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Window on the Hill

Mark's Musings

Colorado's sometimes inclement December weather is not particularly conducive to this sort of thing, but in Mexico...one of her oldest Christian celebrations is Las Posadas, created by the Augustinian priest, Fr. Diego de Soria in the late 16th century to introduce Christianity to the New World. Eight homes of local church members are chosen for the eight days prior to Christmas Eve to host a house party, including a piñata to be broken by a child. The piñata represents the devil, who cannot be recognized, and therefore the child is blindfolded. But the child has the rod of virtue, symbolized in the stick provided to break the piñata. When the child perseveres to the end, the glory of God will rain down on everyone, as shown by the candy hidden within the piñata. The homes may also offer cups of hot chocolate, pastries, tamales, or other refreshments to all the guests.

On the appointed evening, people meet at the corner near the home to be visited and process carrying lighted candles and singing as they walk. Mary is typically in the lead, seated on a donkey, with Joseph. Children, dressed as shepherds and the magi, accompany the procession. When the crowd approaches the intentionally darkened house, they knock on the door and engage in a litany between themselves, as the holy family seeking lodging, and the occupants of the house, who welcome them in, with this beautiful expression: 'Enter, holy pilgrims. Receive this corner not of this humble home only, but of our hearts.'

Prior to the local church's mass on Christmas Eve, the host home

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NEWS & UPDATES

Belong

A Time for Visitors with the Pastor Mark



Maybe it's your very first time visiting our church. Or perhaps you've been several times and attend regularly. Pastor Mark welcomes visitors of all kinds every Sunday @ 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room for a 30 min Q & A before worship.

Mark's Musings, continued

reenacts, through a call and response litany, Joseph and Mary begging the innkeeper to not allow the baby to be born tonight on a street corner, to which the home owner responds by offering the manger, for all the rest of the rooms are already occupied; and then all sing: 'Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger. Such a baby in such a place, can he be the Savior? As the saved of all the race who have found his favor.'

At the very heart of a professed Christian nation, whether Mexico or America, there must exist a place for the practice of hospitality, especially to the foreign immigrant, if we are to truly honor our Savior, Jesus.

PASTOR MARK

Chrismon Tree

The original six-foot "Chrismon" Tree was dedicated at Christmas 1978. The ornaments on our Tree of Life are "Chrismons" – a combination of CHRIST and MONogram – thus a Monogram of Christ. Many women of the church spent uncounted hours creating the more than 475 different Chrismons from white, gold, and crystal pearl-shaped beads on wire that we have today. The Chrismons include over 146 varieties of crosses throughout Christian history, and 332 other symbols including stars, doves, butterflies, crowns, fish, trinity symbols and Christian monograms.

In 2001 a new 12-ft tree was given to better display the many Chrismons that added since 1978.



Poinsettias will arrive on Dec 21st to decorate the church.

Purchased poinsettias can be picked up after Christmas Eve Services Dec 24th.

If you need to arrange a different time, please contact Wendy Binninger 720-273-0629.



Finance Updates

Giving. *Thanks for your financial support, it is appreciated!* Giving statements from January to September were emailed in early November. Please email the Finance Secretary (email below) with any questions or corrections. Thanks again for your commitment to GMUMC be it giving, and/or service, and/or attendance.

Noisy Offering: *Fun noise!* **October**—\$467.12 was collected for the Senior Resource Center. Wow, that's a *lot of noise!* Thanks to Chuck for telling everyone about the services offered. **November**—Project Angel Heart. Numerous constituents have benefited over the years. **December**—A Little Help. Empowers older adults to thrive in their homes & communities **January**—Habitat for Humanity. Many houses have been built with assistance from GMUMC.

Year-end Giving. *Please plan for year-end donations.* Bring all donations for 2025 to the church service on Sunday, 12/28/2025. All mail must be received by Wednesday, 12/31/2025, and if you bring your donation to the church, please do so by noon on 12/31/2025 (ensure that the church office is open). Giving is not back dated. IF you are pre-paying for 2026 in 2025, please make this clear on the check/envelope as these checks will be held until 2026 to be deposited.

