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Greetings, Friends!

As we enter into February, a month that is often viewed as the month of love, I am reminded of the many ways that we can experience and express love. In Matthew Chapter 22, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." And to, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Just as God loves us, we too are called to love others, to love our neighbors. And I say over and over again...everybody is our neighbor!

There are countless ways that we can show love to our neighbors. We can show love in how we speak to, about and with our neighbors. We can show love in how we act toward and with our neighbors. When we donate food or monetary gifts to our local food pantries, we are showing love to our neighbors. When we speak up and speak out against injustice and unfair situations, we are showing love to our neighbors. When we offer care and compassion to those who are hurting, we are showing love to our neighbors. When we reach out and check in with one another, we are showing love to our neighbors. When we think about what Jesus did and choose to live our lives after his example, we are showing love to our neighbors.

Loving our neighbors is a driving force and firm foundation for our faith. Loving our neighbor is a call for us to be brave in our faith and faithfulness. Throughout this Epiphany season, we have been exploring what *Brave Faith* looks like and how we are called to be brave in our faith. Through the examples of the early prophets, we see how our faith and tradition call for us to be brave, brave in how we live our lives, brave in how we treat others, and brave in how step out of our comfort zones into where God is calling us and leading us to go. We give thanks that God goes with us and that we have our community of faith to support us. While there are many things in the world, in our country, in our community and maybe even in our families that weigh heavily on our hearts, may we find ways to be brave in our faith and be beacons of God's love and compassion for the world!

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)

Blessings,
Pastor Emily

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is February 18th. You have two options to participate in Ash Wednesday events. The first option is to visit Good Shepherd between 12:00-4:00pm for Prayer Stations you can visit at your own pace. The second option is attending the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm. The service will conclude with a self-guided visit through the Prayer Stations.

Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday Bible study takes place on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and occasional 5th Tuesday of each month. The Bible study takes place from 1:00 at 3:00 PM. The study now includes Zoom which has allowed people to join virtually. The highlight is that we now have 2 brothers from Finland joining us, and they give us great insight to our cultural differences and similarities. The current Book of the Bible the group is studying is Mark. If anyone is interested in joining this Bible study, please contact Kathy Bolfrass at 512-577-7254 to receive the Zoom information, or you can join in person on Tuesday.



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

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Sat

Let all that you do be done with **LOVE.**

-1 Corinthians 16:14

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1
 9:00am Contemporary Worship
 Adult Sunday School 9am
 10:30am Traditional Worship
Souper Bowl of Caring-Bring in cans and coins
 Troop 66802 2:00

2
 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm
 Playology 6:30-6:00pm
 Boy Scouts 6:30-9:30pm

3
 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm
 Geri-Actives 1:00pm
 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm
 Choir 6:30-8pm

4
 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm
 Playology 6:30-7:30am/2pm-6pm
 RMPB 6:30pm

5
 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

6
 Office Closed
 Music Together 10:00-11:30am
 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3:00-6:00pm
 Playology Parent Night Out 6:00-10:00pm
 66802 7pm

7

8
 9:00am Contemporary Worship
 Adult Sunday School 9am
 10:30am Traditional Worship
 10:30 am Children/Youth Sunday School
 Staff Meeting 12:00
 Ad Board meeting 1:00
Souper Bowl of Caring-Bring in cans and coins
 Troop 66802 2:00

9
 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm
 Playology 6:30-6:00pm
 Boy Scouts 6:30-9:30pm

10
 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm
 Bible Discussion 1:00pm
 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm
 Choir 6:30-8pm

11
 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm
 Playology 6:30-7:30am/2pm-6pm

12
 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm
 Playology 6:30-6:00pm
 Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm
 Prayer Warriors 6:30
 Bell choir practice 5-8pm


13
 Office Closed
 Music Together 10:00-11:30am
 Playology 6:30-6:00pm



15
 9:00am Contemporary Worship
 Adult Sunday School 9am
 10:30am Traditional Worship
 10:30 am Children/Youth Sunday school
 Ministry Board Meeting 12:00pm
 Troop 66802 2:00

16
Office Closed
President's Day
 Playology 6a-6p
 Boy Scouts 6:30-9:30pm

17
 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm
 Bible Discussion 1:00pm
 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm
 Choir 6:30-8pm

18
 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm
 Playology 6:30-7:30am/2pm-6pm
Prayer Stations 12:00-4:00pm
Ash Wednesday Service w/ Prayer Stations @ 7:00pm


