

2020



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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Greetings in Christ!

As we have encountered this Global Pandemic called COVID-19 or Coronavirus, I can say without a doubt, "We have never done it this way before!"

First, I want to express appreciation for your consistent prayers as our leadership team navigates these times of challenge both in our personal lives, in addition to the burden we carry for the FUMC of Greeley.

We are in this together, but more than that, God is walking through the fire with all of us, and I believe we will come out the other side in victory!

We are grateful to the Lord for the way he has provided for his Church over the years. God is so faithful, and the aspect of giving is one of the most puzzling to the world around us in that when we give, we open ourselves up to the blessings of God in a significant way.

As you know, if you have attended here for any amount of time, we believe in the importance of tithing of the income we receive. Not only is this how the church becomes stronger, but we believe it is also how each one of us learns to trust God!

Malachi says, *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."* (Malachi 3:10)

Life will never be without challenges, and this is undoubtedly one of those times we can "prove God," even when it seems entirely sacrificial.

We plan on having our Consecration Sunday on November 22, and I would encourage you to consider staying faithful in your giving. We have a variety of ways for people to give, whether it is through U.S. Mail, online, or others!

Please know that regardless of what your giving ability is at this time, you are loved and appreciated! As you pray for us, we pray for you, and we WILL get through this!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Sione

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FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES YTD THRU August 2020

Conference Apportionment	\$ 500.00
Communication	\$ 1,653.74
Personnel	\$ 167,462.41
Education	\$ 586.22
Caring and Evangelism	\$.00
Membership Activity	\$ (20.00)
Worship	\$ 149.98
Board of Trustees	\$ 51,616.20
Administration	\$ 7,453.26
Finance	\$ 764.28
Youth/College	\$ (6.24)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 230,159.85
GIFTS RECEIVED YTD THRU August	\$ 270,115.63
	\$ 39,955.78 **

** We were very fortunate to have been granted a PPP Loan. The last of that amount was deposited in August. It has helped carry us through the summer and keep our staff on payroll. Programs, groups and ministries are slowly starting up again after COVID and we thank you in advance for your continued contributions, which will carry us through the rest of 2020.

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

Generosity Campaign 2021

Finance and all the other leadership groups at First United Methodist Church appreciate everyone's continued support of our ministry through the difficult year of 2020. As the year is ending, it is time to begin planning for 2021. We started our Generosity 2021 campaign on October 25th with a talk by Joyce Langham. Others to follow will be Richard Hess, RuthMary Lyons and Rod Poeschel.

Each will give their insight to the importance of generosity in their life. Over these weeks, we ask that you prayerfully consider the importance of giving to the ongoing ministries at FUMC and in your life.

You probably have received your pledge card in the mail or will shortly. Please return to the church by November 22nd. We will have a consecration prayer during that service for all the pledge cards we have received at that time.



Birthday Blessings

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

Leta Smith	11/06	86 yrs.
Willard Johnson	11/10	101 yrs.
Julie Haworth	11/13	82 yrs.
Jean Raile	11/18	91 yrs.
Wanda Stromberger	11/20	91 yrs.
Richard Peterson	11/27	91 yrs.



Dorothy March-Howard 9/29/2020

Worship Services



Sunday morning worship is at 10AM. We are social distancing and limited to 50 persons in the Sanctuary. It is always a good idea to call the church office between Monday and Noon on Friday, the week before, to reserve a spot.

Please park in the parking lot and enter the building through the Main West Narthex. Ushers will assist you. Thank You



SO MANY BLESSINGS

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.

United Methodist Women News



Greetings from your Leadership Team. As we continue the return to normal activities and the church resumes Sunday services and group meetings, we are beginning to consider ways to resume our meetings. Our members are not all equipped to do virtual meetings and I know we all miss seeing each other face to face.

We continue to seek your input as to how and when to begin our meetings. Please call any leader or send an email to any one of them listed in our book to make suggestions for how and when to meet beginning hopefully by December.

We have just celebrated UMW Sunday which went very well. Thanks to Bracken and Marcia Walters for being our presenters; and to Marion Ruge for managing the Quilt Sale. The Quilt Sale has gone online as well as at the Sunday service, so please check if you still want a quilt. The “baby” bazaar which included knitted dishcloths and masks also went well earning nearly \$80 for United Methodist Women.

The current totals for “Pennies for Mission” are \$93.87 for 2020 and \$2,148.01 since our start in 2015. Thanks for your support of this project. If you still have pennies for us, please leave them in the church office on a Sunday morning or hold until we have regular open services.

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

November items from the prayer calendar are:

Veterans Day - November 11

Thanksgiving Day - November 26

The 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence - November 25-December 10

We also ask you to keep your leaders in Greeley in your prayers as we make plans for the upcoming year. Pray for all United Methodist Women as we work to continue the standards and purposes of our foremothers through this difficult time in history. We have lasted for 151 years as an organization through wars, floods, fires, epidemics and internal struggles; we can make it at least another 100 when we all pitch in to carry the load.

The deadline for the **December Messenger** is **Monday, November 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 address.



Backpacks at Food Bank



The Food Bank has contacted us asking if we would work twice a month doing the Backpacks. We have had some responses already but need more volunteers. In October we will be filling backpacks on the 5th and 19th. If we get enough volunteers, we may try to add a 3rd shift. Please text or call Vicki Bottenberg at 970-397-8079 for more information on times. Thank you.

Quilt Sale Summary – 2020

The pews were festooned with colorful quilts on Sunday, October 18, 2020, for the annual display and sale of the handiwork of Sewing for Service members. Thanks to everyone who admired the quilts, as well as those who purchased one. There are many reasons to buy a quilt: To keep warm this winter. For a gift. To support the United Methodist Women. Because it's pretty.



If you missed the Sunday morning sale, you are welcome to check out the wares any Wednesday afternoon between 1 and 3 pm. Come to Fellowship Hall and see what we have stashed away in the storage closet.

Seven quilts were purchased at the in-person sale and three sold via the on-line format. We also sold three quilt tops. The money from the sale of the quilts is used to buy the batting for the inside of the quilt, as well as thread and other needed items. Most of the fabric for the tops and bottoms of the quilts has been donated. If you are cleaning out your closets, we can probably use any sheets and/or fabric that you no longer need. Drop it off at the church.

So far in 2020 Sewing for Service has donated 80 quilts to community organizations. On Saturday, October 24th, two Habitat for Humanity homes will be dedicated. Each family has four children, so that will bring our total to 88. We have a request from Life Stories for quilts for teen boys and girls, so are currently working on those. (Less flowers!)

If you want to help with the quilting projects, please consider yourself invited. Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm in Fellowship Hall. No previous quilting skill required!



Shawls, Shawls, Shawls



We have shawls. During the last few months as our knitters and crocheters have been somewhat housebound, they have been working on shawls. They are using up some of those "stashes" to add to our shawl collection. Now is the time to begin giving them homes. If you know someone who could use one or if you would like to adopt one, please stop by the church office on Monday morning or on Wednesday between 10 am and 3 pm to check the selection. If you choose to pay for a shawl the value is up to you and is a donation to United Methodist Women and used for mission. Many thanks to our shawl makers.

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*O give thanks
unto the LORD;
for he is good.*

A decorative flourish consisting of green vines and orange leaves, framing the bottom of the text.

PSALM 136:1, KJV