



Shepherd's Staff

Greetings Friends!

A few weeks back we celebrated Back to School Sunday and offered a special blessing over 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, "You & Me? We're Neighbors!" We talked about what it means to be neighbors. I reminded them that everybody is our neighbor and that Jesus calls for us to love our neighbors! We can love our neighbors by helping them, by smiling at them, by being kind to them, and so much more! My prayer for our students and educators is that they experience the giving and the receiving of neighborly love and kindness! That Sunday we also enjoyed a fun-filled ice cream social! Here's to a great year!

September will be our annual Stewardship journey. Each week we will focus on various ways that God is calling on each of us to *Come to the Table* ... with our families, with our friends, and with our neighbors all around the world. Together we will explore how celebrating the Lord's Supper is central to our faith. We will also explore how, when we are fed at the table, we are called to be disciples of Christ in the world. We'll also be hearing from members of the congregation who will share how coming to the tables of hospitality, love, peace, grace, & joy feed them and compel them to use their gifts to of time, talent and money to serve Christ.

Through scriptures, sermons, and words from members of the congregation, we will hear how stewardship is an integral part of what we do and how we support the mission and ministry of the church. Stewardship is about supporting the church through our *prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness*. And, when we do that, we, as a church, are better equipped to live out the gospel in our community and to love our neighbors and welcome all to *Come to the Table*! May God work through our gifts and God's presence shine through our stewardship and our prayerful commitments to the church and to our community.

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,

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Back to School Sunday and Ice Cream Social August 16, 2026



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 creation and the world God gave us.

National Dates to Remember:

September 1: National Forgiveness Day

September 5: National Cheese Pizza Day

September 9: National Teddy Bear Day

September 11: Day of Remembrance

September 22: National Ice Cream Cone Day



Visit us at the Fall Festival on September 26th from 9:00-3:00pm!



The Youth Group article can be found on page 4.

Youth room mural drawn by Heidi Kintzel, and painted by Heidi Kintzel, Madison Kintzel, and Morgan Moody.



GSUMC Youth Group and Mountain View Youth Group head out for their mission trip in July.



The youth and leaders enjoying their free day at the Gator Farm in Alamosa, CO.





YOUTH GROUP:

This summer has been a wonderful season of key milestones for our Youth Group. At the beginning of the summer, their classroom was cleaned up, per their request. Old furniture was removed from the classroom, thanks to several men in our church. Thanks to Steve Unrein, this furniture was disposed of. Randy and Debbie Pacetti painted the classroom bright white, covering the large tree and bear that had been on the large wall for many years. Jim Irwin's daughter donated a lovely grey sectional that replaced the old plaid sectional in their classroom. The youth rearranged the furniture the way they wanted it and then covered the tables with brown paper, which are now used for artistic pleasures! Lastly, the large wall was repainted with a beautiful mountain scene that Heidi Kintzel had sketched and a few of our youth helped paint.

Additionally, the Youth Group completed its mission trip to Alamosa, Colorado, on August 1st. Six of our youth traveled to Alamosa with six youth from Mountain View United Methodist Youth Group and six adults from both churches. We stayed at the Youth Center, which belongs to the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) of Alamosa. When we arrived on Sunday evening, the CRC welcomed us with dinner. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, the youth completed service projects that included yard work and home repairs.

On Monday and Tuesday, they divided into two groups and completed yard work at four homes. We filled many truckloads with sticks and weeds that were delivered to the city recycle center.

Wednesday was a special day because it was a free day. The youth enjoyed visiting an alligator farm, where almost everyone enjoyed holding a baby alligator. We got to feed tortoises, view various parrots, including one that waved when you said, "Hello, Cocoa!" They saw a beautiful cockatoo, who flared its head crest. They saw a lot of alligators, including an albino one, and saw several emus. It was very fun! Afterwards, they went to the Sand Dunes Recreational Center, where they swam in a hot springs artesian pool that was 98 degrees.

