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As March unfolds and whispers of spring dance in the air, our hearts are drawn inexorably towards the approaching celebration of Easter. It is a time of profound significance, a time when we are called to reflect on the transformative power of sharing. Easter, the pinnacle of the Christian calendar, holds within its embrace the story of redemption, renewal, and above all, sharing. It is a narrative that speaks to the very essence of what it means to be a community of faith—a family bound together by love and a shared commitment to follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

When I was young, as Easter approached, our house would be filled with the smell of boiled eggs. My parents used to boil Easter eggs at home. We boiled over 200 eggs at home, and you can imagine how strong the smell was. Actually, we couldn't afford to buy 200 eggs ourselves. So how did we gather them? They were eggs collected through the generosity of the church congregation. Each family brought some to the church, some one egg, some several, and our parents gathered them to boil Easter eggs. Once boiled, our family would decorate the eggs with simple drawings and messages. We drew small crosses, hearts, or smiley faces, and wrote, "Happy Easter, celebrating the Lord's resurrection." Then on Easter morning, we distributed those eggs to everyone coming to the church, and to anyone passing by the church. It was just sharing one egg, but that sharing opened doors of the church, brought smiles, provided opportunities for conversation, and was a very meaningful event that could satisfy someone's hunger. It was a small act of sharing, but its meaning was profound.

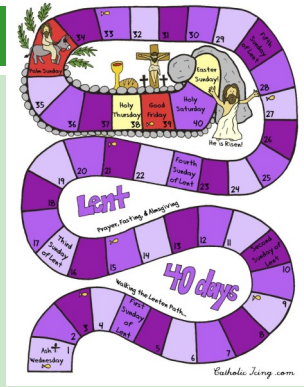
As we journey through this season of Lent, preparing our hearts to receive the joyous news of Easter morning, let us recommit ourselves to a life of sharing. Let us seek out opportunities to embody the love of Christ in tangible ways, to be instruments of peace and reconciliation in a world hungering for hope. May we be reminded of the profound truth that in sharing, we find abundance. It is through acts of generosity and compassion that we truly experience the joy and richness of life. May our lives be a testament to the transformative power of sharing and may the spirit of Easter continue to inspire and uplift us all.

Rev. Yo Han





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Happy March! You are already so lucky because you are a treasure of God! This month, we will focusing on Lent, and Jesus' journey starting with the Last Supper to His resurrection. Our memory verse this month is *Hosanna in the highest!* Matthew 21:9

Important dates this month:

Daylight Savings Time: March 9

Saint Patrick's Day: March 17 (wear green!)

Palm Sunday: March 24

Youth Group Flashlight Egg Hunt: March 30

Easter Sunday: March 31. Sunrise service at 6:15/Cantata Service 10:00am (Sunday School at 10:00am followed by an all church Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn. **Bring your basket!**

Youth Group

The Youth Group continues to meet on a weekly basis, outside of 2 weeks during February. The 1st meeting was scheduled during the Super Bowl, and the 2nd meeting that was canceled was due to youth being sick or having too much homework to attend. Last week, the Youth Group Activities included sharing a meal together and playing games together. They learned a new game called "Left, Center, Right", which was then followed by a competition of building the tallest tower out of toothpicks and marshmallows.

There is a focus on completing the art collage this month, as well as making cards for the Food for Hope recipients. The card idea was brought forward by Claire Han. We would also like to coordinate a time when the Youth Group can volunteer during their spring break this month. We also have 2 volunteer activities confirmed for April, where the youth will help 2 households with yard work. Final dates will be determined, based on weather forecasts. For additional information, contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Other events over Easter will be the teen flashlight egg hunt on March 30th along with an activity. Youth group will also be selling the Resurrection Donuts on Waster morning. Please stay tuned for more information.



