

2021

AUGUST

Celebration Time

10:00 AM Sundays

*"We are God's
People Sharing the
Love of Christ!"*

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"Let's do it!" are the opening lyrics to my favorite song from when I was in high school. It was written by a late-eighties rapper by the name of Tone Loc. I saw him in concert a few weeks ago and not only did I get to hear him, but I quite accidentally had a front row seat to his concert. In fact, I was right in front of the blaring speakers. I am not quite the fan that I was at the beginning of the concert. However, those three words have always been meaningful to me. Good things have always happened when I have heard people say that phrase.

When I was in Holyoke, one Christmas I was to deliver toys and food to 23 households. I filled my truck both in the cab and in the bed and I barely put a dent in the stack of boxes I had to deliver. I called one of the young men in my church, explained my situation, and asked for help. This was such late notice I was expecting an "I am sorry, but I..." kind of response. That is not what I received. He said with energy, "Let's do it!" He came over and we filled both our trucks several times delivering presents and food all over town. We were met with tears of joy, children screaming with excitement, and gentlemen shaking our hands. It was a glorious night that neither of us will forget.

When I hear those words, I think of Christ praying in the garden the night he gave himself up for us. He was praying, "Lord take this cup from me." He was asking God not to save him from having to go through the sacrifice of the cross. However, at the end of the prayer he says, "not my will, but your will be done." I imagine him regaining his strength, ready to answer the call with a "Let's do it!"

People have been asking me what is my vision of the church or what are you going to have us do? I want us to do what Jesus asks us to do. Love one another. You can find that command of Jesus in John 13:34, John 13:35, John 15:12, John 15:17, Romans 12:10, 1st Thessalonians 3:12, 1 Peter 1:22, 1 John 3:23, 1 John 4:7, 1 John 4:11, 1 John 4:12, 2 John 5.

So, what do you say? Let's do it!

Pastor *Al Strauss*

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FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES as of **June 2021**

Conference Apportionment	\$	2,500.00
Communication	\$	889.96
Personnel	\$	128,789.19
Education	\$	188.24
Caring and Evangelism	\$.00
Membership Activity	\$.00
Worship	\$	394.17
Board of Trustees	\$	44,774.10
Administration	\$	4,860.32
Finance	\$	401.10
Youth/College	\$	22.97
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	182,820.35
GIFTS RECEIVED as of June 2021	\$	178,366.37
	\$	-4,453.98



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.

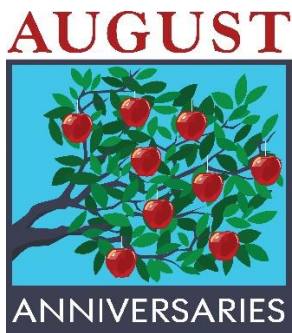
*If you shop Amazon, they have an *Amazon Smile* program. You can list First United Methodist Church, Greeley as a charity of your choice.

Thank you, FUMC Finance Committee



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

Darlene Schwartz	8/06	91 yrs.
Ellie Johns	8/08	83 yrs.
Maxine Bracken	8/14	87 yrs.
Joe Warmbrod	8/19	88 yrs.



Ed & Leona Bowker	8/07	68 yrs.
Dale & Dee Kratochvil	8/08	56 yrs.
Allen & Carol McConnell	8/25	58 yrs.
Leon & Brenda Grube	8/28	61 yrs.
Ed & Judy Linn	8/29	67 yrs.

Worship Service

Currently we have one Sunday service beginning at **10:00AM**. As you feel comfortable, we hope you will begin joining our service in person. The Administrative Board and Board of Trustees will be keeping watch on Covid and Covid variant numbers. At this time, wearing masks is optional for those fully vaccinated. There is no assigned seating, but proper distancing is encouraged.

Knowing you are here is important to us. There are three Attendance Notebooks available for you to register your attendance on Sunday mornings. You only need to sign in one time! Knowing who is in the building helps us in case of an emergency. This also gives you an opportunity to update our records if there are changes to your phone number or address.



The deadline for the **September Messenger** is **Monday, August 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.





Here we go again!

The leadership team of our United Methodist Women has decided to start meeting as a unit on September 9th at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will not meet August.

This Septembers program is "Treasures of the Past" presented by Dee Kratochvil and Ulafay Fry. They ask that if you have any heirloom treasures you would like to share, we would love the addition to our story.

Pledge Reminder!

Our pledges and giving help us to support many programs in the world, our UMW nationally & locally as well as our church. Please continue to support these areas with your donations. Bring your donations to the meetings or send them to Marcia Walters, treasurer.

