

Shepherd's Staff



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

Since joining you all in July, I have enjoyed every opportunity to get to know the amazing people of this church! I have been inspired by your commitment to the community and to one another. I look forward to what is ahead for our combined ministry with each other and for the community. May we continue to be open to where God is leading us and be willing to follow. I believe when we do, God can and will do amazing things in our lives and in the lives of those we encounter in the world.

Saturday, October 4th is a busy day in the life of the church as it is our Annual **Fall Festival & Craft Fair** from 9am-3pm. This year there will also be a **Blessing Boutique**, which is an opportunity for our neighbors to get clothing and other items for their families free of charge. I am grateful for the many people behind the scenes getting everything ready and organized for the Fall Festival! Prayers for all who will be with us that day, may it be a blessing and a time of fun and fellowship for all!

With the start of October also comes a special Sunday in the life of the Christian Church, **World Communion Sunday**, which this year is Sunday, October 5th. On that Sunday, we join with Christians around the world in sharing the bread and the cup. It is a time when we remember and celebrate our connection with one another and our connection through Christ. World Communion Sunday is also one of the United Methodist Church's Special Giving Sundays. It supports scholarships for International and Minority students. If you would like to make a donation to this important work, you can place cash or checks in the designated envelopes at church on Sunday, please write "World Communion Sunday" in the memo line of your check. Every dollar makes a difference!

This Fall, may we welcome the cooler weather and the changing colors of the leaves. And may we take the World Communion spirit of connection and abundance for all as we go through our days!

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

Youth Groups from Good Shepherd UMC and Mountain View UMC had a great afternoon of fellowship and fun exploring Standley Lake Loop Trail!



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Youth Director

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Nursery Supervisor

This month, we will be learning about the life of Moses Our memory verse is "I'll set you free with great power." Exodus 6:6

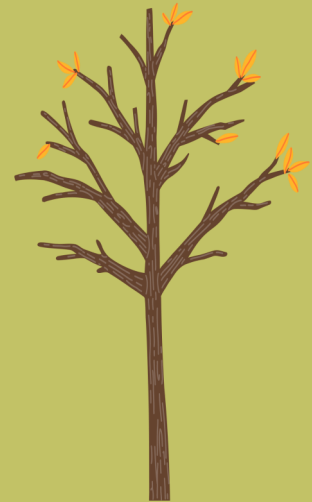
Dates to Remember:

October 4: Fall Festival 9:00-3:00pm

October 5: Communion Sunday-No Sunday school for all ages.

October 17-19: Youth at IGNITE

October 25: Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30 pm



Looking ahead: Bible Sunday is November 16 Let Natalie know if you have a 3rd grader!

Children's Christmas Program

This year's Children's Christmas program will be on Sunday December 14th at 10:00am. This will be a one service Sunday. The title of this year's program is Journey to Bethlehem. Natalie is looking for children and youth of ALL ages. Rehearsals will begin in November after second service. More information will come soon.

YOUTH GROUP NEEDS CARS FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

Fall is here! The Youth Group is getting ready for the popular Trunk or Treat. We are looking for 10-15 cars. Please see Debbie Pacetti if you are interested in decorating your car for Trunk or Treat. Each participating car will be responsible for getting their own candy, but **donations are appreciated**. Save the Date: Saturday October 25th Set up begins at 5:00. Trunk or Treat will be from 5:30-7:30pm.



Youth Group

Pastor Emily has been reinvigorated the Youth Group through her leadership and recommendations. Since she has been a teacher, Youth Group Leader, and the mother of 4, she has brought in new ideas that will allow the Youth Group to partner with the Mountain View UMC (MCUMC) with upcoming events, such as the September 28th, walk around South Standley Lake Trail Loop and ice cream at Dante's Serious Ice Cream.

Other networking activities include attending the Ignite Youth Retreat at Buckhorn Camp in Belleview, CO, which is east of Fort Collins. The cost per child is \$125, but scholarships are available for those in need. Other networking opportunities with MVUMC include going to the Corn Maze/Terror in the Corn at Anderson Farms. An additional partnership with MVUMC is planned for December 7th, when they go to Adventure Golf to enjoy the Holiday Lights Mini-Golf.

