

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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Brothers and Sisters in the Family of Faith,

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

Spring and Summer of 2020. Like you, I’m hoping for a bit of “normal” to return in the Fall and Winter of 2020 but, like you, I have no idea what these months will hold.

There is a saying I have heard over the past few months and it says: “we’re in this together.” Every time I have heard that I have thought to myself that while we may be in it together, that “together” includes the realization we need to try to accomplish that six feet apart!

This kind of thinking goes so against what the church of Jesus Christ is all about. Of all people, we should be appreciative of the fact that we are “better together”, but then again, we are reminded on a daily basis not to be “too together.”

At times my brain not only hurts, but my heart does too.

If there is a time we need the fellowship and love of one another, it is this day we live in! For a few months, we knew what it was like to feel “quarantine”, and quite frankly, I am not a fan!

Anyway, we are gathering back together, and this is something we need to do as the body of Christ! We need each other for both emotional and spiritual support. But it is not the same!

While many may not be quite ready to get back to church physically, I would encourage you to stay connected as much as possible, even if it’s online church.

We have heard it many times even before this pandemic, but we are reminded once again “the church is not a building.” While this is true, there is something quite compelling about meeting together. I pray we never get used to this idea and call it “the new normal.”

The Apostle Paul says, “*not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*” (Hebrews 10:25)

We love you!

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



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

Glenn Hewitt	10/04	84 yrs.
Darwin Guinn	10/05	91 yrs.
Jean Eklund	10/07	86 yrs.
Nelda Mickens	10/11	91 yrs.
Joan Johnston	10/18	89 yrs.
Bobbie Scheidler	10/23	95 yrs.
Dee Kratochvil	10/25	83 yrs.
Mary Scheel	10/29	88 yrs.
Terry Eakle	10/30	81 yrs.
Leona Bowker	10/31	86 yrs.

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



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 **November Messenger** is **Monday, October 19th**. 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.



Shoebox Trunk or Treat Parade



Since we aren't able to host our annual Trunk or Treat event under the current circumstances, we are hosting a Shoebox Trunk or Treat Parade. Grab a shoe box and start decorating with a fun theme that you would have planned for your trunk! Take a picture and submit it to Nikki at: nicolemarie.poeschl@gmail.com by Oct. 25th. The 'parade' will be showing the morning of the 31st. Please let Nikki know if you have any questions!.



United Methodist Women News

Greetings from your Leadership Team. As we begin to return to normal activities and the church has resumed 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 are requesting your input as to how and when to begin our meetings, once more based on the Ad Council guidelines that have been so carefully outlined by our church leaders over the last few months. 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 November.

We currently have our UMW Sunday scheduled for October 18th and will work on some way to continue the Quilt Sale and perhaps have a "baby" bazaar with items such as face masks or other small household items made by our members during the months we were at home.

The current totals for "Pennies for Mission" are \$89.67 for 2020 and \$2,143.84 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.

October items from the prayer calendar are:

- Breast Cancer awareness month
- Domestic Violence awareness month
- World Communion Sunday - October 4th
- International Day of the Girl - October 11th
- National Observance of Children's Sabbath - October 17-18

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.

2020 Quilt Sale – via Facebook and in Person



Sewing for Service will be holding our annual quilt sale on Sunday, October 18th this year. We have been busy making quilts and have already donated 75 quilts to local agencies in 2020.

We saved the prettiest quilts for YOU!! If you are interested in purchasing a warm, colorful quilt for yourself or as a gift, there are three ways to do it. 1) Plan to attend the church service on October 18th. The quilts will be on display, ready for purchase. 2) Stop by the church any Wednesday afternoon between 1 and 3 pm and check out the inventory. 3) Check out the quilts on the FUMC Facebook page. The page will be updated as quilts are sold. There are 12 quilts of various sizes and colors posted on Facebook; there are even more stored in our closet. Prices range from \$35 for a baby-sized blanket to \$90 for the largest ones. They are all hand-tied, not machine quilted.

