

2020



**Celebration
Time**

Livestream Service

10:00 AM Sundays

Livestream Devotionals

7:00 PM Wednesdays

9:00 AM Fridays

***“We are God’s
People Sharing the
Love of Christ!”***

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Dear Church Family,

Like you, my heart breaks with the brutal death of George Floyd, and later Rayshard Brooks.

The issue of racism has raged in this country for decades, and as we can see, it is still something that rips, tears, and breaks at the heart of anyone who believes in the value of every God-created human being. It continues to keep people separated based on race.

The Word of God makes it clear that Jesus looked far beyond the color of skin, or societal “norms” of even that day as he so often stopped to minister to the broken, downtrodden and rejected ones.

So, I want to share with you this powerful scripture as one that most of you can quote by heart because it is in your heart and it says, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16)*

God loved the world THEN, and God loves the world NOW. Loving the world means that God loves the people God created. The author of Genesis wrote, *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God, he created him.” (Genesis 1:27)*

We pray for truth and justice to prevail in the tragic death of George Floyd and Rayshard Brooks and countless others; and strongly stand against this senseless taking of life. The pain and hurt are real, and that is undeniable.

As the body of Christ, we cannot be left with the sense that the only way to bring about change to society is through force. As believers, we must be people who set the pace and lead the way forward to THE better answer.

I like the late songwriter Andrae’ Crouch wrote a great song years ago that shares in a few lines.

JESUS IS THE ANSWER

*Jesus is the Answer for the world today,
Above Him there’s no other, Jesus is the Way,
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Above Him there’s no other, Jesus is the Way!*

I truly believe with all my heart that if we take time to look to Jesus as our example, no matter what color our skin may be, we will recognize the tremendous value in every person created in God’s image. Pray for America that we will see a Revival of love and grace for one another.

May this time be a catalyst for change as we move closer to God and the kind of love that brought Jesus to an Old Rugged Cross.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Sione

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FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES YTD THRU May 2020

Conference Apportionment	\$ 500.00
Communication	\$ 1,311.74
Personnel	\$ 106,744.12
Education	\$ 293.57
Caring and Evangelism	\$.00
Membership Activity	\$ (20.00)
Worship	\$ 99.98
Board of Trustees	\$ 31,676.95
Administration	\$ 4,705.58
Finance	\$ 552.86
Youth/College	\$ (6.24)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 145,858.56
GIFTS RECEIVED YTD THRU May	\$ 154,358.64
	\$ 8,500.08

Have you signed up for the King Sooper Rewards program?

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.

GIVING DURING COVID-19

As we move forward with virtual committee meetings and live streaming services and devotionals, we continue finding new ways to be The Church. Your contributions are still needed to keep the building in good shape for our return when it is safe to do so, as well as to continue being Christ's hands and feet in these strange times. If you are able, your contributions can be mailed to the church (917 10th Ave, Greeley 80631) or made online from our website: fumcgreeley.org

Thank you, FUMC Finance Committee



Birthday Blessings

Help us celebrate
the birthdays of our
church members
who are 80 years old
or older.

Mickey Schmidt	7/01	86 yrs.
Dorothy Wood	7/02	91 yrs.
Anne Schenkman	7/07	90 yrs.
June Roukema	7/08	95 yrs.
Don Zaggle	7/13	92 yrs.
Irene Long	7/14	88 yrs.
Ruby Taziri	7/18	96 yrs.
Jean Wilson	7/24	83 yrs.
Darlene Schwartz	8/6	90 yrs.
Ellie Johns	8/8	82 yrs.
Maxine Bracken	8/14	86 yrs.
Joe Warmbrod	8/19	87 yrs.

Don & Mary Cooper	7/06	52 yrs.
Charles & Rachel Szasz	7/18	51 yrs.
Ed & Leona Bowker	8/7	67 yrs.
Dale & Dee Kratochvil	8/8	55 yrs.
Allen & Carol McConnell	8/25	57 yrs.
Leon & Brenda Grube	8/28	60 yrs.
Ed & Judy Linn	8/29	66 yrs.



Tim Chavies	4/04/2020
Robert Satterlee	6/20/2020



ON-LINE DEVOTIONALS



Pastor Sione continues holding 2 online devotionals weekly: Wednesday nights at 7:00PM and Friday mornings at 9:00AM. You can join these live stream devotionals by going to the church's Facebook page: facebook.com/fumcgreeleyco OR go to our website www.fumcgreeley.org and click on the Facebook icon at the top right corner of the home page. No Facebook account is needed.

