



# Shepherd's Staff

November 1, 2019

## FROM THE MINISTER'S MAC: GIVING THANKS

One of the things I appreciate most is the humor we share at Good Shepherd. We can be serious when we need to, but we do not take ourselves too seriously. What a blessing! So, here is some Thanksgiving humor you can share this month with your family and friends, or just chuckle over yourself as you enjoy a quite break before the Christmas holiday season begins:

- Comedian and late-night talk show host Johnny Carson famously said, "Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with those they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often."

- "I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage."

-Humorist Erma Bombeck

**Q: Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building?**

**A:** *Of course not! A building can't jump at all.*

**Q: Why didn't the cook bother to season the Thanksgiving turkey?**

**A:** *She didn't have thyme!*

- We'll worry about the Christmas tree later. Today, it's all about the poul-try.

- No more Thanksgiving puns. I am quitting cold turkey.

- Black Friday: The day people trample others for more merchandise exactly one day after being thankful for what they already have.

**Q:** What comes at the end of Thanksgiving?

**A:** The letter "g"!

- "An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day."

-Columnist Irv Kupcinet

- Black Friday through the years:

2005: 5am

2010: 3am

2012: 12am

2013: Thursday, 8pm

2020: 4th of July

And just to prove that I really can be serious when I need to, I want to leave you with one of my favorite quotes, not just for Thanksgiving, but for every day: "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

-William Arthur Ward

I am grateful for each and every one of you and will count you first among my many blessings this Thanksgiving!

See you in church!

Lin

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*One Show Only*  
**"An Evening of Rock"**



-Jubilation Bell Choir  
 -Ringtones

**Special Guest: Chancel Choir**

**Music From:**

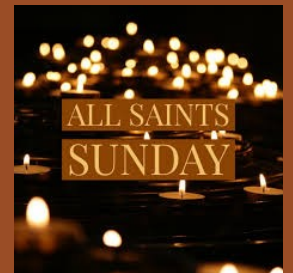
-Bill Haley  
 -Beatles  
 -Hair (the musical)  
 -Captain and Tennille  
 And More...

**FREE ADMISSION!** Fun for the whole family!  
**Saturday, November 2, 2019 @ 7:00 pm**  
 Good Shepherd United Methodist Church  
 3960 E. 128th Avenue • Thornton, CO 80241



Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend, so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday, 11/2.

Join us Sunday, November 3 for Communion and remembering all those who went before us.



**All Means All Buttons**  
 are available for \$1.00 each

Thanks to everyone who submitted  
 an idea for the contest.

**Congratulations to our winning designers:**  
**Maria Newman and Sharon Tonsager**



**WELCOME BACK, JULIE!**

Julie will be back in the church office beginning 11/4; be sure to stop by and tell her how much we missed her!

**TURKEYS NEEDED!**

UMM needs 7 sponsors  
 to purchase and cook

Turkeys for the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.  
 Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Pete Finney or Hervey Smith with questions.



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 Women with a heart for service

Join the GSUMC United  
 Methodist Women for  
 fellowship at the church on  
**Saturday, 11/16 at 10:00am.**

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS—SIGN UP NOW!**

Lifetouch will here Thursday, November 14 thru Saturday, November 16 to take FREE Family Portraits for our church directory. Open to **ALL** GSUMC attendees—you do **not** have to be a member to be added to the directory!

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex. Please sign-up your family for one of the time slots (families of 7 or more are encouraged to schedule two consecutive time slots). Four time slots are available per hour:

- Thursday, Nov. 14, 2-9pm
- Friday, Nov. 15, 2-9pm
- Saturday, Nov 16, 10am-5pm

Each family will receive a FREE 8x10 and church directory, and optional photo purchases are available (that will arrive before Christmas)! Please contact Karen Zulauf with questions: [kiz4051@gmail.com](mailto:kiz4051@gmail.com), 720-445-0868.



## **2019 CHARGE CONFERENCE BOOK – REPORTS DUE 11/18!**

### ***Attention Ministry Team Leaders:***

Please submit your Ministry Team 2019 report/recap and 2020 vision by **Monday, November 18** to [shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net](mailto:shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net) for the 2019 Charge Conference book. We want to capture all of the amazing work and outreach projects that are being done here at GSUMC.

