

# 2020



## 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.

At the end of the year and the beginning of another is usually a time to look back and to look forward. To look back to what has been and to look forward to what can be.

Prophet Joel said, *"I will pour out my Spirit on all mankind. Your old people shall dream dreams and your young people shall see visions."* (Joel 2:28)

So, it is important to dream, to try to imagine how we can help in a way to make the world a better world. "I have a dream," these words have been preserved by Dr. Martin L. King Jr. The dream was a clear vision of where he wanted to take his people: calling them from bondage to freedom. Not all of us are called in this way to be leaders. But all of us are called to make a contribution to its fulfilment. All are called to make a difference in the world.

Another great visionary of our own time is Nelson Mandela of South Africa. In just a few short sentences he described his life's journey as "The long walk to freedom".

Apostle Paul, writes to the Ephesians about the mystery hidden for all ages in God and which now has been made known to us in Christ. It is the vision of God's plan for the world and the mission of the Church to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

Jesus became man to give us full freedom as his children. In Jesus we can realize all our dreams and hopes because he said, *"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* (Matthew 11:28-30)

On the dawn of the New Year 2020 I greet you and convey our blessings on this blessed occasion. I extend our wishes that the New Year be one filled with hope, peace, joy, love and prosperity for us all. In the year 2020 we are celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church.

May this anniversary be an occasion of spiritual renewal and growth.

May our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace be someone to whom we can turn in our weak, joyful and painful moments. May Christ be our rock, our shelter and our strength.

Happy New Year!  
Sione

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## **FUMC FINANCIALS**

### **COMMITTEE EXPENSES YTD THRU November 2019**

Conference Apportionment	\$	5,000.00
Communication	\$	1,811.29
Personnel	\$	241,661.15
Education	\$	1,032.64
Caring and Evangelism	\$	42.98
Membership Activity	\$	394.78
Worship	\$	578.37
Board of Trustees	\$	84,334.07
Administration	\$	10,851.67
Finance	\$	824.97
Youth/College	\$	77.65
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>346,609.57</b>
<b>GIFTS RECEIVED YTD THRU Nov.</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>321,002.58</u></b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>-25,606.99</b>

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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



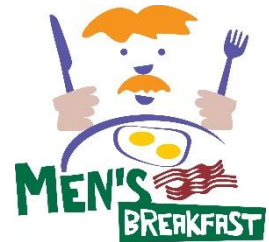
Judy Linn	1/03	84 yrs.
Pearl Hoot	1/07	91 yrs.
Doreen Smith	1/08	98 yrs.
Ed Linn	1/14	87 yrs.
Robert Satterlee	1/18	88 yrs.
Doris Bunting	1/19	93 yrs.
Gary Bracken	1/20	86 yrs.
Irene Longwell	1/24	93 yrs.
Paul Bechthold	1/25	92 yrs.
Janie Bernd	1/28	81 yrs.



Jerry & Joyce Carr	1/14	69 yrs.
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## United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** 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

## 2019 Quilt Report

Sewing for Service donated 124 quilts to individuals and agencies during 2019:

A Woman's Place	-27
Transitional House	-15
Veterans	-19
Life Stories	- 9
Human Services	-35
Habitat for Humanity	-19
Sold in September	-16



Total = **140 finished (including those sold)**

Thanks to all the women who so faithfully come on Wednesday afternoons to help construct the quilts. Are you curious about what we do? You are welcome to come and visit with us and share a cookie or two.

Sometimes bags of fabric or sheets are waiting for us when we come to work in Fellowship Hall. Thanks for these donations. Thanks, too, for those who purchased quilts in September. There are always a few finished quilts in the store room, so stop in and check them out, if you are looking for a gift for yourself or someone else. If you know of an agency that would like quilts for their clients, please let one of the Sewing for Service women know.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cookie Walk was a huge success. Although there were too many cookies to count, a guesstimate was about 900 dozen at the start of the day. The early-bird shoppers had the best selection, but there were still delicious cookies for the last shoppers to choose from. Leftovers went to the Cold Weather Shelter. The event raised \$3600 towards the 2020 Faith Build.

Thanks to cookie bakers and cookie shoppers for supporting Habitat for Humanity. The construction on the 2020 Faith Build home, a handicapped accessible house, will start in the spring. Watch for more information.



