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**Open Minds....**

**Open Doors....**



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*Guiding members and friends to a fuller knowledge of GMUMC  
through information, support, confirmation, praise, and  
celebration.*

**WINDOW ON THE HILL  
JANUARY 2023**

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**Mark's Musings**



It once was the custom in Mexico for the villagers to leave  
a gift for the baby Jesus in their church on Christmas Eve.  
In one small village, a little boy who had no gift to bring  
prayed to God for a way to show his love for the infant King.  
So, God, in divine kindness answered his earnest prayer  
by causing a flower to bloom where he knelt- a flower so brilliant and fair.  
The miraculous flower was formed like a star with leaves that were red and so bright.  
And the boy's precious gift has come to be known as the **Flower of the Holy Night**. – anonymous

As we bid goodbye to 2022 and move into the new year of 2023, how might you let go of any  
expectations you have on God answering your most earnest prayer in the manner you wish, so  
that you may accept with full confidence the answer God is actually providing,  
blooming in a most miraculous way?

*I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Faithful and Fruitful New Year*

*Pastor Mark*



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## ADULT EDUCATION

Rev. Debra will begin a new adult book study on Sunday, 1/8/2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside room. The class will be studying the book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*. The author, Barbara Brown Taylor, is a bestselling author and shares her experiences teaching World Religions at a small college in rural Georgia. She writes about falling in love with parts of every religion she taught, feeling a Holy Envy for their practices. The book jacket says, "Taylor tackles the questions, worries, and concerns that arise when we encounter "difference" and others. It is not a primer on religion: instead, she explores what is opened and what is revealed when we accept the invitation to investigate all the wonder before us." Taylor shares insights into: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Rev. Debra shares that she fell in love with the book, which led her to seek out more information about how God is revealed through other faith traditions. While not an in-depth study of religions, instead it serves to open our eyes to how others in the world experience the Holy. Books will be available in the church office for \$13.00. Please see Meg or Debra to purchase one. I hope you will join us on Sundays this winter.

For more information, please email [Debra@gmumc.com](mailto:Debra@gmumc.com) or call or text 303-570-5180.

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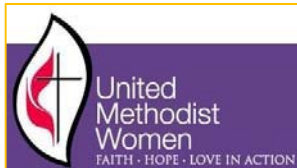
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THANK YOU ☺

# UPCOMING EVENTS



*Anna Myers, Carolyn 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.**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 5, 2023**

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



## TIME TO STORE THE CHRISMON TREE

We are getting ready to store the Chrismon Tree on Monday, January 9th, but first we must remove the Chrismons, and we are asking the congregation to help us again.

Your response was so great when we asked you to help us place the Chrismons on the tree, and now we need your help to remove the Chrismons following the 10:30 a.m. church service on Sunday, January 8th. We also need people to help bring the boxes for the Chrismons and the tree to the sanctuary. Please have a cup of coffee and a snack and then see Peggy and Dolores in the sanctuary for directions.



## 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](mailto:donnabunger@gmail.com)

*Thank You ♥*

*Donna Bunger*



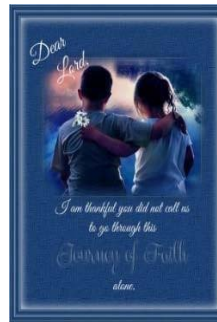
## Action Center Donations and Volunteer Opportunities

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/>



**FEBRUARY 2023**  
**Newsletter items due by**  
**JANUARY 15, 2023**  
 Email: [mlnotari@msn.com](mailto:mlnotari@msn.com)  
 &  
[gmumc@gmumc.com](mailto: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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## Celebrating 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Green Mountain United Methodist Church  
1963 - 2023

GMUMC Potluck Lunch  
January 15, 2023

Immediately following 10:30 a.m. Church Service  
Bring your favorite casserole, salad, side dish, or dessert.  
Ham, Potatoes, & Beverages provided.



## Altar On The Hill

The song, *"Altar on the Hill"* was composed by Reverend Sandy Stephens, who was at the time, our youth pastor. It was written for the dedication Sunday of our new church building in April of 1979. It describes the symbolism in the window that had been designed and would be installed later.

Its simple tune tells the story of how our church evolved from a few families meeting in a nearby home to the building we now cherish.

The refrain states, *"The living water flows from the altar on the hill, bringing life in wide, and ever-widening streams."* You can see the river flowing in the stained glass window. This symbolism continues with the river rocks flowing down the hill outside the North entrance.

Not only did Reverend Stephens write this tribute to our mission, but she is also the reason we have the baby grand piano in the sanctuary. She performed a **one-person pian-o-thon** to raise the money to purchase it. The wee hours of that morning were rough, but she had a group of supporters at her side, cheering her on and making song requests.

