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Open Doors...

WINDOW ON THE HILL NOVEMBER 2022

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

Mark's Musings

The name read at the late British actor's memorial service was William Henry Pratt, but you know him better as Boris Karloff; and, in particular, his two most memorable roles: Frankenstein's monster in the classic 1931 horror film, and the voice narrating the 1966 animated television special of Dr Seuss' *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, for which he won a Grammy Award. I loved both of those movies as a kid; still do as an adult. And, after all these years, both characters still stir up emotions deep within me, whether they be the existential fear of Frankenstein's monster or the joyful tears that always come when the Grinch has that transformational experience that causes his tiny heart to grow three sizes!

The delightfully frightening tricks and treats of Halloween having passed, we now turn our attention toward the upcoming Thanksgiving feast followed by the holy joyful season of Advent. And it's in that spirit that I'd like to invite you to join me in this year's four week Advent book discussion, *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*, by Matt Rawle, exploring the faith themes in Seuss' Christmas classic. Two times will be offered for our gathering (beginning the final week of November): Sunday mornings @ 9:00 am, or Tuesdays @ 10:00 am during the weekly Pastor's Bible Study. Books are available for purchase here at church for \$12, or on several online sites (Cokesbury, Amazon, etc.) Please have the first chapter read before our first discussion.

I hope among all your busy holiday plans, you'll make a little time for yourself and join in a rediscovery of the contemporary relevance and power of the Christmas faith in the old, familiar story of *The Grinch*.

Pastor Mark



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ADULT EDUCATION

Debra's Adult Ed class continues through most of November as we explore, *What Is The Bible*, by Rob Bell. All are welcome to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

We will be starting an Advent study beginning Sunday, November 27th through Sunday, December 18th. Our book will be *Low, An Honest Advent Devotional*, by Jon Pavlovitz. The book has daily readings and offers a different way to enter into Advent.

For more information, contact Rev. Debra Juarez, at debra@gmumc.com.



Preparing for the Advent Season

The Advent Season is right around the corner.

On **Sunday, November 20th, after 10:30 a.m. church service**, volunteers are needed to carry the Chrismon Tree boxes, the huge Christmas wreath, and the Advent candle holder to the sanctuary. Assistance will be needed to hang the wreath and the candle holder at that time.

Then on **Friday, November 25th**, we plan on decorating the tree with the Chrismons **at 9:30 a. m.** We hope you can assist us with the decorating. This is an ideal time to become better acquainted and have a good time while making the sanctuary festive for the holiday season.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Dolores Bammerlin @ 303-985-4869 or Peggy Morrison @ 303-988-9491.

Thank you for your support of this annual tradition.

Dolores Bammerlin

Peggy Morrison





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:

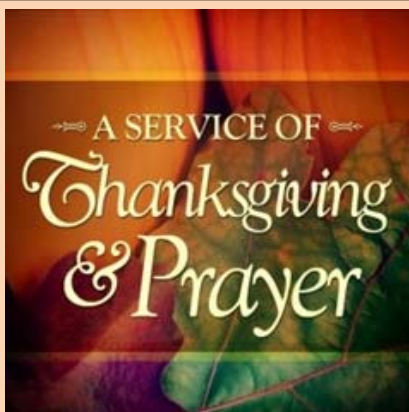
November 3

December 1

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



Remembrance of the lives of those who passed this year will take place during Holy Communion on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at our 10:30 a.m. Church service.



*Green Mountain Community Thanksgiving Service
7:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Green Mountain Presbyterian Church

12900 West Alameda Parkway

(SW corner – West Alameda Parkway & West Mississippi Avenue)

Lakewood, CO 80228



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/>



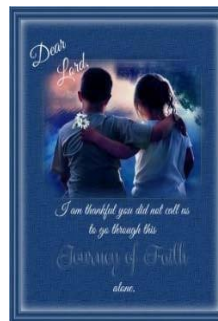
Green Mountain United Church Annual Church Conference

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30, 2022
At Church (in person)



DECEMBER 2022
Newsletter items due by
November 20, 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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A gentle reminder to support our church by designating GMUMC as charity when you shop online through Amazon at smile.amazon.com.

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THANK YOU ☺

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 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.

OUTREACH and GREEN MOUNTAIN UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Outreach and GMUWFAITH are teaming up to bring back the Alternate Gift Fair. Products from local organizations such as **The Women's Bean Project** (food products, e.g., soups, breads, etc.) and **The Gathering Place** (handmade holiday cards).

Alternative Gift Fair will take place on **Sunday, December 4th**. They make fabulous Christmas gift for teachers, etc. Cash and checks only.



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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.



DID YOU KNOW?

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

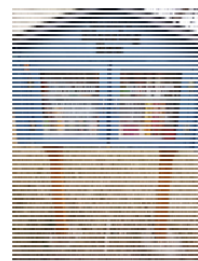
CHAPTER 3 – GMUMC INFORMATION in no particular order of importance.