Finance Secretary. Cheryl Dial—email is finance@gmumc.com

*Finance Co-Chairs are glad to answer any questions:
Marcia Johnston-Walden or Chuck Thorman*

	Year to date	Monthly	Monthly
	10/31/2025	10/31/2025	9/30/2025
Income			
Giving	\$215,950.91	\$15,577.24	\$16,870.68
Building use/rent	\$65,017.51	\$6,410.73	\$5,562.83
Other	\$2,179.03	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$283,147.45	\$21,987.97	\$22,433.51
Expense			
Salaries/taxes/benefits	\$191,123.29	\$19,614.52	\$19,213.64
Building & grounds	\$97,901.32	\$8,104.78	\$6,635.48
Mission Shares	\$20,833.30	\$2,083.33	\$2,083.33
Other	\$19,306.62	\$1,354.24	\$1,833.85
Total	\$329,164.53	\$31,156.87	\$29,766.30
Net loss	(\$46,017.08)	(\$9,168.90)	(\$7,332.79)

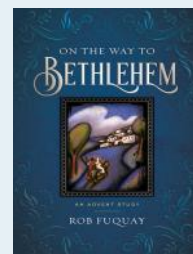
Stewardship Committee

Thank you to everyone who has pledged their tithes for 2026! To date we have received 64 pledge cards with 2026 pledges totaling \$187,765. If you haven't turned in pledge yet, we would love to hear from you. There extra pledge cards in the Narthex. Even if you give each month through Vanco, your pledge card would be appreciated. Thanks again.

Advent Study

Our Advent Study begins on the first Tuesday in December at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room, and continues each Tuesday until our final discussion on Dec 23. We will be reading and discussing United Methodist pastor Rob Fuquay's [On The Way to Bethlehem](#).

(Copies are available in the church office for \$15. Think of it as an early



Christmas gift to yourself! After all, Jesus wishes you the very best, and He is the reason for the season.)

For more information please contact Pastor Mark:
mark@gmumc.com or
303-989-3727

PLEASE NOTE:

The church office will close early on Dec 24 and will be closed all day Dec 25 and Jan 1

Happy Birthday Lettie!

BY DON BUNGER

November 2, 2025

On November 2nd
Nineteen Twenty-five
Few of us folks
Were even alive

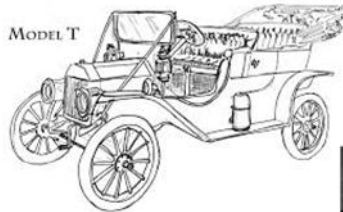
In the city of Golden
On a Monday morn
To Ben and Mary Kerr
A baby girl was born

They named the girl Lettie
A family name
A beloved ancestor
Was named the same

The Model T Ford
Was the “car” of the day
Two years later would come
The Ford Model A

Presidents Polk and Harding
Were born this day in a different year
Also Burt Lancaster
And Johnny Vander Meer

(If Vander Meer
Doesn’t ring a bell
Ask Red Thompson
I’m sure he will tell)



Of the 17 presidents
That have been in that post
As of this date
She’s outlived them most

She’s lived through the depression
And several bad wars
Typing letters to troops
Was one of her chores

She is a surviving member
Of the Greatest Generation
For that alone
We give great admiration

With a grand daughter
This birthday she’ll share
To share the same birthday
Is most certainly rare

A great Rockies fan
Through thick and through thin
She has seen them lose
Much more than they win

Today is a day
Few folks will achieve
Lettie ‘s ONE HUNDRED
That’s hard to believe!

Thank You

Thank you everyone who took the time to join us for Lettie’s 100th birthday celebration. Lettie was glad to see so many of her friends from church that she hadn’t been able to see for a few years. She also greatly appreciated all the beautiful cards that were sent and given to her. She spent a whole morning just looking through them all. She still talks about how much she enjoyed the party. Thank you for the poem Don! Love to you all, Lettie Covert and Rileene Thompson.

