

2021



Celebration Time

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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Brothers and Sisters in the Family of Faith,

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

As we board on a journey of reflection, meditation, worship, and service over the course of the next several weeks.

The Lenten season differs in many ways from the Advent season: we don't have a hanging of the greens, we don't sing carols, and instead of anticipating the birth of the Christ child, we prepare ourselves for His death and resurrection. Now, I admit that putting it that way, this all sounds rather gloomy in contrast - but we can rejoice because we know He has **risen**, He has **risen** indeed!

Apostle Paul says, *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* (Romans 12:1-2)

Paul writes to the Romans that we believers are called to study, worship, and renew our minds and in so doing, we may know the perfect will of God. Just as we wonder over the circumstances of Christ's entrance into our world during Advent, we can also find ourselves amazed at the ability, creativity, and love of God. During Lent, we ponder how Jesus left this world only to rise from the grave to sit at God's holy, heavenly hand.

After spending forty days being tempted by Satan in the wilderness, Jesus stayed busy. During His last week on earth: he cleared the temple, cursed the fig tree, teaches the Sermon on the Mount - and that's just the first two days. In fact, the majority of the Gospels focus on this latter part of Christ's life. This Lenten season, won't you join me in learning more about our Savior - His last earthly days and the glory of the days to come?

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Sione Tukutau

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FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES as of Jan. 2021	
Conference Apportionment	\$.00
Communication	\$ 125.96
Personnel	\$ 22,162.47
Education	\$ (2.00)
Caring and Evangelism	\$.00
Membership Activity	\$.00
Worship	\$.00
Board of Trustees	\$ 22,510.77
Administration	\$ 905.29
Finance	\$ 69.58
Youth/College	\$.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,772.07
GIFTS RECEIVED as of Jan 2021	\$ 37,957.28
	\$ -7,814.79

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.

Another way to give is to use your King Sooper Loyalty card. Make sure you link your card with First United Methodist Church, Greeley as your charity of choice. Then each time you shop, King Sooper will donate to FUMC. Contact the office if you need help setting this up. Thank you, FUMC Finance Committee

Contribution Statements

The church will not be sending out 2020 contribution statements via bulk mailing. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please email the church office at: office@fumcgreeley.org or call us at 353-5522. Thank You.



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

Barb Newton	3/04	90 yrs.
Dale Mikkelson	3/05	88 yrs.
Alberta Lutz	3/06	84 yrs.
Marilyn Hartley	3/10	83 yrs.
Sharon Paul	3/14	80 yrs.
Ed Stromberger	3/15	91 yrs.
Betty Baney	3/27	89 yrs.



Dick & Mary Cay Utterback	3/07	52 yrs.
Joe & Anita Warmbrod	3/31	64 yrs.

Worship Services Open Up!

The Administrative Council has decided to open up in-person worship services again to 50 participants, beginning February 7th. The time of worship remains at 10:00AM. If you would like to attend worship in-person, please call the church office at 353-5522 so we can assure you have a spot. The previous protocol will still be in place. Please wear a mask. Your temperature will be taken when you arrive. There will be no fellowship time until further notice. The Council continues to monitor COVID numbers and the advice of Bishop Oliveto and will make adjustments as needed. Thank you.

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.

The deadline for the **April Messenger** is **Monday, March 15th**. 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 address.



United Methodist Women Notes



This message for United Methodist Women is a reminder that even though we have not met for many months the work of United Methodist Women goes on. It is time to consider when and how we will begin to meet as the restrictions are beginning to change. It would be good to have some kind of gathering in March if we can arrange it. Please contact any leader listed in the 2020 book with comments. You are encouraged to make a pledge for 2021 even though we did not have a special service.

The new program book for 2020-2021 is titled “Knitted Together for God’s Good Work” and includes the knitting theme throughout. For those who do not knit or crochet it means we are all connected like a knit sweater to carry out the work that United Methodist Women have done for over 150 years.

As we continue our prayers and regular donations to United Methodist Women, we can continue to support our organization from anywhere at any time. Now is the time to send a pledge to our treasurer Marcia Walters, 2407 33rd Avenue, Greeley, 80634.



Prayer and Self-Denial 2021

The program title for this year is “She Leads: Empowering Women to Make a Difference” by Grace Musuka - a regional missionary.

This year’s offering will support programs that transform the lives of women, children and youth. We continue to advocate for the work of our eight regional missionaries which were the focus in 2020.

Donate by mailing your check to our treasurer Marcia Walters. To donate online, visit unitedmethodistwomen.org, go to Donate from the menu and click “direct my gift to” and choose “call to Prayer” from the drop-down menu.



United Methodist Women Day of Giving

Save this date: March 23, 2021. Ensuring hope for women, children and youth. 2021 is our Year of Hope.

Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund to learn how you can help.

Update from Habitat for Humanity



Greeley-Weld
**Habitat
for Humanity®**

Three new homes will soon be dedicated at Mission Springs, the latest Habitat development site, in Evans. These homes are unique because they are all ADA handicapped accessible. One is a duplex: one side is the Faith Build home for Thomas, the other half is the Women Build home for Jaclyn. Thomas says, "Owning my own home will be a life-changer for me. I won't have to continue to search for places to live that will be accessible. For example, having a shower that I can actually use will be incredible. With homeownership comes a big sense of pride." The third home is for Kelly and William. They are currently living in an apartment with tight hallways and small doorways. This makes it hard for Kelly to move about in her wheelchair which limits her to the use of only one of the bedrooms and she is completely unable to enter the kitchen. Kelly is thrilled for the opportunity to have a home where she can have full access and not feel boxed in.

The most recent Annual Report for the Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity is posted on the Local and Global Concerns bulletin board in the hallway at the church. Read it for more information and to appreciate the work of this amazing organization. THANK YOU for your support of Habitat for Humanity.



Sewing for Service 'Thank You' Note



A few months ago, Sewing for Service donated some warm quilts to the Hope at Miracle House in Fort Lupton. This is a homeless shelter located in a building that belongs to the United Methodist Church of Fort Lupton. The group has recently opened a second facility which houses two additional families. We received this "Thank You" note from the Hope at Miracle House.

"Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous gift to Hope at Miracle House. We are honored to have your support. We rely a great deal on individual donations such as yours. The wonderful quilts we received have been a blessing for our families. Your donation truly made a difference for us, and we are beyond grateful."

Helpers of all ages, sizes, sexes and skill levels are welcome to join our quilting group on Wednesday afternoons in Fellowship Hall.

From the Trustees

After the Trustees recent walk-through of the entire building, members of the committee have created a working list of projects they will be addressing during the year. They will be taking bids for some of these projects while giving members of the church an opportunity to volunteer helping for others. These smaller volunteer jobs include cleaning/polishing in the Parlor, polishing pews and furniture in the Sanctuary and Chapel, and touch-up painting in different areas around the church building.

Due to the robbery in December of the sound equipment in the balcony, the Trustees also prioritized several projects that they have and are actively taking bids on. These projects are:

1. Electronic security for the new equipment in the balcony.
2. Replace or repair West Narthex and Education doors which no longer close properly. Possibly installation of keyless entry.
3. Gates to secure balcony access when no one is working with the equipment.
4. Flat roof repair over the West Narthex.

The Trustees are also wanting to replace the old meeting tables in the Parlor with a nicer, conference-like table that will sit 8 to 10 people.

If you would like to help or find out more information on any of these projects, please contact the church office @ 353-5522. If you would like to make a special donation to assist the Trustees in the larger projects, please make your check to First United Methodist Church and place Trustees on the memo line. Thank you.



THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
 God stuck U in the name of His Son.
 And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,
 You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.
 You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
 For U, He was born; that's why He came.
 And His great love for U is the reason He died.
 It even takes U to spell crUcified.
 Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
 He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?
 The stones split away, the gold trumpet blew,
 And this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.
 When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension,
 He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
 "Go into the world and tell them it's true.
 That I love them all – Just like I love U."
 So many great people are spelled with a U,
 Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?
 It all depends now on what U will do,
 He'd like them to know,
 But it all starts with U.

Legend of the Bird



Robin, why do you linger here
when all your friends have flown?
What cold enchantment holds you fast
and turns your wings to stone?

Who made your rocky nest amid the pillars tall and grey?
The winter wind is blowing now – you should be far Away!

What clever sculptor fashioned you and set you near the sky,
So, twisting children, whispering, point up as they pass by?

(The Bird replies)

My master was a carpenter,
He built a church so great.
It stretches all around the world,
Yet dwells within a heart.

His hands are hardened by his work;
They show the marks of love.
His head a gnarled coronet wears;
His spirit is a dove.

My Master, born in poverty,
Knew sorrow, grief and loss.
He healed the sick with selfless love,
But died upon a cross.

When all the city streets are free
Of hunger, fear and pain
My Master shall return with joy,
And I shall fly again.

Here, then, I will stay, and sing
My silent song of love,
Until my Master comes again,
And turns this stone to blood.

A Carol, Words and Music by Stephanie Martin. In memory of Bruce Kirkpatrick Hill (1963-2012). Commissioned by Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, BC, Canada. While the church was being built in the spring of 1928, they were a nest with 4 baby robins in it. The workers left the nest until the robins were able to fly. The Archdeacon commissioned a model of the robin and her nest to celebrate the dedication of a mother for her offspring.

Lynette Wasse Miller



Change your
clocks ahead one
hour on Sunday,
March 14th .