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# Shepherd's Staff

August 1, 2026

Greetings Friends!

What a wonderful and blessed Summer we have had. It was a joy to welcome so many young people and their families for a fun-filled week of Vacation Bible School. We also enjoyed a meaningful combined outdoor worship service with the people of Northglenn UMC. And then at the end of July, 12 youth and 6 adults from Good Shepherd UMC and Mountain View UMC served in mission together in Alamosa, CO with Christian Community Service Projects (CCSP). In addition to these special happenings, we also worshipped and studied and fellowshiped together! What an awe-some summer we are having!

Throughout the summer, our worship series, "Purveyors of Awe," has guided us and encouraged us to notice and celebrate the awe in our lives and throughout the community. As we near the end of the series, may we continue to be open and aware of the awe all around us. And, as we look to the start of Fall, let us consider new ways that we can make connections and offer a warm welcome to our neighbors throughout the community. May this church be a place where all are welcome and all are inspired to go out in the world and make a difference. Let us be beacons of God love and light in our families, community, and around the world!

If you have pastoral needs or would simply like to meet up for coffee or tea and conversation, please feel free to reach out to me via text or call at 720-261-8028 or via email ([goodshepherdumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherdumcpastor@gmail.com)).

Abundant Blessings,

*Pastor Emily*



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

School will be starting soon. Are you excited? The first few weeks are always fun when you can see your classmates again, meet your new teacher, and the joy of having all the new school supplies and school clothes!

As we begin the new school year, all age groups will be focusing on the same lesson appropriate to their age group.

## Days to remember:

**August 1:** Happy Birthday Colorado!

**August 2:** Communion Sunday-No Sunday school for all kids and youth.

**August 16:** Back to School Sunday. One service at 10:00am followed by the ice cream social. ***Bring your backpack or school item for a special blessing.***



## Youth Group

Our Youth Group have returned from their Mission Trip in Alamosa, Colorado. We had six of our youth join six youth from Mountain View United Methodist Youth Group. There were six adults that supervised the twelve-attending youth. Christian Reformed Church of Alamosa hosted us and provided us with dinner on Sunday evening. The youth went out on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday to complete service projects. This work was done in partnership with Christian Community Service Projects (CCSP). CCSP seeks to help the residents of the San Luis Valley by inviting volunteer work groups to come from all over the United States to perform work. Work groups help with home repairs and yard work for those in need in Alamosa and surrounding areas.

Debbie and the Youth would love to have volunteers make lunch for the youth on Sundays before their weekly meeting. Lunch is served after the second service. If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Please provide gluten free options and vegetarian options to accommodate the dietary needs of members of our youth group.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.