Union Square Community Update

Hello GMUMC,

Although the weather may say otherwise, we are officially in winter. I personally love this time of year, the holidays, the cozy gatherings, and those magical, quiet winter mornings. I'll admit, though, that winter can sometimes get to me, whether it's the shorter days or the stretch of cold.

In those moments, I'm grateful to live in a neighborhood that is caring and ready to support one another. One of the places that truly embodies that spirit is the church.

While our association could host our meetups, like Crafty Creations, our monthly craft night, in a few different spots, we choose the church for a reason. Being here offers more than just space; it brings joy, peacefulness, and comfort, exactly what people need, especially in challenging times.

Another reason our association takes pride in co-existing with the church is your commitment to mutual aid. Bobbi's Box is a vital resource for neighbors, whether they need it or not. The "take what you need and leave what you can" principle is rooted in dignity - no judgment, no barriers, just community.

We've modeled our own mutual-aid efforts after the church by creating a mobile, monthly neighborhood pantry box filled with non-perishable, hearty foods like rice, oatmeal, beans, and more. These pantry boxes can support individuals or households of up to five people for up to two weeks. While we welcome non-perishable food donations, we also accept clothing, shoes, and other essentials. Our pantry box efforts extend to Foothills Elementary, Welchester Elementary, and South Lakewood Elementary, the schools many of our neighborhood children attend. By supporting students and families directly, we're helping strengthen the foundation of our community.

The main goal of the pantry box is simply to be a resource within close reach, a truly local support system. Even if someone just needs a cup of sugar and doesn't want to run to the store, they can reach out to us and our pantry can help.

As members of GMUMC, you should feel a deep sense of pride knowing how appreciated you are in our neighborhood. The connections you help create are the bridge that makes a community strong. When people have access to essential resources, dignity, and support, that is the start of neighborhood equity. You play a central role in making this possible.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Craft Night here at GMUMC on Thursday, December 18th at 6 PM, where we'll be decorating mini holiday houses made from graham crackers. All ages are welcome and encouraged!



Lastly, if you ever need a monthly pantry box delivery, or simply a cup of sugar, please reach out to us at unionsquarenc@gmail.com, call 303.916.5670, or fill out the online form here: <https://forms.gle/YLHwRQUYeXAosQJ78>

All the best,

CHANTELLE DE LA CRUZ

Union Square Neighborhood Connect
(resident-led neighborhood association)

USNC Newsletter: <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/93ffdb901f.html>

MINISTRY NEWS

Prayer Shawls

Outreach Prayer Shawl Ministry now has given 84+ Prayer Shawls to date. If you know of someone in cancer treatment or experiencing grief, or any other situation, please contact Mary Bloomstran and we will provide a prayer shawl. We welcome anyone that would like to join in making Prayer Shawls. There is a pattern that is used, and the yarn will be provided to you.

MARY (mbloomstran@edgeenvironmental.com or 303-263-2906)

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

GMUMC Music Thursdays

Rehearsal Times:

Bellissimo Bells 5:30 p.m.

Carillon Bells 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

If interested in participation,
please contact:

Choir Director

Charles Turley

dr.charles.turley@gmail.com

Bell Director

Janet Starkey

janetstarkey27@comcast.net

*or join us for practice
Thursday!*

Outreach Committee

"The Women's Bean Project provides job training and employment to women facing significant barriers to work, selling high quality food products made by these women to support their mission."

Remember how yummy the cream scones are?

Can you taste the 10 bean soup and the garlic and herb spice mix just reading about them???

Well you're in luck!

You can purchase these and more at church on Dec. 7 and Dec. 14.

This is a great way to support women in our community while picking up some holiday gifts, or making meal planning easy for yourself.



WOMEN'S
BEAN PROJECT

Blessing Box

You can make a huge difference with the help of your friends.

As you know, the need for food supplies is greater than ever. If you are associated with a place that could have a food drive, consider having a food drive to support Bobbi's Blessing Box.



If you want help transporting the food to the church, you can contact me at

donnabunger@gmail.com

When people ask what they should buy, explain that any shelf-stable foods are great.

Thank you for your continued support!

