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FROM THE MINISTER'S MAC: ASHER TO EASTER

As I write this, we are in the season after Epiphany, that short season of liturgical green sandwiched between the blue of Christmas and the Purple of Lent. While the length of this season changes, the purpose remains the same: Discipleship.

Then comes Ash Wednesday, on 2/26 this year, which signals our move into Lent, the season for deep reflection, self-assessment and discernment regarding our faith journey. And our faith should *not* be all about the destination, but more about the journey.

In this liturgical year, we began the season of Advent with our journey to Christmas. In the days after Christmas, we remembered Jesus, Mary and Joseph journeying to Egypt and back. We remembered the journey of the Magi to see the Christ child, and their journey home. In the season after Epiphany, we each lived a bit deeper in to our own journey to see the Christ child, pondering how our paths have been changed and reshaped because of knowing Jesus.

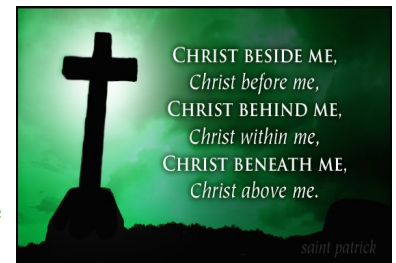
Why then do we need Lent? Why have yet another season of discernment? Why bother with these seasons at all? Can't we live our lives each day and simply bookend those days with the celebrations of Christmas and Easter? The answer is, yes, of course, we can. Many do! Liturgical seasons and colors are considered old fashioned and irrelevant in today's world and in many churches. Those practices are too closely linked with the Catholic Church and its formality for many of our Protestant brothers and sisters. Some Churches dispensed with them in the early years of the Reformation, but brought them back in a rebirth of Christian ritual.

In the United Methodist Church, each local church may decide for itself what colors to use, or to use no colors or calendar at all. Some begin the season of Advent in mid-November for a greater season of focus and preparation for the coming of the Christ child. Some dispense with Holy Week altogether and go straight from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday with no mention of the Last Supper or the Crucifixion. Good Shepherd has changed its Lenten and Holy Week practices with its pastors, sometimes having a Good Friday service, sometimes choosing to focus only on Maundy Thursday, and sometimes combining both of those days in one service. This is not right or wrong, but simply a matter of preference.

Like the calendar and the colors, it is up to us as individuals to determine how we order our days. What will be our focus in these weeks following Ash Wednesday? How well will we apply our own discerning eye to the lives we lead? For me, the calendar, the colors, even preaching from the lectionary Scriptures each week, are a choice I make to help me remember to wrestle with things I might rather leave alone, to help me do the work discipleship requires, and to remind me, every time I see the red paraments gracing our church all summer long, that God's Holy Spirit blows where it will and cannot be controlled by calendars or colors or any other device of humanity. Praise God!

I pray you have a blessed and meaningful Lenten season. If you want to plug in a little more deeply to worship and celebration as we journey from ashes to Easter, check the Lenten Schedule in this newsletter — and I'll see you in church!

Lin





ABC SHARE OUTREACH FOOD MINISTRY



Our first meeting of the new ABC Share Outreach Food Ministry was held at 9:30 AM on Saturday February 15th. A number of groups stepped forward asking to participate or to learn more. The plan is to have each participating group, in rotation, pick up unsold bakery products from the Atlanta Bread Company, located close to I-25 and 104th street, every Thursday night at closing (9:00 PM). The filled bins of bakery product from that night will then be brought to the church for processing. Bakery goods will be offered to the congregation at both services the following Sunday for a free will donation. The group picking up, processing and offering the bakery goods Sunday will then collect the offering for their group. Groups already providing bakery or other food to the congregation may continue to do so or join the new ABC Share Food Ministry and collect proceeds for their cause. Our plan is to establish a regular bakery pick up rotation for each church ministry wishing to participate. For more information please contact Al Campbell at 303-993-2522 or ccac71@outlook.com

DENVER AMERICAN INDIAN FESTIVAL



SAVE THE DATE - FOR DINNER AND A MOVIE !!

Please plan to attend the Dinner and a Movie event on Saturday, April 25, at 6:00 pm. This event is a fundraiser for the September 26-27 American Indian Festival. Dinner will be Indian Tacos and fry bread. The movie to be shown is "Lost Child", which is suitable for all ages. Tickets will be limited to the number we can serve in our large room, so buy your ticket as soon as they are offered. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under age 12. "Lap" babies are free.

