



# Shepherd's Staff

November 1, 2020

## GIVING THANKS

George Bernard Shaw, a world-renowned Irish playwright who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1925, answered in a conversation with a reporter: "If every book in the world was burned, what book would you choose to save if it had to be a single book?" "The Bible, and especially Job," he answered. He reasoned that, "Job was a man who could be thankful in the face of harsh hardships."

When people are in trouble, there are three types of reactions. A person who looks at the ground and resents; a person who looks to the side and shifts responsibility, and a person who looks up to the sky and challenges anew. In other words, difficulties remain as difficulties, but some see the hope in difficulties; however, that does depend on one's own perspective.

So, it seems it must be up to me to be happy. The environment may make me happy, but how grateful I am in the environment given to me has a greater impact. No matter how good the environment is, if we cannot be thankful, that life will become unhappy. Of course, it is impossible to live with gratitude in every situation as a human being, but nevertheless, our gratitude and efforts will certainly lead us to a more positive and hopeful life.

It's already November. 2021 is only two months away. I think 2020 has likely been an unprecedented year of challenges and difficulties for many people around the world. And, we are still living in those challenges and difficulties. I truly hope we are not conquered by the situations. Rather, we should be able to conquer those situations. The way to conquer is to live with gratitude. Gratitude for what we're given. Gratitude for what we still can do. And, Gratitude for how we are able to be together. I believe our lives will be as happy as we are grateful.

November is the month of Thanksgiving. And in this month, I hope we can find the conditions of gratitude God has given us. I sincerely hope that November 2020 will be a happier November than previous years for everyone. - Rev. Yo Han



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## STOCKINGS AND STARS CHRISTMAS TREE

In an unusual year we need your help even more to  
give a local child a special Christmas

This is Good Shepherd's 17<sup>th</sup> year of donating gifts through the Thornton Police Department for children from newborn to 16 years old. Because of COVID-19 we have had to amend our usual approach.

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 13<sup>th</sup> and a collection will take place after 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd service (10 am and 11:30 am).

Because you will not have a stocking or star from the tree this year, just choose the age below and purchase appropriate gifts. (Some suggestions below). To help the distribution process, please put a note on the bag showing age/boy or girl/or if you concentrated on one specific toy or clothing item. Suggestions from the Police Department this year included warm clothing/lap blankets/pajamas/gloves/etc. that could be included with a toy if possible. Also, most often overlooked are the older teens.

Do not wrap gifts; mark bag with age/boy or girl information

Smaller gifts are usually better as most children receive 2-5 gifts

Collection Day—Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> (time/place of collection to be determined closer to Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.)

We are unable to store gifts in the sanctuary this year

Questions: Please call Linda Graham 303-920-7305 or Marge Cederlund 1-224-305-3102

Infants / Toddlers/ Up To 4 Years	5-11 Year Olds	12 – 16 Preteen & Teens
Lap Blanket Pajamas Board Games Books for age Toys Foam Blocks Mega Blocks Pretend play (dress-up costumes) Finger paints Coloring book/crayons Multicultural dolls/baby dolls Trucks Stuffed animals Doodle mats Flash cards	Art supplies Board Games Slime and Foam sets Playdoh, Coloring Books/ Colored Pencils/ Art Kits Pencils & Markers Science toys Building toys Legos, TRIO Character figures - super-heroes, Disney, etc. NERF toys Pajamas Flash cards Barbie Dolls Multicultural dolls Lap Blanket	Alarm clock Ear buds Pop Socks Art supplies Personal care items Jeans (10, 12, 14) Hoodies and Sweatshirts (no red or blue) Mittens, hats, scarves, gloves Costume jewelry Books / Notebooks Back-packs Footballs, Soccer ball, Basketball, Baseball mitt Bat & Ball or any type of ball baseball/ football/ basketball Fidget toys Board games Wallets/Purse

# 2020 Church Charge Conference

Plan to join our celebration of  
Good Shepherd UMC via Zoom

Sunday, December 6, from 5:00-6:30 pm

The link will be shared in the eblast closer to the event.

Wendy D. Lee, Ad Board Chair

## Ministry Team Leaders

Please submit your Charge Conference reports in Word by 9 am on November 16 to Julie Stirm at [shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net](mailto:shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net) and Wendy Lee at [gsumcadboard@gmail.com](mailto:gsumcadboard@gmail.com)

2020 has created interesting opportunities to reach out to our community and these reports offer a historical glimpse of the continued mission and ministry of our church. Thank you for sharing!

Wendy D. Lee, Ad Board Chair

## Online Worship

*The Zoom link will be posted on the church website.*

*Click to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for worship.*

## Adult Bible Study

### Resumes

Join us as we explore Publisher and Pastor Adam Hamilton's book - Why? This will be a 4 week study with video. Join us online as we explore the questions we all ask when we are beset by negative events in our lives either globally, locally or personally where we all ask that burning question WHY? or why me Lord. Please purchase your own copy for the class study. Available from many suppliers in your favorite format.

