Shepherd's Staff

November 1, 2026

Happy November to the People of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church!

November is often seen as the month of gratitude. It can be a time when we take stock of the blessings in our lives and give thanks to and for the people who journey with us. I am thankful for the people of this amazing congregation and am excited to continue to serve in ministry alongside you all!

For the Sundays leading up to the start of Advent, our focus will be on gratitude and thankfulness, guided by our worship series "Our Hymn of Grateful Praise" (UMC Discipleship). Together we will look at what gratitude means and what it can look like in our discipleship journey and everyday living. As we consider gratitude, may we also look to where it all begins, with God. We are grateful to God for God's constant presence, unending love, and abundant blessings. And we are also called to a place of gratitude for the people in our lives…our church, family members, friends, and neighbors. As we move through these next few weeks, I invite us all to take time to notice and give thanks for and to those in our lives who have made an impact in our lives, and let us join our voices in offering hymns of grateful praise to God.

Additionally, on Sunday, November 1st we remember, honor, and give thanks for the Saints who have gone before us this year, as a part of **All Saints' Sunday**. May their memory live on through the legacy of their loved ones.

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



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STOCKINGS AND STARS CHRISTMAS TREE - 2026

For two decades, Good Shepherd has been donating gifts through the Thornton Police Department for children from newborn to 18 years old.

There will be a tree with stockings and stars on it beginning November 23rd in the narthex through December 6th. On the 6th, the United Methodist Men will take the gifts to Thornton Police Department.

Choose a stocking or a star that has a child's gender and age on it. Suggestions from the Police Department included warm clothing/Legos/pajamas/gloves/etc. A toy can be included if possible. This year, the Thornton PD is suggesting books for all ages and/or monetary donations.

Do not wrap gifts
Smaller gifts are usually better as most children receive 2-5 gifts
Mark bag with age/boy or girl information

Collection Day—Sunday, December 6th at 11:30 a.m. Packages brought before December 6th may be placed under the tree in the Sanctuary.

questions: Please call Debbie Anaya-Pacetti 720-413-5975

Youth Group Basket Silent Auction Returns this month!

Starting November 22nd, bring in your baskets. Bidding runs November 29-December 13th. Winners will be called/texted after service on December 13.

The Basket Silent Auction is a fundraiser for the Youth Group to help earn funds for the Youth 2027 Conference held in Dallas, TX next summer.

If you would like to bring in a basket for bidding, bring the basket to Good Shepherd with a description of what is inside and a dollar amount by November 22nd. The youth will wrap it in cellophane and set it up. Sample baskets include self care packages like lotions, eye masks, bath bombs, etc. Pet baskets with treats and toys. Going out baskets with dinner and/or movie gift cards. Donation baskets from local businesses or your job, and handmade items, etc.

For questions, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975



The Youth Group at IGNITE Youth Retreat October 16-18th.

Back Row: Joe, David K, Heidi, Madison, Craig,
Middle Row: Kai, Mrs. Debbie, Amelia, David L.
Front Row: Meghan, Aiden, Elsi, and Pastor Emily



Welcome November! This month, we will be continuing learning how God shapes our lives.

The **Christmas pageant** will be here soon! Rehearsals will begin November 1st. Please check your emails for exact dates and times.

On **November 15th** during both services will be Bible Sunday for all third grade children. If you have a **third grader**, please let Natalie know so they can receive their Bible from Good Shepherd.

Sunday, **November 22nd is Thanksgiving Sunday. We will have one service that day at 10:00am.**

Youth Group

After completing a four-week Sunday school study, *A Portrait of Humanity*, the youth are now studying, *A Portrait of God*. In this study, the youth will embark on a journey of the overwhelming awe and wonder of God. They will discuss what it means to be overwhelmed by something beyond words and will reflect on what it means to be in relationship with God.
For the month of November, the Youth Group will be participating in the following:

- On November 6th, we will be doing another lock-in, but this will be at Mountain View United Methodist Church in Boulder. Estimated departure time will be around 5:00 PM. Youth are asked to bring snacks to share with everyone.
- November 8h will culminate in gathering final number for the Food For Hope Feed 5000. Donations from the church decides who gets a pie in the face on November 15th.
- On Sunday, November 22nd, the Youth Group will be putting up the Stars and Stockings Christmas tree, in partnership with the Thornton Police Department. This year, the police department wants to gather books for children in need in the Thornton area. They are also asking for clothing, toys, or even monetary donations. Every donation, big or small, helps to make the holidays more magical for children in our community. This is a project that the Youth Group accepted 3 years ago.
- This month, we will begin asking congregates to contribute Christmas baskets for a Silent Auction that will be taking place again this year. In 2025, we received 14 gift baskets. The final count yielded $1,074 for the Youth Group thanks to the generosity of our church. Every penny counts because the Youth Group will be traveling to Dallas for Youth 2027 next summer. The Youth Group will review all bids on December 13th and then call each winner to arrange pickup, so that all baskets are available before Christmas.