October is the kickoff for many Youth Group activities that extend to the end of the year. We will be hosting Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25th. Setup will begin at 5:00 PM, with trick or treating running until 7:00 PM. In November, the Youth Group will have 2 projects to complete: setting up the Stars and Stockings Christmas tree, which will provide Christmas presents to children in Thornton. They will also be starting a fundraiser to provide additional funds for the Youth Group. They will be utilizing a project that has been done in the past, asking parishioners to donate baskets to be used for a silent auction. Both projects will run through mid-December. Gifts will be delivered to the Thornton Police Department, and baskets will be provided to the highest bidder. We will be trying to schedule caroling at Bethesda Senior Living Center for Saturday, December 13th. This has been an event supported and accompanied by the United Methodist Men. The Youth Group has also been asked to support Food for Hope. Additional information will be available shortly.

If you would like to be a part of this year's Christmas pageant during service in December, please contact Natalie at nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com. Natalie and I will work together to coordinate rehearsals and youth group activities.



#MtnSkyYouth

Ignite 2025

Youth Retreat

Spark your faith

October 17-19

A Mountain Sky Conference Youth Retreat for
6th-12th Graders

Buckhorn Camp
Bellevue, CO

\$125 Registration
Scholarships available

Visit mtnskyumc.org/youth for more information




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OCTOBER 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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| October is  Pastor APPRECIATION MONTH | | | 1 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 Geri-Actives 1:00pm Playology 6:30am-7:30am/2pm-6pm RMPB 6:30-9:00pm | 2 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 Playology 6:30am-7:30am/3-6:00 Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Bell choir practice 5-8pm | 3 Office Closed Music Together 10:00-12:00 Playology 6:30am-6:00pm | 4 Fall Festival 9:00-3:00pm | |
| 5 World Communion Sunday 9:00am Contemporary Worship Adult Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship 12:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Ad Board Meeting Girl Scouts 2:00-3:30m | 6 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm Playology 6:30am-6pm Boy Scouts 7-9pm | 7 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 Playology 6:30-7:30am/ 3-6pm Choir Practice 6:30-8:00pm Geri-Actives Lunch 11:30am @ IHOP | 8 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 Bible Discussion Group 1:00pm Playology 6:30am-7:30am/2pm-6pm | 9 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 Playology 6:30-6:00pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Bell choir practice 5-8pm | 10 Office Closed Music Together 10:00-12:00 Playology 6:30am-6:00pm | 11 DAIF Festival 10:00-5:00pm @ Lakewood UMC | |
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| 19 Pastor Emily at IGNITE with Youth D.G. brings the message 9:00am Contemporary Worship Adult Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School/Youth Girl Scouts 2:00-3:30pm Ministry Board 5-7pm Flock of Friends 3-6pm in room 3 | 20 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 Playology 6:30am-6:00pm Boy Scouts 7-9pm | 21 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 Playology 6:30-7:30am/ 3-6pm Choir Practice 6:30-8:00pm | 22 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 Bible Discussion Group 1:00pm Playology 6:30am-7:30am/2pm-6pm | 23 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6:00pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Bell choir practice 5-8pm | 24 Office Closed Music Together 10:00-12:00 Playology 6:30am-7:30am Playology 3-6pm | 25 Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:00(set up begins at 5:00) | |
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October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Thank You Pastor

I PRAY THAT IN THIS SEASON THAT GOD WOULD BE YOUR CONSTANT COMPANION. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENDURANCE AS OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER!



