



Shepherd's Staff

Greetings to the People of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church!

A few weeks back we celebrated Back to School Sunday and offered a blessing for our students and educators as they start a new school year. In addition to their blessing, they received a bag full of special items from our Worture Team and a Backpack Tag to attach to their school bags. On the Tags it said, "Be Kind." We talked about what it means to be kind. We also talked about how it feels to give and to receive kindness from others. My prayer for our students and educators is that this year is filled with opportunities to show and experience kindness in their classrooms and in their neighborhoods, with their friends, with their schoolmates, and with their families! Here's to a great year!

For the month of September, we will be guided by our worship series "I Will Call Upon the Lord" (UMC Discipleship). In times of struggle and in times of joy our faith reminds us to call upon the Lord. Throughout this series we will lean on various Psalms and the Prophets for words of wisdom, guidance and assurance. Since music has always been an important part of my faith journey, one of the things I love about Psalms is their sing-song, poetic nature. They offer us a way to connect with and call out to God. The words of Psalms often speak to a plethora of emotions and situations. May the Psalms of this series offer us strength and encouragement and may they guide us in reaching out and connecting to our neighbors. May we also find ways to hear God's message and share the love and grace of God with those we encounter out in the world, through our words and our actions and our advocacy. Let us call upon the Lord!

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).

Many Blessings,

Pastor Emily

GSUMC

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Pastor

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Meghan Gress
Praise Music Leader

Dr. Emily Alley
Accompanist/Choir
Director

Debra & Buddy Clarke
Custodians





The Stephen Ministry trainee team (Phil and Carol Stanley, and Connie Johnson) are 30% complete with their 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training. They continue to build the necessary skills on how to be Care Givers, knowing that God is the curer. September classes will focus on maintaining boundaries and confidentiality. These skills are vital in building trust and aligning with Stephen Ministry protocols. If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Diversity Team

On September 11th, the Diversity Team will be meeting with Rev. Emily via Zoom to discuss directions for the team. Because of the UMC vote to overrule the 40-year-old ban against LGBTQ clergy, the team wants to discuss whether the work of the Diversity Team is complete or if we still have more work to be done, which includes taking final steps to become a Reconciling Ministry. Decisions from that meeting will be shared upon completion. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Admin Board for Ministries – 08/24/25 Minutes LITE

1. In appreciation for the years of service of our retiring GSUMC custodians, a card for the membership to sign will be available in the narthex Sunday Sept 7 and Sunday Sept 14. Monetary thank you gifts can also be collected on those days.
2. Few at GSUMC remember that we support the Methodist Global Mission project at Quessua, Uganda. We receive thank you letters from the project director, Kutela Katembo, which will be posted in the narthex and project updates will be posted in the Newsletter, eBlast, and Sunday Bulletin. (Click on the attachment for Kutela Katembo's most recent newsletter)
3. Fall Festival is soon approaching (October 4). Sign-up sheets to volunteer for various tasks will soon be available in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

It is September! I hope you all are enjoying your school year and making new friends! This month we will be learning about the life of Joseph. Our memory verse is "The Lord was with Joseph" (Genesis 39:2)

National Dates to Remember:

September 1: National Forgiveness Day

September 7: National Grandparents Day

September 9: National Teddy Bear Day

September 16: National play Play-Doh Day

September 28: National Good Neighbor Day



Reminder: There will be no Sunday school on Communion Sundays.

If you ever have to miss Sunday school (children and youth), but would like to hear the lesson, visit our website at www.shepherdchurch.org. Click on the **Ministries** tab, scroll to **Education**, and click on **Children's Ministries**. There you will find an interactive class with the weekly lesson.

YOUTH GROUP:

The Youth Group enjoyed another outing to Activate at the Orchard Mall, which is a facility that offers numerous immersive games that test physical and mental abilities in various teaming situations that include climbing walls, puzzle solving, and dodging lasers. This has been a fun activity in the past, and the Youth Group voted for this activity over other presented ideas. In September, the youth will be working on art collaboration that will replace the one on the first floor across from the donuts. They will each be given several words, and they will search for pictures that exemplify their specific words. These will then be attached onto a canvas.

Rev. Emily and Debbie Pacetti will begin planning for the Youth Group to attend the Ignite Youth Retreat in Buckhorn, CO, which will be held from October 17th through October 19th. Details will follow. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Treasurer Needed



Good Shepherd thanks Amy Hill for her years of service as Treasurer. She is moving out of this position by Dec. 31, and the church is in need of a new treasurer. If you are interested or want to know more about the position, please let Pastor Emily or Kristen McCloskey know. We hope to have a new person in place as soon as possible to allow for a smooth transition.