Love Fund Donations

The church is taking special donations for the Love Fund. We would like to help our Praise Director, Carlos, by purchasing a new computer. His 10 yr old computer, which he has been using for mixing the praise music for Sunday online services, gave up and died. Any money left in the love fund will be used to purchase food items for the "Little Red Pantry" in the front of the church. Please write "love fund" on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your help.

The Messenger is taking a break in August, our next newsletter will be in **September**. Articles will be due **August 17th** and 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 address.



150th Celebration News

Greetings from your 150th Celebration committee. Our Ad Council has been meeting to work out the best way to reopen our church for services. We are trusting them to determine the best way for this to happen and keep us as safe as we have been for the 150 years the church has been in service to the community.

We have already “rocketed” into the future of the church with our streamed Sunday services thanks to Sione, William, Connie, Nathan, the band, Don and Linda and Nikki as well as others who have helped us move right into our future as Greeley United Methodist Church.

The 150th Celebration Committee, Raylene Shively Co-Chair



History “Notes”

This time we will share a story submitted by Virgil Harper in answer to our request for your stories. Many thanks Virgil for the memory.

“In August of 1965, shortly after Jeanne and I moved into Moine and Stan Johnson’s rental house at 1823 West 5th St., we discovered that they, as us, were Methodist members. When we went to pay our rent for the next month, they said that they had cut our rent down five dollars a month. We had many enjoyable times with them, visiting back and forth during the six months of renting their house, before we found the one that we could afford to buy over on 16th Ave.

Just a short time later I and another fellow, who’s name escapes me now, were asked to coach the boys’ basketball team who played in fellowship hall. It did at one time have a basketball hoop at each end and a smooth concrete floor, which really gave those boys a neat place to play. One of the boys, a name that comes to me, is Tad Boyle. Another one who later also became a college basketball coach is another one that played there named Mark Roggi.”

United Methodist Women News



Greetings from your Leadership Team. As we begin to return to normal activities and the church begins to plan for resuming Sunday services and group meetings, we will also consider ways to begin meeting. Our members are not all equipped to do virtual meetings (including some of the leaders), so we will need to get even more creative in our approach to getting back together.

As many meetings are moving to virtual, we are going to stay connected by prayer, phone calls, email, and “snail” mail. I believe we can begin to do just a bit of one-on-one visiting by maintaining distance and wearing our masks, so invite a “sister” for coffee to get caught up.

With prayer and regular donations to United Methodist Women we can support our organization from anywhere at any time. Now is the time to send your pledge to our treasurer if you are not current.

During the months of July and August the special days from the prayer calendar are:

July 4 - Independence Day

The days spent in prayer for our Church and its members as life adjusts to include wearing masks and keeping our healthy distance for the benefit of others, so this virus is contained as much as possible.

“Pennies for Mission” 2019



The Leadership team for Greeley United Methodist Women would like to extend our many thanks and appreciation to all who have generously supported our “pennies” project. Our current total for 2020 is \$85.11, and the total of giving since we began in 2015 is \$2139.18. We will gather

what you have saved for us when the situation allows and report the totals as we get them.

This will be the final separate reporting for our “Pennies” project, which began with the five year focus on the 150th birthday of United Methodist Women and as a reminder that if our foremothers could send missionaries to China on a pledge of 2 cents a week, what could we do with our pennies if we all worked together. United Methodist Women is now 151 years since the founding and still working in many countries around the world as well as in the United States and its territories.

Continue to look for information on where the “pennies” are working on the United Methodist Women web site www.unitedmethodistwomen.org, on *Facebook*, *Instagram* and *YouTube*.

From Administrative Council

The Administrative Council continues to meet regularly to discuss the re-launch of our Sunday worship services. They now have a working set of guidelines that will be sent to the Mountain Sky Conference to get the Bishop’s approval, which will allow us to move forward in opening the building for worship as well as for small groups that meet at the church. As soon as the guidelines are approved the church will be sending out a congregational mailing so everyone will have a copy of these.

Sewing for Service

Although the quilters at Sewing for Service have not been meeting at the church to do sewing, we have been able to donate several quilts from our stockpile over the past weeks. Thirteen quilts were given to Hope Miracle House in Fort Lupton. This is a homeless shelter located right across the street from the United Methodist Church in Fort Lupton. For many years, their quilting group donated quilts, but they no longer meet, so we were glad we could contribute.