- Oct. 1 Bryon Sack
- Oct. 2 Scott Lawrence
- Oct. 2 Sharon Tillery
- Oct. 3 Kathy Lamerand
- Oct. 6 Pastor Emily Kintzel
- Oct. 9 Joe DeLeon
- Oct. 10 Jody Miller
- Oct. 11 Chase Green
- Oct. 14 Isabella Thirsk
- Oct. 15 Julie Stirm
- Oct. 17 Debbie Finnie
- Oct. 18 Samantha Kintzel
- Oct. 20 Jesse DeLeon
- Oct. 21 Matthew Finnie
- Oct. 22 Madison Kintzel
- Oct. 22 Heidi Kintzel
- Oct. 22 David Kintzel
- Oct. 23 Mary Bean
- Oct. 25 Ray Sack



September 13
Meet and Greet Ice cream Social



September 6
Food For Hope Bike and Brew
Fundraiser



September 13
Youth Group outing at
Activate



Join the Christian crafters Circle for our **monthly craft circle Sunday October 5th, 12-3pm** in the sanctuary. Bring your own craft to work on and a snack to share. For our Sunday craft circles our longer time frame will allow time for bigger crafts like card making and scrapbooking. Bring anything you'd like to work on and join in the fellowship!

The next Christian Crafters gift and craft workshop will be Dec 7 from 1:00-3:00pm.



Pictures from the Christian crafters fall Workshop.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be held on November 2nd. If you have a loved one who has passed away since last November, and you would like to honor them during the All Saints Day services, please submit a picture and name to the office by October 18th

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love." All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church.



Food for Hope October 2025

Thank you for your support in this vital food ministry. This month I will be collecting spices of all types. Salt, pepper, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice, garlic powder, etc.

May God continue to bless this ministry.



Food For Hope Upcoming Events

Spooky Sweets Stroll
October 12 from 11:00-2:00pm
At the Orchard Town Center



Celebrate the season with a festive day full of Halloween fun at Orchard Town Center! Enjoy safe trick-or-treating, a Macabre Market, live entertainment, and activities for the whole family.

Trick or Treating: Visit more than 50 participating businesses for safe and fun treats.

Pumpkin Patch & Decorating: Choose your perfect pumpkin and decorate on site. Pumpkins available for a \$5-\$7 donation, with all proceeds benefiting **Food for Hope**.

Kids' Activities: Free face painting, a Halloween sensory station, carnival-style games, and more.

Food & Treats: Refresh with Kona Ice and Travelin' Tom's Coffee trucks.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2025 CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME

Due to changes in leadership with the Adams County chapter for the Crop Walk, there will not be an organized walk in our area. You may participate with neighboring cities or virtual teams. For more information, please go to these links.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/foothillsco> (virtual walk)

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/boulderco>

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/fortcollinsco>

To donate online: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/home>

GERI-ACTIVES

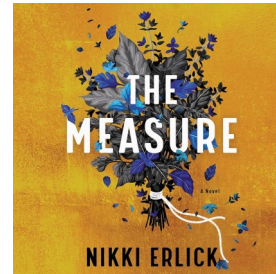


The Geri-Actives, a group of seniors, will meet for lunch at 11:30am Tuesday October 7 at the Village Inn 395 W 120th Ave (across from Cracker Barrel and behind IHOP). You do not have to be a member of Good Shepherd to attend, all are welcome! Please RSVP to Donna Newby dnewby491@gmail.com for reservation count.

Fiction Book Club

Fiction Book Club will meet in person and on zoom on October 13th at 6:30.

Book: The Measure by Nikki Erlick

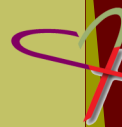


It seems like any other day. But today, when you open your front door, waiting for you is a small wooden box. This box holds your fate inside: the answer to the exact number of years you will live. *The Measure* is a sweeping and invigorating story about family, friendship, hope and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest.



All are welcome to attend the Fall Festival and Blessing Boutique on October 4th from 9:00-3:00pm. We hope to see you there!

