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Greetings, Friends!

As I write this, we are entering into Holy Week. This is the week that begins with Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. As a church, we celebrate that together on Palm Sunday with the gift of beautiful music by our Choir and Praise Team! Then just a few days following his triumphal entrance, Jesus is sharing a sacred meal with his friends, knowing that one of them has betrayed him. And then we come to Good Friday and Jesus' death upon the cross. The darkest of days. And thankfully, as Easter people, we know that that is not the end of the story. Just three days later Jesus is raised from the dead. Hallelujah!

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate this! We will gather for a joy-filled and blessed Easter Celebration! We will sing and worship with both new and familiar friends! We will be blessed by the Choir, the Bell Choirs, and the Praise Team! Then we will invite the young people of the church and community to a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt and we will all enjoy a continental brunch! It is sure to be a beautiful morning of community and connection as we celebrate together that Christ is Risen...Christ is Risen Indeed!

Easter Sunday marks the beginning of the Easter season. During the Easter season we will hear and reflect on the faith stories of those present at the time of Jesus' Resurrection and we will also hear and reflect on modern day faith stories. The season of Easter is one that encourages us to focus on the stories that remind us of the hope and love that Jesus represented and continues to represent in the world today. May we hear these stories and live our lives after their example; live our lives as Easter people.

To live as Easter people is to live knowing that death is not the final word. To live as Easter people is to live knowing that we are loved unconditionally. Today, and every day, may we find comfort in the truth that Jesus is with us always, saying to each of us, "peace be with you."

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)

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Emily





- April 3 Drew Higgins
- April 4 Jim Green
- April 6 Hailey Krueger
- April 6 Carol Schuetz
- April 7 Judy Hemp
- April 9 Meghan Gress
- April 9 Michael Gallegos
- April 12 Amber Higgins
- April 13 Franklin Chan
- April 13 Shannon Montgomery
- April 13 Brock Covert
- April 14 Avery Moody
- April 15 Kristen McCloskey
- April 18 Bonnie Young
- April 21 Kathryn Thirsk
- April 24 JoJo DeLeon
- April 26 Pearl Drez
- April 27 Brian Laing
- April 30 Debbie Olivas

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Help us welcome John and Joyce Coder from Letts, IA. We are excited to have you join Good Shepherd UMC.

Easter Sunday
April 5th: One Service
at 10:00am

Bring a grab and go potluck brunch item to share following the service.

Children's Easter egg hunt will begin after Easter Sunday service. Bring a basket or bag.

There will be no Sunday school on Easter. The nursery will be available for children 5 years and younger.



Geri-Actives

An active group open to all retirees

Feel free to bring a friend (or two)

Geri-Actives will meet at the church at 1 PM on April 7. Please bring a snack to share. You can respond to Kate Bush by phone or text (724-840-8439). Fun times are ahead!!

April 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm Holy Wednesday Meal 6:00pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2-6pm</p>	<p>2 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p>	<p>3 Good Friday Service @ Northglenn UMC 7:00pm Playology 6:30-7:30am 2-6pm Music Together 10:00-11:30am</p> 	<p>4 Youth Group Flashlight Egg Hunt @ 6:30pm</p> 
<p>5 Easter Sunday One Service-10:00am Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch after 9:00am Adult Sunday School</p> 	<p>6 Easter Monday-Office Closed Playology 6:30-7:30am/2-6pm Boy Scouts 6:30-930pm</p>	<p>7 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm Geri-Actives 1:00pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2-6pm Choir 6:30-8pm</p>	<p>8 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2-6pm RMP Band 6:30-9:00pm</p>	<p>9 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p>	<p>10 Playology 6:30-7:30am/2-6pm Music Together 10:00-11:30am</p>	<p>11 Girl Scout Outdoor Skills Troop 7 @ 8:00-4:00pm</p>
<p>12 9am Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Children/Youth Sunday School Staff Meeting 12:00 Ad Board Meeting 1:00 GS Troop 1:00-2:30 GS Troop 2:00-3:30</p>	<p>13 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/pm-6pm Boy Scouts 6:30-930pm</p>	<p>14 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm Bible Discussion 1:00pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm Choir 7-8pm</p>	<p>15 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2-6pm RMP Band 6:30-9:00pm</p>	<p>16 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p>	<p>17 Playology 6:30-7:30am/2-6pm Music Together 10:00-11:30am GS Troop 66745 6pm</p>	<p>18 United Methodist Men 8:00am United Women in Faith 12:00pm</p>
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Let the children
come to Me.
- Jesus

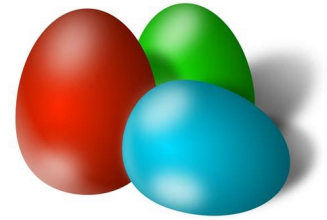
April is here! Spring is in the air, and this month, we will be learning about The Great Commission. Our memory verse is *The Community of Believers was one in heart and mind.* (Acts 4:32a)

April Dates to Remember

April 4: Youth Group Flashlight Egg Hunt @ 6:30pm

April 5: Easter Sunday 10:00am service. Egg Hunt after service. Bring a basket.