Two Habitat for Humanity families have moved into their new homes. Quilts were presented to the three daughters in the Garcia Gallegos family. Elizabeth attends Northridge High School. Lorena is at Aims, and Ana attends UNC. Children of Habitat homeowners are 25% more likely to graduate from high school and 116% more likely to graduate from college.



On June 3rd, the Keohane family in Milliken received the key to their new home. The four children were presented with quilts. Naomi was especially excited to get her quilt which had a “Frozen” theme.

Several donations of fabric have appeared over the past few weeks as people use their time at home to sort through closets and cupboards. Thank you! There is a joke among quilters and seamstresses that we can’t die until we have used up all our fabrics. If that is the case, Sewing for Service will be around for a l-o-o-n-g time! We hope to start meeting again soon and will have a variety of quilts ready for the September sale, if it happens.

Habitat for Humanity Hope Builders Virtual Breakfast



As with so many things this year, there is a new format for the annual fund-raising breakfast for Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity. It will be broadcast **Wednesday, July 22nd at 7 a.m. on Facebook.** The broadcast will be available on the GWHFH website, YouTube and Facebook live for one week.

The program will include pre-recorded messages from Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International and Clive Rainey, Habitat’s first volunteer. These two leaders have dedicated their life’s work to ensure that everyone will live and thrive in safe, decent, and affordable shelter. You will be inspired by their words of hope and encouragement. Local speakers will include Dick Monfort and Habitat families.

There will also be “the ask.” This is fund-raising, even if you have to provide your own breakfast! Please take this opportunity to listen and learn about the amazing work that is happening right here in our own community.

The ground blessing for the Faith Build home in Mission Springs in Evans was June 26th. It is the first ADA compliant house for this Habitat affiliate. More news later.

Welcome, Thanks, and Things will be different

June 1, 2020, we welcomed our new choir director, Jacob Aychman. I am very excited to have him come onboard. As a member of the Greeley Chorale, I had already heard his name because he was awarded our Conductor Scholarship last spring with strong recommendations from Dr. Galen Darrough and Dr. Jill Burgett.

Bev Williams, chair of SPRC, has already given us a great introduction of Jacob. He has already come onboard with singing, mixing his own special music last week, and participating in our discussions of worship via zoom. He has good credentials, ideas, and knowledge. Welcome Aboard, Jacob! I look forward to working with you.

Music will look a bit different in church when we return. Research is telling us that choirs are spreaders of the coronavirus. Thus, as much as I hate to see us not gather to sing in a large group that is probably what we are looking at. As your interim director, I would like to thank the choir members for your hard work December thru March. Licensing issues determine what music can be utilized in online/live stream services. This is learning process for all of us. I suspect Jacob will be creative in ways to utilize components of "choir".

So....stay tuned for what creative aspects will happen in music within the church and don't be afraid to give Jacob, Nathan, Carlos, Sione, and me your creative suggestions. Love in Christ, *Connie*



What Will We Do?

This article is titled this way because with everything that is going on in our country at this time.....I really want us to all think about this question. When I saw the video of George Floyd with a knee on his neck I was appalled. Why didn't someone push the officer off his neck? What was he thinking? Why, God, did this happen? Has our society become so non-caring that we have no empathy for our fellow man?

As a school teacher I have been called many names which have made me think.....what did I say, what did I do, what was my behavior to have this student say that to me. Yes, I have been called a racist by a student. I asked the student to come out in the hall with me so we could have a conversation. I later talked with the student so I could listen to their feelings better on that day as well as a future day. You and I have an opportunity to listen, rather than attack or judge.

I was grateful to Sione for pulling a panel on racism together on Tuesday, June 16th. I was able to listen. Yet, I know just listening will not make much change. I know I need to absorb, analyze, learn more, listen again/more, and take a course of personal action. Carolyn and I are going to do a book study on *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. I have been learning more about our countries history, looking at the racial system, asking myself what I can personally do to help make change.

At times like this I become inspired by others before me like Mahatma Gandhi, "In a gentle way, you can shake the world." "The future depends on what we do in the present." Maya Angelou who said, "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude." "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."

So, I ask you, "What Will You do?" Due to my age I didn't march or protest out on the street. But I am protesting in my mind, attitude towards the wrong which is occurring, and listening to formulate my action. What will each of us doone person at a time can make a difference. Love in Christ, *Connie*

Stay Close
TO
God
THIS
Summer

