

Shepherd's Staff

May 1, 2021

A Heart for New Normal

Not long ago, one of my molars kept hurting, so I went to the dentist. I thought that I might have a cavity, so I was just waiting for the treatment in the dentist. That morning, I took my kids to school and went to the dentist right away. I didn't even have breakfast. But the dentist looked at my molar and decided to get an x-ray. Then, he showed me the x-ray and told me why my molar kept hurting. It was a crowned molar, and its root was beginning to crack. The dentist told me that I had to have surgery to pull it completely out. I never expected this would be the situation. I couldn't leave it as it was, so I decided to have surgery right away. I hadn't eaten anything; I had to be at the dentist from 10 am to 3 pm. However, the anesthesia for the surgery made it where my first meal of the day wouldn't be until dinner. But when I finally ate, I was so tired from the surgery and starved from the morning, the dinner tasted really good. It was just a simple noodle, but it was such a good meal after so many hours. I felt starved, I ate slowly and enjoyed it.

Last month, our church was finally reopened. Because of the pandemic, for about six months our church had to be closed and meetings in the church had been suspended. Of course, we continued to worship online through Zoom services, and the online service was very gracefully conducted with everyone's faithful participation. I really appreciate all the work. However, after six months, I could finally meet and see the faces of the congregation, and we can worship in the sanctuary together in-person; the impressions I have now are very special. Above all, I realized how much our church members want to come to the church and love the worship service. When service was done and the postlude played, no one moved; they stayed in their seats and enjoyed the moment. It was such a great moment.

Although there were many restrictions due to the pandemic, I believe this situation reminded us of the passion of faith, our desire to worship God, and the love toward the church. Now, we have entered a new era of "normal." As we face this, I hope our mindset will be refreshed as well. Just as food gained in hunger is more precious, I encourage you to realize our joy as we reopen the church beyond the restrictions of the pandemic. And I hope we can live in this new moment with a heart that realizes its preciousness. I hope we find our heart. A heart that loves God more, a heart that values worship more, and a heart that wants to serve our community of faith more. I pray that we can unite our hearts as we bring GSUMC together as a growing church in this new moment.

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13

- Rev. Yo Han Han

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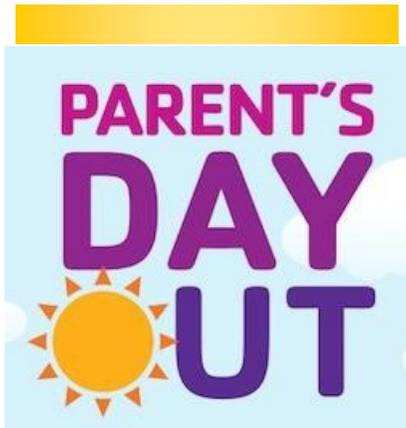
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It is May, a time to celebrate the ending of another school year, graduations, warmer days, Mother's Day (she is pretty special all year), and Pentecost!

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year has begun for PDO. Children must be 2 1/2 by October 1, 2021. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday beginning September 7th. Tuition for one day a week per month is \$85. For two days a week per month is \$155. For more information, please email Natalie Higgins at nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com

This month's memory verse is **Love each other like the members of your family. (Romans 12:10a)**. Sunday School and the Youth will dwell on the Book of Acts. The Book of Acts tells us what happened after Jesus returned to heaven, and how the Christian faith has spread to the whole world. Towards the end of this month, we will learn about Pentecost, the Church's birthday.

If you cannot make in person Sunday School, lesson will be online through a virtual class with an introduction from Mrs. Natalie, animated Bible Story, lesson song, and some other fun information. Youth age children can also find a weekly lesson with Ms. Amber. As a reminder, graduation Sunday is May 16th. Let's celebrate our graduates for all their hard work! If you are a graduate, please email Natalie nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com

VBS is coming in July! Open for all children 4 years-entering 6th grade. We are looking at July 12-16-stay tuned! There will be more information to come.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth members! Come join us on **Sunday 5/23 from 12:30-2:30** at the church! Let's get together to play some games and have some fun! Lunch will be provided. Friends are always welcome to join! We love new and returning faces! Please RSVP to Amber by 5/16 at higgins.amber14@gmail.org. Hope to see everyone there!