DIVERSITY WELCOMING TEAM MEETING

Our Diversity Welcoming Team meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the church.
For more information contact Jean Trombley 720-232-6465.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ALL ARE INVITED TO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

March 21, 2020 10 am at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church



We will hear from a local agency we are supporting, Ralston House, which cares for abused children to help them deal with trauma. We hope that anyone who is interested in the work of this group will attend our meeting! Watch a 1 minute video at www.ralstonhouse.org/pinwheels Maybe we can have a pinwheel garden in our yard!


Our local organization is a partner with many other groups doing mission work. There are 100 agencies in the United States and more than 100 in other nations who partner with us. Each local organization also has partners with agencies in their local communities. Let's review how these partnerships illuminate our work together and lead us on a path toward a more loving and just community.



Thanks to everyone for their food donations to Food for Hope. Our Church donated 168 pounds of hearty soups and stews in the month of February. Thank you to Bryon Sack and our Youth group for sorting the soup and putting grocery store bags together to give to Food for Hope!

Our food of the month for **March is Peanut Butter** (**PLEASE NO EXPIRED FOOD OR GLASS**). Peanut butter is protein-packed and helps keep hungry tummies full. The food donations we provide are used for the take home packs for the weekend or go to the Food for Hope food bank at Northglenn High School, where weekly groceries are provided to students and local families in need. Also, if you have time to volunteer, check the Food for Hope website at foodforhope.net for opportunities. God Bless! Questions? Contact Ronda Stringer

March 2020

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1 Communion Sunday Praise Choir Practice 8am 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School Donuts Court of Honor 2-5 pm Girl Scouts 2:45-4:45pm	2 TLC 9:00am-1245pm Homework Club 3pm-6pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Boy Scouts 6:30-9pm	3 PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Chancel Choir 715pm	4 TLC 9-1245 PDO 9-1130am Homework Club 1-6pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm	5 PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Ruth Circle 1pm Ringtones 6:00pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Jubilation Bells 7:00pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm	6 Office Closed PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm	7 Turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed! Spring Forward! Girl Scouts 11:45-2:15 Girl Scouts 10am-2pm
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22 Praise Choir Practice 8am UMCOR SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School Burritos	23 Spring Break Homework Club 7am-6pm Boy Scouts 7-830pm Girl Scouts 530-7pm Jr. Girl Scouts 615-8:30pm	24 Spring Break Homework Club 7am-6pm Praise Choir 615pm Chancel Choir 715pm	25 Spring Break Homework Club 7am-6pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm	26 Spring Break Homework Club 7am-6pm Ruth Circle 1pm Celebration Bells 5:45pm Ringtones 6:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Jubilation Bells 7:30pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm	27 Office Closed Spring Break Homework Club 7am-6pm Girl Scouts 615-7:15pm	28 Mile High Metro District Annual Meeting 9am-12:30pm Arvada UMC or HOPE UMC
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FEBRUARY 2020 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING INFORMATION:

Mike Swing from Magnus Premium coffee gave us a presentation on the possibility of partnering with his coffee company to offer a 25% refund for all coffee purchased through a unique URL. The coffee cups and bags are 100% recyclable. We agreed that the board would do research individually and then revisit this next meeting.

Karen Bueno talked about a book she is reading called “Interfaith Leadership: A. Primer” by Eboo Patel. GSUMC’s participation with the Denver American Indian Festival has helped improve Native American relationships and our knowledge has increased regarding these relationships.

The Board reviewed the goal, objectives, and core values that were approved during the January retreat and we all signed the 2020 Leadership covenant.

Roger Wise presented the weekly giving and budgeted percentage report. Don Robinson submitted the balance sheet and actual vs. budget through January 31, 2020.

Rev. Lin explained some issues with staff pay and the need to comply with Colorado Labor laws. She has notified staff of the changes and will be working with Roger Wise and Don Robinson to make the necessary changes.

Jim Green has received two quotes to replace the roof. He feels that we should be prepared to replace the roof around July of 2021. The approximate range we’re talking about depending on what type shingles we use are between \$40,000 and \$100,000.00. More discussion to follow.

