

Shepherd's Staff

May 1, 2024

After coming to Colorado, the month of May approaches me as a season of renewal. The weather changes, the temperature changes, it's a season of planting new plants, and the season when new shoots and buds begin to sprout. This month of May is the time of renewal. And here is a poem I would like to share with you.

RENEWAL by anonymous

In the month of May, as blossoms unfurl,
Nature awakens, a canvas to twirl.
The earth adorned in robes of green,
A sight of beauty, a wonder unseen.

As springtime whispers, a tale unfolds,
Of grace and mercy, in stories untold.
For just as the earth finds renewal in May,
So too does the soul in its own special way.

In the garden of faith, seeds of hope are sown,
Watered by love, by God's hand alone.
From the depths of despair, new life springs forth,
In the gentle embrace of the Savior's worth.

May brings forth reminders of blessings anew,
Of grace unbounded, of mercies true.
As flowers bloom and skies turn blue,
May our hearts be lifted, our spirits renewed.

Let us dance in the sunlight, sing praises high,
For the Lord is near, ever by our side.
In the warmth of His love, let us abide,
In the month of May, let His grace be our guide.

So let us rejoice, let us sing and pray,
In this season of hope, in the month of May.
For in Christ, all things are made new,
Renewed in His love, forever true.

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Children's Ministry



It is May. The days are getting warmer, and the flowers and trees are beginning to bloom, and school will be getting out soon! This month, our Sunday School students will be learning about the ministry of Peter, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday.

YOUNG GENERATION SUNDAY



Young Generation Sunday will be **June 2nd**. This will be a one service Sunday at 10:00am. All children are invited and encouraged to participate. We need children of all ages to read Scripture, be part of the message (a few of our young generation speaking for up to 5 minutes each), ushers, special music, passing out communion elements for those who prefer the prefilled cups. If your child is interested, please let Natalie know by May 12th.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group has been active for over 7 months. We average about eight children per event and have had up to 11 participants. The increase was due to Sean Han bringing friends with him. The month of April the kids have been able to enjoy both outdoor and indoor activities. As the weather gets nicer, there will be an increase in outdoor activities. They continue to share a meal at the beginning of each gathering, followed by playing various board games. They also enjoy playing foosball and pool in the game room. In April, one event will focus on service projects, where the kids will help two households with yard work. In May, they will spend a day decorating Mother's Day cookies. The cookies will be donated to Sugyeong's organization, Second Community Home.

GRADUATION SUNDAY



ALL GRADUATING SENIORS: June 2nd will be graduation Sunday during the Young Generation Service at 10:00am. Please let Natalie know if you or your child will be graduating this year. Natalie will get in touch with you for more details. nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS will be held June 24-28 this year from 9:00-11:30am.
Natalie is looking for volunteers!

All children ages four through entering sixth grade are welcome to attend. (Three year olds may register if turning four by August 30th.) Registration forms can be found on the Young Generation board in the narthex or by contacting Natalie. Space is limited.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministry will be meeting on Monday, June 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at church. They will complete supervision and will continue with ongoing educational training. Stephen Ministry needs expansion, which means that we need both male and female Stephen Ministers and are fervently praying for compassionate people interested in joining this ministry in the future. This will require 50 hours of training to complete the required training guidelines. For questions, contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

GARDENERS – FREE PLANTS – SUNDAY May 5th

I'm happy to announce that I will have FREE tomato and pepper plants available Sunday May 5th. The plants will be out between first and second service or until they are all gone. There will be approximately 45 tomato plants including Cherry, Roma and various Beef Steak varieties and 25-30 pepper plants including Jalapeno, Poblano, Bell and Cascabella. Should you have any questions please feel free to call me, Hervey Smith at 303-452-4520 or via email at herveysmith088@gmail.com.





- May 2 Jean Trombley
- May 4 Raechal Friess
- May 9 Dolores DeVargas
- May 10 Tim Collier
- May 10 Randy Swyhart
- May 10 Clint Cederlund
- May 12 Samantha Deem
- May 12 Kay Botkin
- May 13 Debbie Krueger
- May 13 Samantha Hill
- May 14 Natalie Higgins
- May 16 Kendra Schankweiler
- May 17 Mervyn John
- May 17 Tegan Johnson
- May 19 Sheri Lewis
- May 21 Amy Hill
- May 23 Sandi Green
- May 24 Candy Schroder
- May 24 MariAnne Pickett
- May 25 Sharon Unrein
- May 27 Jim Irwin
- May 27 Maria Smith
- May 29 Connie Anderson

For May, Food For Hope will be collecting the following items:

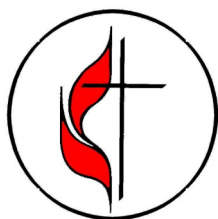
Protein/Granola Bars, Garlic Powder, and Jelly
(try to avoid glass jars if possible)

Thanks as always for your kindness in supporting this ministry.

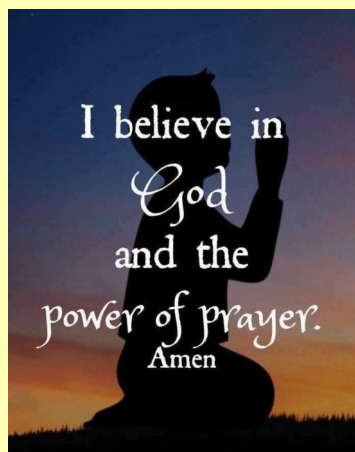


GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER TEAM

Your Good Shepherd Prayer Team greatly desires updates on **ANY** prayer request submitted in the past so we may pray accurately. Current situations for cancer, health and wellness as well as general needs are encouraged and welcome. Thank you!