Save the date!

12th Annual Denver American Indian Festival

Saturday, October 11, 10:00-5:00pm



**Dancers – Drummers – Singers
Storytellers – Vendors**

**Festival held rain or shine at
Lakewood UMC
1390 Brentwood Street**



September 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1111	1 Labor Day-office closed Boy Scouts 7pm Ministry Reports Due for Charge Conference	2 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30 Breakfast with Pastor Emily at the Grumpy Egg Meet and Greet 10:00am Geri-Actives 1:00pm	3 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30am-7:30am/ 2pm-6pm RMP Band 6:30-9:00pm	4 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm Playology 6:30am-7:30am/ 3pm-6pm Bell choir practice 5-8pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3 Prayer Group 6:30	5 Playology 6:30am-7:30am/ 3-6pm	6
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Geri-Actives

Geri-Actives will meet at Good Shepherd on Tuesday, September 2, for a Walk Down Memory Lane. Please bring a picture from your Elementary School Days plus your high school Senior picture and a snack to share. ALL retirees are welcome to join us.



GSUMC Administrative Board Meeting - August 12, 2025 - Minutes LITE

1. GSUMC member Cora Lou Baker has agreed to become the new Handbell Choir director. The church membership appreciates her taking on the role and looks forward to another season of uplifting and beautiful bell music.
2. GSUMC will need to hire a new custodian. The current custodian retires September 1
3. GSUMC needs a volunteer to be the church Treasurer. The position begins in January 2026 and current Treasurer, Amy Hill, will shepherd the new volunteer through the responsibilities and negotiating the software.
4. The annual Charge Conference has been updated to November 2. Reports will need to be submitted sooner to enable the construction of the Charge Conference booklet.
- 5 A number of Church members have expressed interest in maintaining the wearing of name tags during Church services. How this could/should proceed (permanent tags? continue write-on tags?) will be discussed at the joint Administrative Board Meeting (September 14).



Food for HopeTM
RAISING CHILDREN FROM HUNGER IN ADAMS COUNTY



SEPTEMBER FOOD DONATION

Students need snacks at school to maintain focus, keep their energy up, and find success in their classes. Many teachers have reported to us that they use personal finances to purchase extra snacks for their students who are not able to bring one from home. We created this program to provide school day snacks to alleviate the financial burden from teachers who are providing this on their own. Food For Hope currently provides 4,000 snacks weekly to schools. Thank you for your continued support!

We will be collecting granola/protein bars this month.



Food For Hope Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for an afternoon of fun, food, and community at the Thornton Bike n Brew! The festivities kick off at 3:00 PM at Satire Brewing, with the Bike Together Ride rolling out at 3:15 PM—a perfect chance to cruise Thornton's scenic trails with friends and neighbors.

After the ride, stick around to enjoy:

Live music from local artist Rayna Marie and a Guest Band
Delicious Food Truck fare with Blessed BBQ
Business Booths to connect with local organizations

To register, go to: <https://foodforhope.net/events>



Good Shepherd will be hosting a business table at the Bike and Brew. Volunteers are appreciated!

Paint A Thon 2025

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Paint-A-Thon. The work looks great, and the homeowner is very pleased!



Before



After



Paint-A-Thon 2025 Volunteers:

This ministry could not continue without your willingness and dedication! **Thank you volunteers!**



Sept. 1	Monica Drez
Sept. 3	Krista Medina
Sept. 3	Ezabella Bean
Sept. 6	Marissa Luark
Sept. 7	Bob Lamerand
Sept. 9	Kathy Bollfrass
Sept. 9	Joy Lousberg
Sept. 9	Fred Smith
Sept. 9	Art Salazar
Sept. 10	Ed Simmons
Sept. 13	Oliver Covert
Sept. 16	Michael Higgins
Sept. 17	Debbie Deem
Sept. 17	Phoebe Salazar
Sept. 19	Pat Arndt
Sept. 20	Randy Pacetti
Sept. 21	Don Rynearson
Sept. 21	Kate Bush
Sept. 22	Pamela Boaz
Sept. 23	Amanda Conaway
Sept. 24	Marge Cederlund
Sept. 26	Judy Atwood
Sept. 27	Allen Simmons



United
Women
in Faith

United Methodist Men will hold their first breakfast meeting after the summer hiatus on Saturday, September 20th at 8:00 AM. Please sign up on the UMM board in the narthex to ensure there is enough breakfast for all. All men are welcome to attend.

