

Shepherd's Staff



Happy Fall, Friends!

I don't know about you, but I am loving the cooler Fall weather we have had these past few days. While I appreciate and have an affinity for all of the seasons of the year, I have to say that Fall is my favorite! There is just nothing like the crisp air and the changing colors. Fall is also when I get to see an abundance of my favorite things high up in the sky...Hot Air Balloons! Whether or not this is your favorite season or not, my prayer is that you take time to notice and give thanks for God's beauty and bounty all around us!

Saturday, September 26th was a busy day in the life of the church. It was our Annual **Fall Festival & Craft Fair** and **Blessing Boutique**. With over 20 craft vendors, a coffee cart and a food truck, this is a great event for the church to connect with the community. The Blessing Boutique offered an opportunity for our neighbors to get clothing and other items for their families, free of charge. What a blessing of fun, fellowship and food!

The start of October brings with it a special Sunday in the life of the Christian Church, **World Communion Sunday**, which this year is Sunday, October 4th. On that Sunday, we join with Christians around the world in sharing the bread and the cup, and are reminded of our connection to Jesus and Christians all around the world. World Communion Sunday is also one of the United Methodist Church's Special Giving Sundays. It supports scholarships for International and Minority students. If you would like to make a donation to this important work, you can place cash or checks in the designated envelopes at church on Sunday, please write "World Communion Sunday" in the memo line of your check. Every dollar makes a difference!

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).

Abundant Blessings,

Pastor Emily

P.S. As a reminder, please return your completed 2027 Estimate of Giving cards by Sunday, October 4th. Thank you to those who have already turned them in. Please know that by offering your prayerful estimate of giving, you help the leadership of Good Shepherd UMC plan for existing and new ministries throughout the coming year.

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Children's Ministry

This month, we will be learning about how Jesus cares for his people.

Dates to Remember:

October 4: World Communion Sunday-No Sunday school for all ages.

October 17-19: Youth at IGNITE

October 30: Trunk or Treat 5:00-7:00 pm/ Youth Group
Halloween party 7:00-9:00pm



Looking ahead: Bible Sunday is November 15 Let Natalie know if you have a 3rd grader!

Children's Christmas Program

This year's Children's Christmas program will be on Sunday December 13th at 10:00am. This will be a one service Sunday. The title of this year's program is Jesus, The Hope. Natalie is looking for children and youth of ALL ages. Rehearsals will begin in November after second service. More information will come soon.

YOUTH GROUP NEEDS CARS FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

Fall is here! The Youth Group is getting ready for the popular Trunk or Treat. We are looking for 10-15 cars. Please see Debbie Pacetti if you are interested in decorating your car for Trunk or Treat. Each participating car will be responsible for getting their own candy, but **donations are appreciated**. Save the Date: Friday October 30th Set up begins at 4:30. Trunk or Treat will be from 5:00-7:00pm.



Youth Group

The Youth Sunday School recently completed a four-week Sunday School study, *A Portrait of Humanity*, which explored God's love for humanity from several perspectives. In the first week, they examined the gift and value of the five senses. In the second, they considered how God calls us to use our senses and abilities to serve others, then created Play-Doh images of service. In the third week, they built a timeline whose line rose and fell with key events—from creation and the fall of Adam and Eve through Noah, Moses, Jesus' life, later history, and current events. This activity led to a discussion about the challenges teenagers face today, especially cyberbullying and early exposure to mature media. In the fourth week, they reviewed the study and examined a timeline from the early 1900s to the present, recognizing how much turmoil that generation endured. They also explored the idea of a sixth sense as a "God whisper"—an inner awareness rather than ESP—and discussed learning to trust God. Their next four-week study, *A Portrait of Love*, promises more meaningful conversations.

The Youth Group really appreciated the people who provided meals for the Youth Group. In fact, comments have been made that these meals make the church feel more involved with the youth and make the involvement seem more like a tight community supporting them. The Youth would enjoy more meals. The sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center.

In September, the Youth Group finalized their art project "Images of God," which is now displayed on the 1st floor across from donuts and coffee. If you get a chance, take a trip upstairs to see their colorful classroom filled with their faith-based artwork. You will even find the paper chain where everyone signed their names on an individual chain.

The Youth Group supported the Fall Festival in many respects. Many were actively filling in areas that were needed: setting up, tearing down, cake walk, various booth support, water sales, and one even had a booth where they sold jewelry with their mother. Debbie Pacetti sold homemade Afghans, scarves, hats, and miscellaneous items with 20% of profits being donated to the Youth Group. Water bottles at this booth were sold for \$1, with 100% of profits going directly to the Youth Group.

October is already starting to be a busy month. They will be returning to Anderson Farms on October 4, 2026, where they will once again be joining Mountain View Youth Group to enjoy the corn maze.

The Youth Group will be returning to Buckhorn Camp and Retreat (381 Old Camp Rd., Bellevue, CO) from October 16 to 18, 2026 to attend the annual IGNITE Retreat. Last year, when we attended this retreat, they enjoyed various workshops and devotional activities led by Pastor Sara Lattimore. We are looking forward to this year's event because Heidi and Madison Kintzel are both on the leadership committee planning the event.

