

SHEPHERD'S STAFF

July 1, 2026

Greetings, Friends!

Wow! What an amazing week of Vacation Bible School we had. What a joy it was to welcome the young ones of our church and community for a week of learning and growing together in our faith! Together we enjoyed snacks, science, crafts, recreation, music, and bible stories. Our Mountain Mantra (a.k.a Theme Scripture) for the week was Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Thanks to all who made it possible, and a special thanks to Natalie Higgins for all of her work wrangling volunteers and participants alike! It was a week filled with awe, wonder, and connection

Mid-June we began our summer worship series, “Purveyors of Awe.” This series encourages us to be open to the many examples of how awe manifests in our lives and throughout the community. It also encourages us to lift up and celebrate these awe-inspiring, awe-some moments and experiences. I believe that when we are alert and paying attention to the world around us, we can't help but see the awe-some things God is doing in the world, as well as the awe-some things our friends, family, and neighbors are doing!

As I think about the awe-inspiring times in my life, there are many things that come to mind. There are the times out in nature looking at waterfalls, snowcapped mountains, babbling brooks, rainbows (especially double rainbows). There are the faces of the people in my family, my church family, my friends (new and old). There are the special experiences and journeys over the years, seeing and experiencing new places and spaces. There is so much to be in awe about in this world, if only we are open and willing to see it and experience it!

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)

Blessings,

Pastor Emily

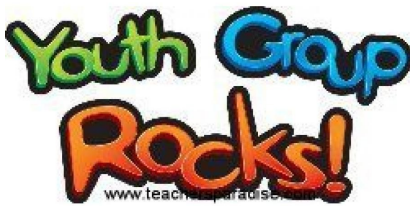
HAPPY JULY 4TH! INDEPENDENCE DAY





Thank you to all who helped make VBS a success! It was another fun year as we can do all things through Christ!

In Sunday School this month, the students will be learning about God's great love through Psalms.



VBS



In June, the Youth Group completed an extracurricular activity with Mountain View United Methodist Youth Group. It is always nice to continue building on existing relationships, especially since both of these Youth Groups will be attending the Mission Trip to Alamosa together.

We have 6 of our youth traveling to Alamosa, Colorado, for a week of mission work with Christian Community Service Projects (CCSP) from July 26th to August 1st. 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. There, they will be helping with home repairs and yard work for those in need in Alamosa and surrounding areas. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975 or speak to Pastor Emily.



Pastor Emily with her Youth Group in 2015 at CCSP



Pastor Emily with Lexi, Samantha, Madison, Heidi, and David at CCSP in 2022.

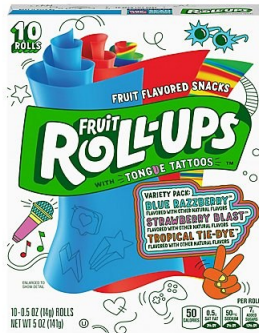


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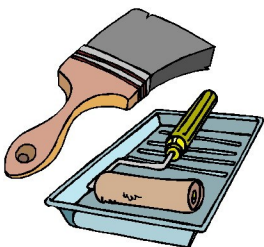


Even though school is out, Food For Hope still provides food to some of our families in need. The July collection is Fruit Roll-Ups, applesauce and yogurt pouches (Please get the no refrigeration needed yogurt). Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. May God continue to bless us all.



PAINT-A-THON AUGUST 8, 2026

The location of the house to paint this year will be announced later this month. The sign up sheet will be posted this month. Having 12-15 people to help paint is ideal. More details will be announced soon. Thank you to all who are willing to help a someone in our community!



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**GSUMC
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Good Shepherd

UMC Thornton



July 1	Cordell Weingardt
July 5	Auston Sack
July 7	Sharon Tonsager
July 8	Danika Olivas
July 9	Karen Bueno
July 9	Dale Ayars
July 14	Steve Unrein
July 15	Kara (Sack) Heaston
July 15	Noelle McGinn
July 16	Myndi Atkinson
July 16	Lyle Schuetz
July 16	Madison Marvel
July 17	Ryan Pieken
July 17	Karen Woodson
July 22	Terry Donnell
July 22	Dillon Merz
July 22	Josh Stirm
July 25	Dominic Andon
July 30	Linda Graham
July 30	Elsianna DeLeon

GSUMC Upcoming Event

Mark your calendars for Sunday July 19th. We will have a single service on the lawn with Northglenn UMC.

After the combined service, there will be a potluck lunch. The ministry board will be providing the burgers and hotdogs. Thank you to the UMM for grilling. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Since the service is outdoors, bring a blanket or chair to sit on. We have great morning shade, but bring water, and wear sunblock and/or bring a hat.

Rev. Emily Kintzel
Pastor

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Dr. Emily Alley
Accompanist/Choir Director

Meghan Gress
Praise Team

Debbie Anaya-Pacetti
Youth Director

Alexa Opatril
Nursery Supervisor



Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry is nearing completion of the 2 textbooks related to their initial mandatory training. They have only 4 more chapters to complete. Afterwards, they will begin reading additional materials, such as: "Caring Assertiveness," "Joy Comes with the Morning," "Crisis of Faith," "The Gift of Empathy," "Cancer – Now What?" and "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart." Although this sounds like a lot of books, this ministry includes ongoing training. Once they have completed their 50 hours of mandatory training, they will become "Commissioned Stephen Ministers". When that happens, there will be a ceremony during service and a celebration to acknowledge the challenging work of Carol and Phil Stanley. If you have any questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Good Shepherd Outreach and Support

This new ministry is now in its 5th month of providing visits to congregants. The ministry started out with 8 people, but it has decreased to 6 people. We continue to do quick check-ins to ensure that we are properly caring for the people we visit. Visits also include being communion stewards to those who want to receive communion. This has been well received. For any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975. 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.



United
Women
in Faith

The United Women in Faith will be taking the months of July and August off. Meetings on the third Saturday of the month will resume on September 19 at noon with a potluck lunch.



Gerri-Actives

Potluck Picnic with Gerri-Actives at Hilltop Park (east on 140th, off Colorado St) at 12 noon on July 7. Bring a your own sandwich and some food to share. See you on top of Thornton!!

JOIN CHRISTIAN CRAFTERS!

SUNDAY JULY 12

12-3PM

IN THE SANCTUARY

*YARD ART

*BEADED BRACELETS AND BAG
CHARMS

*CANVAS ACCESSORY BAG
DECORATING

*ROCK ART

QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT
HEATHER 425-802-3895

VBS Fun!



Liam the Lion taught us how to be brave like Queen Esther



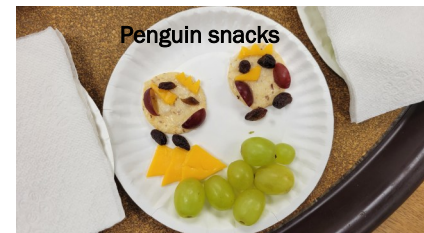
Science fun!



Making snowballs in Science



Tortilla snowflakes



Penguin snacks



Queen Esther Crown snack



Flower snacks for Jesus praying in the garden



Ready for a snowball fight?