[Why by Adam Hamilton - Adult Bible Study Class Weds PM.pub](#)

**We will meet 11-4, 11-11, 11-18 and 12-2) avoiding the Thanksgiving week.**

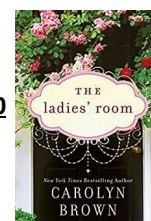
Please sign up for the bible study with the following link. The link is also on the church website.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-bible-study-630-pm-wednesdays-online-tickets-124434750689>

## BOOK CLUB

Our next book club will be on **Monday, December 7th at 6:30**

on zoom. Because of the holidays, this is our only meeting until 2021. Our new book is called: The Ladies' Room by Carolyn Brown. Secrets told in the church ladies' room are supposed to stay in the ladies' room. But that doesn't mean that what Trudy overhears there during her great-aunt Gertrude's funeral won't change the rest of her life.







Our organization began 150 years ago, because the women of a church in Boston thought that the church was not doing mission work across the globe as fully as possible!

Our local unit of the United Methodist Women makes a pledge to the national United Methodist Women to join in the over \$5,000,000 sent to our projects around the globe (yes, that is \$5 million!) Check this site if you are interested:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/financial-documentation/2019grantsdisclosure.pdf>

We also give donations to local agencies who are working for the needs of women, children and youth. This year those agencies include the Food Bank of the Rockies, Growing Home, Jefferson County Domestic Violence Shelter, Kairos Prison Ministries, and Extended Hands of Hope.

If you wish to add to any of this mission work, please write a check to GSUMW (Good Shepherd United Methodist Women) and send it to our treasurer, Kathy Bollfrass, [kgboll99@gmail.com](mailto:kgboll99@gmail.com)  
12379 Syracuse St, Thornton, CO 80602-8277

Our next virtual meeting will be on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 7 pm. Let us know if you want to join!

## THE BENEVOLENT MISSION

A special thank you to all of you for remembering the Benevolent Mission with your financial support. The original focus of the Benevolent Mission was to offer resources to those in our church in need because of unforeseen circumstances.

We have not had the number of applications for this program in recent months so in the spirit of the Benevolent Mission the charter has been amended to include those in need in our community. The need in our community for food and shelter is growing daily. A donation has been made from Good Shepherd UMC to Food for Hope for their special Thanksgiving dinner called Feed the 5000 and a donation will be made at Christmas for food. Thank you for your generosity making it possible for us to share.

The Benevolent Mission is here and functioning. Please contact Rev Yo Han Han 909-243-4855 or Linda Graham 303-920-7305 if you wish more in-depth information regarding a need you may have.

## Diversity Team of Good Shepherd

**“You have heard it said ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy’ But I tell you: Love your enemies...that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good.” Matthew 5:43-45**

The freedom of Jesus is evident in his making no claims for himself. He was free of any need for status. He was free from anxiety, and above all, free for his neighbor. He is described as compassionate for those who suffered, open to all whom he met, willing to associate with those whose company was avoided by respectable people. He was free to give himself to others, whoever they were. He was put to death for being this kind of man in the midst of fearful and defensive others.

Pray with us: Merciful God, help us to claim the life-changing love of Jesus Christ for all people. Amen

## Neuman, David D.

12/8/1940 - 10/16/2020



David D. Neuman passed away on October 16, 2020 after a 16 year-long battle with cancer. He was born in Bucyrus, OH to H. Dale Neumann and Martha E. Withee. His family moved to La Porte, IN when he was around the age of 9. He attended school in La Porte and graduated from La Porte High School in 1959. After high school he completed a course in barbering at Moler Barber College in Chicago. Knowing he would soon be called into service, he joined the Navy in 1963 and served 3 years active-duty followed by 20 years service in the Navy Reserves. On September 18, 1965 Dave married Joanne L. Ohlis from La Porte, IN. and they spent one year living in San Diego, CA. Shortly after returning to La Porte he began working at Gary Post Tribune which was the start to his career in newspapers. Dave and Joanne added their son, Jeffrey D. Neuman, to their family in 1971 and, in 1973, they moved their family to Thornton, CO where he would spend the rest of his life. Dave found work with the Rocky Mountain News and spent 28 1/2 years working as a printer. Their daughter, Wendy J. Neuman was added to the family in 1976.

Over the years, he was deeply

involved in the Denver Typographical Union and the American Legion Post 22 in Northglenn, CO. He would serve in different positions in both organizations and continued to visit the American Legion whenever possible until he was no longer mobile enough to do so. He loved the beautiful Rocky Mountains of his adopted state and rode many miles through them on his road bike to support different charities. Dave will be missed by his wife Joanne Neuman; son Jeff (Dianne) Neuman; grandchildren Jacob, David, James, and Christina Neuman; Daughter Wendy (Steve) Neuman-Kelsey; numerous furry and feathered grand-pets; brother Phil (Diane) Neumann and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Martha Neuman, and his sister, Mary Lou Reed.