News from the Cedar Hill Community Garden

BY JEAN ARNOLD

The garden is part of Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) community gardens. <https://dug.org/>

DUG has been making an impact for over 40 years. The Cedar Hill Community Garden is part of one of the largest independent networks of food-producing gardens in the country: “DUG steward(s) 200 community gardens and food forests across seven counties in metro Denver...but DUG is about more than just gardens. We’re building an ecosystem for a thriving Denver—plot by plot, neighborhood by neighborhood.”

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 Now Sleeping. Due to the warm fall weather, the garden had an extended growing season—thank you Trustees for leaving the water on! But we have put the garden to bed. If you go into the garden you will still see some onions and garlic planted for spring (you plant these in the fall) and perennials. Our bees are still happy and pollinating. No honey yet for harvesting...they will need all their honey to get through their first winter.

Meet a Gardener. Dixie and Gary Boker have been friends of the garden—and on the garden plot wait list—for some time. This season they revived the Tiny Hearts plot which they will take over as their plot next year and worked tirelessly in the Oasis and pollinator gardens. They are longtime members of GMUMC and excellent gardeners. Thank you, Dixie and Gary for your work and patience while on the waitlist.

Upcoming:

Donations for scholarship plots. Thank you for your past generosity. Two of the plots in the garden are scholarship plots. Scholarships will be awarded in April 2026 so if you would like to contribute for a scholarship, you can contribute \$50/plot—mark you check “Garden Scholarships.” The Cedarhill garden has some of the lowest plot fees in the DUG network thanks to your support. The garden plot costs may increase for 2026 depending on the cost of water and other supplies



October workday. Thank you gardeners and “friends” who helped us shut down the garden for the season and finished the crusher fines on the garden paths.

Care Team

The Care Team members reach out with meals, cards, help arrange car rides, home visits, phone calls, and prayer shawls. We use the weekly bulletin prayer requests as well as any new concerns mentioned during church service as our guide. We know there is support provided by those who aren't serving on our Care Team, and we thank these 'angels' for their service as well.

The Care Team does our best to keep up with the needs of those who require support during times of difficulty. Kyla Smith serves as Chair of the Care Team. All of us work together to provide care for the community and for our church family.

KYLA SMITH –
(303) 668-5705 or
careteamgmumc@gmail.com

*****We are looking for someone to co-chair the committee for this year. Please let us know if you are interested!*****

Children's Dept News

In **November** we focused on kindness and shared Jesus' love. We enjoyed pizza, decorating cookies and making fall crafts at Crafty Creations. We celebrated Veterans Day and recognized our church members who served our county and honored them with Veteran's pins. We welcomed our neighbors, Foothills Elementary families and the daycare families to join us for the movie "Klaus" on Saturday Nov.22. (co-hosted with Union Square Neighborhood Connect). The popcorn, nachos, hot cocoa, and popsicles were delicious. The Children's Department gave out Christmas glow-in-the dark



tattoos and bracelets. There was also an information table with brochures, newsletters and information about our church and Union Square Neighborhood Connect and community events and resources.

The **Children's Choir** will be performing during the Cantata. We will be practicing during Sunday School. Please see the YouTube link to practice at home. We will also put the words on the screens. Even if you can't practice with us you can join us

on December 14th. <https://youtu.be/oWek4spZKog>

Youth Bells will be practicing **after** Sunday School/worship with Janet downstairs in the Youth Bells room every Sunday until Dec 7th. On Dec 14th the youth bells will practice **before** service at 10am.

Sunday December 7th we will make Christmas ornaments.



Sunday December 14th Is the Cantata. Youth Bells will play and the Children's Choir will be singing. We will not go upstairs for Sunday School. Kim will provide a craft and activities to do in between performances and while we enjoy the music.

Thursday December 18th Crafty Creations at 6 p.m. in the gathering place - craft lovers of all ages join welcome. We will be making gingerbread houses, and eating pizza.



Sunday Dec 21st Join us after Sunday School/ worship in the gathering place to see **Santa Claus**. He will be making a special appearance to chat with children of all ages and have photos taken. Feel free to

invite your friends to meet Santa. We will play games and enjoy some holiday snacks during Sunday School.

