

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.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday, (this year on February 26th), and ends on Holy Saturday, April 11th. The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon, word *lencten*, which means spring. It is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. The first Sunday describes Jesus' temptation by Satan; and the sixth Sunday, (Passion/Palm Sunday) Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

So, the Lenten season is a time when all Christians turn with Jesus to face the cross. It is a time of reflection, of receiving and giving and of losing and finding. It is a time when we are forced to face the truth about our walk with Christ and re-evaluate our sense of direction and to compare our focus and desires to Christ.

When Jesus turned his face toward Jerusalem, he knew the road would end at Golgatha, yet he neither turned away nor slowed his step. Every Lenten season we are asked to travel that road with Jesus, so we can better understand his life and death. The path we follow with him might be called the Via Dolorosa, or "The way of sorrows." Some say the path began in Bethlehem, others contend it began with his baptism. I agree with Max Lucado, who wrote the Via Dolorosa began in the hall of Heaven. The journey began when God left Heavens gates in search of us. God was armed with nothing more than a passion to win your heart. God came looking for you with only one thought in mind. God wanted to bring his children home.

This year we will begin the journey on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, with services being held at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.

Worship services will follow the Via Dolorosa beginning on March 1st, the first Sunday of Lent and will continue into April until Palm Sunday, using the following Scriptures:

Sunday, March 1 st	Matthew 4:1-11	The Temptation of Jesus
Sunday, March 8 th	John 1:1-17	Nicodemus visits Jesus
Sunday, March 15 th	John 4:5-42	The woman at the well
Sunday, March 22 nd	John 9:1-41	The Judgement of those who claim to see
Sunday, March 29 th	John 11:1-45	A sample of what's to come
Sunday, April 5 th	Matthew 21:1-11	Palm Sunday - The Triumphal entry into Jerusalem
Thursday, April 9 th	John 13:1-17, 31-35	Holy Thursday -Jesus washes Disciples' feet
Friday, April 10 th	John 18:1-19:42	Good Friday - Betrayal, arrest, Jesus' death
Sunday, April 12 th	John 20:1-18	Easter – Christ is Risen!

Let us make our journey with Jesus down the Via Dolorosa a shared journey. It is a long, lonely road trip and I am pretty sure Jesus would appreciate the company. I encourage you to invite family, friends and neighbors to come along. Jesus is always looking for new friends.

Grace and Peace,
Sione

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FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES YTD THRU January 2020

Conference Apportionment	\$.00
Communication	\$ 489.00
Personnel	\$ 25,456.65
Education	\$ 68.37
Caring and Evangelism	\$.00
Membership Activity	\$.00
Worship	\$.00
Board of Trustees	\$ 8,709.16
Administration	\$ 1,125.20
Finance	\$ 147.06
Youth/College	\$ (33.61)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 35,961.83
GIFTS RECEIVED YTD THRU Jan.	\$ 29,681.25
	\$ - 6,280.58

Have you signed up for the King Sooper Rewards program?

If you haven't already signed-up to link the church with your Loyalty Card, please consider doing so. It's easy! Just follow the following steps:

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.



Birthday Blessings

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

Barb Newton	3/04	89 yrs.
Dale Mikkelson	3/05	87 yrs.
Alberta Lutz	3/06	83 yrs.
Dorothy March	3/07	88 yrs.
Marilyn Hartley	3/10	82 yrs.
Ed Stromberger	3/15	90 yrs.
Betty Baney	3/27	88 yrs.

Dick & MaryCay Utterback	3/07	51 yrs.
Joe & Anita Warmbrod	3/31	63 yrs.



United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on **Saturday, March 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! All are invited on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM to join together as we pray for our church and church leaders. Consider coming together during Lent in a time of quiet reflection and prayer.

“Green Potluck”

CEMAC is hosting their annual “Green” potluck on **Sunday March 15th** for St Patrick’s Day. Please mark your calendars to stay for food, fun and fellowship. Bring a “green” inspired dish. Lunch will be after the 10:30 worship service.



A Message from Habitat for Humanity

Our church will be serving lunch on FRIDAY, MARCH 20, for volunteers from Iowa State who are coming to work on Habitat homes during their spring break. If you can help with the meal, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Other news: The ground blessing for the Faith Build 2020 home will be in early March. The home will be a duplex. The Faith Build will be one half of the duplex and the Women's Build will be the other half. Both homes will be handicapped accessible because the homeowners are quadriplegics.

150th Celebration News

The committee for our 150th Celebration is grateful for all those who are allowing us to share their Bibles. As we approach the Lenten season we will keep a few on display and add seasonal items as we select them and will welcome a small item that fits this theme such as a special cross or figurine that represents the journey of Christ to the cross.

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. Your committee is in the planning stages of a catered dinner for this special day. Be sure to watch for more detail on this next major event of the year.

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



Special Invitation from your 150th Celebration Committee

We are inviting you to share your special memories, best experiences and unique events that you have had since coming to this congregation. We are a group of people who share God's love in many ways and have experienced many events, groups or individual events over the years that cover the time from yesterday to as far back as you have been a part of this First United Methodist Church located at 10th Street and 10th Avenue.

Just a few that come to mind are Easter, Christmas, bazaars, banquets for Moms, Dads, and youth groups.

Just write whatever memory you choose and share it with us during the next few weeks. We will collect these stories until about March 15th; they will then be gathered to be published in time for April 26th distribution.

