

**GSUMC
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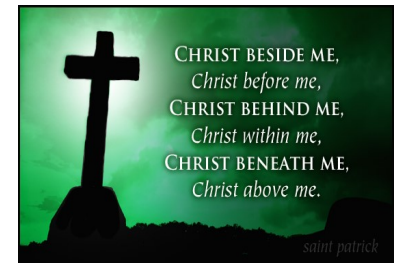
Rev. Lin Cheek-Pastor

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The Shepherd's Staff

FROM THE MINISTER'S MAC: THE VOTE

If you have been paying even a little bit of attention, you know that our Church — that is, the worldwide United Methodist Church — just voted on the subject of homosexuality. We held a Special General Conference where 862 delegates came from around the globe to find a way forward, once and for all, so that our Church would never again have to argue about human sexuality and its biblical context.



There were four plans presented by the Commission on A Way Forward:
THE SIMPLE PLAN — take the language out of our Book of Discipline (BOD) that reads, "homosexuality is not compatible with Christian teaching."
THE TRADITIONAL PLAN — keep the BOD as is and enforce it; also requiring "certification" from Conferences, bishops and clergy that we will adhere to the plan
THE ONE CHURCH PLAN — let each church/pastor decide if it will accept gay/lesbian clergy and same sex weddings
CONNECTIONAL PLAN — Three conferences, to which any church, anywhere may belong: Traditional, Progressive, or Unity, each reflecting the local church's theology

These plans all require provisions for pensions, insurance, global ministries, and local churches leaving the denomination. So complicated. I can imagine God's eyes rolling back in the almighty head and a voice crying, "You have GOT to be kidding me."

And yet, a decision was reached. It was close, but in the end, the Traditional Plan passed with 53% of the vote and is now the stance of the United Methodist Church on homosexuality and homosexuals.

There are, however, questions as to the constitutionality of the Traditional Plan, so there may be legal maneuvering yet to endure. There are also decisions that clergy and conferences need to make, as those who feel they cannot adhere to the Traditional Plan have been invited to find a church home elsewhere.

For many, this is a life-altering day. The Church that has raised them, nurtured them, and even affirmed their call to ministry is now saying it doesn't want them. No room for differing opinions. No room for the cultural diversity that is evident around the globe. No room for understanding Scripture in various ways. No room for Wesley's "Think and let think." No room to be who God created and called them to be. So sad.

Even so, the future is not hopeless, for God is still with us. The sun rose in the east this morning. The world is still turning. We will still gather on Sunday to worship, sing songs of praise, and pray. Together. Praise God. And regardless of the rules of Churches, we can still be the light of Christ to a hurting world — in love.

I'll see you in church!
Lin

ALL CHURCH GATHERING

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DEEP CONVERSATION

Sunday, March 17, at noon, after second worship service, until 1:30 pm

A light lunch will be served. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Susan Kaplan, our Beloved Community Coach from our Conference, along with the members of the Diversity/Good Neighbor team of Good Shepherd will lead the sharing session.

Those of you who have followed the General Conference in St. Louis know that we need to talk together as members and friends of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. This gathering will not be a lecture or a debate, nor will we create a set of action plans or solve problems. We will be together in a different kind of way where we may get to know one another. This conversation will be in pairs, small groups, with those we know and those we do not know so well. It will be a chance for everyone to feel they can jump into the conversation. We will want speakers to talk from their own experiences, and listen to what another person says, with the goal of listening more deeply.

We will be entering a different space for the conversation. We don't intend to solve any problems, but to listen to insights and experiences of others. We want to listen to others and share our own thoughts in a way that moves us toward becoming a beloved community. We want find how to hold our differences and still be together. Contact karenbueno@aol.com

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please join us for Ash Wednesday Service on March 6, 2019 at 7:00pm
 "The Beauty of Ashes"
 Taking Gods Grace Into Our Hearts



ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD



Hello Friends,

The Administrative Board met on February 10th and I am listing below a few of the items discussed. In the interest of full disclosure and transparency, the meeting minutes and balance sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. There will be a notebook in the office with meeting minutes and packet materials. Roger Wise presented a proposal that will allow GSUMC to accept ACH deposits from congregants directly into Vectra Bank. He will be finalizing the arrangement with the bank and will be

the point of contact once everything is set up. The Ad Board also finished up and signed our Covenant to the Church.

Next meeting is March 10th, 2019. All are welcome to attend!