# **BASH**

## **YOUTH GROUP**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**Fri- Sun, Nov. 1st – 3rd:** *Senior High IGNITE at Camp Buckhorn*

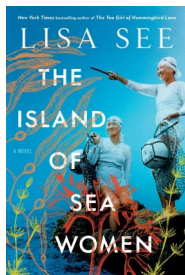
**Saturday, Nov. 9th:** *CCYM Meeting  
(hosted at FUMC Loveland)*

**Sunday, Nov. 24th:** *Food for All Thanksgiving Dinner  
Boxes, 12-4pm @ Highlands UMC*

## **YOUTH GROUPS UNITE!**

GSUMC's BASH and Northglenn UMC's youth groups have joined forces to promote each other's fundraising events!

NUMC Youth is raising money for a mission trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota in June 2020 and are kicking off fundraising with a Chili Cook Off on Sunday, November 17th from 4:30-6:30pm at Northglenn UMC. GSUMC members can help by purchasing tasting tickets for \$5 each at the door, or by entering your own chili in the competition for a chance to win a \$300 or \$200 prize! Registration and \$10 entry fee payable to NUMC (memo: Rooted Missions) due 11/10 to NUMC, 1605 W 106th Ave, Northglenn 80234. If interested or have questions, please email [aprilnichols@comcast.net](mailto:aprilnichols@comcast.net).



## **JOIN US FOR BOOK CLUB NOVEMBER 18TH AT 6:30PM**

Book: *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

This beautiful novel is about a world turned upside down by Japanese colonialism. Best friends, Mi-ja and Young-sook, are engaged in dangerous work as divers for their island. The reader is introduced to the fierce and unforgettable female divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives. Contact Connie Anderson with questions: [cranderson1993@msn.com](mailto:cranderson1993@msn.com).

## **BIBLE SUNDAY 11/24 @ 10:30 SERVICE**

All third graders who are preparatory members of the church are eligible to receive a Bible at the 10:30 service on November 24. Please contact Natalie for more information: [nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com](mailto:nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com).

**3RD GRADE  
BIBLE SUNDAY**





## UNITED METHODIST MEN – NEW STUDY ADDITION!

GSUMC United Methodist Men meets the Third Saturday of the month as a normal schedule (with a few exceptions) and we are looking for new members to join us!



We are expanding our missional experience and we will be returning to a segment of Spiritual Study as part of our normal programs. We are adding a series of video study to our normal meetings and will be about a 30 minute session. Our selected program is Who is the Holy Spirit by Sinclair Ferguson and will comprise of 12 video sessions. (It is an Amazon Prime Video Series and speaks about the sometimes forgotten person of the Trinity, "The Holy Spirit".) This is the first of the additional study area and we will be looking for input from the members for the next study program.

We will show the video at the end of the UMM meeting agenda. We are also looking for a UMM Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer if you are interested in assisting in those roles. We are focusing on new members and we welcome you. Our normal start time is 8AM and we start with prayer, breakfast and fellowship (donation requested to support the mission of the UMM), and then we proceed with our meetings and programs. Our focus is to gather as men of Christ with others that want to learn, support our community, deepen our faith, learn to be better men and be an impact to others in our lives. We welcome you to join us as and add your life experiences to our group and mission!

**ATTENTION ALL CURRENT UMM MEMBERS** - We need your current contact information to distribute to members for meeting alerts, needed communications and updates to the program. Please email [umm.gsumc.thornton@gmail.com](mailto:umm.gsumc.thornton@gmail.com) with your current contact information (name, phone and email) with "CONTACT" in the subject line.

\*There will be no formal November Meeting as we will be hosting the Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner (11/23).



GSUMC's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 23rd at 5:00pm hosted by the UMM. We are looking for volunteers to help setup, cook and clean afterwards. You can volunteer for various functions listed on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex or send

an email to [umm.gsumc.thornton@gmail.com](mailto:umm.gsumc.thornton@gmail.com). Also, be sure to note how many will attend and what side dish or dessert you will be bringing. Please invite your family and friends!

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IS COMING!

The Christmas Pageant will be on December 24 at the 5:00pm service and we are looking for children ages 3-7 to sing and assist with the Christmas Story. We are also in need of children/youth 8 years and up to read scripture. If you are interested in being part of the Christmas pageant, please contact Natalie: [higgins.gsumc@gmail.com](mailto:higgins.gsumc@gmail.com).



