

# 2021



## Celebration Time

10:00 AM Sundays

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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the time you're reading this, we have probably already celebrated our first Sunday in Advent. In case you missed it, I'd like to share about our special Advent series. We've all been to those awkward Christmas parties – you know, the one where you wore the ugly Christmas sweater and everyone else was dressed to the nines; or the white elephant gift exchange when you brought the Bob Ross chia head and everyone else brought thoughtful, classy gifts; or the time you showed up empty-handed only to realize it was a potluck.

This Advent, we're invited to the parties that Jesus made awkward. We'll cringe when Jesus insults the Canaanite woman who crashed the party. We'll try to continue our own conversations while pretending we don't notice the family drama between Martha and Mary. We'll feel sorry for Jesus as he dines with Zacchaeus, only to realize that he actually seems to be having fun at the kids' table. Finally, we'll roll our eyes as the sinful woman washes Jesus' feet with her hair.

As we hear the stories, we'll find that these awkward moments became teaching moments for Jesus. In them, we'll learn that, when Jesus is invited to the party, there is hope for the uninvited guest. There is peace amid family drama. There is joy for the one relegated to the kids' table. And finally, there is love for the overenthusiastic guest. We hope you'll join us. There's always room for one more! Yours with joyful expectation.

Pastor *Al Strauss*

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** – Hope for the Uninvited Guest – Mark 7:24-30

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** – Peace for the Guest with Family Drama – Luke 10:38-42

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** – Joy for the Guest at the Kids' Table – Luke 19:1-10

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Love for the Overenthusiastic Guest – Luke 7:36-50

## STAFF

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## OCTOBER FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	
Conference Apportionment	\$ 4,500.00
Communication	\$ 1,357.92
Personnel	\$ 205,685.10
Education	\$ 707.58
Caring and Evangelism	\$ 187.66
Membership Activity	\$ .00
Worship	\$ 1,615.13
Board of Trustees	\$ 70,998.36
Administration	\$ 8,521.95
Finance	\$ 937.26
Youth/College	\$ 102.12
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 294,613.08</b>
<b>GIFTS RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 307,149.24</b>
	<b>\$ 12,536.16</b>
Capital Campaign Loan Balance:	\$ 161,931.21
Cash Balance on hand:	\$ 40,183.57
Outstanding Balance:	\$ 121,747.64
Endowment Investment Fund:	\$ 38,067.55
Hull Mission Investment Fund:	\$ 144,943.38

### **Ways to Give - As you are able**

\*If you are comfortable attending in-person worship, your contributions may be placed in the offering plates.

\*You can mail your 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.

Norma Loibl	12/03	83 yrs.
Donna Schmidt	12/05	80 yrs.
Flo Mikkelson	12/08	90 yrs.
Joyce Patterson	12/08	81 yrs.
Aris Montgomery	12/09	96 yrs.
Thelma Richard	12/14	94 yrs.
Shirley Jacoby	12/15	93 yrs.
Joan Ready	12/16	83 yrs.
Dorothy Benner	12/17	
Dale Kratochvil	12/23	87 yrs.



David & Pat Pringle	12/15	59 yrs.
Jim & Patti Kunkle	12/26	51 yrs.
Jack & Cheryl Schneider	12/27	51 yrs.



Marian Voelz	11/27/2021
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### Worship Service Attendance

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.



### Blessing Box

Needed items for the red Blessing Box: Grab and Go food and snacks and travel size hygiene items. Also, now that the weather is turning cooler, we will be adding socks, hats, mittens, and other cold weather items. If you would like to donate to the Blessing Box, please leave your items in the room across from the office. We will make sure the box outside gets filled on a regular basis.

The deadline for the **January Messenger** is **Monday, December 20<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.



### *Sewing for Service End of Year Report*



Thanks to everyone who bought a colorful quilt in October. Your purchases help us continue our outreach to the community. Because this is the season that we all want a warmer blanket, Sewing for Service has distributed most of the blankets in our storage area to community agencies. Here are the totals for quilts donated in 2021:

Life Stories	28
A Woman's Place	20
Veteran's	8
Dept of Human Services	44
Habitat for Humanity	21
Fort Morgan Homeless Shelter	5
Sold	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 140</b>

We are a small, active group. Thanks to recent donations of fabric, we will be making quilts for many years to come. We are building up our supply of quilts to donate in 2022. If you are looking for a warm, comfy gift or want to help with this project, stop by Fellowship Hall on a Wednesday afternoon. We'll be there!



