



Celebration
Time

Non-Traditional Service

8:00 AM Sundays

Traditional Service

10:30 AM Sundays

Children's Sunday School

10:45 AM Sundays

*"We are God's
People Sharing the
Love of Christ!"*

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Brothers and Sisters in the Family of Faith,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)

One of the greatest joys of the Christmas season is getting cards and letters from people we don't usually hear from. These people are friends or relatives whom we've had a close-relationships with in the past, but we've become separated because of life circumstances.

It is truly a special gift when someone takes the time to write to someone they care about. The process of giving and receiving a letter has caring written all over it. First comes the gathering of pen and paper or computer keyboard. Then thoughts come to mind of the person you are writing to and what you want to say. You are choosing the right words to convey your caring.

For the one receiving - the anticipation that comes from hearing from someone you care about. You open the letter or e-mail and read the contents. You take your time and digest each word, all the while pondering what it says and what the person means to you. It is truly one of the greatest things we can give to or receive from someone we care about.

I can imagine what the Philippians have felt when they received this letter from Paul. In the letter it seems as though Paul really loved them. Within it we find love, compassion, vulnerability and encouragement written all over it. Paul's caring for them is plainly evident. Were they willing to receive the advice and encouragement he had for them to face the challenges he was addressing?

It is truly a gift this letter has been preserved through the ages that we might read it and ponder anew Paul's words as Advent gives way to Christmas. May we allow the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. May that peace arise above the hustle and bustle of this Christmas season. May God's peace settle our hearts and minds despite the anxious times. And may our hearts be thankful, rejoicing in the Lord always.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sione

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FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES YTD THRU October 2019

Conference Apportionment	\$	4,500.00
Communication	\$	1,782.29
Personnel	\$	219,801.83
Education	\$	1,001.64
Caring and Evangelism	\$	42.98
Membership Activity	\$	394.78
Worship	\$	514.56
Board of Trustees	\$	77,160.40
Administration	\$	10,301.96
Finance	\$	767.03
Youth/College	\$	11.18
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	316,278.65
GIFTS RECEIVED YTD THRU Sept.	\$	287,710.91
	\$	-28,567.74

The community rewards program for King Soopers has changed. Once your current reloadable card is empty it can no longer be used. The rewards program is now linked to your **Loyalty Card**. This is the same card you use when checking out to get discounts and fuel points.

Here are the steps you need to follow to link the church with your Loyalty Card:

1. You will need to have an online account with King Soopers. Go to kingsoopers.com and follow the steps to create a new account. You will need your Loyalty Card to do this.
2. Once you are logged into your account go to the left side of your screen. You will see several options regarding your account. The 6th option down should say "Community Rewards." Click on this.
3. In the middle of the screen you should see "Find an Organization." Type in **BY112**. This will take you directly to the church link. Make sure it says First United Methodist Church, 917 10th Ave, Greeley.
4. Click enroll.
5. After clicking enroll you will see "Donation Summary" Status Currently Enrolled.
6. You are done! Now use your Loyalty Card every time you check out and the church receives a donation.

If you have any questions or need any help, please call me or stop by the church office.



Norma Loibl	12/03	81 yrs.
Flo Mikkelson	12/08	88 yrs.
Aris Montgomery	12/09	94 yrs.
Thelma Richards	12/14	92 yrs.
Shirley Jacoby	12/15	91 yrs.
Dale Kratochvil	12/23	85 yrs.



David & Pat Pringle	12/15	57 yrs.
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United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on **Saturday, December 21st** in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the East Narthex so those preparing the meal will know how many to fix for.



Wednesday Night Prayer Group



The FUMC Wednesday Night Prayer Group is calling out to new people! What a worthwhile commitment to keep in your back pocket! We usually meet in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. with Sione on Wednesday nights, weather permitting. We might talk a few minutes and share concerns to pray for. Then we pray for FUMC, the FUMC's people, the building, whatever touches our hearts. We might pray for the greater Methodist Church. What do we do when we get finished? We go home! Our commitment only takes a few minutes, but what a worthy cause! Did you realize our church was able to pay our yearly apportionment last time? Our group cheered about that after praying for finances! WE DID IT! Come find out about our group! If you can't come pray with us, stay home and pray with us! Could you commit to praying with us for a few minutes once a week? Think about it! Then come join us!