Michael Jarvis for the hours spent getting the electronic sign up and reaching out to our community again.

Randy Pacetti for the professional videoing and editing of our worship services and bell choir.

Becky Lynch for sharing the church history for Laity Sunday.

Tim Lynch for helping with the Laity Sunday worship service.

Pete Finnie for monitoring the COVID-19 status and changing guidelines and leading the Re-Opening Committee.

Sean Han and Erin Austin for providing additional music for our worship services.

Everyone who attended and made our first virtual worship services via Zoom possible.

Everyone who supports the mission and ministry of our church.

NOVEMBER 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Communion Sunday All Saints Day Zoom 9am Worship Service Zoom Adult Sunday school 1030 Zoom children's Sunday school and Bash Youth Group 1030	<b>2</b> TLC 8:45-11:45	<b>3</b> TLC 8:45-11:45 PDO 9-11:30	<b>4</b> TLC 8:45-11:45 Kairos Zoom 7pm	<b>5</b> TLC 8:45-11:45 PDO 9-11:30 Ruth Circle Bible Study Zoom 1-3pm	<b>6</b> TLC 8:45-11:45	<b>7</b> Boy Scout camp out Girl Scout Drive thru giveaway David Neuman Funeral 1:00pm-family and invited guests only
<b>8</b> Zoom 9am Worship Service Zoom Adult Sunday school 1030 Zoom children's Sunday school and Bash Youth Group 1030 Zoom Staff Meeting Noon Zoom Ad Board Meeting 1-4pm	<b>9</b> TLC 8:45-11:45	<b>10</b> TLC 8:45-11:45 PDO 9-11:30	<b>11</b> TLC 8:45-11:45	<b>12</b> TLC 8:45-11:45 PDO 9-11:30 Ruth Circle Bible Study Zoom 1-3pm	<b>13</b> TLC 8:45-11:45	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Zoom 9am Worship Service Zoom Adult Sunday school 1030 Zoom children's Sunday school and Bash Youth Group 1030	<b>16</b> TLC 8:45-11:45 MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS DUE UMW Zoom 7pm	<b>17</b> TLC 8:45-11:45 PDO 9-11:30	<b>18</b> TLC 8:45-11:45	<b>19</b> TLC 8:45-11:45 PDO 9-11:30 Ruth Circle Bible Study Zoom 1-3pm Diversity Team Zoom 6pm	<b>20</b> TLC 8:45-11:45 December Newsletter Article due	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Zoom 9am Worship Service Zoom Adult Sunday school 1030 Zoom children's Sunday school and Bash Youth Group 1030 Thanksgiving Sunday	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> HAPPY THANKSGIVING	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Zoom 9am Worship Service Zoom Adult Sunday school 1030 Zoom children's Sunday school and Bash Youth Group 1030 Bible Sunday	<b>30</b> TLC 8:45-11:45					



Nov. 1 Diane Adams  
 Nov. 2 Jerry Saunders  
 Nov. 5 Scott Varvir  
 Nov. 5 Joslyn Pieken  
 Nov. 6 Jacalyn Robinson  
 Nov. 8 Diane Hake  
 Nov. 9 Glenda Irwin  
 Nov. 9 Sean Fitzsimons

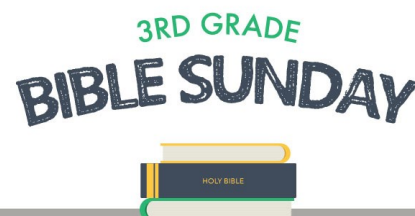
Nov. 11 Kyle Green  
 Nov. 16 Carole Booth  
 Nov. 16 Samantha Irwin  
 Nov. 17 Karen Zulauf  
 Nov. 19 Roger Wise  
 Nov. 21 Christopher Schankweiler  
 Nov. 26 Connor Ayars  
 Nov. 27 Pete Finnie

Thanks to the congregation for the unexpected CommitMINT gifts for Pastor Appreciation Sunday.  
 I am really enjoying those treats.  
 Little concerning my weight though!  
 Rev. Yo Han



Christmas Eve will be here in 54 days! If your child is interested in being a part of the Christmas Eve program from the comfort of your own home, please email Natalie for more information. No rehearsals required! This part of the program is best for preschool and elementary aged children. If you have a middle or high school child interested, please email Natalie or Amber.  
[nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com](mailto:nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com)  
[higgins.amber14@gmail.com](mailto:higgins.amber14@gmail.com)

Hello Families, Bible Sunday will be held on November 29th at the 10:30 service. If you have a third grader who has not received their Bible, please contact Natalie by November 15<sup>th</sup> to make sure Bibles come in on time. This is a gift from Good Shepherd to our third graders who are active or have been active in our Sunday School program.



 “Caring” our community in Christ  
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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.