WATCH FOR CHAPTER 4 NEXT MONTH WITH NEW TOPICS

- Have you heard **Melissa Sussman** playing on a keyboard instrument other than the piano or organ lately? About 30 (?) years ago the church was given a Kurzweil Ensemble Grand 10 Digital piano that features multiple instrumental and rhythmic sounds such as bass drum and orchestra. The instrument sounds are also multitimbral, meaning you can play different sounds at the same time. There is also an auto accompaniment featuring 12 different musical styles and a digital reverb and effects to tailor the sound. This electronic keyboard has always been stored in the sanctuary but seldom used so it is a welcome addition to lend variety to Melissa's musical offerings.
- Green Mountain Water (GMW) has a great app, "*Eye On Water*," that alerts us to water leaks. The church buildings are blessed to have 13 toilets, 19 sinks, 3 urinals, 1 shower, 3 kitchen dishwashers, 1 commercial dishwasher, 1 clothes washing machine (Tiny Hearts), 3 utility sinks, 2 boilers, 2 water heaters, and the lawn watering system. However, whenever we get the dreaded message from GMW that a leak is occurring, it obviously becomes quite a challenge to locate!
- When the East Building of the church was constructed in 1978, the lower level had only the basic room walls built. There were many work events held when members painted walls and prepared rooms so we could rent daycare space. The United Methodist Women began a catering service in 1981 to raise funds to finish the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. They catered over 330 functions – dinners, receptions, banquets, and funerals – both at GMUMC and throughout Denver for a wide variety of church and civic groups. The effort continued until 1991 when the project raised enough funds to complete the lower level of the building. In 2006 as part of the Capital Improvement Projects Campaign, the kitchen was gutted and appliances and cabinets replaced, and windows, flooring, and tables were replaced in Fellowship Hall.
- **Good Covid Memories!**
- #1: **Janet Starkey and Bell Choir members** visited numerous GMUMC homes and played mini concerts in driveways for church members, their friends, and neighbors. It was such an uplifting, generous thing for the bell choir members to do.
- #2: **Mark Osborn** baked delicious sourdough bread and delivered them to at least 50 members. He usually spent 20-30 minutes chatting on people's front porches with 10-ft social distancing. Mark made his first loaf of sourdough on 5/24/2020 and by Christmas 2020 Mark had produced 150 loaves. Currently his hobby's total is now well over 400 loaves.
- Our "*Window on the Hill*" newsletter is edited by Mary Lou Notari each month. We are so fortunate to have such a talented volunteer!
- Our little pantry of emergency staples, **Bobbi's Blessing Box**, is named for **Roberta Bunger**. It has been used by neighbors who are very appreciative for the help. **Mike Lyons** and **Greg Montano** are the talented carpenters and installers of the box. Thanks to all who continue to contribute food.
- **How do we heat and cool our buildings?** The original West Building south end is heated by two standard gas furnaces. The West Building north end is heated by a small boiler system and the East Building is heated by a large boiler system. The West Building has no cooling. This won't surprise anyone at a class or meeting on a hot summer day in the West Building! The East Building has a large swamp cooler located outside near the Fireside Room porch. This swamp cooler is nearing the end of its life so a pricey replacement will be necessary soon.

(CHAPTER 3 – GMUMC INFORMATION in no particular order of importance – continued)

- In November of 2013, nine years ago, we began construction of our **Gathering Place**. The original building had a wall separating the narthex and a large office lobby. However, the floor of the office lobby did not meet city weight limit specifications for the proposed Gathering Place, so the first phase of the project was to reinforce the floor. Fortunately, this reinforcement construction over the daycare area was not complicated because we did not have a renter at that time. On April 4, 2015, the day after Easter, the office lobby wall came down, an unused air handler was removed, windows were added to see into the conference room, and the small kitchenette area became our GP sink and serving counter. The stairwell wall near the Fireside Room was removed, and the coat room entrance was reoriented. By May 15th, the Gathering Place construction was completed with tables and chairs arriving soon after! In addition to after-church socializing, the area serves as a reception space for small memorial services. Thanks to Endowment for construction expenses and member gifts for furnishings, **the entire project did not use any budget funds.**
- GMUMC supports **The Action Center** with special collections of macaroni and cheese and peanut butter. Since 2011, we have collected **3,856 boxes of Mac and Cheese** with 149 boxes collected in 2022. Since 2011, we have collected **6,097 jars of peanut butter** with 257 collected in 2022. The **Tuna** drive has collected **2,893 cans/pouches** since 2015 with additional 2022 numbers to be added. Thanks to **Darline Bowland** for keeping track of the stats!
- After-church socializing each week in the Gathering Place has offered many delicious treats and snacks. Since COVID restrictions were lifted, **Mary Jane Eddy-Scott** has been organizing our committees and individuals for hosting each week. The free-will donation basket collection is used to buy donuts and coffee supplies. If you like to bake and have a special treat to offer, please feel free to bring it for the snack table!
- **Ron Bernard** has tackled the job of bringing the nametags up to date with Meg printing new ones as she has time. Find your nametag each week on our carousel and get to know the names of those faces!
- Don't forget to bring old eyeglasses and hearing aids to the west entrance collection drawers. We give them to the Lions Club for their ongoing service project. We also collect those little bars of shampoo and soap from hotels in the drawers in the west entrance.
- Keep watching for separate information from our **Outreach Committee** on the Cheer Tree or other projects. There also have been numerous articles on our **Community Garden** in the newsletter keep us informed.
- Come and help decorate the sanctuary for the **Advent** season On Friday, November 25 at 9:30 a.m. We need both men and women to get our Christmas decorations in place. We hire a professional to put up the tall Chrismon tree, and it's a festive gathering that gets you into the **Christmas** spirit!