Sunday January 4th join us for Epiphany Procession. The Children's Department and Youth Group will be participating. For more information contact Marcia Johnson-Walden.

Have questions? Need more information about Children's Ministries? Please contact Kim Myers at gmumc@gmumc.com or 303-989-3727.

GMUMC Youth, Grades 6-12

Youth Group



December 2025

**Dec 7th—Salvation Army
Angel Tree Christmas
Shopping Outing—10am-
12pm:** Who is ready for

shopping?!? Outreach Christmas Shopping is always one of our favorite Youth events!! We will find amazing Christmas gifts for families in need. There's no better way to celebrate Christmas than giving to others. Event Permission Slips needed to attend. Transportation provided

from the church at 10:00 AM and back to the church at 12:00 PM. Or parents can drop you off at the Walmart at Bowles and C470 at 10:30 AM and pick you up there at 11:30 AM. Let Alex know if you're attending so we can meet transportation needs.

Dec 14th—Miracles Among Us: Have you ever experienced a miracle?! Miracles are nothing short of AMAZING and they speak to God's love for us. They can be big or small, but they can also be elusive! Being rare and special is part of what makes miracles so exciting! Let's explore miracles and celebrate the magic of Christmas in one of the most meaningful ways!! As always, friends are welcome.



Dec 21st—Christmas Party: Want a break from studying?!? Ready to celebrate Christmas together?! The more the merrier, so bring friends for the holiday festivities and games galore!

Dec 28th & Jan 4th—Christmas Break, No Youth: No Youth for Christmas Break! Enjoy time with your families!

Donations Needed!

Children's Department will be collecting NEW winter hats, mittens/gloves, scarves and socks for infants, children and adults of all sizes for the Actions Center. Handmade and store bought are all welcome. The Youth Group will be finger knitting scarves this month.



Upcoming Youth Group Events

Jan 11th—Game Day
Jan 18th—Youth Room Activities MLK Jr. Weekend

Jan 25th—Setting Limits
Feb 1st—Sparkling Joy
Feb 8th—Possible Chili Cook-off

Feb 15th—Game Day
President's Day Weekend
Feb 22nd—Different Love

QUESTIONS?

Contact **Alex**
(303) 882-0006
alex@gmumc.com

Shared Journey

Dec 17th at 2:00 p.m.

Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month for Shared Journey, our support group for caregivers whose loved ones experience dementia. All are welcome.

Please contact Sonya Noyes (303) 985-9522.

United Women in Faith

GMUMC Officers: President—**Hamu Chigwada**
Vice President—**Kim Myers**
Secretary—**Penelope Mukarakate**
Treasurer—**Brenda Bronson-Walker**

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United
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in Faith

Updates

In October & November we learned about the Sand Creek Massacre. We enjoyed an evening out at Lakewood Cultural Center with a live performance of Ukulele's Over the Rainbow present by Rocky Mountain Ukulele Orchestra.

Upcoming Events

First Wednesday, December 3 & January 7th—UWFaith monthly breakfast meeting at 9 a.m. at Le Peep. 141 S Union Blvd, Lakewood. All women are welcome to join us for devotion, prayer and discussion.

Saturday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m.—UWFaith Candlelight Dinner, Gathering Place. Our theme will be **Peace, Around the World** with cuisine from Zimbabwe and Argentina in honor of our Covenant Missionaries. Dinner, dessert and drinks served. Entertainment will be provided by Pastor Mark and the Chigwada/Mukarakate family. Ticket prices are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple/family. Please feel free to invite friends and family to join us. Tickets may be purchased in the narthex after church Nov. 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. When you purchase ticket please let us know about dietary needs. For more information please contact Hamu 414-334-3305.

Food...Friends...Fun!

**BY DARLINE BOWLAND, Dinner
for 8 Coordinator**



I hope that you've enjoyed your various Dinner for 8 Groups this year. I'll be working on the **January-April '26** groups starting the week of Dec 28th. This process takes time. If you would like to come back, or take a break, or leave **DINNER for 8** please let me know directly. Thank you.