We have had many generous donations of materials to make quilts this year. THANK YOU! The money raised from the quilt sales goes to purchase the batting for inside the quilts, thread, and other materials. Thank you for supporting Sewing for Service.



Historical Trivia – a (slight) connection with Glenn Miller



Did you know that during the 1930's and '40's Glenn Miller's brother, Deane, was the choir director of the Methodist Church in Greeley? Deane Miller was a dentist in Greeley, but he was also a musician, like his famous younger brother. He played first chair trumpet in the Greeley Philharmonic. His wife, Velna Lydia, played the piano and organ at the church. Their daughter, Wynne Miller (actually Velna Lou Miller) grew up in Greeley. She attended UNC and went on to perform on Broadway and television.

How do we know this bit of trivia? One of my volunteer "jobs" is transcribing oral interviews for the Greeley Museum. The museum has more than 300 interviews that were done over the past 40 years. They want to have them transcribed so people can read them, as well as listen to the person telling his/her story. Recently I transcribed the interview of Wynne Miller, done by Peggy Ford in 2012. She told many interesting facts about her father, her Uncle Glenn and her own life.

Over the past few years, I have transcribed about 60 interviews. The museum sends me an audio file and I sit at home, listen to the interview, and type as fast as I can. When finished, I send the transcript to the museum for the archives. I have learned a lot of Greeley history. I transcribed Annie Glenn's interview, as well as two done with her father, C.O. Plumb. I heard W.D. Farr describe the beginning of the Colorado-Big Thompson project. Rattlesnake Kate's adopted son told about growing up out by Beebe Draw. Greg Riddoch talked about baseball. Dennis Hoshiko had an amazing story about his grandfather's arrival in the U.S. Alvin Garcia and several others talked about the Greeley Grays baseball team. There are also many interviews about World War II: The Prisoner of War camp, the Japanese internment, Skeets Calvin.

If you are interested in being part of this project, please talk with me, or contact the Greeley Museums.

Marian Ruge

Help wanted: Your Memories



Needed: United Methodist Women members willing to share memories, stories, or experiences as a member of United Methodist Women. We have a few and would like more to be read during church service on UMW Sunday, October 18, 2020.

We would love to hear from you via short email or a short note mailed if you don't have email.

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Thanks, *Raylene & Donna*

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.



Welcome New Staff!

We welcome the following to the staff at FUMC as Sound/Media Technicians:

Adam Swenson: Adam is married to Renee Swenson. They both joined FUMC in April 2019. Adam and Renee have 2 children Van (14) and Scarlett (9).

Evan Messmer: Evan is a freshman at UNC studying Nursing. He currently works as a CNA at Windsor Healthcare Center. Evan grew up as a member of Eaton United Methodist Church.

From one pumpkin to another!!



A woman was asked by a co-worker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The co-worker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

God, Forgive Me When I Whine

The other day upon a bus. I saw a lovely girl with golden hair.
 I envied her, she seemed so gay and wished I were as fair.
 Then suddenly she turned to go and hobbled down the aisle.
 She had one leg and wore a crutch and as she passed, a smile.
 Oh, God forgive me when I whine I have two legs, the world is mine.

Then I stopped to buy some sweets, the lad who sold them had such charm.
 I paused to talk, he seemed so glad and if I t'were late would do no harm.
 As I left, he said to me, I thank you, you have been so kind.
 'Tis nice to talk to folks like you because you see I'm blind.
 Oh, God forgive me when I whine, I have two eyes, the world is mine.

Later walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.
 He stood and watched the others play, it seemed he knew not what to do.
 I gazed a moment and then I said, "why don't you join the others, dear?"
 He looked ahead nor said a word, and then I knew, he could not hear.
 Oh, God forgive me when I whine, I have two ears, the world is mine.

And with legs to take me where I'd go
 And with eyes to see the sunset glow.
 And with ears to hear what I would know
 Oh, God forgive me when I whine, I'm blest indeed, the world is mine.



"Trick or treat. I'm an usher."