God Bless, Marcia Hull



COOKIE WALK FOR HABITAT



The 3rd Cookie Walk fundraiser for the Faith Build for Habitat for Humanity will be Saturday, December 7th from 9 am to 12 noon at Zoe's, 711 10th Street. There will be an array of cookies and candies for sale, \$10 a pound. Musical performers will entertain shoppers as we select our sweet treats. Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be there with Cubby, the Comfort Dog. New this year is a craft table for kids of all ages.

PLAN TO ATTEND!! SHOP EARLY!! SHOP OFTEN!!



Greeley-Weld
**Habitat
for Humanity**[®]

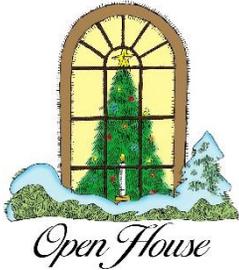
Update
Weld Habitat

on Greeley-
for Humanity

You are invited to attend the dedication for the 2019 Faith Build home, tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 20, at 12 noon at 1338 29th Street Road. What a happy day for the Bocanegra-Tejeda family when they receive the keys to their new home. As always, Sewing for Service will present the children in the family (Maria, Herminia, Rosalina and Jose) with new, warm, colorful quilts.

The homeowner for the 2020 Faith Build home has been selected. Thomas is a quadriplegic as a result of a car crash, so his home will be handicapped accessible. This is the first accessible home that Greeley-Weld Habitat affiliate has built. Work will start in the spring when the infrastructure is completed. Thomas's home will be in the newest Habitat development, Mission Springs, 4100 Harbor Lane in Evans. Watch for more information.





**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019**

Sione and Olympia Tukutau, along with Lonnie and Terry Eakle, invite all church members and friends to a **CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE from 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 22nd**. The Open House will be held at the Eakles' home, 121 49th Avenue Place. Come and enjoy fellowship, refreshments and the Spirit of the Season with our church family!

2019 "Beat The Deficit" Challenge

On November 24th we kicked off a "Beat the Deficit" challenge. Like last year, a member of our church, being concerned about the deficit reported in the bulletin, has made a generous donation and would like to "challenge" the congregation to step up giving in addition to our normal giving. It is the finance committee's hope that with each of us giving a little extra we will be able to finish the year with a balanced budget. Please write "challenge" on the memo line of your check.

Thank you, Finance Committee

150th Celebration News

Thanks for the support of our celebration so far. We will continue with an activity or special event for each month until the Summer of 2020. At that time we will be focused on sponsoring an entry in the Stampede parade as well as other special events through the summer months until we complete our celebration by the next Rally Day.

The highlight for the year will be in April when Bishop Oliveto joins us for worship on the 26th of that month. Be sure to watch for updates on all that will be happening on that day.

During December we are focusing on the Crismon Tree with information on that craft as a tribute to our faith. This is a tree full of special ornaments that represent symbols of what we believe. We will have representation entered in the Gingerbread competition at the Festival of Trees and another appearance of our Alleluia Bell Ringers that has become a special part of this festival.

We ask for your continued prayers and assistance as we continue to show our faith in supporting this congregation that has served Greeley from the same location for 150 years.

The 150th Celebration Committee, Raylene Shively Co-Chair





United Methodist Women News

Greetings from your Leadership Team. As we continue to enjoy a variety of Autumn weather, 17 members gathered on November 14 to enjoy coffee and pull-apart sticky buns, mints, and nut mix hosted by Donna Hettinger and Raylene Shively. We shared information from the new program book about where some of our World Thank Offering is used by our national organization. We help support the regional missionaries as well as schools, clinics, and community centers.

December will be a celebration on December 13 at 1:30 to share the joy of the season with a hands on project to construct GingerBread houses with Donna Bartlett and “company”. Please join us to celebrate Christmas.

We are already making plans for 2020 and have begun to settle on some programs as well as who will host. Consider letting us know if you have program suggestions for the new year. We ask for your continued prayers for our leaders as the changes continue for the churches in our new conference and our women’s organization; and as we adjust to being called Mountain Sky conference and the Peaks Pikes Peak district.



“Pennies for Mission” 2019



The Leadership team for Greeley United Methodist Women would like to extend our many thanks and appreciation to all who continue to generously support our “pennies” project. We send Christmas greetings to you all as we share the “pennies” around the world. We will continue to collect pennies until April 26, 2020 when the church celebrates our 150th birthday with Bishop Oliveto. Our total for 2019 is \$329.74 and the total of giving since we began in 2015 is \$1,994.87.