Looking ahead: Graduation Sunday/Youth Sunday will be **May 10th**. One service at 10:00am. If you have a high school or college graduate, please let Natalie know.



Youth Group

Easter Sunday culminated in the completion of the **HEARTS Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser**. The Youth Group pinned 100 small envelopes onto the What's New bulletin board by the stairs. These funds were raised in support of their upcoming mission trip to Alamosa, Colorado, for a week of mission with Christian Community Service Projects (CCSP) July 26th through August 1st.

The youth will meet on Saturday, April 4th starting at 6:30 PM. At this gathering, they will be creating Resurrection Donuts. Once complete, they will be participating in their own flashlight Easter Egg hunt.

During the month, the youth will be updating their mural wall in their classroom. The room was recently repainted, removing the tree mural that had been there for some time. Heidi Kintzel created the design of the new mural, so the next step is deciding how to execute her plan. This will be the exciting part! If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.



GSUMC Board for Ministries Minutes LITE 3/15/2026

The membership directory is nearing completion. Final day for inclusion (i.e., photographing, updating contact information) is March 22.

A new ministry was proposed by Phil Stanley and approved by the Ad Board. The purpose is to ready legal immigrants to take the U.S. citizenship test. Anyone interesting in tutoring our future citizens should contact Phil.

Tim Collier has proposed a Handy Man Ministry to help GSUMC members who need help with small tasks. Anyone interested in offering their skills or in need of handy-man assistance should contact Tim.

The Ad Board for Ministries is actively planning the 2026 events calendar for an Ice Cream Social, events for Father's Day, a Back-to-School festivity, and a Clean-Up-Saturday. Dates/events will be posted as plans are finalized.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry will meet April 6th and 20th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Training continues to take place at the Stanley's home. After this month, the Stephen Minister trainees will need 12 more hours to complete their training. Afterwards, they will be commissioned Stephen Ministers. If training goes as planned, Carol and Phil Stanley will receive their Commission for Stephen Ministry in July. This will signify the completion of 50 hours of training. If you have any questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Good Shepherd Outreach and Support

This ministry currently comprises of 8 people. If you would like to join as a supporter, or know someone who would like to receive visits, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975 for more information.



Food for Hope April 2026

We'll be collecting cans or pouches of tuna, salmon, and chicken.

Thank you for your generous donations to this vital ministry.

Isaiah 58:7 Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless.



Food For Hope Upcoming Event



Rooted in Hope – Deep Roots, Bright Futures

Join us for an unforgettable evening at Food for Hope's signature fundraising dinner, Rooted in Hope – Deep Roots, Bright Futures, A Farm to Table Experience. This inspiring night brings our community together to support the growth of food programming for students and families in Adams County Schools, with a focus on fresh and culturally cultivated foods.

Enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table Dinner from the Hispanic Restaurant Association, but beforehand, gather around our Storytelling Table, Enjoy a Gourmet Popcorn Bar as well as Immersive Games and Experiences!

Come for the food, stay for the stories, and leave knowing you helped plant hope and grow brighter futures in our community.

To purchase tickets, visit <https://foodforhope.net/events>



Ad Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2026

Benevolent Fund distributions and changes

- Benevolent Fund has donated \$250 to GSUMC VBS fund
- Benevolent Fund will start helping members of our community with short term, immediate help up to \$200 in \$25 gift card increments.
- Benevolent Fund is increasing congregational assistance from \$250 to \$300 for up to three payments in a twelve month period totaling \$900.

Love Inc

- Without including the Ministries Board and their work connecting to the community, a partnership with Love INC is not in line with our organizational process.
Reasons include: No working relationship or communication with Love Inc, and lack of space to store collected items,

Financials of GSUMC

- There may be one additional person willing to sign checks for our treasurer.
- Berta Rynearson will be looking into the program of *Methodists Helping Methodists* and seeing if there is a time for the organization to visit GSUMC.
- Church finances are on target.
- Tax rebate for solar panels is still being processed. Jim Irwin continues to follow up.
- New upstairs heater may be needed. There could be new Colorado standards that need to be looked into.

Playology

- Jim Green and Steve Unrein are looking into Non-Profit tax exemption report, which includes use by a for-profit entity.
- Robert Moody, a tax lawyer, is looking into tax code, and there is the potential for some portion of property tax to be paid.