### URBAN PEAK DONATIONS

Now through December, UMM will be collecting donations for Urban Peak, a shelter for homeless teens in downtown Denver. Urban Peak gladly accepts a variety of items to help the homeless youth they serve; please place items in the marked bins in the Narthex:

- Blankets
- Hats
- Gloves
- Wool Socks
- Hand Warmers
- Men's Boxers\* (size M-L preferred)
- Men's Deodorant\*
- Any youth clothing/household items



(\*indicates items in critical need)

Visit [www.urbanpeak.org](http://www.urbanpeak.org) to learn more about Urban Peak; contact Karen Bueno with questions.

# Share Your Christmas Spirit!

Christmas is just around the corner, which means it's time to purchase gifts for our **Stockings and Stars** tree. The Stockings and Stars tree is Good Shepherd's yearly partnership with the Thornton Police Department. This is an outreach to children sharing the love of Christ by providing gifts for children who may not have a Christmas. The police department works with our local schools to ensure that no child in need is forgotten. In 2018, the program helped 175 families serving 522 children.

Beginning **Sunday, November 10** please stop at the tree in the Narthex and select a stocking or star (or both!) from the tree. Feel free to partner with others to purchase gifts. Then, shop for the item(s) listed on the star or stocking **and return them unwrapped (in bags or boxes)** to the Sanctuary tree on or before **December 8**.

*Children between the ages of 10-17 are most often overlooked. Please consider buying gifts for these age groups.*

Our final gift collection will be at the 10:30 service on **December 8**. After that service, we will deliver the gifts to the Police Department. Along with the gifts, we ask you to pray for the children and their families.



## GIFT SUGGESTIONS

### ITEMS FOR TEENS

- Shaving Kits / Mani-Pedi Kits
- Fashion scarves and gloves
- Make-up / scented lotions / bath soaps and gels
- Hair dryers / curling irons / hair straighteners
- Costume jewelry / accessories
- Jeans (boys/girls sizes 10, 12, 14)
- Hoodies / sweatshirts / sweaters / T Shirts (no red or blue)
- Ear buds
- Wallets / purses / backpacks
- Bluetooth mini speaker
- Smartphone projector
- Repair kit for phones, tablets, gaming consoles
- Popsocket (for mobile phones)
- Alarm clock
- Sports equipment
- Popular books

### ITEMS FOR CHILDREN


- Multicultural dolls / action figures
- Infant toys
- Playdoh / art supplies / crayons and coloring books
- Matchbox cars
- Trains, trucks, planes, and other vehicles
- Nerf toys
- Board games
- Puzzles
- Foam / Slime sets
- Young reader books
- Building toys
- Stuffed animals
- Legos
- Anything Barbie
- Anything Toy Story
- Anything Hello Kitty
- Action / Super Hero figures

*\*All suggested gifts can be purchased from Amazon, Walmart, Target, Old Navy, etc. for less than \$50.*

Questions? Contact Jan Edwards ([jan@investindoyou.com](mailto:jan@investindoyou.com)) / 303-517-2435).