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 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.

If you have not visited the garden, stop by. **Boy Scout Troop 989** built and installed bat boxes in the garden over Labor Day Weekend as part of another **Eagle Project**. Bat boxes were part of co-garden leader **Stacy Cummins’** original vision for the garden.

What we need:

- **Garden tools** – As you start putting away your own garden for the season, please think of the Garden and donate your used hand tools, rakes, shovels, etc. Any extra tools will be donated to DUG for other Community Gardens next spring.
- **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 NOVEMBER 2022



Snowy cold days are just around the corner. The Children's Department will be teaming up with Outreach to collect warm winter hats, mittens/gloves, scarves, and socks to be donated to the Action Center. Please help us decorate our tree with these items during the month of November. Thank you.



Jean Arnold's play "Angel Dance" (last performed 2016) will be performed on **Sunday December 4th** during Children's Time. Kim and Jean would love to get as many children involved as possible. Please let Kim know if your family will be in town and whether your child would be willing to be a part of the cast.

Please contact Kim if you have questions. kim@gmumc.com or 720-810-2157.

Kim Myers, Children's Director

GMUMC
November 2022
Grades 6 – 12

This season is all about giving thanks and counting our blessings! Who and what are you grateful for?! Let's explore some creative ways to show our gratitude and appreciation.

Ever consider how lucky we are to be warm, safe, and able to give each other gifts? Want to learn a new skill while giving back to those who don't have those luxuries? Today is all about learning how to finger-knit scarves. Then we will donate our masterpieces to those who could use those warm and fuzzy feelings this season!

Time to unwind with a fun movie and snacks. If we haven't finished our outreach scarves, we will continue to knit while we watch. We will have **Gift Card Sales** before and after the 10:30 am church service in the Narthex.

Let's enjoy the second half of our movie from last week and tie up any loose ends with our scarves (pun fully intended)! We will also hand out any Gift Card orders from last week.

Nov. 20th & Dec. 11th - Gift Card Sales
Dec. 18th - Last day to pick up gift cards
Dec. 4th - Christmas Shopping Outing
Dec. 11th - The Gift of Hope
Dec. 18th - Holiday Party
Dec 25 & Jan 2 - Christmas Break No Youth



OUR SERVICE,
CONCERNS &
CELEBRATIONS



Frank Penn	11/01
Meghan Bernard	11/01
Lettie Covert	11/02
Stacey Horne	11/02
Lorene Branson	11/04
Calvin Mukarakate	11/05
Madeleine Allen	11/05
Karena Olson	11/07
Dolores Bammerlin	11/08
Kyla Smith	11/12
Lorna Chapa	11/12
Thayne Coulter	11/14
Pat Barker	11/18
Tanner Moore	11/19
Gemma Dare	11/20
Walt Rudolph	11/20
Claudia Harris	11/21
Laurie Walcott	11/21
Paula Simmons	11/21
Madison Thurman	11/22
Jane Bolton	11/23
Kirsten Arthur	11/25
Gerald Griebel	11/26
Michael Rickett	11/28
Lori Osborn	11/30
Melyn Dare	11/30
Sarah Wylie Long	11/30

Gerry & Marilyn Griebel 11/02
Ray & Carole Kagiya 11/12



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By Upholding the Church with...

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



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

For those who have experienced loss:

The Families of:

Judy Anderson, Georgia Lewis' sister
Janis Johnson
Sue Bochaty, former member of GMUMC
Betty Kissell
Timothy Davis, friend of Donna Boyea
John, Patrick Sullivan's uncle
Lucille Greenlee, former member of GMUMC
Herb, Harold Harmon's brother
Bill Keller, friend of Frank Penn
Faith Rothermel, friend of Donna Boyea

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

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

Church Members:

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

Family of Church Members:

Faith, Angela Stone's mom
Jerri Parker, Renée Parker's mom
George & Linda Dinwiddie, son & daughter-in-law of
Jean Dinwiddie

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



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
09/25	7	75
10/02	8	75
10/09	5	65
10/16	8	84
10/23	8	81



NOVEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	2	3 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	4	5
6 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Hilltoppers 10:00-11:30 a.m. Youth Group 10:30 a.m. Worship ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	7 7:30 p.m. AA	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	9	10 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	11	12
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