United Methodist Women News



Happy St. Patrick's Day from your Leadership Team. We met on February 13 to learn more about the Kairos Ministry from Ruth Mary Lyons and her friend Sandy, who is also part of the team that spends twice a year inside the prison sharing the Kairos program with inmates. They share their love of Jesus, feed them for the days they are there and create relationships that can last for years.

Our hostesses were Jody Scholfield, Beth Hyde and Dee Kratochvil, who served about 13 guests and 2 special guests including Sandy and Corki Dietz.

We will meet next on March 12 at 1:30pm to learn more about Prayer and Self-Denial that supports the Regional Missionaries and National Mission Institutions of United Methodist Women. To see a preview of Prayer and Self-Denial, check the Pennies display in the hall that leads to the sanctuary.

As we prepare for Prayer and Self-Denial in March, begin to think of ways that our lives are better than those who depend on our mission giving at all levels. The Mountain Sky Conference is encouraging a program of "Hands up for Mission" that suggests we count all the gloves and mittens we have and give the local treasurer \$1.00 each toward mission giving. Watch the bulletin and Pennies table for more ideas for us.

We ask for your continued prayers for our leaders as we plan for the remainder of 2020, learn more about the changes that 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.

"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 will continue to collect pennies until April 26, 2020 when the church celebrates our 150th

birthday with Bishop Oliveto. Our current total for 2020 is \$54.99, and the total of giving since we began in 2015 is \$2098.56.

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

The month of March is Women's History Month; Friday March 6 is World Day of Prayer, with International Women's Day on March 8 and on March 22 we celebrate UMCOR Sunday and World Water Day.

As we pray for our members who are dealing with whatever life brings their way and ours, let us pray for our leaders of church and Nation during the coming challenges. Pray lastly for the PEACE we can find in ourselves and let us keep the special days of March also in our prayers.

The deadline for the **April Messenger** is **Monday, March 16th**. Articles can be emailed to Ginger Jansson at tjansson@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.





"Cost of Home" Lenten Fundraising Calendar

You will find a calendar insert which covers the period of Lent: the 40 (forty) days between Ash Wednesday (February 26) and Easter (April 12), excluding Sundays. The object of this calendar is to help us appreciate our own homes and raise money for Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity. Each day on the calendar lists something about our home that we can appreciate. Day 20 says, "For each garage door opener, deposit 75¢" Especially in winter, do we appreciate the convenience of pushing a button to open or close the garage door? What about Day 21? "Add \$1 if you have a washing machine." Let's give thanks for the ease of doing laundry in our own home; no lugging dirty clothes to the laundromat.



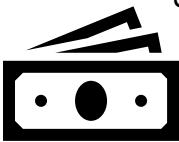
Along with the daily suggestion of a donation for a feature of our house, is a scripture. For example, Day 32: "For each tree in your yard, deposit 25¢." The scripture, Genesis 2:9 says, "And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food." Use the Habitat Calendar as part of your daily devotions.

On Sundays, the calendar gives a fact about the housing situation in Greeley-Weld County. For example, the 2nd Sunday of Lent informs us, "The average rent in Greeley has more than doubled in the past six years." Home ownership for a family also improves the lives of the children. The 5th Sunday of Lent tells us, "Children of homeowners are 116% more likely to graduate college."

The "Cost of Home" Fundraising Calendar is designed to encourage us to contemplate the people and things that make a home, as well as exploring what those living in dilapidated, overcrowded, or insecure housing may experience just to get through every day. All the physical characteristics mentioned on the calendar make a house, but the family makes a home.



Habitat for Humanity creates a pathway out of poverty through affordable homeownership. There are three selection criteria: 1) need for safe decent housing, 2) ability to repay mortgage, 3) willingness to partner.



Our hope is that you will develop a new appreciation for your own home through this Lenten calendar. You can put the money in a container every day. (Probably not the small paper house handed out in church!) Or, you can just mark the amount on the calendar and write a check for the total to First United Methodist Church and note "Habitat" on the memo line. Please return your contributions to the church the Sunday after Easter, April 19, 2020. The money will go to the 2020 Faith Build home.

If you can help serve the lunch to the Habitat volunteers on Friday, March 20, please sign up on the list outside the office. Watch for information about the Faith Build Ground Blessing, Work Days, and other Habitat news.



THANK YOU for your support of Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity.

From the Local and Global Concerns Commission

Be Anxious for Nothing

Philippians 4:6-7 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

It may seem like uncharted territory with what appears to be turbulence in the United Methodist Church General Conference 2020. Indecision and infighting seem to be the topic of every news article. But conflict and change have been with us since the birth of the Methodist Episcopal Church (MEC) in 1784; again in 1939 when the MEC reunited with the Methodist Protestant Church to form the Methodist Church and again in 1968 when the Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form what we know today as **The United Methodist Church**.

The only constant through all of this change was God, as He is our constant now. This is His church and we are His kingdom children.

Whatever the outcome of the UMC General Conference 2020, this is your church, you have a voice and your ballot will be counted.

- Communications Committee 2020



Daylight Savings Time begins **March 8th**... Time to Spring Forward! Remember to move your clocks **FORWARD** one-hour Saturday night before you go to bed.

From Trustees:

One goal the Board of Trustees has set for 2020 is to replace and upgrade the playground fall area. The original mulch has either blown or washed away. They have set a deadline to have this project completed by Easter. Money for the material has been in savings and will not come out of the church operating budget. Look for this improvement to begin soon.



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