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 & members of each group decide what days, times, and places work best for them and set up each dinner together towards the end of your meal. It is a great way to possibly try new cuisines or suggest your favorite & enjoy an evening of fellowship.

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

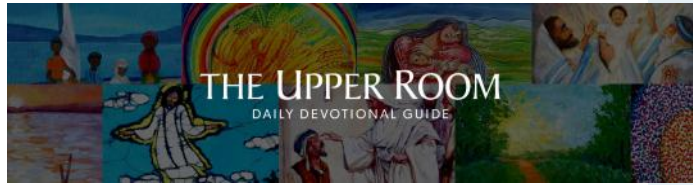
The Gathering Place

The coffee hour will be hosted by **The Care Team** for the month of **December**. Please thank the following people who have been contacting and helping those in our "church family" who are in need of our prayers: Kyla Smith, Brenda Mole, Mary Bloomstran, Sharon & Boyd Berry, Marilyn Griebel, Jean Arnold, Dolores Bammerlin, Nancy Elwood, Pat Harris, Melissa Sussman, Kirsten Arthur, Phyllis Parker, Mary Jane Eddy-Scott, Kyla Smith, Jeanne Morse, Roxanne Penn, and Ann Topliff.

Virtual Upper Room: Prayer Journey for Advent

BY JEAN ARNOLD, CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER

Where are you planning to journey during Advent? *How about watching the sunrise once per week for 3 weeks?*



This Advent season, we will practice a meditation journey—finding a restoring niche during the hustle, bustle and hassle of the holidays. Deep breaths...fellow travelers. 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 for 30 minutes for three Wednesday mornings at 6:35 a.m. for a journey of prayer and meditation: December 3, 10 and 17, we will gather in our virtual upper room to pray and share stories both biblical and personal using 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 three 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).

Dial in by phone +1 929-235-8012

Phone conference ID: 405 494 25#

The call is free, and our prayer and meditation time will last for about 50 minutes.

Virtual upper room meeting schedule for Advent: December 3, 10 and 17 @ 6:35 a.m.

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



Blast from the past...

**The altar is wrapped in love,
ready for Christmas.**

(Facebook, Dec 10, 2015)

CARE CORNER

Please Note:

Generally, names remain on the Prayer List for four weeks. The care team regularly checks on the status of those on the list; names will remain on the list as needed. Please contact a care team member or the office manager to request changes to this list. Those experiencing loss will remain two weeks after the Memorial/Funeral service.

Attendance

10/19.....	88
10/26.....	109
11/9.....	98
11/16.....	85

*Keeping our promises by upholding the church with...
Our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.*

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

For those who have experienced loss, the families of: **Ken Elkin** (Bonnie Haase's son-in-law). **Royal Reaser**. **Ken Schoeman**.

Those experiencing health concerns or difficulties in their lives:

Church Members: **Frank Penn**, **Georgia Lewis**, **Lettie Covert**, **Phyllis Wittrup**, **Marilyn & Wayne Harris**, **Harold Harmon**, **Velda Walters**, **Mary Lou Notari**, **Meg Leak**, **Shirley Allison**, **Ramona Twiss**, **Boyd Berry**, **Mary McLaughlin**, **Makayla Albrecht**.

Family of Church Members: **Vonnie James**, Naomi Hilton's niece. **Taylor Merrill**, Vestals grandson. **Amanda Glasco**, Cheri Werkhoven's daughter. **Ava Ginde**, granddaughter of Frank & Roxanne Penn. **Richard and Karen Bard**, Harvey Meyer's brother-in-law & his wife. **Karen**, Makayla Albrecht's aunt. **Molly Elwood**, Nancy Elwood's cousin. **Carmine Urbina**, Billy & Tom Cummin's grandson. **Tatum Moore**, Marsha Moore's granddaughter. **Lyn Berry-Helminger**, Sharon & Boyd Berry's daughter. **Vivianne & Donn Johnston**, Marcia Johnston Walden's sister-in-law and brother. **Brenda Harding**, Charlotte Harding's daughter. **Tom & Cindi Lowary**, Jennifer Borcan's parents. **Julia Skillern**, Stacey Horne's sister-in-law. **Julie Bernstein**, Jane Bernard's niece. **Tyler**, cousin of Boyd and Sharon Berry. **Barbara**, Calvin Mukarakate's sister.