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. 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. November marks the 11th month of this ministry. We continue to pray for the people we visit on a daily basis. The outreach team plans visits according to the needs of those they visit which could be, weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly. For any questions, concerns, or interest in this ministry, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.



Food for Hope™

RAISING CHILDREN FROM HUNGER IN ADAMS COUNTY

November Food for Hope Collection

This month, Food For Hope will be collection **2 pound bags of flour and sugar**. Your generosity has helped families in our community for over six years.

There is still time left to support Food For Hope's Feed 5000 competition. Every dollar counts! Thank you for your continued generosity.







October 18-November 8

Feed 5000 is a Holiday Meal Box Program sponsored by Food For Hope. This year we are partnering with neighboring churches to raise funds to help members of our community. Your $35 donation can feed a family. Your money is also a vote for who gets a pie in the face! You have one more week to participate! Let's win this competition, and give Pastor Emily the pleasure of praying over the boxes before they are distributed. LET'S GO GOOD SHEPHERD!

Here are the totals so far for Food For Hope Feed 5000 Pie in the Face Competition:

Pastor Emily: $ 135

Emily Alley: $ 442

Debbie Pacetti: $ 100

Grand Total to date: $677

Let's keep it going! Pastor Emily would like to pray over the boxes before being distributed.

The Rocky Mountain Pride Band will be having a concert on November 14th at Good Shepherd. All are invited to attend.



NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1 **All Saints Sunday** 9:00am Contemporary Worship Adult Sunday School 9am 10:30amTraditional Worship Girl Scouts 2-5pm 	2 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30am-7:30am/2:00-6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30-9:30pm	3 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2:00-6:00pm Geri-Actives 1:00pm Choir 6-8pm	4 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2pm-6pm RMPB 6:30-9:00pm	5 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30pm Bell choir practice 5-8pm	6 Office Closed Playology 6:30-7:30am/2:00-6:00pm Music Together 10:00-12:00pm	7
8 9:00am Contemporary Worship Adult Sunday School 9am 10:30amTraditional Worship 10:30am Sunday School/ Youth Girl Scouts 2-5pm Staff Meeting 12:00 Ad Board Meeting 1:00 **Charge Conference 2:00pm**	9 Office hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2:00-6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30-9:30pm	10 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2:00-6:00pm Bible Discussion 1:00pm Choir 6-8pm	11 Office Closed Playology 6:30-7:30am/2pm-6pm 	12 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30pm Bell choir practice 5-8pm	13 Office closed Playology 6:30-7:30am/2:00-6:00pm Music Together 10:00-12:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00-8:00pm RMPB Tech Rehearsal 6:30pm	14 **UWiF 12:00pm** **RMPB Concert 7:00pm**
15 **Bible Sunday** 9:00am Contemporary Worship Adult Sunday School 9am 10:30amTraditional Worship 10:30am Sunday School/ Youth Girl Scouts 2-5pm Ministry Board Meeting 12:00	16 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2:00-6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30-9:30pm	17 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30am-7:30am/2:00-6:00pm Bible Discussion 1:00pm Choir 6-8pm	18 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2pm-6pm RMPB 6:30-9:00pm	19 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2pm-6pm Playology 6:30am-7:30am Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm	20 Office Closed Playology 6:30-7:30am/2:00-6:00pm Music Together 10:00-12:00pm	**21** **UMM Community Thanksgiving Dinner 5:30pm** 
22 **THANKSGIVING SUNDAY** **ONE SERVICE** **10:00 am** **29 Advent Begins** 9:00am Contemporary Worship Adult Sunday School 9am 10:30amTraditional Worship 10:30am Sunday School/ Youth	23 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30-9:30pm 30 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/2:00-6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30-9:30pm	24 Office Hours 8:30am-12:30pm Playology 6:30-6:00pm Bible Discussion 1:00pm Choir 6-8pm	25 Office Closed Playology 6:30-6:00pm Kidsgiving 10:00-2:00pm with Playology	26 Office Closed Playology Closed Happy Thanksgiving 	27 Office Closed Playology Closed	**28**



Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner
November 21st at 5:30 p.m.