## 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.

## **A Message from Habitat for Humanity**

The Annual Report for Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity is posted on the Local and Global Concerns Commission bulletin board in the church hallway. **This message is from Cheri Witt-Brown, Executive Director.**

Habitat for Humanity is built on a simple vision: A world where everyone has a decent place to live. Every day in Weld County we encounter the hidden faces of those living in poverty housing. They are your certified nurse assistants, teachers, city and county employees, agricultural employees, hospitality industry staff or small business employees. We hear a lot about workforce housing these days, and many of you might be surprised to learn Habitat for Humanity is a leading workforce housing provider for over 40 years internationally, and 32 years right here in Greeley and Weld County. Collectively to date Habitat for Humanity helped more than 22 million people build or improve the place they call home.

Locally you have righted the course for families like our Greeley Veteran Build partner, Leroy Martinez, who has a newly constructed home to raise his two children. Luz Barrera and her five daughters, who just five years ago, were homeless living in their car. This year they will be celebrating Christmas in their brand-new home. Our Milliken family, who persevered for four years, is now building a home for her four children in her hometown. Mirna, a single mom with her son, has been living in a mold-infested basement with only a sheet between the two in the living room to create their bedrooms, and is now building their future home. Your generosity lives on in their families and has literally changed their world forever.

We've accomplished all of this with the support of our generous volunteers, donors, supporters and community partners. It is you, and our Habitat families we are the heart and soul of the work we do. Your investments, as well as working alongside our families, helps them achieve the lifelong tools of independence, strength and self-reliance.

On behalf of our board and staff, we deeply thank you for your investment in the fight against poverty housing in Weld County and throughout the world.

*Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year*



*Announcing...* The deadline for the **February Messenger** is **Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**. Articles can be emailed to Ginger Jansson at [tgjansson@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 150th Celebration News



Congratulations and thanks to Nikki Barrios for her Gingerbread creation representing our church at the Festival of Trees. It is currently on display in the East Narthex and joins the Chrismon Tree and the display of Nativity sets that are the focus of Christmas for our 150th year. The Alleluia Ringers shared a very successful performance as well and played a sample for our service the following Sunday.

Thanks to the members who have chosen to share their special Nativity with us until the middle of January. The following month will feature Bibles on display. We will be setting forth the guidelines for these soon. Considerations will be age, size, and condition as an example.

Thanks for the support of our celebration so far especially those who shared quilts for the Thanksgiving Display. 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. 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



### Happy New Year!

Hope your Christmas was filled with lots of love from family and friends. The Trustees will be working on some new projects in 2020 as well as some projects that will be done by the Boy Scouts and the Chess School. We will keep you posted. As always, please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or praises with the church building. The Trustees are here for you all. I pray for a great year for FUMC.

Blessings,  
*Marcia Walters*  
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## United Methodist Women News



Greetings from your Leadership Team. We have now completed the calendar year for United Methodist Women with a fun day of decorating “gingerbread” houses under the supervision of Donna Bartlett assisted in preparation by her family. The creations were fun and mostly edible. Tasty refreshments were prepared by Beth Hyde and Maxine Bracken. January will begin a new year of fellowship and learning as we work to encourage participation for our members.

We will meet on January 9th at 1:30pm for the annual pledge service and a time to share fellowship with each other.

We will continue to make plans for 2020 and will need you to assist with volunteering to be hostesses for each month.

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. As we adjust to being called Mountain Sky conference and the Peaks Pikes Peak district.



The United Methodist Women met in Fellowship Hall on December 12, 2019 for their Christmas party. Donna Bartlett presented a “hands on” project to make gingerbread houses. Even though it was a bit messy, the joy and fun prevailed. Everyone got to slather frosting and decorate their own house with a variety of candy plus take the finished product home with them.



## “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 New Year 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 \$366.53 and the total of giving since we began in 2015 is \$2025.66.

Continue to look for information on where the “pennies” are working on the United Methodist Women website [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://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 our members who are dealing with physical and mental issues, for those who have lost loved ones in the past year, and pray with joy for the happy celebrations to come in the new year and especially as we begin a new year of praise and thanks. Please pray for our church and nation as we continue to deal with the changes all around us. Pray for our first responders who deal daily with the violence of nature as well as the humans that live on this earth the Lord made. Pray lastly for the PEACE we can find in ourselves.



Can You  
Spare  
A Drop?



First United Methodist Church will be hosting a blood drive for UHealth on **Sunday, January 5th**, from **9am – Noon**. Those wishing to donate can sign up using the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0548a4a82fa1fc1-first1>