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August 1, 2020

THE COMMON THINGS WE'VE BEEN GIVEN

It has been a month since I moved to Colorado from California. I feel like I moved last week; time moved quickly. It was a month of gratitude to God for guiding me to this new ministry, and to all the congregation of GSUMC who welcomed my family so warmly.

After moving to Colorado, my family's life has changed a lot. The children's school has changed; our relationships have started anew. And, the living environment has changed quite a bit. The biggest personal change for me is that, above all, I started looking around where I live. When I was in California, I couldn't spend time doing this where I lived because of the context. I was chased by time, surrounded by a world filled to the brim with people, cars, and buildings. I was not able to look around and enjoy what was around me. I grew use to the situation because I lived that way for such a long time.

After moving to Colorado, my eyes are no longer directed at the ground, but at the horizon and the sky. I feel my heart opening as I look at the plains to the east, and I am fascinated by the grandeur of watching the Rocky Mountains

in the west. This is especially true when I see the sunset in the evening; it is so beautiful that I watch it for a long time. The environment, the nature, the world that God created . . . these are the common things that we've all been given, but I think again about how it had been since I felt such joy or been so impressed by the grandeur and beauty of these things. The biggest change to my soul after I moved to Colorado is that I am full of gratitude. I am grateful for seeing, feeling, and enjoying the common things that have been given to me.

It seems that sometimes we live unaffected by the things given. They grow so common. It is the same scene. We are simply another person who sees every day. We become desensitized to the world's beauty and preciousness. But whether we are engaged with the world or not, God provides us with the same environment and conditions every day. It is like how we take for granted our parent's love, but they always love us. We should be more grateful for these common things. As I said in my last sermon, we should be more grateful for

the most essential things that are common.

In these times, we are often disappointed that we cannot enjoy those common things. It is difficult to access places that were always available at any time before. It is more difficult to meet with people who were close to because of social distancing. And, it is now difficult to enter the church that was always open for everyone. This helps us realize even more how grateful we should be for these common things. And, I hope that we can still appreciate all the nature, environment, and conditions of life that God has given us, no matter how common these may feel. And, I pray that healing will happen in our lives quickly and that we will be able to get those common things back again. I hope it will be a month of rethinking, meditating, and appreciating those things that are common.

– Rev. Yo Han



zoom

Access to our Zoom account is provided so Ministry Teams, Bible studies, small groups, etc. can meet face to face. If you are interested in hosting a Zoom meeting, please contact Julie Stirm, Office Manager, at shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net to schedule your meeting.

Praise the Lord!

Outdoor Worship Service

9:00 am on the north lawn
will continue through September with
masks and social distancing
In case of inclement weather, join us online.

Online Worship

find the links at shepherdchurch.org

Praise God. Seek God. Worship God. Trust God. Thank God.

GSUMC Yellow Pages

[click here to
access](#)

Thank you for the
contributions!



Good Shepherd UMC is blessed and continues to care our community to Christ!

Maxine Seyforth - thank you for serving as the Ad Board Recording Secretary for the last 19 months

Linda Anderson - thank you for agreeing to serve as the Ad Board Recording Secretary

Jim Green - thank you for the care you provide for the church building and grounds

Worship Team - thank you Scott and Don for setting up and operating the sound system; Meghan and Emily for keeping the music going; and all of the folks checking us in each Sunday.

Reopening Committee Members - thank you for your continued work monitoring the COVID-19 recommendations

*Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. James 5:13*

*Experience the power of prayer.
A button has been added to the
church home page for
Prayer Requests or to give
thanks for answers received.*