19
 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm
 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm
 Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm
 Prayer Warriors 6:30
 Bell choir practice 5-8pm

20
 Office Closed
 Music Together 10:00-11:30am
 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm
 66802 7pm

21
 UMM 8:00am
 UWIF Noon
 Chili Cook Off 5:00pm

22
 9:00am Contemporary Worship
 Adult Sunday School 9am
 10:30am Traditional Worship
 10:30 am Children/Youth Sunday school
 Troop 66802 2:00

23
 Office Hours 8:30-12:30pm
 Playology 6:30am-6:00pm
 Boy Scouts 6:30-9:30pm

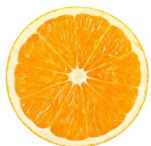
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 Choir 6:30-8pm

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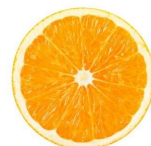
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 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm
 Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm
 Prayer Warriors 6:30
 Bell choir practice 5-8pm

27
 Office Closed
 Music Together 10:00-11:30am
 Playology 6:30-7:30am/2pm-6pm

28
 Colorado Front Range District Gathering 9:00-2:30pm @ Broomfield UMC



FEBRUARY FOOD FOR HOPE



Food for Hope February 2026:

This month we will be collecting cereal and oatmeal. All size boxes will be accepted.

Proverbs 22:9 "The generous be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."



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



tacklehunger.org



Souper Bowl of Caring – Tackle Hunger

Patriots vs Seahawks

Who will win? With your help, Food For Hope wins!

At Tackle Hunger, we bring people together to fight food insecurity. The Souper Bowl of Caring helps food charities give families the help they need so “no one goes without a bowl of soup.”

The Good Shepherd UMC Youth Group will collect non-perishable food items Sundays February 1st and 8th. On Sunday February 8th we will have BIG soup pots available to collect loose change, dollars and checks. It will all be donated to Food for Hope.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



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 *Everyone who has ears should pay attention.* Luke 8:8
This month, the Sunday school students will be learning Parables. A Parable is a short story to teach a religious lesson.

Youth Group

On January 18th, Park Hill UMC hosted a lock-in. We had 20 youths and 8 leaders attending from Park Hill UMC, Mountain View UMC, and Good Shepherd UMC. On January 19th, all youth from each church participated in the MLK Parade. It was fun seeing people cheering walkers on by clapping, playing drums, or varied types of entertainment. It was a memorable day to share with our youth!

On behalf of the Youth Group, Janessa announced the start of a fundraiser called "Souper Bowl of Caring." From now to February 8th, we ask everyone to bring canned goods to church and to place these items on the altar. A soup pot will be available for money, including change. All donations will be given to Food for Hope. For additional information, go to [Tackle Hunger: Home of the Souper Bowl of Caring](#).

A meeting for the Youth Group parents was held on January 25th to discuss major upcoming activities that will be taking place from now to the end of summer, which is when the youth will be doing a Mission Trip to Alamosa. After discussing these items, additional discussions were open for areas of improvement. These ideas will be shared with the youth to get their input. We believe it is imperative for the youth to have ownership where this ministry



Chili Cook-Off Fellowship Dinner

The new year has begun and so have plans for activities and get-togethers at Good Shepherd. The Ministry Board has reinstated the Infamous Chili Cook-Off. The event will be held on **Saturday, February 21, at 5:00 p.m.**

Three categories - Red, White, and Green - of chili flavors will be judged for three places. So, bring out the Crock-Pots and Insta-Pots, dust off their lids, and gather your finest ingredients for a shot at Chili Soup Fame. Bring any extra sides you may use to enhance your offerings: cheeses, chopped or green onions, sour cream, sliced avocado, fresh chopped cilantro, and tortilla chips.

A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Welcome Center beginning February 1.

For folks whose culinary pursuits go in another direction, desserts and chili-related breads will also be needed.

This is a community endeavor, so feel free to invite friends and neighbors as cooks and diners.

New Directory is coming!

The Ministry Board has begun work on having a new directory printed. Photographs will be taken at the church on two weekend days in February and two in March. The directory will be self-published through a publishing company.

More information will be forthcoming through the EBlast. Keep an eye out.

Sign-up sheets will appear soon at the Welcome Center.