*Resurrection donuts from
Easter 2023*



March 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  <p>May the Blessings of each day be the Blessings you need Most. ~Irish Saying</p> | | | | | <p>1 Playology 6:30-7:30am Playology 3-6pm</p> | <p>2</p> |
| <p>3 Communion Sunday Confirmation Sunday 9:00am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Traditional Worship 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Children/Bash Youth Troop 62816 3:30-5:00 Troop 66802 2:00-5:00</p> | <p>4 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am-6:00 Scouts 6:30-930pm Stephen Ministry 7:00pm</p> | <p>5 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00pm Playology 6:30-7:30, 3-6pm Choir 6:30-8pm</p> | <p>6 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30-12pm Playology 6:30-7:30, 3-6pm RMPB Practice 6:30-8:30pm</p> | <p>7 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30am-12pm Playology 6:30:7:30am,2pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p> | <p>8 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3:00-6:00pm Troop 66745 6pm</p> | <p>9 Don't be late for Sunday Worship. Spring forward before bed!</p>  |
| <p>10 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9am Contemporary Worship 9am Adult Sunday 10:30am Traditional Worship 10:30 Children/Bash Noon: Staff Meeting 1:00pm Ad Board Meeting</p> | <p>11 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am-6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30-930pm</p> | <p>12 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm Choir 6:30-8pm</p> | <p>13 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30-12pm Playology 6:30-7:30/3-6pm</p> | <p>14 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30am-12pm Playology 6:30am-7:30am/3pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p> | <p>15 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm</p> | <p>16 United Methodist Men 8am United Methodist Women -noon</p> |
| <p>17 9am Contemporary Worship 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship 10:30 Children/Bash Sunday School 1:00pm Ministry Board Meeting Troop 62816-330-5pm Troop 66802 2:00-5:00</p>  | <p>18 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am-6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30-930pm</p> | <p>19 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00pm Playology 6:30-6:00pm Choir 6:30-8pm</p> | <p>20 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30-12pm Playology 6:30-6:00pm 3-6pm Rocky Mountain Pride Band 6:30-8:30pm</p> | <p>21 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30am-12pm Playology 6:30am-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p> | <p>22 Playology 6:30-6:00pm/ Troop 66745 6pm</p> | <p>23</p> |
| <p>24 Palm Sunday</p> <p>9am Contemporary Worship 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship 10:30 Children/Bash Sunday School</p> <p>31 6:15am Sunrise Service 10:00am Easter Cantata</p>  | <p>25 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am-6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30-930pm</p> | <p>26 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm Choir 7-8pm</p> | <p>27 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30-12pm Playology 6:30-7:30/3-6pm</p> | <p>28 Rev. Yo Han Han Office Hours 8:30am-12pm Playology 6:30-7:30am/3:00-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p> | <p>29 Playology 6:30-6:00pm Good Friday Service 7:00pm</p>  | <p>30 Youth Group Flashlight Egg Hunt and activities</p>  |

FOOD FOR HOPE

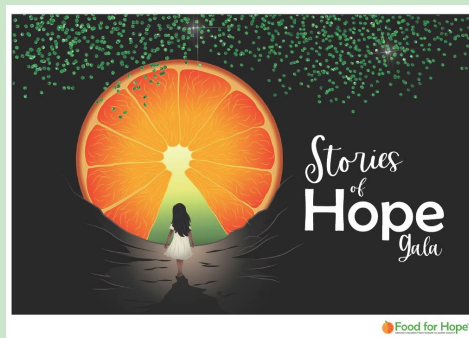
Thank you for your February donations of condiments!

Food For Hope March collection. This month, Food For Hope will be collecting crackers such as Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Goldfish, Ritz, etc. Food For Hope is very grateful for your faithful donations to their various food banks and student take home packs.

Proverbs 22:9 *Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.*



Food for Hope Upcoming Events



March 14, 2024 - Hope is our Story Gala

Join us for an evening of inspiration and impact at the Food for Hope "Hope is our Story" Gala on March 14, 2024. Engage in an evening filled with interactive games, a silent auction, and captivating entertainment, all while supporting our mission to combat hunger and ignite hope. We also have a big announcement that you don't want to miss! Save the date and be a part of this impactful celebration! Event held at The Delta by Marriot 10 E 120th Ave, Denver, CO 80233



Community Garage Sale

Worture Team will be holding a Community Garage Sale on Saturday April 27th. All are welcome to sell or shop! Space rentals will be \$5 per space as a donation to Good Shepherd. The church parking lot is reserved from 7:00am-3:00pm for set up and take down. You will be responsible for setting up your space as well as removing any unsold items.

For any questions and/or to reserve your space(s), please contact Karen Zulauf at kiz4051@gmail.com.

Education and Interpretation by Karen Bueno, District Coordinator



United
Women
in Faith

My job assignment is to be sure that all of our United Women in Faith members know about the ways that we are ***Serving Around the World!*** In 2022 and 2023 more than \$7 million was given to U.S. and international mission United Women in Faith supports more than 1000 projects or people in 39 countries. That number includes nearly 500 scholarships totaling more than \$1 million to students around the world. You can find the project maps in response magazine, March/April 2024. Quoting from page 27 of that issue:

“Giving out of our bounty is an important part of Christian life. It is a way for us to put our faith into action and make a positive difference in the world around us. I have chosen United Women in Faith as an avenue for my giving because of the variety of mission projects we support that focus on the needs of women and children.”