### *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 sign-up on the clipboard in the East Narthex.



## Liturgists Wanted!

The worship committee is looking for Liturgists for the Sunday morning worship services. This includes reading the Call To Worship and Scriptures. Kathy will send you a copy of these during the week before your Sunday. If you would like to help, please sign up on the clipboard in the East Narthex.

Thank you.



**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.



## FUMC Greeley Website Update

We have recently rebuilt our website on a different platform to have a more secure environment for our members. This is a work in progress so please bear with us. If you would like to add and/or change any content, photos, etc., please email the information to Kathy at [office@fumcgreeley.org](mailto:office@fumcgreeley.org) and put WEBSITE in the subject line. We appreciate your patience!

Sally (Website Assistant)



## UMW News

The November program on Habitat for Humanity was presented by Marian Ruge and was extremely informative. Habitat is one mission our church has supported for many years. The future is looking very bright for those who need assistance in getting a forever home.

## UMW *God's Creation* 2022 Calendar Sale

Our first fundraiser, since we had to suspend our meetings due to Covid-19, has begun. We are selling the 2022, faith-based calendars, *God's Creation*, as we have in the past. Each calendar is \$12.00, and they will be available in the West Narthex on Sunday mornings, in the office during the week, or you can call Donna Hettinger at 970-330-7878. The calendars will be for sale until they are gone. Proceeds will be used to support a number of our local missions.



COME ONE COME ALL! FESTIVAL OF TREES SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 4  
ALLELUIA RINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

UNION COLONY CIVIC CENTER  
HENSEL PHELPS THEATRE

1:30 TO 2:00

Admission Fee: Adults-\$5, Children \$2.50

Performers: Lois Pringle, Marcia Hull, Cheryl Biwer, Joyce Langham, Lea Sanford, Sue Kubik,  
Carolyn Tarman, David Pringle, Katy Gerwig, Marcia Walters, Kamryan Hartman,  
Director-Connie Long



Confirmation is an important milestone in the life of a disciple of Jesus. It is an opportunity to affirm the vows made at baptism and, for some, to make their own declaration of faith as they are baptized and confirmed at the same time. It has been our practice to offer confirmation class to youth grades 6 and up. Throughout our ministry, we have developed our own curriculum using trusted United Methodist resources. This curriculum involves five two-hour sessions and one weekend retreat in Denver to participate in worship with other faith traditions, Christian denominations, and a couple different expressions of United Methodist worship. One of those is Denver After Hours, whose congregation serves lunches to the homeless in Civic Center Park 365 days a year. Past youth who have participated report that the worship retreat has had the biggest impact on our confirmands. We encourage families to work schedules around this important weekend.

An important part of confirmation is developing a relationship with a mentor who will accompany your child through the year. It is best if you and your child choose someone with whom your child will feel comfortable and who will be committed to this relationship. It might be a grandparent, a neighbor, or someone from within the church. We ask that each mentor/child pair meet monthly between November and March. We will have guided worksheets for the two to work through together and will send them home with the kids following our first session. It's important to let mentors know that they are not expected to do any teaching, just reflecting on their faith with your child. If you are having trouble thinking of someone to ask, please let us know. There are several members of the church who would love to be your child's mentor and we can pair them up as needed.

This year, we are pleased to partner with Ft. Morgan and Brush UMCs for confirmation! A tentative schedule for the year is as follows (all Sunday sessions are from 2:00-4:00 p.m.):

November 7<sup>th</sup>: Trinity and the Creeds (Greeley UMC)

December 5<sup>th</sup>: Church History (Ft. Morgan UMC)

January 9<sup>th</sup>: Bible (Greeley UMC)

February 11-13: Worship Retreat and Wesleyan Theology

March 6<sup>th</sup>: Church Polity (Ft. Morgan UMC)

March 16<sup>th</sup>: Meet with the Church's Administrative Council (7:00 p.m.)

April 17<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday! Confirmation Day!

Thank you for trusting us with this important step in your child's faith journey! It is a big task, to be sure, but we trust it will be meaningful and fun for the kids, too. Please let us know through email, text, or phone call if your child will be participating so that we know who to plan for. Looking forward to hearing from you all!

Many Blessings –  
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**Christmas Eve  
Service  
5:00 pm**