On Thursday, one group went to La Jara, Colorado, to install skirting under a home, build flower gardens, and clean up the yard. Because there was so much work to do, the group returned on Friday to finish the remaining tasks. Another group went to Monte Vista to help a woman with her yard work. This was a sizable job, which required them to return and finish the work on Friday as well. The youth deconstructed a rabbit coop, removed old fencing, built 180' metal fence, and put metal sheeting on top of an older shed.

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. There, they help 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.



September 2026						
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Geri-Actives

Geri-Actives will meet at Cracker Barrel restaurant (350 W 120th Avenue) on Tuesday, September 1, at 11:30.



United Methodist Men will hold their first breakfast meeting after the summer hiatus on Saturday, September 19th 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.



United
Women
in Faith

After taking July and August off, the United Women in Faith will be hosting their September meeting on the 19th at noon. Please bring a potluck item to share. All women are invited to attend.



Carol and Phil Stanley have now completed their mandatory 50 hours of training. On August 30th, during 2nd service, we recognized and celebrated their commissioning as Stephen Ministers. We also served cake after 2nd service to commemorate the event. This means that both Carol and Phil are qualified to provide ongoing one-on-one care for those experiencing a difficult time in life such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness or a myriad of other challenges people face. Ongoing training is part of the required work, but training will take place once a month, rather than every other week. If you have any questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.



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SEPTEMBER FOOD DONATION

Thanks for your continued support of this vital ministry.

This month's collection will be collecting cereal. All types and sizes are welcome.

Jesus declares, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry and whoever believe in me will never be thirsty."



Food For Hope Upcoming Events



Sign Up Here:



The annual **Thornton Area Bike N Brew** is taking place on **Saturday, September 26, from 3–7 p.m.!**

Join Food for Hope and **Satire Brewing Company** for a fun bike ride on the trails of Thornton. The ride will begin and end at Satire Brewing (**Short Loop 6mi loop, longer Loop 9mi + Far Ride adding extra 5mi on-we will have Ride Leaders!**), where you can stick around afterward to connect with local businesses and enjoy an **Oktoberfest-style after-party**. Wear your best **Oktoberfest-themed outfit** and join in the fun, with giveaways and other festivities throughout the event! **Live Music provided by: The Crossfades a local 90's Alternative Band!**

Stop by for a drink and visit the Good Shepherd booth at the Bike 'N Brew Fundraising Event!

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.

Save the date!

Annual Denver American Indian Festival

Saturday, October 24, 10:00-4:00pm



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

**Highlands United Methodist Church
3131 Osceola St, Denver, CO 80212.**

GSUMC Administrative Board Meeting -- 8/9/2026 – Minutes LITE

1. The deadline for contributing photo and contact information for the new GSUMC Directory has passed and the publication process is in motion.
2. Some minor housekeeping of the church grounds is needed. In particular, the railing to the second floor needs painting and the outside benches need to be varnished or painted. More details pending.
3. Mountain Sky Conference (MSC) is asking for UMC membership to volunteer to be observers at polling places for the November elections (UMC Election Observers Program). Participation requires registration and viewing of Zoom modules. The program Information is available on the MSC web site.



Sept. 1	Monica Drez
Sept. 3	Krista Medina
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. 17	Alexis Laing
Sept. 20	Randy Pacetti
Sept. 21	Don Rynearson
Sept. 21	Kate Bush
Sept. 22	Pamela Boaz
Sept. 24	Marge Cederlund
Sept. 26	Judy Atwood
Sept. 27	Allen Simmons
Sept. 27	Stacey Lansinger
Sept. 30	Van Jackson

Good Shepherd Outreach and Support

We continue with the Good Shepherd Outreach and Support with the help of 6 people. We continue to visit people on a regular schedule: weekly, every other week, or once a month. This is dependent on their needs and desires. Visits include being communion stewards to those who want to receive communion. This ministry also prays for the people they visit on a daily basis. 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.





Good Shepherd UMC

Fall Festival and Craft Fair

Saturday September 26 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 17th.**





BLESSING BOUTIQUE

All are welcome to “shop” during
our Fall Festival and Craft Fair

September 26
9:00am–3:00pm

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