All are invited, whether you are a member of United Women in Faith or not.

Annual Meeting of the Mile High Metro District United Methodist Women

Simpson UMC, 6001 Wolff St, Arvada 80003

Saturday, September 20

9 am to 1 pm

Bring donation of diapers to be given to Hope House in Arvada.

PRAYER MINISTRY

The Prayer Ministry sends a big **Thank You** to all who have helped your Prayer team by supplying *requests and updates* for those they know who need prayers or have been on our prayer list. We keep praying for situations or people who have long standing needs until we hear updates. Currently we pray for nearly 3 pages of personal and general requests. We welcome any who would like to pray in a small group at 6:30pm Thursday nights or at home as they are able. *Our only requirement is that you keep requests confidential. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!*

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a card on the table under the prayer net in the sanctuary or contact Kathy Bollfrass at kboll99@gmail.com. You may also write on a ribbon to tie around the prayer net. All supplies are on the table under the prayer net by the tech desk.





Thank you, Connie Anderson for your 25 years as our Handbell Choir Director!



Judy Hemp speaks and reads a letter written by Jackie Thomas.



Randy Anderson reads a letter written by Ann Chamness, former bell choir member.



The 2025-2026 season of the Handbell Choir will begin on September 4th at 6:00pm under the direction of Cora Lou Baker, a longtime Handbell Choir member. If you are interested in being a part of the handbell choir, please contact Cora Lou at coraloubaker@yahoo.com. We are looking forward to a great season. The first bell Sunday will be September 21st.





Good Shepherd UMC

Fall Festival and Craft Fair

Saturday October 4th from 9:00am-3:00pm

Located at 3960 E 128th Ave

Thornton, Co 80241

Fall Festival 9:00am-3:00pm

Vendors

Entertainment

Food

Family Fun Activities

Blessing Boutique

Open to the community as a way to “shop” for free for family necessities. Items and sizes may vary depending on availability.

This is a free event

All are welcome to attend!

**** If you would like to be a part of the craft fair please contact Natalie at nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com. If you would like to be part of the entertainment, contact Meghan at Meghan.allese@gmail.com. If you have items you would like to donate to the Blessing Boutique, please contact Natalie in the office. Donations are accepted now through September 25th.**





Blessing Boutique

FEEL FREE TO STOP BY AND GET
THINGS YOU NEED.

WE WILL HAVE:

- BABY TO ADULT CLOTHES
- BABY TO ADULT SHOES
- BABY AND CHILD ESSENTIALS

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9AM-3PM

2025

3960 E 128TH AVE

Christian Crafters Fellowship



Christian Crafters Fellowship is an outreach mission designed to bring people together through a shared interest in arts and crafts. All are welcome to participate in learning how to make crafts using repurposed materials. If you don't have room at home for your crafted item, there are plenty of retirement homes that would love to receive your donation for their residents. Enjoy meeting other people from church and invite others to join in that may be looking for a family of faith. These events are free of charge though we may ask for donations of materials.

Thank you to everyone that attended our first fellowship crafting event on July 26th. We made dish gardens using repurposed containers, succulents and lots of fun decorations.



Mark your calendars! The next free crafting workshop will be held on **Sunday, September 21st. We will meet in the sanctuary after services from Noon to 3:00.** Fall themed crafts will be offered such as floral wreaths, table arrangements, cards, and kids crafts. This is an outreach event so bring your family, friends and neighbors.

The Christian Crafters Fellowship also organizes a monthly crafting circle:

New Monthly Craft Circles - Calling all current crafters that need a place (and an excuse) to work on your projects and socialize with others! We are starting a Monthly Craft Circle. Bring your project and a snack to share and join us at the church for some fun and fellowship. See the monthly schedule below.

Craft Circle Calendar

September 10th (Wednesday) – 5:30pm-7:30pm

October 5th (Sunday) – Noon-3:00 pm

November 12th (Wednesday) – 5:30 pm-7:30pm

December 7th (Sunday) – Noon-3:00 pm

Look for our new Mission Board in the Narthex with our calendar of events and contact information.

See Karen Zulauf, Heather Laing, Kathy Lamerand or Maria Smith for more details.