



NEW MASK MANDATE IN ADAMS COUNTY

Per the Tri-health department decision on Monday, due to increasing hospitalization rates, masks are now required indoors in Adams County regardless of vaccination status. If you have any questions, please contact Aimee Horst(Administrative Board Director) or Pete Finnie

GSUMC COVID 19 STEERING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The COVID 19 steering committee (aka re-open committee) has been recalled to monitor our continuing pandemic. This is due to rises in COVID and variants in Colorado and our area.

As such we are looking for 2 more members to round out the committee and offer a broader base for the steering committee. Most meetings will be by Zoom / Phone and is dependant on the condition of our area and directives of the CDC and state and local governing bodies on how often we meet / communicate. I anticipate 1 to 2 meetings a month as needed and possible email communications for review.

If you would like to join the team and assist in this valuable committee please contact Pete Finnie prfinnie12325@comcast.net

The focus of the COVID 19 steering committee is to monitor, advise the pastor and AD Board of changes and CDC, state of Colorado and county health department regulations, orders and directives. The committee will offer recommendations to the Ad Board for consideration and if so directed coordinate implementation. Peter Finnie GSUMC, COVID 19 Steering Committee

CHARGE CONFERENCE 2021 DECEMBER 5TH AT 4:30PM VIA ZOOM

This year's charge conference will be held via zoom on December 5, 2021 at 4:30pm. Please join us as we celebrate all that GSUMC has accomplished in 2021. The Quiet Disciple and Faith Award winners will also be announced. The charge conference book as well as the zoom link and agenda are located on the church website-home page click on 2021 charge conference. If you have any questions, please email shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Just a reminder there is no children's pageant rehearsals this Sunday November 28th. Practice resumes on **December 5th at 12:30. All children, teens, and adults will need to be at this rehearsal.** Thank you!

FOOD FOR HOPE DECEMBER IS OATMEAL AND CEREAL

For December we will be collecting small boxes of cereal and oatmeal. Breakfast packs of cereal and indivial packs of oatmeal so that they can be placed in backpacks for students who are in need of food in Adams County. Please no glass or expired items. Thank you for supporting this outreach mission! Ronda Stringer

BOOK CLUB NOVEMBER 29, 2021

No One Ever Asked by Katie Ganshert

When an impoverished Missouri school district loses its accreditation, the nearby affluent community of Crystal Ridge has no choice but to open its doors to bussed students. Inspired by real-world events, *No One Ever Asked* is a riveting tale about the way we see one another, the lies we tell ourselves, the questions and stories that go unexplored. Book club will meet November 29th at 6:30 both in person and on zoom.

STOCKINGS AND STARS COLLECTION DAY IS DECEMBER 12, 2021

This is Good Shepherd's 18th year of donating gifts through the Thornton Police Department for children from newborn to 16 years old. Because of the uncertainty COVID-19 this year the Stocking Tree program will be handled as we did last year.

There will be no tree with stockings and stars on it. We will not be able to store the gifts in the sanctuary as we have done in the past, so we are asking that gifts be brought to the church

December 12th 9am-11:30am. A collection will take place before and after 1st and 2nd service. The Methodist Men's Group will collect the gifts for delivery that day. Please see the newsletter or website for list of items that are needed each year. If you have any questions, please contact; questions: Please call Linda Graham 303-920-7305 or Marge Cederlund 1-224-305-3102

WORTURE COMMITTEE NOVEMBER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Participate in Service to Our Church - We need many hands to prepare our church for the *Advent Season which begins on November 28th this year.*

* **On November 27th at 3:00** - Participate in "**Preparing for Advent with Cookies, Cocoa**". Help the Worture Team decorate the church Christmas tree, decorate the sanctuary and the Narthex in preparation for the arrival of baby Jesus.

* There will be cookies (*bring some to share if you would like*) and a hot chocolate and hot cider bar for all who attend.

* **Lighting the Advent Candles** - is your family interested in lighting the Advent candles during a worship service? If so, please sign up at the Welcome Center beginning November 7th. Reverend Yo Han will contact you regarding the reading for your chosen Sunday. Please contact Kathy Lamerand or Karen Zulauf with questions.

* **December 11th (1:00-4:00) - Christmas Gift Workshop** - Participate in making a craft to share with family, friends and community.

* Available crafts include: Christmas Ornaments; Christmas Cards; Christmas Mug Candle Holder; Snowman Soup.

* More details to come on items to bring or to donate for this event.

Please contact Kathy Lamerand or Karen Zulauf with questions.

DIVERSITY TEAM

Have you ever felt like your Doctor just doesn't "connect with you"?

Have you ever felt like you had no idea what made you "not prefer someone" you just met?

LISTEN TO THIS:

<https://youtu.be/YTD0QdRHWFY>

BASH YOUTH GROUP

Join us Sunday Mornings at 10:30am

For any questions, contact Amber Higgins at higgins.amber14@gmail.com

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Snapchat: [gsumc.youth](https://www.snapchat.com/add/gsumc.youth)

SOMETHING TO EXPLORE THIS WEEK

An Experiential Ministry By: Becky Lynch

Take a look at the latest **"Something to Explore"** an online experiential ministry by Rebecca Lynch. It comes to you via email every Wednesday via GSUMC email. It is also available on our church website. This sharing online experiential ministry is a mixture of interesting articles, uplifting stories, historic information, Methodist Church presentations on faith practices or topics, and encouraging "on line" experiences. **They may be just the thing for you each week.**

Please feel free to email Becky or give her a call if you would like to chat about any of the articles.