| August 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                          |
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| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Mon                                                                                            | Tue                                                                                                          | Wed                                                                                                | Thu                                                                                                                                  | Fri                                                                                        | Sat                                      |
| <b>GOD BLESS OUR<br/>STUDENTS &amp;<br/>TEACHERS</b>                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                            | 1                                        |
| 2<br><b>9:00am Contemporary<br/>Worship</b><br><b>10:30am Traditional<br/>Worship</b><br><br>9:00am Adult Sunday<br>School<br>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL                                                                   | 3<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:30am-6pm<br><br>Boy Scouts 7pm                 | 4<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Geri-Actives 1:00pm<br><br>Playology 6:30am-6pm                          | 5<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:30am-6pm                                           | 6<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:30am-6pm<br><br>Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3:00pm<br><br>Prayer Group 6:30            | 7<br>Office Closed<br><br>Playology 6:30am-6pm<br><br>Music Together 10:30am               | 8                                        |
| 9<br><b>9:00am Contemporary<br/>Worship</b><br><b>10:30am Traditional<br/>Worship</b><br><br>9:00 am Adult Sunday<br>School<br>10:30 Children/Youth<br><br>Staff Meeting –Noon<br>Ad Board Meeting– 1pm          | 10<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:30-6pm<br><br>Boy Scouts 7-9pm                | 11<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Bible Discussion Group: 1:00pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm | 12<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm                             | 13<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Prayer Group 6:30 | 14<br>Office Closed<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Music Together 10:30am | 15                                       |
| 16<br><b>Back to School Sunday</b><br><b>One service at 10:00am</b><br><b>followed by an ice cream</b><br><b>social</b><br><br>9:00am Adult Sunday<br>School<br>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>Ministry Board Meeting 12:00 | 17<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Boy Scouts 7-9pm | 18<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Bible Discussion Group 1:00pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm  | 19<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>RMP Band 6:30-8:00pm | 20<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Prayer Group 6:30 | 21<br>Office Closed<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Music Together 10:30am | 22<br>Church Reserved for private event. |
| 23<br><b>9:00am Contemporary<br/>Worship</b><br><b>10:30am Traditional<br/>Worship</b><br><br>9:00am Adult Sunday<br>School<br>10:30 Children/Youth                                                              | 24<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Boy Scouts 7-9pm | 25<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Bible Discussion Group 1:00pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm  | 26<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm                             | 27<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Prayer Group 6:30 | 28<br>Office Closed<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Music Together 10:30am | 29                                       |
| 30<br><b>9:00am Contemporary<br/>Worship</b><br><b>10:30am Traditional<br/>Worship</b><br><br>9:00am Adult Sunday<br>School<br>10:30 Children/ Youth                                                             | 31<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br>Boy Scouts 7-9pm     |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                          |



## Food for Hope August

Food For Hope will be collecting Protein/Granola Bars for the start of the new school year.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bubble Bash @ Orchard Town Center**  
August 9th 11:00-1:00pm

**Join Us for the Thornton Bike n Brew!**  
Saturday, September 26 | 3:00–7:00 PM | Satire Brewing Co. | Thornton, CO

Visit Food For Hope Event page for more information.  
<https://foodforhope.net/events>

*All proceeds benefit Food for Hope, helping ensure no child in our community goes hungry. Bring your bike, bring your friends, and join us for a day of impact, connection, and celebration. We can't wait to see you there!*



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| August 1  | Sandy Horst      |
| August 1  | Alexa Opatril    |
| August 2  | Jaylan Laing     |
| August 4  | Judy Hanneman    |
| August 6  | Gabriella Mervyn |
| August 9  | Daniel Laing     |
| August 12 | Bob Boaz         |
| August 12 | Brent Weingardt  |
| August 13 | Nicholas Johnson |
| August 13 | Jamie Luark      |
| August 13 | Kim Sack         |
| August 14 | Cora Lou Baker   |
| August 16 | Jacqueline Merz  |
| August 18 | Lindsey Stark    |
| August 19 | Edna Busse       |
| August 19 | Avery Atkinson   |
| August 20 | Samantha Hiney   |
| August 20 | Karl Merz        |
| August 20 | John Aldis       |
| August 21 | Ronda Stringer   |
| August 21 | Amelia Gress     |
| August 25 | Becky Stice      |
| August 25 | Erin Austin      |
| August 26 | Brent Covert     |
| August 31 | Lily Moody       |





# Summer Fun 2026

**Combined Outdoor Service with Northglenn UMC on July 19, 2026**



The blessing of shaded trees, and worshipping together!



Thank you to Hervey and Jim for grilling the burgers and hotdogs.





# Fall Festival and Craft Fair



VENDORS-ENTERTAINMENT  
FAMILY ACTIVITIES-FOOD

A COMMUNITY FRIENDLY EVENT



**SEPT 26**  
**2026**  
**9 AM - 3 PM**

**GOOD SHEPHERD UMC**  
**3960 E 128<sup>TH</sup> AVE**  
**THORNTON 80241**

# Geri-Actives Group



Geri-Actives will have a Potluck Picnic on Tuesday, August 4, at Cherry Park (115th and Birch). Again, if the weather is too hot for your health, please take care of yourself.



## Back to School Sunday and Ice Cream Social



August 16th will be our Back to School Sunday service at 10:00am followed by an all church ice cream social. All students and educators are asked to bring a school item to be blessed during the service.

