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## The Shepherd's Staff

#### A Life of Sharing

As February unfolds and we find ourselves on the cusp of the Lenten season, our hearts turn towards a period of reflection, self-discovery, and shared devotion. Lent, a solemn and significant season in the Christian calendar, beckons us to delve into the essence of our faith and embrace a life of sharing.

The forty days of Lent mirror the time Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness, a period marked by self-examination and spiritual preparation. It is a journey that invites us to introspect, seek repentance, and cultivate a spirit of generosity. In the midst of our bustling lives, Lent serves as a gentle reminder to pause, reflect, and realign our priorities with the teachings of Christ.

This Lenten season, let us focus on the theme of 'A Life of Sharing.' In the spirit of Christ's love, we are called to share not only our material blessings but also the intangible gifts of compassion, kindness, and forgiveness. As we embark on this journey, let us open our hearts to the needs of those around us, extending a helping hand to those who may be struggling.

The act of sharing goes beyond the tangible. It is about creating a community that fosters understanding, empathy, and unity. This Lent, let us commit to cultivating relationships based on mutual respect and love. Through our words and actions, may we embody the teachings of Jesus, who shared not only his wisdom but also his unwavering love for humanity.

Consider incorporating acts of kindness and generosity into your daily routine during this season. Whether it's volunteering at a local charity, offering a listening ear to someone in need, or simply sharing a warm smile, these small gestures can have a profound impact on those around us.

In the spirit of shared sacrifice, many choose to abstain from certain luxuries during Lent. While this practice is a personal choice, it serves as a tangible reminder of the selflessness exemplified by Jesus. As we deny ourselves in small ways, may we be reminded of the greater purpose—to live a life of sharing and to be more attuned to the needs of others.

As we embark on this sacred journey of Lent, may the spirit of sharing guide our steps. Let us embrace a life of selflessness, kindness, and compassion, mirroring the love of Christ. Together, as a community of believers, we can make this Lenten season a transformative and enriching experience for us all.

- Rev. Yo Han









Happy Month of Love and Kindness! For the month of February, we will be learning from Jesus as he teaches others. Our memory verse is *Open my eyes so I can examine the wonders of your instruction!* (Psalm 119:18)

This month, the Sunday school students will be

learning how to spread love like Jesus taught his disciples. Feel free to add a chain to our Young Generation bulletin board and let's see how much love we can spread!

## **Youth Group**

The Youth Group has had a great month. Each meeting starts with sharing a meal together and has extended to the kids receiving two baking lessons. They collaboratively baked an apple pie and last week, they learned how to make blueberry turnovers using prepared puff pastry. On Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>, the kids had requested breakfast for dinner. Everyone pitched in by setting up place settings. Wyatt Piekin took the initiative and jumped in with cooking, which was exciting to see how independent he was in the kitchen!









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## FEBRUARY FOOD FOR HOPE



Food for Hope February 2024:

Food for Hope has suggested a condiment collection for February. This includes mayo, mustard, ketchup, jelly, hot sauce, and salsa are needed.

Another need is clean egg cartons since Food For Hope buys their eggs in bulk, and they need to separate them in cartons of 12 or 18 for the food banks. As always, thank you for your support!

Jesus replied, "they do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

Matthew 14:16



Your donations make a difference! Thank you for continuing to support Food For Hope!





Join us for an evening of inspiration and impact at the Food for Hope "Hope is our Story" Gala on March 14, 2024. Engage in an evening filled with interactive games, a silent auction featuring unique treasures, and captivating entertainment, all while supporting our mission to combat hunger and ignite hope. Tickets go on sale February 9, 2024

If you would like to volunteer with Food For Hope, please sign up at www.foodforhope.net/volunteer For more information about events for Food For Hope, please visit the Food For Hope website at www.foodforhope.net/events

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00pm. If you would like Rev. Yo Han to visit you at home for the imposition of ashes, please contact the church office. He will be available from 11:00-2:00pm



#### LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Each Monday following Ash Wednesday, there will be a new devotional on the website, YouTube, and Facebook. This year's theme is prayers around the world. Dedicate some time during your week to listen to prayers in other languages with English subtitles.



#### WELCOME BISHOP KAREN

Sunday February 25th will be a one service Sunday at 10:00am. Bishop Karen Oliveto will bring the message.



#### ALL CHURCH YARD SALE

Clean out your closets to make room for new things, or to clear some space! Good Shepherd will be holding a spring yard sale in the parking lot this April. More information to come.



Next UMM meeting will be February 17 at 8:00am at Good Shepherd. Please sign up on the UMM Board to ensure there is enough breakfast. All men are invited. Information about February's meeting will be coming soon.