Quiet Disciple—Kathy Lamerand



Kathy Lamerand fills many shoes here at Good Shepherd UMC. As head of the Worship Committee, she has a home full of artificial flowers she has acquired over the years, that she uses to beautifully decorate the sanctuary, changing them out many times during the year to reflect the seasons. Stepping in where needed, Kathy assists with the children's program for our Christmas service each year as well as being an integral part of the Denver American Indian Festival over the past five years. Kathy has organized the yard sale which is a huge undertaking. From the festival's inception, Kathy has planned and

organized the "Kids Zone" craft workshop, collecting boxes of material ahead of time to be used by the children making the crafts. Kathy was responsible for recruiting the girl scouts to assist in the Kid Zone as well as contributing countless hours herself to the festival each of the past five years. When volunteers are needed, Kathy is always at the head of the line. She has been a member of the Jubilation Bell Choir and Ringtones (a smaller bell ensemble) for any years providing beautiful music for the congregation throughout the year. Kathy's faith and sunny personality are evident in all that she does for Good Shepherd and truly embodies the spirit of a Quiet Disciple. Kathy will be honored at the District Gathering on March 30, 2019 at Littleton UMC from 9am to 3pm. Please go to www.mtnskyumc.org/districtgathering to register.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This year's Sunday School offering went to Heifer International. With your generous giving the Sunday School students were able to purchase a basket of young rabbits and chicks to provide protein, eggs, and income for a family, a goat, pig, and a school of fish to share between families, a biogas stove for a home, and a gift of honeybees with training on how to take care of the bees to provide honey and income. Thank you for your contributions to Sunday School so we can make a difference in the lives of others.



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm	2 Rocky Mountain Downs Syndrome Assoc. 9-12 Edna Gallagher Memorial Service 1:00pm
3 Communion Sunday 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School Worship change colors 1130am Confirmation Class -Noon	4 TLC 9:00am-1245pm Homework Club 3pm-6pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Jr. Girl Scouts 6:15-8:30pm Boy Scouts 7-830pm Girl Scouts 530-7pm	5 PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Praise Choir 615pm Chancel Choir 715pm Girl Scouts 615-830	6 TLC 9-1245 PDO 9-1130am Homework Club 1-6pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm	7 TLC Tour Day 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	8 Office Closed PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Brownies 615-7:15pm	9 Turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed! Spring Forward!
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School Nurture and Worship Team meetings 11:30am Confirmation Class -Noon Ad Board 1:00pm Girl Scouts 3-4:30pm	11 TLC 9:00am-1245pm Homework Club 3pm-6pm Boy Scouts 7-830pm	12 PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Praise Choir 615pm Chancel Choir 715pm	13 TLC open registration TLC 9-1245 PDO 9-1130am Homework Club 1-6pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	14 PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Ruth Circle 1pm Celebration Bells 5:45pm Ringtones 6:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Jubilation Bells 7:30pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm	15 Office Closed PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm	16 Foodbank of the Rockies 8:30 a.m. UMW 10:00 a.m. Girl Scouts 8:30-11am
17 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School Diversity team -"Deep Communication " Noon-2pm Confirmation Class -Noon 	18 TLC 9:00am-1245pm Homework Club 3pm-6pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7-830pm Girl Scouts 530-7pm Jr. Girl Scouts 615-8:30pm	19 PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Praise Choir 615pm Chancel Choir 715pm	20 TLC 9-1245 PDO 9-1130am Homework Club 1-6pm	21 PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Ruth Circle 1pm Celebration Bells 5:45pm Ringtones 6:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Jubilation Bells 7:30pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm	22 Office Closed PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Brownies 615-7:15pm	23 BASH pancake breakfast at Applebee's 7:30-9:30am
24 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School Confirmation -Noon Girl scouts 3-5pm	25 Spring Break Homework Club 7am-6pm DAIF Board Mtg 6 PM DAIF comm. Mtg 7pm Diversity Team 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7-830pm	26 Spring Break Homework Club 7am-6pm Staff Meeting 11:45 Praise Choir 615pm Chancel Choir 715pm Brownies 615-830pm	27 Spring Break Homework Club 7am-6pm Girl Scouts 6:30-8pm	28 Spring Break Homework Club 7am-6pm Ruth Circle 1pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm Maundy/Thursday Service 7pm	29 Office Closed Spring Break Homework Club 7am-6pm Good Friday Service 7:00pm	30 District Gathering-Littleton-9am-3pm
31 9:00 am Worship-Confirmation Service 9:00 am Adult Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School Girl scouts 3-5pm				Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; <i>blessings and prosperity</i> will be yours. <i>Psalms 128:1-2</i> 		



Applebee'sSM

Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser

In Support of **BASH**
YOUTH GROUP

This year's profits will help our Youth in attending the National Gathering for United Methodist Youth, LOVE WELL - Youth 2019 in Kansas City, MO July 10-14

Tickets are \$10.00
Saturday March 23rd
7:30am - 9:30am
Applebee's
120th & Grant



You can purchase tickets after services on Sunday mornings,
Through one of our BASH Youth, In the church office during regular business hours,
or contact us at BASHYouthGroup@gmail.com



BASH
YOUTH GROUP

EASTER BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

April 20th & 21st

Pre-Order Forms will be available beginning April 6th, with orders and payment due by April 17th.