Al Campbell met with UMW, UMM, and BASH on Saturday, February 15, to explore the possibility of forming a partnership with the Atlanta Bread Company regarding a new food ministry. More to follow on that soon.

All are welcome to join us on March 8th at 1pm for our next meeting.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Calling all Christian Men: Are you looking for fellowship, education, involvement in the church and community?

Please join us for our March United Methodist Men Meeting on 3-21-2020

Where: The church sanctuary

Time: 8:00 AM

Breakfast, Fellowship, UMM Meeting and an educational video “**Dan : City of Unfaithfulness**”

Food For Hope Campaign:

*** Remember to bring a donation for Food For Hope, this month donations are **Peanut Butter**

*** No Glass or expired items please.

*** Bring in your saved Plastic shopping bags that they use to distribute the food with (**Recycle those used King Soopers and other plastic bags**)

Be sure to visit the updated the United Methodist Men’s Web Page at <https://www.shepherdchurch.org/united-methodist-men>

WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK - VISIT OUT NEW FACEBOOK PAGE AT <https://www.facebook.com/umm.gsumc.thornton/>

Save the Date!

Mile High Metro District Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 28
9:00AM-12:30PM
Arvada UMC *OR* Hope
UMC

Registration link with
more information to
follow



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." — Matthew 25:35, NRSV

United Methodists will celebrate UMCOR Sunday on March 22, 2020. Eighty years ago, World War II was raging. Millions of people, displaced from their homes, sought refuge and hope. The church responded by creating the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MCOR) and supporting MCOR through an annual offering called "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The 2016 United Methodist General Conference changed the name to UMCOR Sunday to reflect the important work accomplished by the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

UMCOR Sunday calls the church to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. UMCOR Sunday reaches children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.



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MAY THE STRENGTH OF GOD
PILOT US,
MAY THE WISDOM OF GOD
INSTRUCT US,
MAY THE HAND OF GOD
PROTECT US,
MAY THE WORD OF GOD
DIRECT US.

- SAINT PATRICK



OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE AS WE JOURNEY TO EASTER

3/1/20 **Romans 5:12-19** 1st Sunday in Lent
Paul explains sin and free (Amazing!) Grace through the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

3/8/20 **Romans 4:1-5, 13-17** 2nd Sunday in Lent

Our inheritance depends on Faith and the Spirit of the law, not the letter of the law.

3/15/20 **Exodus 17:1-7** 3rd Sunday in Lent
Having received water from a rock, the Israelites were still unsure of God's provision.

3/22/20 **Ephesians 5:8-14** 4th Sunday in Lent
What does "Live as children of the light" mean to us?

3/29/20 **Ezekiel 37:1-14** 5th Sunday in Lent
God asks the Prophet Ezekiel, "Can these dry bones live?" We say Yes!

4/5/20 **Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29** CANTATA/PALM SUNDAY
Celebrating the love of God with voice and with branches

4/9/20 **1 Corinthians 11:23-26** MAUNDY THURSDAY
Paul recounts the Last Supper and we celebrate the tradition of remembering.

4/10/20 **"Mary and James Under the Cross: A Drama for Good Friday"**
A Play within a Worship Service that focuses on Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

4/12/20 **Colossians 3:1-4** EASTER SUNDAY
Celebrating what it means to be revealed with Christ in glory.

COMMUNITY GARDEN—There are open plots available in the community garden. If you would like a plot please contact Jim Green. Jsgreen102@msn.com

BEE KEEPER NEEDED—We are looking for a "Volunteer Bee Keeper" for the community garden. If you are interested please contact Jim Green

Mar. 3	Kelsey Ayars
Mar. 3	Sydney Deem
Mar 6	Jerry Reed
Mar. 6	Jan Edwards
Mar 7	Ginny McDonald
Mar 10	Karen Lewis
Mar 11	Wyatt Pieken
Mar 14	Randy Anderson
Mar. 16	Ben Irwin
Mar. 16	Bethany Lawrence
Mar. 20	Bonnie Varvir
Mar. 20	Jonathan Wise
Mar 22	Pat Saunders
Mar 24	Victoria Fitzsimons
Mar 25	Pat McGinnis
Mar 25	Craig Gress
Mar 26	Evelyn Aldis
Mar 30	Leon Johnson
Mar. 31	Steve Donnell