Prayers in Christ

Donna Hettinger, Secretary

THANK YOU

We have appreciated the ways that you have reached out to us since the death of our daughter-in-law, Beth. All of the cards, phone calls, e-mails, in-person visits and gifts have been a blessing to us. We truly are thankful for such a thoughtful outpouring of love at this difficult time.

Dee and Dale Kratochvil



Update from the Board of Trustees

We would like to thank those who came to help Mike clean up after the church was flooded on July 1st. The clean-up has finished, and the Trustees will be assessing if there is any damage repair that needs to be made. The balcony security gates have been installed and are in working order. The estimated installation of the new glass doors for the West Narthex and Education entrances will be completed by the end of September.

After new tires, a new windshield, replacing the stolen plates and getting 2 new batteries, the church bus is running great! If you need a ride to worship on Sunday morning, please call Linda Kautz at 970-590-3118 or the church office at 970-353-5522.



Update from Habitat

The Local and Global Concerns Commission served lunch to the volunteers from Fort Morgan United Methodist Church on July 15th. Their job was putting windows in the Zero-Net Energy home. Coincidentally, our new pastor, Al, was one of the volunteers. A great way to get acquainted.

Volunteers are needed for **our Build Day on Saturday, August 7th**. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet outside the office, fill out a waiver, and take the direction sheet to find the worksite in Mission Springs. Questions?? Contact Marian Ruge at amruge@juno.com or 970-381-2222.

A recent email from Cheri Witt-Brown, the Director of Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity included an interview with Matt Notter, the Habitat Board President, also CFO at Roche Construction.

Matt was asked: What was one of your favorite moments in your work with Habitat? His reply: *My favorite moment with Habitat is at each home dedication witnessing the homeowner's children receiving their quilts from our Faith Committee partners. Something about that moment and seeing the joy on their faces really gets to me. They tend to come to us from very harsh living conditions and you can really see the hope in their eyes during those dedications. Those quilts are a tangible gift for the kids that also represents the warmth and safety that Habitat provides.* **Thanks to the Sewing for Service members who continue to create beautiful and warm quilts for the children in Habitat homes, as well as others in our community.**

Over the past few years several teams from AmeriCorps NCCC [National Civilian Community Corps] have volunteered with the Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity Affiliate. With COVID restrictions, AmeriCorps NCCC teams stepped up to do the housing construction through the pandemic. With their help, Habitat was able to build more homes in 2020-21 than in any year in their 34-year history. Recently the Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity affiliate was awarded Sponsor of the Year for AmeriCorps in this region. One of the NCCC teams submitted the nomination for this well-deserved honor.



Need A Ride?

HIS Ride

If you would like to start attending service on Sunday morning and need a ride, please call Linda Kautz at 970-590-3118 or the church office at 970-353-5522. We will let you know what time the bus will be coming to pick you up.

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.

SPPRC News

Travis Andersen will be leaving the Security position he has held for 7 years. August 8 will be his last day. We are happy to announce that John Hull has agreed to fill that position. Travis is going to be student teaching and decided that he will not be able to dedicate the time needed to do the security job.

The position of Director of Music Operations has been reinstated and Travis Kornegay has accepted that position, effective July 11. This position has been vacant for a few years and with our new pastor coming on we felt this would be a good time to reinstate it. Travis held this position when he was previously employed at our church. Travis will be responsible for all aspects of the music program and will coordinate with Pastor Al to make it a success.

We wish Travis Andersen, John Hull and Travis Kornegay success and God's blessings in their new endeavors.



Local and Global

Local and Global Commission has continued with some projects during Covid. We have worked at the Weld Food Bank assembling backpacks of food for students in need. We meet once a month and often do 1500 to 2000 packs. Volunteers are now allowed at Habitat for Humanity. Our group served lunch last week for a work group from the Fort Morgan Methodist Church and will soon have a workday. We have other local and global minors we support.

It was wonderful to see so many friends at church on Sunday and welcome Pastor Al. If you would like to join Local and Global, please give me a call at 970 330-5940 or send me an email, jdclark1@live.com.



Note of Thanks

Dear Greeley United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for preparing and serving lunch for us at Habitat for Humanity this past week. It was delicious, and so nice of you to come out to provide a hot meal. And so good to see you all again as it's nice to be able to participate in these activities again. Thank you again,

Fort Morgan UMC Missions Group

Greeters Needed

What's the best job in church? Being a greeter! You are the first loving touch a guest or member will meet when they enter the building. How awesome is that? If you would like to volunteer your smiling face and warm hospitality as a greeter on Sunday mornings, please let the office know. We are beginning a greeter list and will be calling to find out what days work for you. Thank you.



**Sunday,
September 12.
Mark
your calendars.**