



**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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Dear Church Family,

By the time many of you read this letter, I will have shared with you the journey my family and I have been with you on the last five years. Saying good-bye is never easy, but understanding that this is God's will not only for me, but also for the FUMC of Greeley, eases the pain a little.

I want to thank you for your prayers and support to us during my ministry. Your love and kindness have given me the courage and strength to follow God's will. I also want to thank all the staffs and volunteer workers for their friendship and support during the last five years of my ministry here in Greeley. I've always known we have a great group of UMW take part in leading this church, but I stand amazed at their integrity and devotion to pursuing God's will. These women are filled with the Holy Spirit. It has been one of the great privileges in my life to have served along-side this group of women.

This June would have marked the 15 long months of the pandemic controlling the whole world. When I close my eyes my mind floods with the memories of those months. As we approach to the end of the pandemic, I notice that there are more challenges on our way. But I trust that God is always by our side leading us to joy and peace. You are a pastor's "dream" church. You have received the Word preached weekly with joy, you have followed our leadership under God, and you have learned to worship God in song and in the Spirit.

This Sunday, when we see each other again, it will be time to say good-bye. Yes, I will have a tear in my eye, but there is peace and joy in my heart because I know that God is going to use me in Salt Lake City *for His Kingdom*, and God will continue to use you *for His Kingdom here!* Our journey together will be finished, but I am so excited to see how God will use you in the future. Remember to love the people around you and strive for unity within the body; stay close to God and be sensitive to God's Spirit; pray daily for your new pastor. Finally, remember dear friends, that I love you all in Christ, and that my address may change, but my destination is still the same.

To God Be the Glory!

Pastor Sione Tukutau

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FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES as of April 2021	
Conference Apportionment	\$ 1,500.00
Communication	\$ 517.29
Personnel	\$ 85,077.41
Education	\$ 152.36
Caring and Evangelism	\$.00
Membership Activity	\$.00
Worship	\$ 474.17
Board of Trustees	\$ 37,241.15
Administration	\$ 3,082.88
Finance	\$ 269.80
Youth/College	\$ 22.97
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 128,338.03
GIFTS RECEIVED as of April 2021	\$ 121,881.64
	\$ -6,456.39

GIVING DURING COVID-19

Over the past year your continued contributions have made it possible to keep our church staff employed and the church building sanitized and ready as we opened our doors for smaller groups to continue meeting safely. In 2020 we qualified for the first round of the Small Business PPP Loan and have recently gotten word we will receive another, lesser amount from the second round of PPP Loan.

As the Administrative Council approves having more people in worship and we are moving toward being fully open again, your continued contributions will help these efforts.

Ways to Give - As you are able

*If you are comfortable attending in-person worship, the offering plates are placed in the back of the Sanctuary. Your contribution can be placed there when entering or exiting the service.

*You can mail your check to the church (917 10th Ave, Greeley 80631)

*Online contributions can be made from our website: fumcgreeley.org.

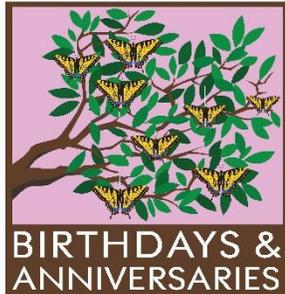
*Another way to give is to use your King Sooper Loyalty card. Make sure you link your card with First United Methodist Church, Greeley as your charity of choice. Then each time you shop, King Sooper will donate to FUMC.

*If you shop Amazon, they have an *Amazon Smile* program. You can list First United Methodist Church, Greeley as a charity of your choice.

Thank you, FUMC Finance Committee

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

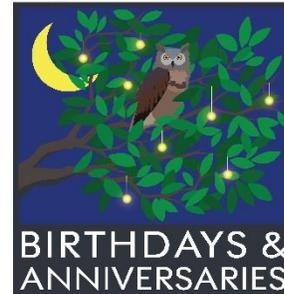
JUNE



Lonnie Eakle	6/02	80 yrs.
Richard Haynes	6/13	81 yrs.
Ramona Stotts	6/14	89 yrs.
Laverne Dressor	6/14	90 yrs.
Deborah Gallagher	6/20	104 yrs.

D Joe & Mary Etta Moore	6/03	65 yrs.
Gary & Maxine Bracken	6/04	67 yrs.
Jerry & Dorothy Benner	6/07	62 yrs.
Lonnie & Terry Eakle	6/20	62 yrs.
Lester & Sue Kropf	6/29	64 yrs.

JULY



Mickey Schmidt	7/01	87 yrs.
Dorothy Wood	7/02	92 yrs.
Anne Schenkman	7/07	91 yrs.
June Roukema	7/08	96 yrs.
Don Zaggle	7/13	93 yrs.
Irene Long	7/14	89 yrs.
Ruby Taziri	7/18	97 yrs.
Jean Wilson	7/24	84 yrs.

Charles & Alice Szasz	7/18	52 yrs.
Gary & Sally Hoff	7/27	53 yrs.

Worship Services Open Up!