Continue to look for information on where the “pennies” are working on the United Methodist Women website www.unitedmethodistwomen.org, on Facebook and YouTube as well as in the copies of Response and New World Outlook available with our map display in the hallway showing the home and world sites supported by United Methodist Women.

Please join us in prayers for those fighting for their homes and families against nature’s fury such as fires, floods, tornados and icy cold; for the health of expectant mothers; for those caught in the school-to-prison pipeline; for our members celebrating joys as well as sorrows; for our church as we continue to celebrate our 150th year. Pray for the strength of the leaders of our church as well as those of the nation. Pray for our membership as we look forward to the decisions to be made at the Annual Conference in December.



Christmas Concerts

First United Methodist Church
is pleased to host the following 2 concerts:

Sunday, Dec. 8th at 2PM *The Colorado Brass* (an ensemble of brass and percussion) will present their 1st annual Christmas concert. *The Colorado Brass* is the state's newest British-style brass band. Members come from communities throughout the Front Range. Cost of tickets: Adults \$15; Seniors/students \$10; Kids 5-12 \$5; under 5 free.

The Greeley Philharmonic will be having their *Christmas Brass* concert on **Thursday, Dec. 12 at 2PM** and **Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:30PM**. Cost of tickets is \$25.

District Conference

The District Circuit Conference will be held on **December 14th at 2PM** @ Evans United Methodist Church (602 39th St, Evans). This will be a time for the churches in this area to come together and celebrate our programs and ministries for 2019 and goals and dreams for 2020. Everyone is invited to attend.

Blood Drive



First United Methodist Church will be hosting a blood drive for UCHHealth on **Sunday, January 5th**, from **9am – Noon**. Those wishing to donate can sign up using the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0548a4a82fa1fc1-first1>

Holiday Office Hours

In observance of the holidays the church office will be closed the following days.

Dec. 24th (at noon) thru **Dec. 27th** and **Dec 31st** (at noon) thru **Jan. 3rd**. The entire staff wishes each and every one a safe and blessed holiday.



Announcing...

The deadline for the **January Messenger** is **Monday, December 16th**. Articles can be emailed to Ginger Jansson at tgjansson@gmail.com. If you know of someone who would like the newsletter emailed to them, please have them send me or the office their email.

From Local/Global Commission

The Local and Global Commission is the outreach commission for our church. Supported by the Easter and Christmas offerings, the Local and Global Commission supports many local organizations and programs in the name of FUMC. We have been very generous to the organizations we support and now feel it is the time to support our church. We are concerned about the operating deficit for 2019 and would like to contribute \$5,000 as part of the “Beat The Deficit” challenge. We continue to appreciate your generosity in your Christmas and Easter offerings which allows us to continue our outreach programs.



Let Us Rejoice!

Dear Friends,

We, as members of the Local and Global Concerns Commission, need your help to continue our support of projects in Greeley, the USA, and around the World. Our commission totally depends on the Christmas and Easter offerings for our budget each year.

With those two offerings, our church lends a helping hand to Church Missions, Habitat for Humanity, A Woman’s Place, Catholic Charities Northern, KIDS Hope, Greeley Transitional House, Weld Food Bank, and. In addition, we work with other members of the congregation to provide and serve lunches once a month at the Abundant Life Church in Greeley. Some of the money donated at Christmas and Easter is used for purchasing food for these lunches. Your donations have also helped support our mission trips.