Saturday, March 23, 2024, is our Day of Giving. How about planning a **fund raising event** to support the Legacy Endowment Fund or to add to your Pledge to Mission?

Next United Women in Faith meeting will be March 16th at noon with special speaker Michael Nicastle who has a heart for the homeless, and will share his ministry. This meeting is open to **everyone!** Please sign up on the UWIF board. We will provide pizza, please consider bringing a side to share.



United Methodist Men Breakfast

Methodist Men will again meet for breakfast on March 16th at 8:00 AM to hear Thomas Cross, Pastor of Discipleship at Broomfield United Methodist Church, discuss the outreach activities of their church including their ongoing Methodist Men's groups. **Please, be sure to sign-up** to attend on the Methodist Men's bulletin board located in the church narthex. All men are welcome.



Every Monday and Thursday during Lent, you can hear a new prayer on the website, Facebook, or our YouTube channel. Each devotional will feature a prayer in another language with the English translation. Past weeks prayers can be found on the Good Shepherd YouTube page.

Colorado Front Range District Gathering

Join us for the annual Colorado Front Range District Gathering event! We will join together in a time of worship, district business, learning, and community building. All clergy and laity in our newly formed district are invited and encouraged to gather as we celebrate the congregations and people of the Colorado Front Range.

Saturday, March 9, 2024

8:30am - *Gathering - Pastries and coffee provided*
 9:00-10:30am - *Worship and Business*
 10:45-12:15pm - *Workshop #1 Cultural Competency*
 12:30pm - *Lunch (available for purchase)*
 1:30-3:00pm - *Workshop #2 Nuts and Bolts*
 3:00pm - *Leave from Workshops*



Registration is now OPEN for our March 9 District Gathering. We would LOVE to have participation from all 83 churches in our district – a lofty, but attainable, goal – and hope you'll be among the group.

[Colorado Front Range District Gathering 2024 - Broomfield UMC \(churchcenter.com\)](https://churchcenter.com)

Who is invited? Clergy and laity who serve the churches in Colorado Front Range district

When is the event? Saturday, March 9th from 8:30am – 3:00pm

Where will it be? Broomfield UMC – 545 W 10th Ave, Broomfield, CO 80020

What is it? An opportunity to gather, worship, get acquainted with our new district, and learn together.

What is the cost? \$20 registration fee per person with an option to add \$16-\$18 for a boxed lunch

Anything else? Childcare is available for a fee for children ages 0-11. IF childcare is needed, please register by Friday, February 23. Details are available on the registration website. Workshop details and descriptions are available on the registration form; we ask you to pick a workshop for each time period so we can plan spaces accordingly.

Ash Wednesday



One Service Sunday with Bishop Karen Oliveto



Diversity Team

The Diversity Team will be holding a meeting this month to make plans for a Stone Soup meal in April. The team will serve various soups, and ask others to bring sides like rolls, salad, cornbread, dessert.

GSUMC Administrative Board – Joint Meeting - February 11, 2024
Time: 1-2:30 pm **Place: GSUMC sanctuary**

Abbreviated Minutes

There has been a parts delivery and weather mitigated delay postponing the construction of the solar panels.

The second floor HVAC system still requires substantial funding to replace the unit and install it on the now required platform. The platform added another \$10,000 to the replacement cost.

The Ad Board was reminded by Rev. Yo Han that GSUMC will host soon to be retiring Bishop Karen Oliveto on February 25, 2024.

The new Administrative Board for Ministries outlined four areas where GSUMC needs to move forward: Logistics (more details on Church website, community outreach strategies), Current Ministries (more effective ways to facilitate goals), Membership (strategies for growth), Big Vision (GSUMC membership input of goals)

New Member lunch is scheduled for March 3, 2024

Re-commitment by GSUMC to maintaining and expanding Steven Ministries. The Church membership will be updated about goals and training requirements for participation.

The process for approving budgeted and non-budgeted expenditures has been streamlined.

The joint Ad Board approved two long term (music-focused) rentals of the sanctuary. The times do not conflict with GSUMC activities. The fees will augment Church income and fulfill the GSUMC goal of community outreach.



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