Worship is currently open for 160 worshipers and appropriate distancing is in place. The time of worship remains at **10:00AM**. We hope you begin joining us in person as you feel comfortable doing so. Please wear a mask while you are in the building. Your temperature will be taken when you arrive. 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 **August Messenger** is **Monday, July 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.



You are invited to the
2021 Day Together
Knitted Together: Generous Hearts and Strong Threads
Of The Peaks Pikes Peak District

June 12 – 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon – via Zoom
Zoom registration: Send to Laurel Kubin (registrar) by June 9, 2021 at laurelkubin@gmail.com

PLEASE SAVE the DATE!

Knitted Together Generous Hearts and Strong Threads

Deaconess Robin Ridenour will share thoughts about United Methodist women, her “threads” to foremothers and sisters, and how she sees United Methodist women fulfilling our purpose in the coming years.

Bishop Karen Oliveto will share communion.

Prayers in Christ
Donna Hettinger, Secretary



Happy 4th of July!

Building Futures



This year the theme for the Habitat for Humanity annual breakfast is Building Futures. It will be Thursday, July 22, from 6:45 to 8 a.m. at Christ Community Church. Seating will be limited, so the program will be broadcast on Facebook at the same time, starting at 7 a.m. For those who choose to attend in person, COVID best practices will be maintained. If you plan to attend the breakfast in person, please

contact Marian Ruge at amruge@juno.com or 970-381-2222. FUMC will have a table, or two, if there is enough interest. Reserve your spot at a table NOW!!

Here are some Greeley-Weld Habitat facts:

- Habitat for Humanity uses three (3) selection criteria:
 - 1) Need for safe decent housing
 - 2) Ability to repay mortgage
 - 3) Willingness to partner
- Habitat creates a pathway out of poverty through affordable homeownership.
- The Habitat ReStore underwrites the majority of the administrative costs, ensuring donor dollars go directly to serving families.
- Families partner with Habitat to acquire homeowner education, financial education and home maintenance skills to ensure their success.
- Habitat homeowners pay an affordable mortgage that is less than 30% of their income. Their payments cycle back into Habitat and the community to help built more Habitat homes.
- Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity has built over 160 homes since 1987.

This year's short video at the Breakfast will feature the "whole story" of a Habitat homeowner. It will show the excitement of a family learning that they have been selected, a family putting in their 500 hours of sweat equity while building their home, and the accomplishment of a family that has paid off their home mortgage. Every home - every family has a story.

There is a sign-up sheet outside the office for everyone interested in helping with a build day or serving lunch to the Habitat volunteers. Or contact Marian (see info above) or call the office to have your name added. Thanks for your continued support of Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity.



From The Trustees

Repair on the roof over the West Narthex is complete! No leaks have been detected during all the rain we have had the last week or more. The Trustees are moving forward in replacing the entry doors in both the West Narthex and Education wing, as well as added security to the balcony access, protecting our media equipment. These projects should be starting soon. Please excuse our mess as we move forward with these upgrades in our security.



Saturday, July 31st from 4pm-7pm
At Peakview Park in Greeley

Fun for the whole family!
Main dish will be provided. More info to come!
Hosted by the Education Committee



Energy Within the Church?!?!

Yes, we have utility bills which must be paid within the church year-round. It affects our comfort. We get upset if we are too hot, too cold, the seat isn't comfortable, the preacher doesn't talk about what we think should be said, the music selections aren't our favorites, we don't know the words to the songs, etc, etc. Are you sensing a bit of a theme right here?

Energy within a church, a family, a relationship, isn't about just one thing. It is indeed the combination of the physical well-being as much as it is the emotional and mental well-being. Every single element is affected by each individual's engagement within the "whole" involvement from each person's capacity.

COVID-19 has put a strain on every individual's well-being. There are things we have missed, lost, and feel angry about. Yet, will we respond to new opportunities which might be lurking on the horizon if we open ourselves up to the possibilities? I suspect that online church is here to stay. This aspect has truly affected the musical capabilities within our church due to licensing permissions and restrictions. Each of the individuals who have been responsible for all of our church services have experienced challenges in trying to provide interesting repertoire and passing certain requirements for live-streaming, as well as in-house worship.

Our Mountain Sky Conference has helped to provide vital conversations to aide leadership in ideas, support, and resources during this difficult time. On June 6th, A Day of Remembrance, our conference has asked each church to gather as a people for a day of collective grieving, healing, and renewal. Our Administrative Council representatives will be working to provide this upcoming opportunity.

The purpose of this article is to attempt to have each person ask themselves, "How can I involve myself with more engagement within my church family? What talents, time, energy might I be able to give? What directions might we start to create? "

It was energizing on Mother's Day to have the organ played and the Bells play! It was energizing on the 16th to have the choir back singing! What gives you energy? Let us all think about creating positive energy as we seek our new "normal".

Blessings, *Connie*

From The Boy Scouts



Troop 245 will be selling American flags following the church service during the month of June. These flags measure 33" x 58" and are mounted on 8' PVC poles. These flags are available, just in time for July 4th! The cost is \$20. If you are not currently attending service and would like to purchase a flag, please call the church office at 970-353-5522 and we will make sure you get one.