Friends of Church Members: **Pam Williams**, friend of Stacey Horne. **Ekco**, friend Mary Bloomstran. **Arlene & son Kiel**, friends of Roxanne Penn. **Dana Brower**, friend of Donna Bunger. **Libby Mason**, friend of Stacey Horne. **Pat Johnson**, friend of Velda Walters. **Greg Little**, Karlynn Cory's friend. **Chuck Allen**, friend of Phyllis Parker. **Susie Sipos**, Lorna Chapa's friend. **Chuck and Lou Howard**, friends of Nancy Carray. **Adam**, Karlynn Cory's friend. **Todd Crosbie**, friend of Andrew Stone.

*All those experiencing job loss and potential layoffs.
Military service and their families.*



LifeSpark provides Reiki and Healing Touch wellness sessions at no charge during and after cancer. We partner with hospitals, massage studios, spas, and churches. We offer in-person sessions along the Colorado front range and remote sessions across the country.

LifeSpark utilizes room 202 in our church and has provided sessions to many of our church members and the community who have cancer.

For more information or to get started contact LifeSpark at (303) 425-5670 to schedule sessions, or visit: LIFESPARKNOW.ORG

Church Directory Update Coming Soon

If you need someone's phone or address before the new system comes online reach out to Kim (303-989-3727 or gmumc@gmumc.com) during office hours as she has access to a printed copy at the church and can get you the information you need.

Share Your Nativity

December 21st is "Share your nativity set" Sunday. Please bring a favorite, portable nativity set to church and share with all. **One Sunday only.**

There will be "do not touch" signs and security watching the table. Please do not bring very fragile or priceless antiques.

Questions? Call MaryJane 540-538-1133. Thanks

Articles for the **JANUARY 2026** WOTH are due

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

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Birthdays

Hamu Chigwada, Dec 4

Patti Hildenbrant, Dec 6

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Jim Thompson, Dec 29

Anniversaries

Steve & Maybeth Cummins,
Dec 11

Calvin & Hamu Mukarakate,
Dec 12

John & Peggy Morrison, Dec
16

Rich & Jean Arnold, Dec 22

Bob & Marty Keating, Dec 31

December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:30 p.m. AA	10:00 a.m. Advent Study Fireside Room	9:00 a.m. UWFAITH Meeting @Le Peep 4 p.m. Pets in the City 6:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. HA	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		5:30 p.m. UWFaith Candlelight Dinner Fireside Rm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:15 a.m. Youth Group 10:30 a.m. Church Service	7:00 p.m. Church Committee Meetings 7:30 p.m. AA	10:00 a.m. Advent Study Fireside Room 6:30 p.m. Neighborhood Meeting	6:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. HA	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		10 a.m. Scrapbookers 10 a.m. Litter Lift @ Union Sq Park
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:15 a.m. Youth Group 10:30 a.m. Christmas Cantata	7:30 p.m. AA	10:00 a.m. Advent Study Fireside Room	2:00 p.m. Shared Journey 4 p.m. Pets in the City 6:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. HA	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	<<Dec 18 6 p.m. Crafty Creations	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:15 a.m. Youth Christmas Party 10:30 a.m. Church Service	7:30 p.m. AA	10:00 a.m. Advent Study Fireside Room	4 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. HA	Christmas Eve *Office Close Early*	Christmas Day *Office Closed*	
28	29	30	31	1		
10:30 a.m. Church Service	7:30 p.m. AA	10:00 a.m. Mark's Bible Study Fireside Room		New Year's Day *Office Closed*		

Christmas Cantata

Dec 14th at 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Service

Dec 24th at 4 pm

This will be a family friendly service.



All are welcome!



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