#### **GIFTS OF LOVE**

Our local United Women in Faith has planned a project for Valentine season. We will fill bags (not plastic) with socks, gloves, water, snack for each of us to keep in our car to give to people who are asking for help on the roadway. Bring only:

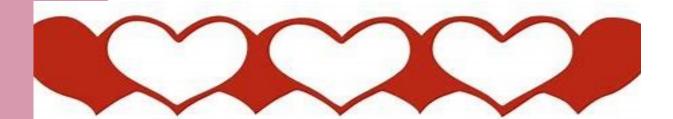
Socks

Gloves or mittens

Scarves

Cloth or paper bags to pack with our gift.

There will be a tub in the narthex under the United Women in Faith bulletin board. No coats, please. The project will end on February 14. The bags will be prepared at our next meeting, February 17 at noon.





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Debbie Anaya-Pacetti Feb 10

Feb II **Tom Deem** 

Feb 15 **Gregory Krueger** 

Feb 16 W. Austin Bollfrass

Feb 17 Jim Trombley

Feb 18 Jordan Boaz

Feb 21 **Bob Schroder** 

Feb 22 Tim McGinn

Feb 21 Angelo Weynen

Feb 23 Claire Han

Feb 24 **Dennis Tonsager** 

Feb 25 **Taylor Johnson** 

Feb 27 Juli Pieken

**Cameron Monroe** Feb 28





Welcome the Salazar Family whom were all baptized and became members of Good Shepherd in January!

Arthur (Art), Kaitlyn, and Phoebe

"There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. There is one God and Father of everything" Ephesians 4:5-6





## Faith Award and Quiet Disciple Recipients Congratulations to Don Robinson and Jim Green!

#### **Faith Award - Don Robinson**

Our heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable service. Your meticulous financial stewardship, attention to detail, and dedication to transparency have played a pivotal role in ensuring the stability and vitality of our congregation. Under your guidance, the responsible management of our church's resources has allowed us to continue our mission and outreach confidently. Your commitment to financial integrity is truly commendable, and we are profoundly grateful for the countless hours you invest in managing the treasures of our church. Thank you for your unwavering dedication, which enables our community to thrive.







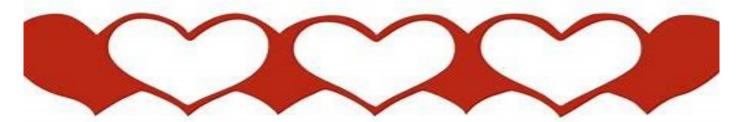
#### **Quiet Disciple Award - Jim Green**

Our deepest gratitude for your exceptional leadership. Your tireless dedication to maintaining our church facilities and ensuring their smooth operation has not only preserved the physical space. it has also created an environment where spiritual growth and fellowship flourish. Your selfless commitment, wise decision-making, and genuine care for the needs of our church community do not go unnoticed. Thank you for being the guiding force behind the scenes, shaping the foundation of our church with grace and unwavering dedication.









# GSUMC Abbreviated Administrative Board Minutes – January 14, 2024

- The new Administrative Board organization takes effect in 2024. This consists of an Ad Board which addresses the budget, building and grounds issues, and personnel and a Ministries Ad Board to address missions, charitable outreach, and membership. The minutes reported here are the Ad Board.
- The solar panel installation plan approved by Excel. Installation can proceed, hopefully by the end of January (weather permitting).
- The second floor HVAC system has been identified by inspectors as not being up to current code. The replacement of the aging unit must include a new platform support, to be located above the second floor restrooms. This will add another \$10,000 to the replacement cost. The updated cost estimate is \$26,000.
- The parked trailer in the GSUMC parking lot has been relocated elsewhere. The trailer was determined to be in violation of a No-Camping ordinance for the City of Thornton.
- The Ad Board approved a 2024 Budget to be presented to the congregation for general approval. This will occur on January 28. There will be a single 10 am service that day followed by the All Church Celebration.

### GSUMC Ministries Board – January 21, 2024 Debut Meeting

- 1. Ad Board Ministries members were asked to reflect where GSUMC ministries were succeeding and where they were not
  - a. It was observed that much work was done by few individuals and therefore there was a need to broaden engagement by the GSUMC membership.
  - b. As COVID was a major disruptor in GSUMC connectivity, activity, and membership, there was a need to move beyond recovery and include goals of broader community engagement.
- 2. It was observed that there needs to be more information for the Ad Board, for the GSUMC membership, and the community at large, about the specific activities of each of the ministries.
  - a. The more detailed information will help the Ad Board plan, promote/advertise, and help the ministries achieve their respective goals.
  - b. More information will help GSUMC members decide to engage with the added benefit of forging friendships
- 3. The immediate task of the Ministries Ad Board was to become familiar with the specifics of each of the teams (i.e., projects, goals, needs)