

# 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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## Resurrection Greetings!

As we get closer to Easter Sunday, I wanted to be sure to reach out to you during this challenging time for so many.

While few of us are physically back at church, I realize some have chosen to stay away for a while longer. Please know that we certainly understand the desire to stay safe as we continue to go through this unprecedented pandemic.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> we have increased our attendance up to 160 in persons for Sunday morning worship but at the same time we will continue to keep social distancing of six feet apart from each other and wearing our mask.

We all want to get back to "normal" as soon as possible for sure! Yet, "normal" can be different for everyone. Someone said, "normal is just a setting on their dryer."

Jesus came to this earth over 2,000 years ago, and his life could be described as anything but "normal." He spent about three years in active ministry serving others, loving others, healing others, and yet, he died the cruelest of deaths as they hung him on a cross.

Yet, as you know, that was not the end of the story as three days later, he arose in tremendous victory over death!

Regardless of what happens in this world this year, or the next, Jesus has already been there! He knows about our needs and cares for us with perfect love.

Jesus said, *"Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."* (Matthew 10:29-31)

Please know today that you are valued!

We love you and miss you and will be here when you are ready to return and join us in persons!

Happy Resurrection Sunday!  
Pastor Sione Tukutau

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## **FUMC FINANCIALS**

<b>COMMITTEE EXPENSES as of Feb. 2021</b>	
Conference Apportionment	\$ 500.00
Communication	\$ 159.96
Personnel	\$ 41,919.62
Education	\$ 54.15
Caring and Evangelism	\$ .00
Membership Activity	\$ .00
Worship	\$ 224.17
Board of Trustees	\$ 26,993.73
Administration	\$ 1,543.89
Finance	\$ 133.05
Youth/College	\$ 22.97
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 71,551.54</b>
<b>GIFTS RECEIVED as of Feb. 2021</b>	<b>\$ 63,899.10</b>
	<b>\$ -7,652.44</b>

## **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 - If 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 you check to the church (917 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Greeley 80631)

\*Online contributions can be made from our website: [fumcgreeley.org](http://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.

Gerry Bertelsen	4/04	100 yrs.
Zetta Scheel	4/05	85 yrs.
Ed Fielder	4/13	95 yrs.
Betty Kopsa	4/18	92 yrs.
Mary Bear	4/18	91 yrs.
Helen Nelson	4/19	93 yrs.
Donald Lutz	4/20	85 yrs.
Neva Adams	4/21	88 yrs.
Jerry Benner	4/23	83 yrs.
Sharon Elliott	4/26	80 yrs.



Ross DeBey	2/20
Alvin Dorsey	3/1
Ron Siebrandt	3/1
Anita Warmbrod	3/7

### Worship Services Open Up!

At the last Administrative Council meeting the council voted to open the sanctuary to 25% of capacity for worship services and funerals. This allows for 160 worshipers with appropriate distancing. The time of worship remains at 10:00AM. If you are comfortable attending worship in-person, and would like to join us on Sunday morning, 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. 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](https://facebook.com/fumcgreeleyco) OR go to our website [www.fumcgreeley.org](http://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 **May Messenger** is **Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Articles can be emailed to Ginger Jansson at [tgjansson@gmail.com](mailto: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



Greetings to the United Methodist Women of Greeley. We have just left Easter behind and Spring is beginning. Our group has not met since March 2020 and it is time to consider our future. We can now meet in Fellowship hall any month we choose and as the church opens wider to worship numbers, we need to make some decisions.

Please notify any of the leaders in the 2020 book or notify Kathy by phone to leave a message for any of us about your feelings about returning.

I am aware that we have all stayed busy with other projects and our prayers for those who have been ill or lost loved ones. I also know that some have sent a pledge or other funds to the new treasurer, Marcia Walters.

Many thanks for keeping the faith with our group even as we were forced to do our work from home. Our quilters have been meeting again for a few weeks and have completed a number of quilts delivered to those in need. Thank you Quilters.



## 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](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org), go to Donate from the menu and click “direct my gift to” and choose “call to Prayer” from the drop-down menu.

## The Jelly Beans



Red is for the blood He gave,  
 Green is for the grass He made,  
 Yellow is for His sun so bright,  
 Orange is for the edge of night,  
 Black is for the sins we made,  
 White is for grace He gave,  
 Purple is for His hours of sorrow,  
 Pink is for our new tomorrow.

May every day be Easter in your heart.

May the Joy you feel on Easter morning be the Joy of each day of your life.

*Lynette Wasse Miller*

## **Zero-Net Energy Home**

In partnership with Atmos Energy, Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity will be building a Zero-Net Energy home for the Rodriguez family. The Schlessman Family Foundation will also help sponsor the house. This will be the next home started in the Mission Springs development in Evans.



A Zero-Net Energy Home aims to produce as much energy as it consumes over the course of a year. It will incorporate passive and active solar technology, the latest in energy-efficient appliances, a tankless water heater, and the highest-grade insulation. All these features will make the home, and its family truly self-sufficient. Students in the Jefferson High School Construction Pathway Program will help build the home. What a great way for them to learn about building energy efficient homes!