## Choir Practice begins soon!

The Chancel Choir will begin practice after the summer break on September 8th at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining choir, please contact Emily Alley at: [emily.alley@alleystudios.net](mailto:emily.alley@alleystudios.net)



## Handbell Choir practice

The GSUMC handbell choirs will begin practice on Thursday September 10th. We look forward to another successful season and beautiful music of the Handbell choirs.



By the end of August, Carol and Phil Stanley will have completed their mandatory 50 hours of training. On August 30<sup>th</sup>, during 2<sup>nd</sup> service we will be completing their commissioning as Stephen Ministers. We will have cake available after 2<sup>nd</sup> service to commemorate the event. Ongoing training will continue once a month. If you have any questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

## **Good Shepherd Outreach and Support Team**

We continue with the Good Shepherd Outreach and Support Team with the help of 6 people. They visit homebound members on a regular schedule: weekly, every other week, or once a month. This is dependent on their needs and desires. Visits include bringing communion once a month to those who wish to receive communion. This has been well received. If you would like to be a part of this group or if you would like someone to visit or call you, please let Debbie Pacetti know.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

## **GSUMC Administrative Board for Ministries – 7/19/2026 – Agenda summary LITE**

- Thank you to everyone who participated in a successful joint single outdoor service (July 19, 10 am) by host GSUMC and guests Northglenn UMC.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the successful post-service picnic. This not only includes UMM for grilling, members for contributing delicious side dishes, but everyone who helped relocate the picnic area indoors (table set-up, table cloths, and cleanup). Yes, it was a hot, hot day.
- Reminder that the Back-to-School single service is August 16. It will be followed by an ice cream social.

# Blessing Boutique

We're excited to bring back our **Blessing Boutique**, a pop-up shop where community members can “shop” for essentials—completely free of charge! This special event will take place during our **Fall Festival on September 26**. We're accepting **gently used** items such as:

- Clothing and shoes (all ages/sizes)
- Baby essentials (swings, bouncers, walkers)
- Diapers and wipes

**Please note:** We *cannot* accept toys, stained or torn clothing, items in poor condition or with strong odors, or anything from smoking households.

Want to help beyond donating? We're also looking for volunteers to:

- Help sort and organize donations
- Wash items (as needed)
- Bring in tables or clothing racks

Let's work together to bless local families with dignity and care. Thank you for being part of this effort! For more information, please contact Michelle with Playology at [michelle@playologyco.com](mailto:michelle@playologyco.com). We will start **collecting items August 17th**. Please see the chart below for additional items or needs. ***To keep this event manageable for our volunteers, we are asking for a 2 garbage bag per household limit.***

## Blessing Boutique Items

- Clothing & shoes (all ages)
- Baby essentials (swings, bouncers, walkers)
- Diapers and wipes

## Support Items for the Boutique (Non-Clothing Donations Welcome!)

### Boutique Operations

- Plastic or fabric shopping bags (for guests to carry items)
- Clothing hangers (adult and child sizes)
- Clear bins or laundry baskets (for sorting/displaying)
- Portable clothing racks (foldable or rolling)
- Folding tables

### Laundry & Prep Supplies

- Unscented laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets (sensitive skin or free & clear)
- Lint rollers
- Disinfecting wipes or surface spray

### Volunteer & Guest Hospitality

- Individually packaged snacks (granola bars, crackers, etc.)
- Mini water bottles or juice boxes

### Event Supplies

- Large black markers or Sharpies
- Index cards or cardstock (for table signage)
- Masking or painter's tape (for temporary signs)
- Ziplock bags (for bundling small items)

### Optional Blessing Items

If you have space and want to include a little “extra blessing” section:

- New travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, soap)
- New socks or underwear (in packaging)
- Blankets or throw blankets (clean, like-new)

Want to help beyond donating? We're also looking for volunteers to:

- Help sort and organize donations
- Wash items (as needed)
- Bring in tables or clothing racks



# Christian Crafters Event

## July 12, 2026