Rebecca rlynch3767@q.com

Phone: 303-886-9077

PIE IN THE FACE -HELP SUPOORT FOOD FOR HOPE AND PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS TO THOSE IN NEED!



For the month of November, BASH YOUTH GROUP will be partnering with Food for Hope to help provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. The church will be hosting a "competition" to raise money and in return, either Rev. Yo Han, Natalie, or myself will get a pie to the face. Here is how you can help:

- \$25 provides a Thanksgiving meal for a family of 4-6.
- If you are able to donate, you will write a check out to Good Shepherd UMC and write 'food for hope' in the memo line. At the end of the month, the church will write one big check to give to Food for Hope.
- Cash is also accepted. You can either donate \$25 in cash OR donate what you can (if that means \$5, great! It all still goes toward helping others).
- You will place your check into a jar with my name, Natalie's name, or Rev. Yo Han's name. Place your money in the jar of the person you want to see pied the most!

At the end of the month, the person with the most money in their jar will be pied! This date is TBD, but I will keep you updated!

If you have any questions about the above information, please let me know. I hope to see you all at our upcoming events! Amber Higgins higgins.amber14@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN!

Every year, Good Shepherd UMC holds a Stewardship Campaign to encourage the congregation to prepare a contribution commitment for the upcoming New Year. Your precious contributions will be used to support the mission and ministry of the church through the will of God. This week you should be receiving the stewardship letter, commitment card, and return stamped envelope. We ask that you please complete and return the commitment card and pledge your commitment to use your talents for the ministry and mission of our church. You can send the card via mail or bring it to church and place in the offering box in the sanctuary.

We are thankful for your sincere and faithful support of the Good Shepherd UMC ministry. May God continue to bless you on your journey of faith.

RUTH BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, come check out our Ruth Bible Study Group! We focus on building faith & friendships. We're starting a new study about 12 inspiring women of the Old Testament on Thursday, Dec. 9th, at 1-3 pm in the sanctuary. The study continues in the new year after pausing for a Dec. 16th special Christmas lesson & being off on Dec. 23 & 30. For more info or to order the book, "Life Guide Series - Women of the Old Testament", contact Marge Cederlund (cederlund3@aol.com) or Kathy Bollfrass (kgboll99@gmail.com).

GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP

Join the prayer warriors on Thursday nights at 6:30 at Good Shepherd UMC. If you have a prayer request please send to Rev. Yo Han Han and Kathy Bollfrass.

Yo Han Han rev.yohanhan@gmail.com

Kathy Bollfrass kgboll99@gmail.com

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE IS DECEMBER 22, 2021 AT 7PM IN PERSON AT GOOD SHEPHERD UMC

This Blue Christmas/ Longest Night Worship service offers a way for people to claim those darker feelings and still feel surrounded by the compassionate love of God. It will be a quiet, meditative gathering with scripture, music, prayer and candles." We welcome you to join us and to invite friends, neighbors, coworkers who might be feeling blue. Contact Rev. Linda Freund at revlindafreund@gmail.com with any questions. More information on the church website.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES JANUARY 5, 2021

Greetings GSUMC!

The Adult study group resumes **January 5 2022** on our Wednesday PM sessions at 7 PM. We will be starting these as Zoom sessions and we will see where we go from there.

We will be beginning with a book and series by Adam Hamilton

Finding Peace Through Letting Go.

"If your enemies are starving, feed them some bread; if they are thirsty, give them water to drink." Proverbs 24:17

This will be a book / video study about forgiveness to ourselves and to others. A study that highlights the need for forgiveness for healing to take place. It is a supplement to the book we studied "Why", also by Adam Hamilton. The selection was to help address the deep divides in our society that the pressures of the pandemic have caused and to serve as a reminder that we are all in this together. Forgiveness as we all know is the basis of our Christian beliefs and also one of human kinds most difficult things we can do. This will be an interactive study so plan to attend and interact.

This will be a kick off series for January and a **4 week starter or primer.**

January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

Books can be sourced at several locations, Amazon, Google Books, Cokesbury and range about 12.00 for paperback and 10.00 for ebook series,

Please RSVP to Pete Finnie at education.gsumc@gmail.com

INFORMATION AND ZOOM LINK AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE
WWW.SHEPHERDCHURCH.ORG

February selection and dates to be announced in December.

GSUMC HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL!!



SUNDAY WORSHIP at 9 AM

- GSUMC's Live streaming is available. (9:00 am service only)

Channel name: Good Shepherd UMC Thornton

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChcYlrjqLS-PbQUz8R2B7QA>

Please subscribe to our church channel. After you subscribe you will be notified when live streaming is on. You can watch the in-person worship service LIVE every Sunday Morning at 9 am on Good Shepherd's YOUTUBE channel.

If you are not able to watch it live at 9 am on Sunday-don't worry! The Service will be recorded and available for you to watch at your convenience! Past services that were recorded will also be available for you to watch at your convenience.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Welcome Video for website: **If you would like to participate but are having technical difficulties, please ask Rev. Yo Han for help! He can help to record your video!**

Our goal is to have a different family/individual video a "Welcome to Good Shepherd" each month. You can talk about what you have experienced attending at Good Shepherd, what you like about our church and welcome them!

Reading Scripture for Sunday services: we are also in need of volunteers to read the scripture for Sunday worship service.

A sign up sheet will be available via Google Doc: **Sign-up sheet is also available in the Narthex at the welcome desk during Sunday service.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CdKou7JJNhjWGL4qFkJW-Uc655AilOou_3yGV8eRnVc/edit?usp=sharing

If you have any questions regarding the welcome video or reading scripture, please contact Rev. Yo Han Han (rev.yohanhan@gmail.com)