This week the youth group talked about God and His connection to humans. If you were unable to join church in person, you can still follow along with our Sunday lessons by watching the video and following along with the interactive link:

Video: <https://vimeo.com/538318867>
interactive link: <https://app.peardeck.com/student/tqbokbtvi>

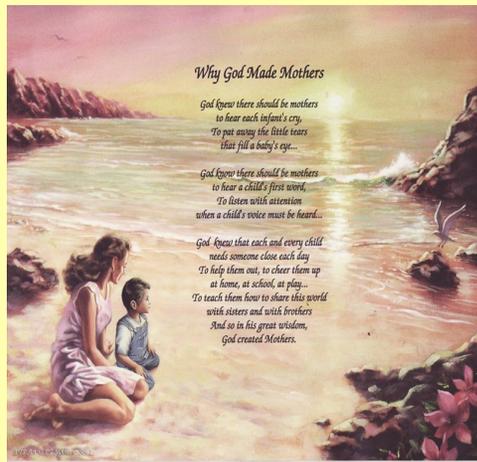
52 Ways to make a difference:

Last week: We made a difference by being in nature. The youth group did this by taking walks outside on nice days.

This week: Make a difference by **learning about massage**. Everyone deserves to relax a little! Learn a little something about massages and give someone a nice shoulder rub (bonus if you get one too!)

Reminder: Join us in person from 10:30-11:30 every Sunday :)

Please see the included attachment: Scripture Calendar. Follow along with our scripture calendar for the month of May!

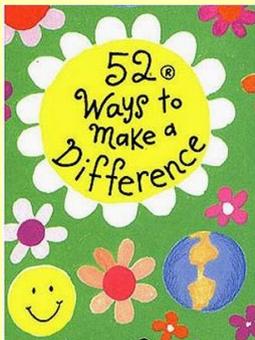


Why God Made Mothers

God knew there should be mothers
to hear each infant's cry,
To put away the little tears
that fill a baby's eye...

God knew there should be mothers
to hear a child's first word,
To listen with attention
when a child's voice must be heard...

God knew that each and every child
needs someone close each day
To help them out, to cheer them up
at home, at school, at play...
To teach them how to share this world
with sisters and with brothers
And so in his great wisdom,
God created Mothers.



FREE PLANTS AT GSUMC ON MAY 2, 2021



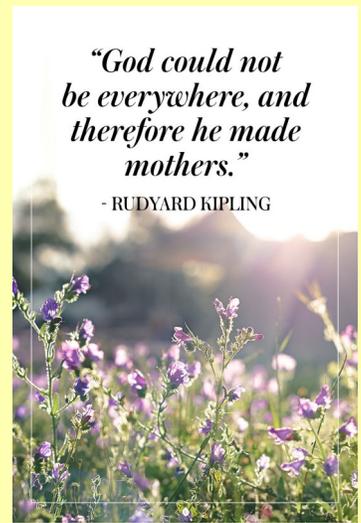
I'm happy to announce that I will have FREE tomato and pepper plants available at the church on Sunday May 2. The plants will be out prior to the first service thru the second service or until they are all gone. There will be approximately 40 tomato plants including cherry, grape, roma and various beef steak varieties as well as 35 pepper plants including red and green bell, banana, cayenne, Tequila Sunrise (hot) and Cascabella Hot. Should you have any questions please feel free to call me, Hervey Smith at 303-452-4520 or via email at herveysmith088@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB MAY 17, 2021

Please join us on zoom. Contact Connie Anderson for more information randyandconnieanderson@gmail.com

Book: **West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge** This book is based on the true story of the transporting of two young giraffes in 1938

from New York City all the way across the US to the San Diego Zoo. The Great Depression lingers and Hitler is threatening Europe. These two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic and then go on a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck all the way to the San Diego Zoo inspire wonder along the way. The book explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers and the passing of time.



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!!

Graduation Sunday is May 16th for all high school seniors and college students. We want to honor you! Please contact Natalie nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com (please have all information to Natalie by May 9th)

Each grad will need to send Natalie

- 1) a recent picture
- 2) your favorite scripture verse
- 3) future plans



DIVERSITY TEAM

We will meet on Zoom on Thursday, May 20, at 7:00 pm. We invite anyone who is interested in having our congregation reflect a more diverse membership! Please email evaschan@yahoo.com, and she will send you a link to the zoom meeting.