Orders will be available for pick up Saturday evening April 20th and Sunday April 21st before and after church services at Good Shepherd.

Pies:

- *Apple
- *Banana Cream
- *Lemon Meringue

Cakes:

- *Layered Round Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing
- *Decorated Easter Bunny Shaped Cake - 3 flavors

Cookies:

- *Decorated Easter sugar cookies (by the Dozen or Individually)

***Note:**

Decorated items will vary based on decorator choice





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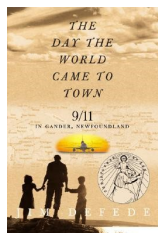


MAY THE STRENGTH OF GOD
PILOT US,
MAY THE WISDOM OF GOD
INSTRUCT US,
MAY THE HAND OF GOD
PROTECT US,
MAY THE WORD OF GOD
DIRECT US.

- SAINT PATRICK

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

BOOK CLUB APRIL 1, 2019 6:30PM



The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede This is the true story behind the events of 9/11 when thirty-eight jetliners bound for the U.S. were forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland due to the closing of U.S. airspace on September 11th. The population of this small town swelled from 10,000 to nearly 17,000. The citizens of Gander met the stranded passengers with an overwhelming display of friendship and goodwill.

NEWS FROM THE DENVER AMERICAN INDIAN FESTIVAL

September 28 and 29, 2019

DAIF has formed a partnership with the Westminster Rotary to help underprivileged children get computers. The program "COMPUTERS FOR KIDS" is underway and DAIF has been able to give three laptop computers away with the goal of giving 500 computers to children this year. Statistics tell us that only 40% of American Indian students graduate each year and it is because they do not have the basic tools, resources, or support to succeed. DAIF is thrilled to put a year around program together to help the community achieve that goal. WE NEED YOUR HELP, we need all the old computer systems that you are no longer using. The systems will be refurbished by Rotary and will be made available to DAIF. We need both laptop and desk top units. WE NEED YOUR HELP identifying students who need these and they do not need to be American Indian. Education of our children is the most worthwhile project that we can support for anyone. Please contact Lynne Holman at Fest15Chief@comcast.net or at 303-423-6682 to donate a computer or to help us with names of students. DAIF will be contacting the Homework Club first since they are a part of our church community.

DAIF will host the 9Health Fair during the Denver American Indian Festival this year. This amazing group will be there both days and will offer all of their standard health screening services. Those volunteers will also be able to council American Indians about their specific needs such as diabetes. Flu shots will be offered for a nominal fee as well. DAIF will publish the fee schedule at a later date, but this service saves their clients hundreds of dollars on medical testing. For more information please contact Becky Lynch rlynch3767@q.com

Website Updates

This website gives us the opportunity to get our church information out into the community and beyond. The GSUMC website has had over 22,300 online viewers since it's inception in January 2015. The website is updated weekly to include Sunday sermons, scripture readings, and special music.

Some of our current website pages are in need of updating, they are: UMW, UMM, Youth Group, Music Program, American Indian Festival, Community Garden, and Christian Education. And if there's a ministry team that's not listed above and you'd like me to add that to the website, please send me that information and I'll create a page for that.

Electronic Sign

This sign is great for letting the community know about any upcoming events. If there's a message that needs to get out to the community by utilizing the electronic sign, please send me that information. Limit to the number of characters in your message to 70 including the spaces. My contact information is: captaincheek@yahoo.com

Thanks, Brian

SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 13, 2019 6:00 pm

Dinner and a Movie Fundraiser for DAIF

Susie Silversmith has volunteered her time to make Indian Tacos and Fry Bread for dinner. She is the same Navajo lady that feeds the Festival crowds each year. Most of you know by now that she makes the best Fry Bread in Colorado. Our feature movie will be "Te Ata" (TAY' AH-TAH) which is based on a true story of a great Native American heroine. The story is very family friendly and is based on the inspiring story of her Chickasaw roots and her pathway to becoming herself.