The United Methodist Men's group will host/coordinate the annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner. Food signup sheets will be posted at the Welcome Center desk. Please sign up for the item(s) that you would like to bring so we will know if there are items that they need to be filled in. For those interested in cooking a turkey, the UMM group will provide the turkeys which will be in the freezer at the church that can be picked up the week before. Please plan to deliver your food item(s) between 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. so that we can start the meal on time. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. Thanks for your participation! Looking forward to seeing you all there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hervey Smith after church services, or at 303-452-4520 or via email herveysmith088@gmail.com.





Geri-Actives

All retires are welcome to attend.
The Geri-Actives next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 3rd at 1:00pm for some conversation and snacks.



November: As in the past, the November UMM breakfast meeting will be cancelled in lieu of the United Methodist Men's group hosting/ coordinating the annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner. Prior to the November 21st pot luck dinner, the UMM will need to set up the tables etc. for that meal service as well as organize the kitchen as food comes in that evening, culminating in doing the dishes and cleaning up the kitchen area as well as resetting the church for services the next day and of course we encourage you all to sign up to bring a dish to the meal. We will send out a notice prior to the dinner on when we can meet at the church to set up tables for the meal etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hervey Smith after church services, or at 303-452-4520 or via email at herveysmith088@gmail.com



Nov. 2	Jerry Saunders
Nov. 5	Scott Varvir
Nov. 5	Joslyn Pieken
Nov. 6	Jacalyn Robinson
Nov. 7	Alisha Prince-Mervyn
Nov. 8	Diane Hoke
Nov. 9	Glenda Irwin
Nov. 9	Jimmy Walker
Nov.11	Kyle Green
Nov. 14	KC Drez
Nov. 16	Samantha LeFever
Nov. 17	Karen Zulauf
Nov. 20	Nathan Montgomery
Nov. 21	Christopher Schankweiler
Nov. 26	Connor Austin
Nov. 27	Pete Finnie
Nov. 28	Kim Easterday-McPaddon







<u>November 22nd will be a ONE SERVICE Sunday at 10:00am</u>.

This is Thanksgiving Sunday. We will enjoy worship together as one.



<u>November 8th at 2:00pm</u>

All are welcome to attend.



GSUMC Administrative Board meeting – 10/11/2026
Minutes Lite

1. A reminder that the Charge Conference is November 8 at 2 pm.

2. Feed 5000 Food Drive begins 10/13 and continues through mid-November. Deposit boxes will be in the narthex.

3. GSUMC is negotiating to hire new personnel to undertake the janitorial services.

4. GSUMC has become aware the Liv Solar Panels have not been operating since March of 2026. Funding for our utility bills had apparently been drawn from the Excel payback program for energy production that exceeded energy costs. GSUMC is investigating the lack of monitoring by Liv Solar and the source(s) of the failure.

5. Playset purchased by Playology has been temporarily unavailable for use pending re-anchoring of the structure.

There will be vacancies on the Administrative Boards beginning January 2027. Please consider your personal Stewardship Journey and your availability of time/gifts

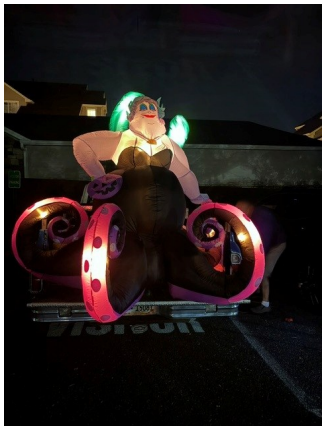
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Ministry Board Meeting: October 11, 2026

The Administrative board of Ministries had a short meeting to give feedback on the Summer's activities. The outdoor Service with Northglenn UMC and the potluck BBQ.

A Summer cooldown with an Ice Cream Social. The finished Directory and new name tags stemming from the information we have gathered. The Fall and Winter months will be milder with giving the Pastor a hand with Christmas activities and services.

Trunk ~or~ Treat





























Fall Fun Pictures

Christian Crafters Event
October 24th

















IGNITE Youth Retreat
October 16-18