NOVEMBER 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm Bell Choir Dress Rehearsal 6pm <b>BASH Sr. High IGNITE</b>	<b>2</b> BASH Sr. High IGNITE Girl Scouts 10am-12pm <b>Bell Choir "Rock" Concert 7:00pm</b> <b>Change Clocks Back One Hour!</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Sunday School <b>Donuts</b> 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School Girl Scouts 2:45-4:45pm BASH Sr. High IGNITE <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>	<b>4</b> <b>TLC 9-11:30am</b> Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Girl Scouts 4-6pm Boy Scouts 6:30-8:30pm Happy Birthday Rev. Lin!	<b>5</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Choir 6:15-8:30pm	<b>6</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	<b>7</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Together Colorado 12-3pm Ruth Circle 1pm Homework Club 3-6pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice 6-8pm Prayer Group 6:30pm	<b>8</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Girl Scouts 6:15-7:30pm	<b>9</b> MYSC Youth Leadership (Loveland)
<b>10</b> 9:00 am Worship & Adult Sunday School <b>Burritos</b> 10:30 am Worship & Children's Sunday School <b>Staff Meeting 11:45am</b> <b>Ad Board Meeting 1pm</b>	<b>11</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED (Veteran's Day)</b> <b>TLC 9-11:30am</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Boy Scouts 6:30-8:30pm	<b>12</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Choir 6:15-8:30pm	<b>13</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Homework Club 1-6pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	<b>14</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Ruth Circle 1pm Church Directory Photos 2-9pm Homework Club 3-6pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice 6-8pm Prayer Group 6:30pm	<b>15</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Church Directory Photos 2-9pm Homework Club 3-6pm	<b>16</b> <b>Foodbank of the Rockies 8:30am-12:00pm</b> <b>UMW 10:00am</b> <b>Church Directory Photos 10am—5pm</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00 am Worship & Adult Sunday School <b>Donuts</b> 10:30 am Worship & Children's Sunday School Eagle Scout Honor Ceremony 1-5pm Girl Scouts 2:45-4:45pm	<b>18</b> <b>TLC 9-11:30am</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Book Club 6:30pm Girl Scouts 4-6pm Boy Scouts 6:30-8:30pm <b>Ministry Team Reports Due</b>	<b>19</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Choir 6:15-8:30pm	<b>20</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Homework Club 1-6pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	<b>21</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Ruth Circle 1pm Homework Club 3-6pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice 6-8pm Prayer Group 6:30pm	<b>22</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>TLC/PDO 9-11:30am</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Girl Scouts 6:15-7:30pm	<b>23</b> <b>Thanksgiving Dinner 5pm (set-up 12-5pm)</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00 am Worship & Adult Sunday School <b>Burritos</b> 10:30 am Worship & Children's Sunday School <b>Bible Sunday</b> BASH Thanksgiving Boxes @Highlands UMC 12-4pm	<b>25</b> <b>NO TLC/PDO</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Boy Scouts 6:30-8:30pm	<b>26</b> <b>NO TLC/PDO</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Choir 6:15-8:30pm	<b>27</b> <b>NO TLC/PDO</b> Homework Club 3-6pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	<b>28</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED (Thanksgiving)</b> <b>NO TLC/PDO</b>	<b>29</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>NO TLC/PDO</b>	<b>30</b>





Nov. 1 Diane Adams	Nov. 9 Sean Fitzsimons
Nov. 2 Jerry Saunders	Nov. 11 Kyle Green
Nov. 4 Rev. Lin Cheek	Nov. 16 Carole Booth
Nov. 5 Scott Varvir	Nov. 16 Samantha Irwin
Nov. 5 Joslyn Pieken	Nov. 17 Karen Zulauf
Nov. 6 Jacalyn Robinson	Nov. 19 Roger Wise
Nov. 6 Rick Killian	Nov. 21 Christopher Schankweiler
Nov. 8 Diane Hake	Nov. 26 Connor Ayars
Nov. 9 Glenda Irwin	Nov. 27 Pete Finnie

**November 11, 2019**

Church Office closed for  
Veteran's Day



**November 28-29, 2019** – Church Office Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday

**December 14, 2019**

Charge Conference from 9am-12pm at GSUMC. Look for  
more details in the upcoming eBlasts.

### OCTOBER ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Roger Wise reported that giving is currently at 93% of budget. There are currently 11 families utilizing the ACH program for their giving. Please contact Roger if you wish to sign up to have your pledge/giving done through ACH transfer. The Stewardship Campaign for 2020 will begin at the end of October, pledge cards were included in letters to the congregation and can also be obtained at the church.
- Don Robinson explained that there will be a new way of designating how apportionments will be figured for 2020. 10% will go to the Conference and 3% will be allocated over eight different funds at Good Shepherd's discretion. Please check the conference website for the description of the various funds. Ad Board will continue working on this at a future meeting.
- Garage steel replacement doors are on order and the security cameras are being upgraded for remote access.
- The Ad Board voted on and approved that Reverend Lin return as our Pastor. The required paperwork will be sent to the Conference office.
- We voted and approved that \$1000.00 be sent to Global Hope for their mission. We also voted to add \$1000.00 to the church budget to support Global Hope going forward.

**Please join us at our next meeting on November 10th at 1:00pm. All are welcome!**



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Office Hours:  
Mon - Thurs 8:30am-12:30pm

#### Sunday Worship Services:

9:00 a.m. Praise Service  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:30 a.m. Children and Youth  
Sunday School

*GSUMC is an inviting neighborhood church family. Our purpose is to:*

**Celebrate** God's message in worship and  
in our daily lives.

**Engage** with our community through  
active and relevant service.

**Equip** our congregation for spiritual  
growth and expanding faith with emphasis  
on our young people.