\$25	
Land's End - 15%	\$25/100		Golden Corral - 9%	\$25		Topgolf - 8%	\$50	
TOTAL:			TOTAL:			TOTAL:		

Remember to add sums from page 2!

GRAND TOTAL:

Total Cards Ordered:

Total \$ Amount:

If you don't see your favorite merchant, just ask! There are hundreds of participating retailers!

Merchant	Face Value	Quantity
RETAILERS - % EARNED		
Adidas - 13%	\$25	
Advance Auto Parts - 7%	\$25/100	
Big Lots - 4%	\$25/100	
Bloomingdale's - 12%	\$25/100	
Burlington - 8%	\$25	
Carter's / OshKosh - 10%	\$25	
Children's Place - 12%	\$25	
CVS Pharmacy - 6%	\$10/25/100	
Foot Locker - 8%	\$25	
Great Clips - 8%	\$25	
Jiffy Lube - 8%	\$30	
Michaels - 4%	\$25	
Nordstrom/N. Rack - 4%	\$25/100	
Sephora - 5%	\$25	
Ulta - 7%	\$25	
Under Armour - 11%	\$25	
Wayfair - 6%	\$100	
RESTAURANTS/FOOD:		
Carl's Jr. - 5%	\$10	
Chuck E. Cheese - 8%	\$10	
Jamba Juice - 6%	\$25	
Subway - 4.5%	\$10/50	
Taco Bell - 5%	\$5/10/25	
ENTERTAINMENT:		
AMC Theaters - 8%	\$25/50	
Century / Cinemark - 4%	\$25	
Disney Resorts & Stores - 3%	\$25/100/1000	
TOTAL:	\$	

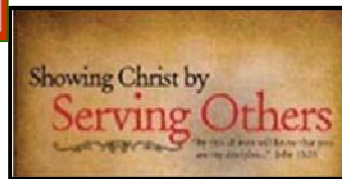
Retail / Restaurant Group:	%	Face Value	Quantity
Darden Restaurants includes:			
- Olive Garden	8%	\$10/25/100	
- Bahama Breeze			
- Longhorn Steakhouse			
- Seasons 52			
- Cheddars			
Bonefish Grill includes:			
- Fleming's Prime Steakhouse	15%	\$10/25/50	
- Bonefish Grill			
- Outback Steakhouse			
- Carrabba's Italian			
T. J. Maxx includes:			
- T.J. Maxx	7%	\$25/100	
- Marshall's			
- Home Goods			
- HomeSense			
- Sierra Trading Post			
Athleta includes:			
- Banana Republic	14%	\$25/100	
- Athleta			
- Gap Factory			
- Old Navy			
The above gift cards work at any of the stores/restaurants included in the group. Select the face value you would like too!			
TOTAL:		\$	

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eGift Cards	Possible Range	Face Value	Quantity
Google Play- 3%	\$10 - 200		
Grubhub - 4%	\$10 - 1000		
Uber - 2.5%	\$20 - 100		
Uber Eats - 2.5%	\$20 - 100		
The above eGift Cards have the option of a variable face value. Please choose a face value within the given range by increments of \$5.			
TOTAL:	\$:		Cards:
Add this page's totals to the Grand Totals on Page 1.			
Page 2 TOTAL:	\$		Cards:

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OUR SERVICE,
CONCERNS &
CELEBRATIONS




Hamunyari Chigwada	12/01
Eden Turner	12/02
June Ryker	12/03
Margrith Alminas	12/03
Melissa Bride	12/03
Richard Jaworowski	12/04
Claire Johnson	12/06
Patti Hildenbrandt	12/06
Thomas Branscome	12/06
Kim Myers	12/07
Linda Rosen	12/08
Mary Lou Notari	12/08
Paul Murphy-Geiss	12/08
Ryan Morse	12/08
Karen Schmoker	12/10
Jean Schwien	12/11
Chloe Harris	12/12
Kayci Morse	12/12
Bob Wrapp	12/13
Erik Wypiszynski	12/13
John Morrison	12/13
Lisa Fulks	12/13
Nicole Smithpeter	12/13
Amy Hindman	12/15
Stephen Walden	12/16
Ali Young	12/17
Lexine Kagiya	12/17
Tom Walker	12/19
Cadence Allen	12/21
Carole Falvey	12/22
Joyce Buckland	12/22
Amy Alexander	12/23
Charlotte Harding	12/23
Jody Morse	12/23
Brenda Mole	12/24
Matthew Schlieper	12/24
Lisa Allison	12/25
Monte Bride	12/26
Ruth Schnase	12/26
Karen S. Johnson	12/28
Nora Nichols-Montano	12/28
Jim Thompson	12/29
Danielle Smithpeter	12/30
Brian Wilson	12/31

Glen & Mary McLaughlin	12/11
Steve Cummins & Mary Beth Taylor	12/11
Calvin & Hamunyari Mukarakate	12/12
John & Peggy Morrison	12/16
Rich & Jean Arnold	12/22
Richard & Susan Jaworowski	12/27
Paul & Gail Murphy-Geiss	12/29
Bob & Marty Keating	12/30



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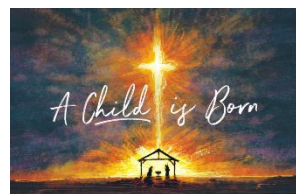
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Our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.



For those who have experienced loss:

The Families of:

Miriam Fawcett, Carol Fox's sister

**Those experiencing health concerns or other difficulties
in their lives:**

Church Members:

Patrick Sullivan Carol Fox Melyn Dare
Carolyn Wrapp Lorna Chapa Georgia Lewis
Lettie Covert Edith Gammon

Family of Church Members:

Bob, Betty Walker's brother
Paul Notari, Mary Lou Notari's father-in-law
Ronald Penn, family member of Frank Penn

Friends of Church Members:

Korrine, friend of Karlynn Cory

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

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, relatives 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

PLEASE NOTE:

Names will remain on the Prayer List 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, his/her name will be added to the Long-Term Prayer List that is published in the church bulletin.

**Prayers for those serving in the military, their families,
and all first responders and their families.**



ATTENDANCE		
DATE	8:00am	10:30am
10/30	10	72
11/06	12	86
11/13	7	83
11/20	10	75



DECEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30 a.m. GMUWFAITH Breakfast Meeting-IHOP 9:30 a.m. Quilts for Kids 5:30 p.m. Bellissimo Bells 6:30 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	2	3 2:00-4:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Shopping
4 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Angel Dance during Children's Time</i>	5 7:30 p.m. AA	6 10:00 a.m. Advent Study	7	8 9:30 a.m. Quilts for Kids 5:30 p.m. Bellissimo Bells 6:30 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	9	10
11 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes 10:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Youth Group 10:30 a.m. Worship	12 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings Outreach Committee Meetings 7:30 p.m. AA	13 10:00 a.m. Advent Study	14 10:00 a.m. Shared Journey	15 9:30 a.m. Quilts for Kids 5:30 p.m. Bellissimo Bells 6:30 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	16	17
18 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes 10:15-11:30 a.m. Holiday Party at Youth Group 10:30 a.m. Worship	19 7:00 p.m. Church Council 7:30 p.m. AA	20 10:00 a.m. Advent Study	21	22 9:30 a.m. Quilts for Kids 5:30 p.m. Bellissimo Bells 6:30 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	23	24 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
25 Happy Birthday, Jesus 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship	26 7:30 p.m. AA	27	28	29 9:30 a.m. Quilts for Kids 5:30 p.m. Bellissimo Bells 6:30 p.m. Carillon Bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	30	31