HIS Ride

Need A Ride?

The Trustees are working to get the church bus back in good running shape. After sitting in the parking lot for over a year and not being used, some issues have come up. We hope to have the bus in service beginning in June. If you would like to start attending service on Sunday morning and need a ride, please call the church office at 970-353-5522. We will start a list of those interested and as soon as the bus is in service, we will be making calls and setting up pick-up times.

If you are interested in driving the bus on Sundays, please call Kathy at the office. It's our hope to have at least 4 drivers and possibly 1 or 2 back up drivers. This will allow for you to commit to only one Sunday a month for driving.



Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee News

Changes in the midst!

We received news this past week from Rev. Dr. Tezenlo Thong, our District Superintendent that Bishop Karen Oliveto intends to appoint the Rev. Sione Tukutau as the Pastor for the Tongan United Methodist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, effective July 1, 2021. Our committee will be working with the Bishop and cabinet to identify our next pastoral leadership.

Pastor Sione's last Sunday with us will be June 6. He needs time to make the move arrangements, so he will find other pastors to help fill in until our new pastor begins.

Please pray for Pastor Sione and his family as they prepare for their transition to Tongan UMC. Also, we will find ways to honor and celebrate Sione's ministry with us.

We have also hired Travis Kornegay to be our new organist, Praise director and Chancel Choir accompanist. Many of you will remember Travis when he was here a few years ago and we welcome him back! The following is a letter of introduction to you from him.



Blessings to all,
Beverly Williams, SPPRC Chair

Dear Fellow Methodists,

In Christ I come to you with a renewed spirit and calling. I look forward to serving you. For those who do not know me, my name is Travis Kornegay. I was born and raised in North Carolina. I love God, serving others, and my family. In addition, I have a love of the outdoors, the mountains, and ministry.

Just a little bit more about me... I have been in music ministry for over 20 years. I converted to the Methodist faith when I was 19. Later I graduated from Methodist University from Fayetteville where I studied piano and voice. After graduation, I then received a Masters of Music from Kansas State University.

In addition to my duties at First United Methodist Church, I am happy to report that I have decided to finish my doctorate at the University of Northern Colorado and will be attending classes full time in August.

A long time resident of Greeley, I have come to love and enjoy the wonderful gifts that Greeley has to offer. This includes First United Methodist Church and the wonderful friends and family members I have made since I have moved here. I look forward to ministry based in love and in faith.

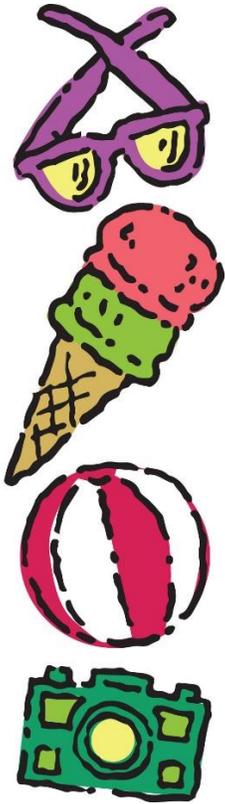
In Christ, Travis Kornegay

Scam Alert!

Americans have lost over \$10 billion to phone scams. These 10 signs could help you avoid becoming a statistic! You may want to block these calls or report the scam to the FTC: 1-877-382-4357.

- 1. Odd-looking phone number:**
Be highly suspicious when the area code is 473. They may also be using genuine US area codes but beware if the start of the next 3 numbers are “0” or “1”.
- 2. Delayed greeting:**
If you answer but the person on the other end doesn’t respond right away, chances are they used an automatic dialer.
- 3. Caller can’t communicate:**
It’s one thing to have an accent, but quite another to have virtually no command of the English language. Legitimate companies do use foreign call centers all the time, but when they do, the employees are vetted.
- 4. Caller says there’s a problem with an unknown account:**
A sure signal that a scammer has reached you is if they say there is a problem with your credit product or utility provider – but you don’t have an account with that company.
- 5. The tone of the conversation becomes heated:**
At first, the person you’re speaking with may sound normal, so you won’t suspect anything is wrong. Yet when it starts to seem off and you question the nature of the call, the so-called representative becomes irritable or even belligerent.
- 6. You have to identify yourself:**
No, you don’t. That person called you, so they should know who your are. A legitimate company will never ask you to provide any kind of personal information such as SS number or bank account number.
- 7. Caller uses a generic greeting:**
Another sign that a person could be a scammer is by addressing you generically. Legitimate companies should greet you by name.
- 8. The call starts with threats or dire warnings:**
Scammers will begin the call ominously saying they need an amount of money or you will be arrested.
- 9. You need to act fast to take advantage of an offer:**
Scammers often play on your emotion. “If you don’t act now, you will miss out”.
- 10. Responses are canned:**
When you’re on the phone, you may think that you’re discussing matters with a human – particularly when they’re using your name and the sentence structure is natural. Listen closely for responses that follow a precise pattern.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



HAPPY
*Father's
Day*