The Youth Group will be meeting on Friday, October 30th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. We have chosen this date because GSUMC will be hosting Trunk or Treat from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, with setup starting at 4:30 PM. The Youth Group will meet afterwards for their annual Halloween party. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

OCTOBER 2026						
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GSUMC Administrative Board Meeting – 9/13/2026 – Minutes LITE

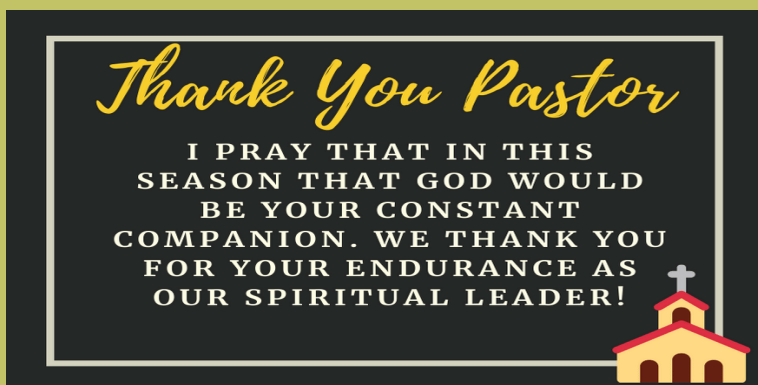
- Painting projects (outside benches, handrail to second floor, narthex walls) are pending. Details about volunteering and materials are forthcoming.
- Boy Scout Troop 417, which uses GSUMC property for scout meetings, is looking for volunteer activities for the boys to perform. Discussion between scout leadership and GSUMC about potential doable projects personnel is ongoing.
- Trunk-or-Treat scheduled for October 30, 5-7 pm.
- GSUMC Church Directory is completed and ordered. Delivery will be announced and members can then purchase copies.



Oct. 1	Bryon Sack
Oct. 2	Sharon Tillery
Oct. 3	Kathy Lamerand
Oct. 6	Rev. Emily Kintzel
Oct. 9	Joe DeLeon
Oct. 11	Chase Green
Oct. 14	Isabella Thirsk
Oct. 14	David Turner
Oct. 15	Julie Stirm
Oct. 16	Nolan Snow
Oct. 17	Debbie Finnie
Oct. 18	Samantha Kintzel
Oct. 20	Jesse DeLeon
Oct. 21	Matthew Finnie
Oct. 22	Madison Kintzel
Oct. 22	Heidi Kintzel
Oct. 22	David Kintzel
Oct. 25	Ray Sack

The 2026 Charge Conference is set for Sunday November 8th at 2:00pm at Good Shepherd. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. All Ministry Reports need to be in by October 18th.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be held on November 1st. If you have a loved one who has passed away since last November, and you would like to honor them during the All Saints Day services, please submit a picture and name to the office by October 18th

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love." All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church.



Join Christian Crafters for their fall craft workshop. Saturday October 24 12-3pm in the sanctuary. We will be making a variety of fall crafts - see the welcome table in the Narthex for examples. Bring a friend, no experience required and all supplies will be provided. All ages are welcome, under 10 years old require an adult attendee to be with them.





Food for Hope October 2026

Thank you for your support in this vital food ministry. This month, we will be collecting spices of all types. Salt, pepper, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice, cumin, paprika, garlic powder, etc.

May God continue to bless this ministry.



Food For Hope Upcoming Events

Spooky Sweets Stroll
October 11 from 11:00-2:00pm
At the Orchard Town Center



Celebrate the season with a festive day full of Halloween fun at Orchard Town Center! Enjoy safe trick-or-treating, a Macabre Market, live entertainment, and activities for the whole family.

Trick or Treating: Visit more than 50 participating businesses for safe and fun treats.

Pumpkin Patch & Decorating: Choose your perfect pumpkin and decorate on site. Pumpkins available for a \$5–\$10 donation, with all proceeds benefiting **Food for Hope**.

Kids' Activities: Free face painting, a Halloween sensory station, carnival-style games, and more.



GERI-ACTIVES

Geri-Actives will meet on Tuesday, October 6, at 1 PM at the church. Clint and Marge have planned an interesting meeting! Please bring a simple snack...food at every meeting!



Now that Carol and Phil Stanley are both commissioned as Stephen Ministers, they are qualified to provide ongoing one-on-one care for those experiencing a challenging time in life such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or a myriad of other challenges people can face. If you are hurting and in need of loving, personal, Christian care, please know that we have 3 qualified people available to assist. Ongoing training is part of the required work, with training taking place once a month, rather than every other week. Our next textbook will be *Distinctively Christian Caring*.

If you have any questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Good Shepherd Outreach and Support

This ministry has 6 members who have been providing fellowship to 10 people in our church. Sadly, we have lost 2 of our dear friends: Karen Bueno and Pat Arndt. Therefore, we do have bandwidth to increase our visits to 1 or 2 more people. If you or someone you know would appreciate a regular visit from someone, please contact Debbie Pacetti. In October, we are now starting our 10th month into this ministry. We continue to pray for the people we visit on a daily basis. Regular visits are set up for increments that each individual prefers: weekly, every other week, or monthly. For any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Ministry Board Minutes– Sept. 20th

- Picture Directory has been shipped. The cost will be \$5 per family. Name tags will be ordered once the directory is out and will be kept at the church on a kiosk for people to grab each week.
- A photographer would be nice for church events. More information to come.
- Trunk or Treat will be October 30th from 5:00-7:00pm.
- Quiet Disciple nominations for the Charge Conference were discussed and will be voted on at a later date.
- 2027 Ministry Board events will include Lenten soup supper, summer ice cream social, church clean up.

Fall Festival 2026



Sunday Worship Services:

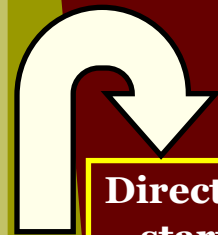
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Traditional Service

10:30 a.m. Children and Youth Sunday School

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Directories will start selling October 4th!

Get your directory for \$5.00 per household.



Please let the church office know if you would like to become a member or be baptized.

Denver American Indian Festival
Saturday October 24th 10:00-5:00pm
Highlands United Methodist Church,
3131 Osceola St, Denver, CO 80212.