*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12*

Back to School Prayer

Dear God,

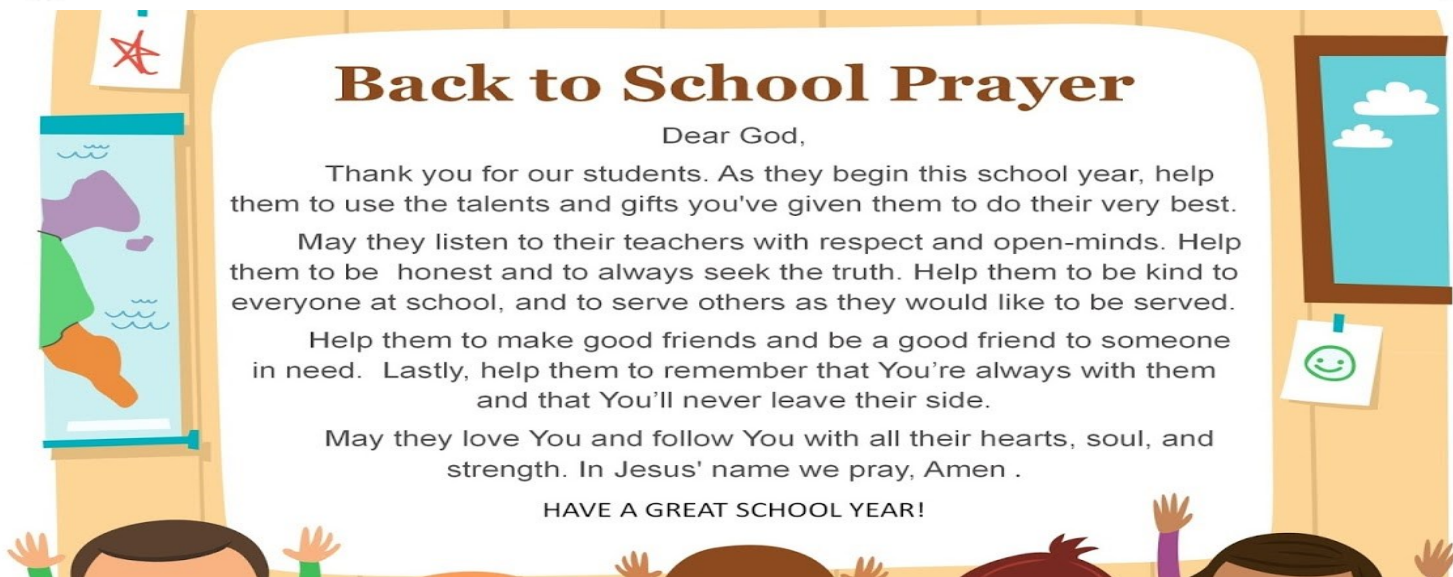
Thank you for our students. As they begin this school year, help them to use the talents and gifts you've given them to do their very best.

May they listen to their teachers with respect and open-minds. Help them to be honest and to always seek the truth. Help them to be kind to everyone at school, and to serve others as they would like to be served.

Help them to make good friends and be a good friend to someone in need. Lastly, help them to remember that You're always with them and that You'll never leave their side.

May they love You and follow You with all their hearts, soul, and strength. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen .

HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UNITED METHODIST WOMEN is an organization who for more than 150 years started schools, immigrant homes, programs for learning sewing and agriculture skills, clinics and hospitals, child care and feeding programs. We collect funds for a total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world. Since our beginnings, we have insisted that we raise our own funds, organize ourselves, select our own leaders, direct our own activities and what projects we will support.

We distribute funds through grants to programs that serve women, children, and youth. Our current initiatives are these four: Economic Inequality, where we push for legislation of a living wage for all. Criminalization of communities of color and mass incarceration, to decrease school arrests and redesign school policies to protect, rather than criminalize, children. Climate Justice, where we work toward reduction of carbon emissions, including urging corporations to reduce their carbon emissions. Maternal and child health, to decrease maternal mortality rates which have increased in the United States. Around the globe we support programs of comprehensive reproductive health care and education.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN is an awesome, faithful community of thousands of members. We need to be open to new ideas, new challenges, and change. We give our talents and our time, our efforts, and our mutuality.

At Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Thornton our local group meets on the third Saturday from 10 am until noon. The Ruth Circle meets for Bible study on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 pm until 3:00, currently online. Our circle that works with Elms Haven Nursing Home will resume those meetings as the pandemic ends.

We have not had Saturday meetings since the pandemic "Stay and Home" order, but we will have an online meeting on August 15 from 10 am until noon. Please join our group! Watch for the link to that meeting in the eblast.