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- Chili cook-off scheduled for February 21, 2026. Dinner begins at 5 pm. Those contributing chili for the meal need to set up at 4:45 pm. As previous, chili will be in three categories (green, red, white) and contributors should bring add-ins (i.e., sour cream, shredded cheese, avocado). Information/sign up will be posted in the narthex.
- GSUMC is moving forward with permanent name tags for Church members. The tags will be magnetic (i.e., no pins) and displayed on a kiosk to be located in the narthex. More detailed information will be forthcoming.
- A new member directory is sorely needed. The protocol this time will be an in-house photo shoot performed by GSUMC members and new contact information will be collected for all members. The directory will be printed by a self-publishing service. First photo shoot scheduled for February 22. More information will be made available soon.
- The Administrative Board is always looking to find ways to advertise our presence as a potential church home to the local community. The board will canvass the current GSUMC membership for ideas/options.
- The Easter Season is fast approaching (Ash Wednesday is Feb 18). Church community events for Lent and Easter Week are being discussed.



- Feb 1 Faith Thirsk
- Feb 2 Stephanie Laing
- Feb 3 David Lyons
- Feb 10 Debbie Anaya-Pacetti
- Feb 11 Tom Deem
- Feb 15 Gregory Krueger
- Feb 16 Austin Bollfrass
- Feb 17 Jim Trombley
- Feb 18 Jordan Boaz
- Feb 21 Jason Kintzel
- Feb 22 Tim McGinn
- Feb 24 Dennis Tonsager
- Feb 25 Taylor Johnson
- Feb 27 Juli Pieken

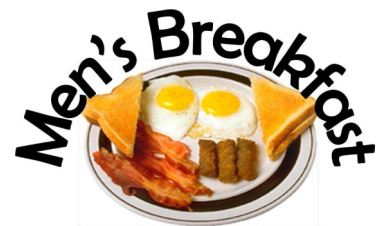
Geriatrics Group



Geriatrics will meet at 1 PM on Tuesday, February 3, at the church. Please bring a favorite/unique sweet or savory treat to be eaten on a small cracker (including gluten-free). Then we will share thoughts of our favorite foods.

Elder Outreach and Support

Debbie Pacetti has started her 5th year visiting elders from GSUMC, who live in senior living facilities, are homebound, or are facing health issues that would benefit from a visitor or a phone call on a regular basis. In 2025, Dorthea Giordano (aka “DG”) began helping with visits. With DG’s help, Debbie realized the importance of having help with this ministry. Besides DG and Debbie, we now have 5 additional people come forward to support this ministry.



United Methodist Men’s Breakfast

Saturday February 21st at 8:00am. Please sign up on the UMM board to ensure enough breakfast is prepared. Please plan on staying a few minutes after the meeting to get tables set up for the Chili Cook Off that will be happening that evening.



**JOIN US
FEBRUARY 21ST AT
5:00PM FOR THE...**

Chili COOK-OFF



Meet our Quiet Disciple
and Faith Award Recipients

Vote for the best chili in
multiple categories

Invite your friends for Fun,
Fellowship, and Food!

Can't make chili? Bring a
dessert or bread

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE GSUMC MINISTRY BOARD

Inclusion and Belonging Team

Inclusion and Belonging Team (Previously known as Diversity Team)

In February, the Inclusion and Belonging Team will begin videotaping members on their own experience with Good Shepherd UMC and ways they felt inclusion and chose to join GSUMC because they felt they belonged. These videos will be posted on our website and will be utilized between services during Lent. Team members will be taped first as a means of setting a precedent for congregants, but we would also like to include videos from any interested people in church as possible. This is a project similar to what was done a few years ago, when we taped members saying prayers in different languages, as well as in English. We would really like to focus on new members of the church, especially people who have joined within the last 2 years because they will have unique insight to GSUMC.

Future Zoom meetings have been scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in being recorded and sharing your story, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry team is now 60% complete with their training. We continue training every other Monday, with Carol and Phil hosting training at their home. Training in January covered “Helping Suicidal People Get the Help They Need” and “Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close.” The first lesson is a difficult topic, but a critical one to complete because it identifies clear protocols of when professional help is required for the care receiver. Starting with the second lesson, the trainees begin to get in the business-side of the inner-workings of Stephen Ministry because we begin to review required forms that aid in the care of people in need. We will also begin discussing the need for supervision meetings, which ensures that specific protocols of this ministry are followed.

February will encompass parameters on “Supervision: the Key to Quality Christian Care.” This lesson covers in-depth information and will utilize both training sessions in February. Stephen Ministers are always reminded that “God is the curer.” If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