- May 2** Jean Trombley
- May 4** Raechal Friess
- May 10** Tim Collier
- May 10** Randy Swyhart
- May 10** Clint Cederlund
- May 12** Samantha Deem
- May 13** Debbie Krueger
- May 14** Natalie Higgins
- May 16** Kendra Schankweiler
- May 17** Tegan Johnson
- May 19** Sheri Lewis
- May 23** Sandi Green
- May 23** Travis Wise
- May 24** Candy Schroder
- May 27** Jim Irwin
- May 27** Maria Smith
- May 29** Connie Anderson

Food for Hope is hosting an outdoor in fresh air event at The Orchard Town Center on May 19, 2021 in the evening. The event is sold out, but we are suggesting individuals wanting to learn more, connect on our Facebook Event Page to see photos, live videos, and also participate in our VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION.

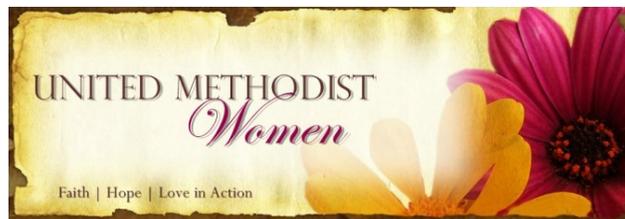
Facebook: Food for Hope CO
<https://foodforhope.net/events>

Update: Food for Hope has supported Adams County 12 School Districts with over 13,000 weekend food bags since school started (over 63,000 lbs of food). We have also delivered thousands of weekly snacks and

stocked our in school food banks at Northglenn High School and recently Adams County 14 and Pinnacle Charter School throughout the school year. Food for Hope provided 1800 Holiday Meal Boxes through our Feed 5000 Program in November 2020. We look forward to more growth in the way of in school food banks and are currently partnering with the Adams 5 Star Foundation in assisting with food donations, ordering and coordinating delivery for Resource Closets at local schools.

What a year!

Stay tuned for Summer and 2021/22 School Year Plans. Thank you all for supporting our local students!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MISSION?

Sometimes I despair when I read news stories about painful situations in the world. I wonder what I can do as only one person. That feeling has been a long-term goal of the United Methodist Women, where we believe that more meaningful change can happen when we work together! Thousands of women across the United States and the globe support over 200 mission projects in our country and other countries. These are for the needs particularly of women, children and youth, as education, adequate food, health care, and teaching methods of self-support.

Our tiny local group of United Methodist Women supports these global projects as well as local projects. There are no dues to belong to United Methodist Women--in 1869 when we first began we asked for donation of 2 cents per week. That's about \$1.00 a year. So even if you could give a tiny donation, it would help toward the mission activities. If you could not donate funds, you are welcome to join us for the fellowship we experience together, which is a great part of our mission

Our next meeting will be on zoom Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 7 pm. You are welcome to join!



May 2021

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2 Communion Sunday 9:00 am Zoom Worship 10:30am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Children/Bash Youth	3 TLC 8:45-1145 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours by appointment only	4 Rev. Yo Han Sabbath PDO 9-11:30 TLC 8:45-11:45	5 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 930am-12:30pm TLC 8:45-1145	6 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 930am-12:30pm PDO 9=11:30 TLC 8:45-11:45 Ruth Circle Bible Study Zoom 1-3pm Bell Practice 4pm-9pm	7 TLC 8:45-1145	8
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GSUMC HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL!



-GSUMC's Live streaming will start **May 2nd** (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. Thank you Rev. Yo Han and Randy Pacetti for live Streaming!



SIGN UP FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP!

SIGN UP FOR 9AM SERVICE: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/148627670363>

SIGN UP FOR 10:30 AM SERVICE: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/146831700569>

SIGN UP TO HELP CLEAN: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA4AF2AA1FAC70-cleaning>

OR GO TO WWW.SHEPHERDCHURCH.ORG AND CLICK RED BUTTON AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE TO SIGN UP.

Please consider assisting on our weekly teams and we are looking for **2 team leads to manage the cleaning events for the 9:00 and 10:30 AM services.**

SIGN UP FOR IN PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL



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4 years-1st grade <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/149377440947>

2nd to 5th Grade <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/149377615469>

6th to 12th Grade (Youth Group) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/149378462001>

Adult Sunday School 9-1030am in person or via zoom-contact Kathy Bollfrass:

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