2014, UMW members create "Fidget Blankets" for Elms Haven Nursing Home.

GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ATLANTA BREAD

August 2020 PICK UP and DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

During the Covid 19 Virus "social distancing mandatory masking", those church ministries participating in the Atlanta Bread Company (ABC Ministry) pick up and distribution are **taking extra precautions** from pick up on Thursday evenings at 8PM to distribution between 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM on Friday.

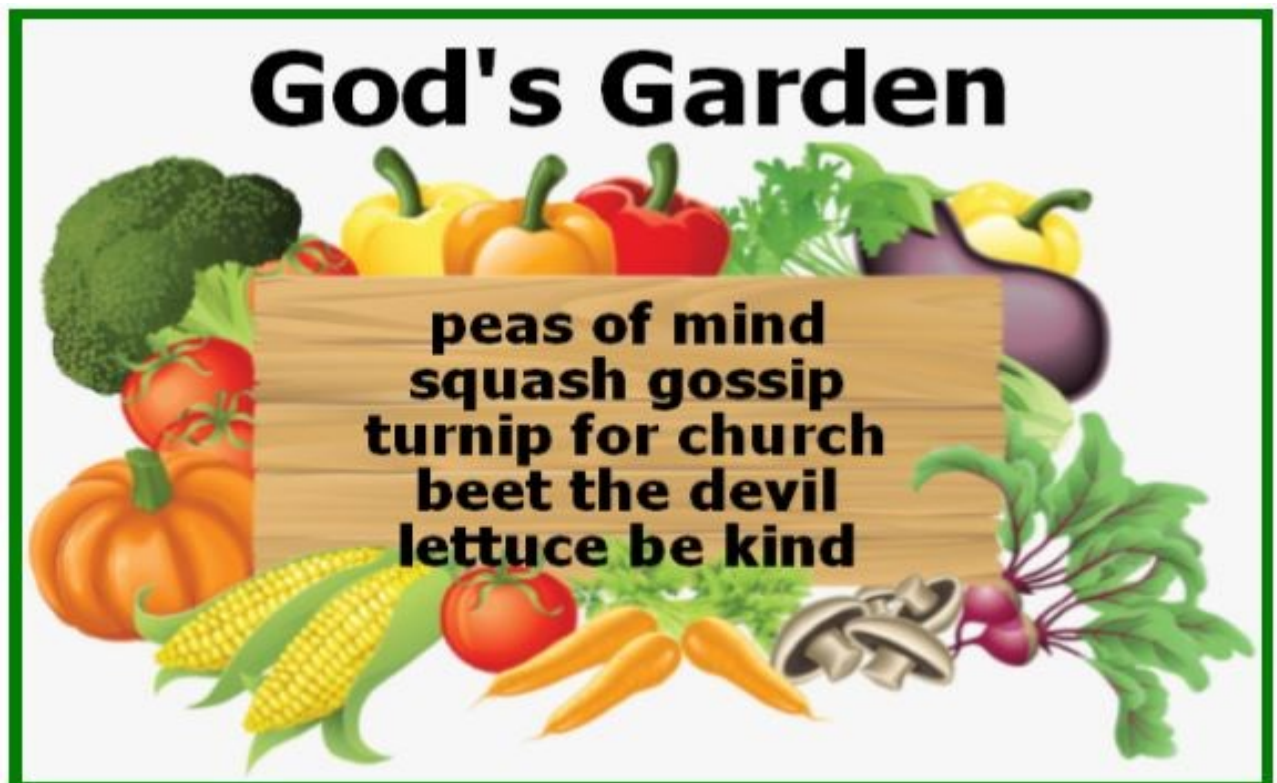
When we pick up bread and all varieties of rolls, bagels, muffins, cookies and egg-bakes we use gloves and face masks. Bread loaves are put into large grey containers and always wrapped either by the bakery or by the pick up team at the church after pick-up. All other pastries are put in separate smaller containers but remain "open" so that those pre-school parents/ staff and congregation members who pick up the pastries can choose what items they wish to obtain. All those who touch bread and pastry are **REQUIRED** to use gloves. All those who touch bread and pastry are given plastic bags. All those from the pre-school and congregation who come to pick up bread and pastry on Friday morning are **ALWAYS AT LEAST 6 FEET FROM any OTHER INDIVIDUAL** while choosing and shopping. Should there be bread and pastries remaining after offering them on Friday morning. They are taken to the large food bank located at the Amazing Grace Community Church, 541 East 99th Place in Thornton. (this location is very close to Washington St. and 99th)