### ***Angel Bins*** **Recycle Your Used Shoes!**

Paragon Textiles Inc. DBA Samiyatex, the parent company of Angel Bins, has been in the forefront of textile and shoe recycling for 28 years. Samiyatex has been helping thousands of thrift stores across the USA by buying their leftover clothing and shoes that would have otherwise gone to the landfills and bringing them to our LA warehouse where we recycle, wash when possible, pack and ship to various developing nations. Donna Bartlett is helping her daughter, Darla, collect gently worn athletic shoes. If you would like to recycle your gently used shoes, please drop them by the church. We will have a box in the West Narthex. Please no shoes with: heels, metal cleats, snow boots, fluffy slippers, shoes with holes, tears, worn soles or missing laces, thanks.

## **From The Trustees**

If you went by the church after the last snowstorm began to melt you would have seen the “waterfalls” in the Narthex. The Board of Trustees have secured a bid to repair and reseal the roof which is scheduled to be completed by the end of April. They also continue to get bids for replacing the West entrance doors, both in the Narthex and Education wing. If you would like to contribute to the cost of these two projects, you can make your checks to First United Methodist Church and write Trustees on the memo line.

## Permanent Endowment Fund Restart

The Board of Trustees and Finance Committee are pleased to announce that the Permanent Endowment Fund (now called Endowment Fund) has been restarted with a \$36,000 investment. More details will be available in the May Newsletter. If you would like to donate to the principle of the fund your checks can be made to First United Methodist Church and please write "endowment" on the memo line.

### The Weaver Author: Unknown

My life is but a weaving between my Lord and me  
 I may not choose the colors He knows what they shall be  
 For He can view the pattern upon the upper side  
 While I can see it only on this, the under side.  
 Sometimes he weaveth sorrow which seemeth strange to me,  
 But I will trust his judgement and work on faithfully.  
 'Tis He who fills the shuttle He knows what is best  
 So I shall weave in earnest and leave to him the rest.  
 Not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly  
 Shall God unroll the canvas and explain the reasons why  
 The dark thread areas needful in the weaver's skillful hand  
 As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern he has planned.

*Raylene Shively*

## ENCOURAGING PREDICTIONS FOR 2021

With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Today, we will share with you ten predictions that are true! *(This is from a post on Facebook.)*

### Top 10 Predictions for 2021

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it Great to remember who is really in control, and that: "the Word of the Lord endures forever".

(1 Peter 1:25)

*Sally Bauer*

## Reflection of thoughts.....

With the snow just recently, it has made me think about some thoughts of gratefulness. First, since moving I don't have to shovel the sidewalks of a corner lot. This has made me very happy, my back happy, and joyfulness for the HOA shovelers. Second, I have a great gas fireplace which keeps the house warm even if the power goes out. Third, we thought ahead enough to record the church service before the snow hit so I got to sit on the couch for the service. I have become grateful thru these blessings.

As I reflected, I started to think about other elements for which I am grateful. Do you ever think about how you would respond if you had a terminal illness or someone you loved? Well, a Facebook acquaintance shared a song to a friend which reminded me of those feelings once again when I was losing a dear friend....

You are beautiful  
 And I am beautiful  
 We are beautiful  
 So beautiful  
 Maybe we can't know it.....But we're beautiful....it's true.....

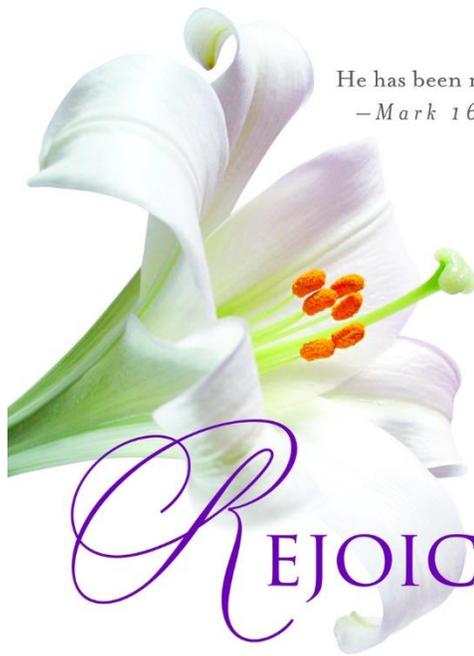
During this lent season, think of all the ways you are beautiful. Be that beautiful to yourself and others. Consider doing a kind deed for someone around you. Reach for the joy of Christ's resurrection as you reflect for that beauty thru music, love, and prayerfulness.

Blessings in Christ, *Connie*

## Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday: March 28<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 AM (In-person/live stream)  
 Maundy Thursday: April 1<sup>st</sup>. 6:15 PM (online streaming only)  
 Good Friday: April 2<sup>nd</sup>: NOON (In-person/live stream)  
 Easter Celebration: April 4<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 AM (In-person/live stream)





He has been raised.  
—*Mark 16:6*

*R*EJOICE!