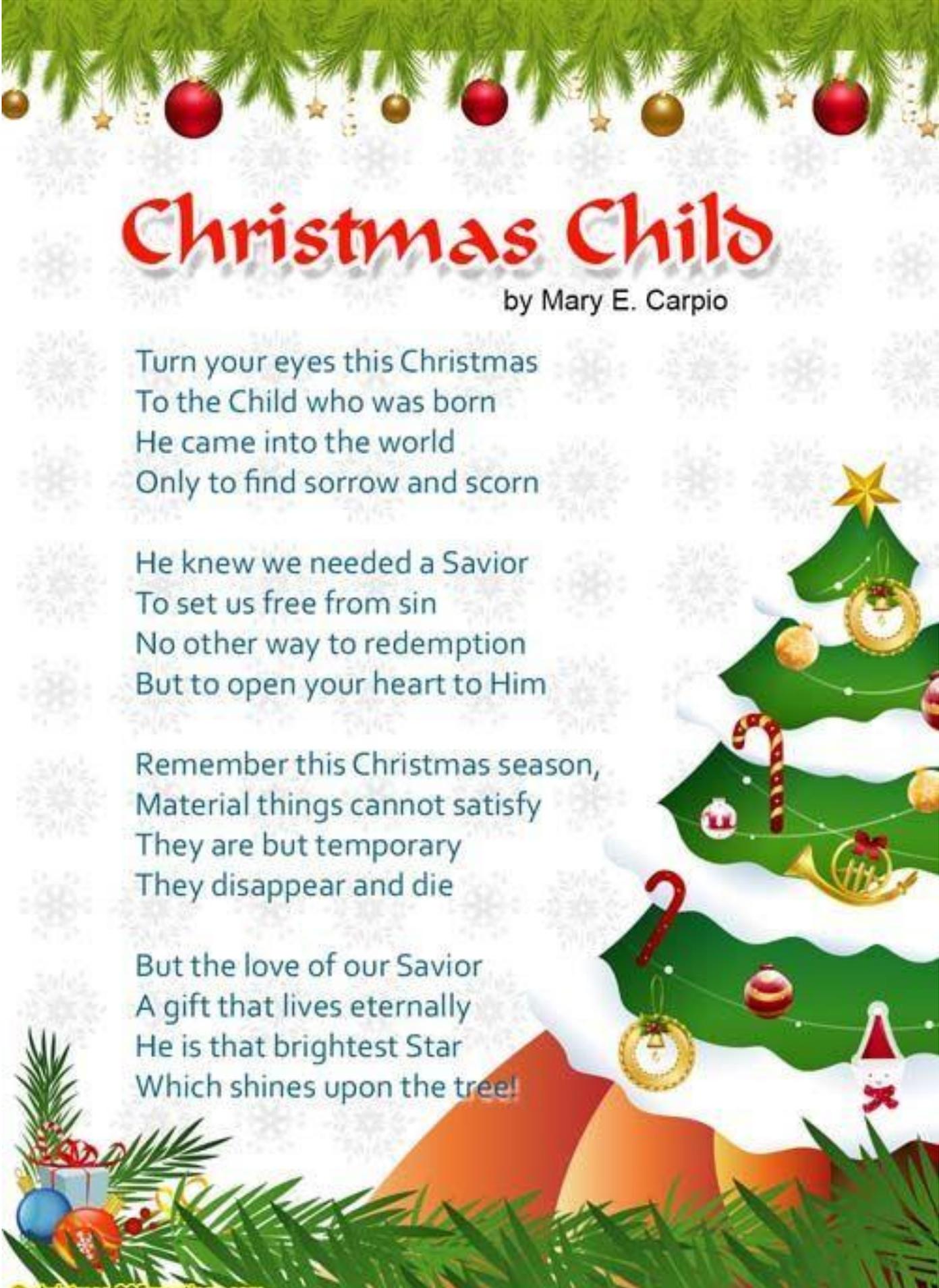
Outside of Greeley, our church supports “Call To Nature” Agricultural Project in Ghana, the Men’s and Women’s Prison Ministry, and La Puente Home in Alamosa NM.

The support of these many projects is made possible through your generous offerings at Christmas and Easter. We can be proud of the outreach of First United Methodist Church of Greeley to help feed the hungry and provide help for those in need in our community and around the world.

Please help us continue these worthwhile projects by giving generously this Christmas. You can be assured we try to use your money wisely. Look in the church pews for envelopes for your donation. Please write “For Local and Global” on your check.

Thank you,

Members of the Local and Global Concerns Commission



Christmas Child

by Mary E. Carpio

Turn your eyes this Christmas
To the Child who was born
He came into the world
Only to find sorrow and scorn

He knew we needed a Savior
To set us free from sin
No other way to redemption
But to open your heart to Him

Remember this Christmas season,
Material things cannot satisfy
They are but temporary
They disappear and die

But the love of our Savior
A gift that lives eternally
He is that brightest Star
Which shines upon the tree!



**Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24**

5:00 pm – Family Service

7:00 pm – Traditional Service