The end of the last refrain continues at our 60th anniversary. *"We the people of Green Mountain join our hands to do God's will, praising him who still is giving life to dreams."*



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## 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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup>**; 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](mailto: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 [www.KingSoopers.com/CommunityRewards](http://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.



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CHILDREN'S NEWS  
JANUARY 2023

## PAJAMA SUNDAY JOIN US!

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Children's Department is having a "Pajama Party"!!**



Join us for church in your PJs. We'll celebrate the New Year by 'sleeping-in" a few extra minutes. Children & Adults are encouraged to wear their pajamas to church on the first day of 2023 😊

A cozy way to bring in the New Year♥

Kim Myers, Children's Director





## GMUMC - January 2023

### Grades 6 – 12

**Sun., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**No Youth**

No Youth on New Year's Day! Enjoy time with your families at home/in the church service.

**Sun., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**GAMES!**

**10:15 - 11:30 AM**

Let's start the year off with some fun and games! We haven't had much time to play lately and we could all use some laughter! Friends are welcome as always.

**Sun., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**No Youth**

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

**Sun., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Acknowledging Privilege**

**10:15 - 11:30 AM**

Have you ever felt like life is unfair and designed to be harder just for you? Today, let's talk about privilege and how the rules of the game are rigged to help some people more than others.

**Sun., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Claim Your Power**

**10:15 - 11:30 AM**

Have you ever felt helpless? Do you want to feel strong and capable? If so, this is the program for you! Let's explore the topic of power and how we can step into our own strength.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - 5 Love Languages  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - Possible Chili Cook-off

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> - No Youth for Presidents' Day  
Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> - Game Night

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

OUR SERVICE,  
CONCERNS &  
CELEBRATIONS



Robert Kimball	01/02
Carole Kagiya	01/03
Lorna Carter	01/03
Vivian Santistevan	01/03
Nancy Carray	01/04
Tim Moore	01/04
Brooke Wypiszynski	01/05
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
Riley Grant	01/09
Joo sil Kim	01/11
Katarina Garcia	01/11
Myra Bates	01/11
Linda Schmidt	01/13
Steve Cummins	01/13
Alyssa Glasco	01/15
Clay Ramsouer	01/16
Meg Leak	01/16
Mark Osborn	01/17
Elise Chevalier	01/18
Jacob Schlieper	01/18
Simon Downs	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
David Downs	01/23
Maya Wondel	01/24
Janice Brown	01/25
Janet Starkey	01/27
Kristen Allen	01/27
Jenna Hindman	01/28
Andy Thomas	01/28
Marcia Johnston-Walden	01/30
Rich Arnold	01/31

Tom & Billie Cummins 01/18  
Richard & Barbara Stoddart 01/28



## THANK YOU GMUMC FAMILY

### Action Center Adopt-A-Family

Our congregation is awesome and very generous! We were able to meet all the children's needs and make their wishes come true this Christmas – thanks to everyone who participated. We adopted three families which is a total of 8 children and because of the cash donations were also able to provide King Soopers gift certificates to each family. We even got the bicycle one girl wished for and a scooter for her brother! We are still collecting socks, mittens, hats, and pajamas under the cheer tree through the end of the year.



# Our Care Corner

Keeping Our Promises

By Upholding the Church with...

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



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

## Church Members:

Carl Worster   Carol Fox   Melyn Dare  
Carolyn Wrapp   Lettie Covert   Edith Gammon

## Family of Church Members:

Ken & Rachel Sullivan, dad & wife of Patrick Sullivan  
Dan, brother of Nancy Elwood  
Pola Schwartz, niece of Neomi Hilton  
Bryce Watts, grandson of Vicky Hamilton  
Rose Camporini, sister of Anna Myers  
Robin Roberts, nephew of Anna Myers  
Dewayne Bear, nephew-in-law of Anna Myers  
Cindy Rooley, relative of Fred Rooley

## Friends of Church Members:

Friend of the Dare Family  
Korrine, friend of Karlynn Cory  
Cherie Thompson, friend of Phyllis Parker  
Christina Hindriksen, friend of Kim Myers  
Katherine, Aunt of Eric McLaine

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

**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  
Paul Notari, father-in-law/grandfather of Mary Lou & Kris Notari  
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.



## ATTENDANCE

DATE	8:00am	10:30am
11/27	4	84
12/05	6	110
12/11	12	88
12/18	12	110



# JANUARY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year</b>  NO Youth Group 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>2</b> <b>Office Closed – New Year's Day Holiday</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 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	<b>6</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Epiphany Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15-11:30 a.m. Youth Group 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>Take down Christmas tree after church service</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings Outreach Committee Meeting  7:30 p.m. AA	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 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	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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