GSUMC Joint Ad Board Meeting – 9/14/2025 -- Minutes Lite



Caring for our community through Christ
GOOD SHEPHERD
United Methodist Church
www.shepherdchurch.org

1. Strengths and weaknesses of GSUMC were assessed. Solutions to address weaknesses and maintain our strengths included:

- Maintain our music program
- More aggressively advertise our community events to encourage non GSUMC participation, increase GSUMC visibility, and elevate our profile as an all-inclusive, friendly House of Worship
- Plan for programs, opportunities (e.g., possibly acolytes) for the maturing needs of our youngest GSUMC members
- Actively partner with other local Methodist Churches for mission projects, social events, and effective use of social space. Perhaps even eventually consider a shared fellowship hall for the local UMC
- Develop manuals for the various GSUMC operational tasks volunteers and board members would need from day-one of their services
- Provide information for online giving, including a live portal during live-streaming of GSUMC Sunday service
- Generate an online membership directory which can be more readily updated as membership changes

The 2025 Charge Conference is set for Sunday November 2nd at 5:00pm at Good Shepherd. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Your vote on church related topics matter.

To update your contact information, please email Natalie at shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net. We want to make sure that you and your family members are receiving all communications.
Thank you!

Sunday Worship Services:

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Traditional Service

10:30 a.m. Children and Youth Sunday School

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Please let the church office know if you would like to become a member or be baptized.

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry trainee team continues training every other Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Phil and Carol Stanley continue to graciously host classes in their home. In September, training included “Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly” and “Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving.” They also reviewed the Stephen Minister’s Covent of Care, which included commitments that Stephen Ministers must adhere to: “I will glorify God with a grateful heart,” “I will depend on God for results in my caregiving,” and “I will worship God regularly,” “I will promote respect among fellow ministers and church leaders,” “I will maintain confidentiality,” along with 6 other covenant commitments.

In October, Stephen Ministry will cover “Crisis Theory and Practice” and Confidentiality. Sadly, one of the trainees has decided not to continue with training. So, we now have only 2 people continuing with their training. We continue to pray that God will speak to others’ hearts in hopes of expanding the number of Stephen Ministers. Debbie will gladly do one-on-one training with anyone interested in becoming a Stephen Minister. If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Diversity Team

On September 11th, the Diversity Team met with Rev. Emily to discuss directions for the Diversity Team. Because of the UMC vote to overrule the 40-year-old ban against LGBTQ clergy, the team wanted to discuss the need to officially become a Reconciling Ministry. It was decided that it really was not necessary. Rev. Emily recommended that our focus should be changed to extend to other areas of diversity. After further discussion with the attendees, the team has decided to focus on rebranding the Team extending to “Belonging.” The team will meet on Wednesday, October 1st starting at 7:00 PM. Invitations are open to everyone interested in brainstorming new ideas for the direction and focus of the Diversity Team.

Details below:

- Topic: Diversity Team
- Time: Oct 1, 2025, 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
- <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88928857636?pwd=nWblO8cmpFvaV2Sfjg5cRUrItGPOz3.1>
 - o Meeting ID: 889 2885 7636
 - o Passcode: 316398

Denver American Indian Festival
Located at Lakewood UMC
1390 Brentwood St Lakewood, Co 80214



The poster features a vibrant design with a yellow and red background. On the left, there is a vertical decorative border with a colorful geometric pattern. The central text is written in a mix of bold, sans-serif and elegant script fonts. A large, stylized illustration of a Native American figure in traditional regalia is positioned on the right side of the main text area. At the bottom, there are several logos and a QR code.

CELEBRATE People
Indigenous
DENVER AMERICAN INDIAN FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 11TH 2025
10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Lakewood United Methodist Church
1390 Brentwood St Lakewood, CO 80214

THE HERITAGE, CUSTOMS, &
CULTURE OF OUR INDIGENOUS
COMMUNITIES AT THIS
FREE & FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-

PERFORMANCES
CULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS
INDIAN TACOS PLUS VENDORS

BECOME A VENDOR!
SCAN QR CODE & APPLY ONLINE

SPECIAL GUESTS:
SHELLEY MORNINGSONG
& FABIAN FONTENELLE
SONGS, DANCING, FLUTE

JIM KEMP
CHEROKEE STORYTELLER, HISTORIAN

CHIEF CALVIN STANDING BEAR
"RED TAIL CHASING HAWKS"
GUITAR & FLUTE PLAYER

SEVEN FALLS INDIAN DANCERS
EXHIBITION DANCES

HUITZILOPOCHTLI
AZTEC DANCERS

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