"First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to Him."
1 Timothy 2:1



May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Happy Mother's Day</p> <p>"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26</p> 			<p>1</p> <p>Rev. Yo Han 8:30-12pm Playology 6:00-7:30am/3:00-6pm RMP Band 6:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am7:30/2pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Closed Playology 6:30-7:30am/3:00-6:00pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Diversity Team Stone Soup Dinner 6:00pm</p> 
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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith will meet at noon on Saturday, May 18 and Saturday, June 15. In May we will continue sharing our personal journeys.

In June will have a speaker from Angel Heart to learn about another way to volunteer to serve the needy in our community. Bring something to share for a potluck lunch.

You are always welcome to join this group of women. We are interested in the ways to turn love into action! And we support each other as we attempt to follow Jesus' way. Contact Karen Bueno karenbueno@aol.com or Colleen Campbell feistycc@gmail.com or Kathy Bollfrass at kgboll99@gmail.com for further information about our organization.

DIVERSITY TEAM STONE SOUP DINNER



The Diversity Team will be hosting a "Stone Soup Dinner" on May 4th, starting at 6:00 PM. The diversity team will make various soups and have a sign up sheet for people to bring desserts, drinks, or breads: biscuits, cornbread, dinner rolls, etc. If you plan on attending, please contact Debbie Pacetti to help ensure that the Diversity team has enough soup for everyone.

Stone Soup Dinner

May 4, 2024, starting at 6:00 PM



The Diversity team will be sharing the cumulative retelling of an ancient and widely circulated European legend. We will share a book written by author Heather Forest who shows us that when each person makes a small contribution, "the collective impact can be HUGE!" This story portrays the optimism and timeless story that celebrates teamwork and generosity. This story teaches everyone the importance of sharing and generosity!

The Diversity team will have several different soups to share with everyone. There is a sign up sheet available where you can sign up for other food items that can be shared with other attendees.

A door prize will be available for 1 attendee. So, come and share food and make new memories!

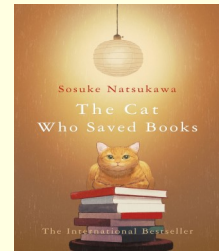
If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975

GERI-ACTIVES: A new social group for active seniors



Geri-Actives will have their first meeting at Good Shepherd on Tuesday May 7 from 1:00-3:00pm, and on the first Tuesday of **every** month thereafter. All retirees, spouses, and friends (church members or not) are invited to the social group. To reserve your table and chair, please call or text Donna Newby at 858-717-0367 or Ron Newby at 858-361-7093. We hope to see you there!

BOOK CLUB: With Connie Anderson



Book: The Cat Who Saved Books by Sosuke Natsukawa

Awkward teenager Rintaro is about to close the secondhand bookshop he inherited from his beloved grandfather. But before the bookshop's doors close for good, a talking cat suddenly appears with an unusual request: Rintaro's help to save books.

Please join us on Monday, May 6th at 6:30pm in person and on zoom.

April 14, 2024 Ad Board Meeting Summary Report

- LED lighting project update - The project has been completed. The new fixtures are expected to reduce energy consumption driven by building lighting by ~25%
- Solar panel project update - The panels have been installed, and new meters have been connected. The panels are producing all the power required during daylight hours and will begin banking extra power as soon as the system is switched to full power mode. We are still looking for a CPA to help us set up an account with the IRS so we can apply for the rebate.
- 2nd HVAC project update: The platform has been installed. Jim G. to get an updated estimate so we can proceed with installing the unit.
- We are getting estimates to clean the chairs and carpets
- The handbells are scheduled to be cleaned and repaired in May.
- We are investigating if several memorial funds listed on the balance sheet should be earmarked for specific purposes.



Pages!

A WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We are a group of all age women and life long learner's looking to engage in conversations around "faith!"

Our goal is not to come to the "right" answer, but to hold space for all the ways we all uniquely share in "Imago Dei."

3960 E 128th Ave.
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The 2nd and 4th Wed of the Month
Starting 5/22 from 6:30-8:00pm

PAGES! A Women's Book Club

Starting May 22nd
6:30-8:00pm

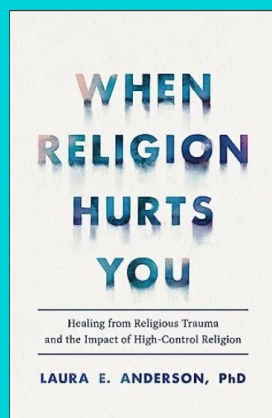
Are you looking for a nonfiction Christian book club, or perhaps you are looking for a way to grow in faith and continue learning, maybe you just want to be around amazing women of all ages sharing and learning from each other. If you answered YES to any of these questions, then *Pages!* may be the right book club for you! Join us for our first meeting on Wednesday May 22nd from 6:30-8:00pm here at Good Shepherd. This club is open to all women no matter if you are a member of Good Shepherd or not.

The first book will be *When Religion Hurts You* by Laura E Anderson, PhD. Please bring your own copy. For more information, please text Taniuska at 318-609-2369.

Meetings will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Please contact Taniuska if you are interested, but can not attend in person. A Zoom option will be available.

Our Next Read!



Reading Schedule

5/22 Chapter 1 and 2
6/12 Chapters 3 and 4
6/26 Chapters 5 and 6
7/10 Chapters 7 and 8
7/24 Chapters 9 and 10
8/14 Chapters 11 and 12
8/28 Chapter 13 and
Conclusion

Bring Your Own Book!

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