When, and if, you arrive at Amazing Grace Church to offer any remaining bakery goods after 10:00 AM on Friday, ask to see Pastor Kent Replogle. He and his volunteer team will (with gloves) take all remaining bakery goods from you for distribution to those waiting at the food bank.

Please wipe down or wash the used collection bins and return them to the church. Then place them under the tables in the Church entry along with the box of bags and gloves and free-will donation basket for the next Thursday Ministry team to use. Place any money collected in an envelope, mark it "for deposit from "the name of the ministry" and put it under the office door.

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING THIS ABC SHARE MINISTRY. THE BLESSINGS IT BRINGS ARE APPRECIATED BY ALL. (Al and Colleen Campbell 303-993-2522; ccac71@outlook.com)

PICK UP 8:00 PM	DISTRIBUTE 8:30-10:00 AM	MINISTRY GROUP	TEAM MEMBER
Thursday, August 6 th	Friday, August 7 th	MYF/Youth	Amber Higgins (team)
Thursday, August 13 th	Friday, August 14 th	Praise Band	Becky Lynch
Thursday, August 20 th	Friday, August 21 st	Kairos Prison Ministry	Al & Colleen Campbell
Thursday, August 27 th	Friday, August 28 th	United Methodist Men	Clint & Marge Cederlund



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 Thornton, CO 80241
 Phone: 303-457-9267
Shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net

Sunday Worship Service
9am on the front lawn
Please wear a mask, bring a chair and observe social distancing

OFFICE HOURS:
 The office is currently closed.
 Please email:
shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net

PARENTS DAY OUT



PDO will begin the 2020-2021 school year on September 8. We still have opening for the Tuesday/Thursday class. Class times are 9:00-11:30. Children must be 2 ½ years of age to begin and must be working towards potty training. Please contact Natalie for any questions.
nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com



BASH YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday, August 16th at 1:00-2:00pm, the youth group will be meeting on the lawn outside the church. We will be discussing the importance of being kind to others along with having some friendly competition. Lets welcome Claire by playing games like, "face the oreo", "this blows", and more! Youth group is for ages 6th -12th grade, and friends are welcome. The more the merrier!



- August 1 Sandy Horst
- August 1 Sean Han
- August 5 Blaine Lee
- August 5 Logan Cherrington
- August 8 Lois Killion
- August 9 Luke Fitzsimons
- August 10 Donnita Bateman
- August 12 Bob Boaz
- August 12 Brent Weingardt
- August 13 Nicholas Johnson
- August 13 Jamie Luark
- August 13 Kim Sack
- August 16 Jacqueline Merz
- August 18 Lindsey Stark
- August 19 Sandy Van Doren
- August 19 Lacy McComick
- August 20 Samantha Hiney
- August 20 Karl Merz, Jr.
- August 20 John Aldis
- August 21 Ronda Stringer
- August 25 Becky Stice
- August 28 Keith Anderson
- August 29 Rosie Steinmeyer
- August 27 Cindy Fitzsimons
- August 31 Jacob Jarvis

Instagram:

Follow at: [good.shepherd youth](https://www.instagram.com/good.shepherd youth)



Snapchat:

Follow at: [gsumc.youth](https://www.snapchat.com/add/gsumc.youth) or scan code:



Contact information:
higgins.amber14@gmail.com

TLC PRESCHOOL

We are excited to open for fall and welcome the prayers of the church for a safe and healthy school year

- TLC has a full Pre-K but still has openings for 3 year olds
- For more information on TLC and registration, please contact
- Cari Kingsley carikingsley@aol.com