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As we approach the end of another year, it's a perfect time to pause and reflect on God's faithfulness. Through every challenge and triumph, His love has been our constant guide. Let us celebrate this Christmas season with joyful hearts, remembering the miraculous birth of Jesus—the light that entered the world to bring hope and peace to all.

Christmas is more than a festive occasion; it is a reminder that God is with us, **Emmanuel**, in every moment of our lives. As we gather with loved ones and exchange gifts, let us also share the gift of Christ's love with those around us.

As the New Year approaches, we step forward in faith, trusting that God has a plan for us—a future filled with hope and purpose. Let's carry the spirit of Christmas into the coming year, embracing new opportunities to grow in our faith and serve others. Together, we look forward to 2025, confident in God's unwavering presence.

***May your Christmas be filled with peace,
and your New Year with hope.***



STOCKINGS AND STARS CHRISTMAS TREE



STOCKING CHRISTMAS TREE - 2024

Your love and generosity is needed give a local child a special Christmas

This is Good Shepherd's 24th year of donating gifts through the Thornton Police Department for children from newborn to 16 years old.

For the first time in two years the stocking and stars tree will be in the narthex and we should be able to store gifts under the tree in the sanctuary prior to our delivery date. The deadline for gifts to be brought to the church is December 8th. The Methodist Men's Group will collect the gifts for delivery after second service.

Each of you may choose the age and gifts that are appropriate. (Some suggestions below). To help the distribution process, please attach your paper stocking or star to the bag which will show age/boy or girl/or if you concentrated on one specific toy or clothing item. Suggestions from the Police Department this year included warm clothing/Legos/pajamas/gloves/etc. that could be included with a toy if possible. Also, most often overlooked are the older teens.

Do not wrap gifts

Smaller gifts are usually better as most children receive 2-5 gifts

Attach stocking or star to the bag with age/boy or girl information

Collection Day—Sunday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m... We should be able to store gifts in the sanctuary under that Christmas tree this year.

questions: Please call Debbie Anaya-Pacetti at 720-413-5975

Infants / Toddlers/ Up To 4 Years	5-11 Year Olds	12 – 16 Preteen & Teens
Lap Blanket Pajamas Board Games Books for age Toys Foam Blocks Mega Blocks Pretend play (dress-up costumes) Finger paints Coloring book/crayons Multicultural dolls/baby dolls Trucks Stuffed animals Doodle mats Flash cards	Art supplies Board Games Slime and Foam sets Playdoh, Coloring Books/ Colored Pencils/ Art Kits Pencils & Markers Science toys Building toys Legos, TRIO Character figures - super-heroes, Disney, etc. NERF toys Pajamas Flash cards Barbie Dolls Multicultural dolls Lap Blanket	Alarm clock Ear buds Pop Socks Art supplies Personal care items Jeans (10, 12, 14) Hoodies and Sweatshirts (no red or blue) Mittens, hats, scarves, gloves Costume jewelry Books / Notebooks Back-packs Footballs, Soccer ball, Basketball, Baseball mitt Bat & Ball or any type of ball baseball/ football/ basketball Fidget toys Board games Wallets/Purse



<p>1 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:30 Children/Bash Youth</p>	<p>2 Rev Yo Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00 Playology 6:30am-6:00pm</p>	<p>3 Rev Yo Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00 Geri-Actives 1:00pm Playology 6:30-7:30am 3:00-6:00pm Choir Practice 6:30</p>	<p>4 Rev Yo Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00 Playology 6:30-7:30am 2:00-6:00pm RMPB 7-8:30pm</p>	<p>5 Rev Yo Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00 Playology 6:30-7:30am 3:00-6:00pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30pm Bell Practice 5:00pm</p>	<p>6 Office closed</p>	<p>7 Christmas Program 4:00pm</p>
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<p>15 3rd Sunday of Advent Cantata Sunday –One Service 10:00am Ministry Board Meeting 1:00pm</p>	<p>16 Rev Yo Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00 Playology 6:30am-6:00pm</p>	<p>17 Rev Yo Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00 Bible Discussion 1:00pm Playology 6:30-7:30/am 3:00-6:00pm</p>	<p>18 Rev Yo Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00 Playology 6:30-6:00pm RMPB 7:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>19 Rev Yo Han Office Hours 8:30-12:00 Playology 6:30-6:00pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Bell Practice 5:00pm</p>	<p>20 Office closed</p>	<p>21 UWIF Noon</p>
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<p>29 Rev. Yo Han Han Vacation: D. G. Giordano will bring the message 9:00am Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship 9:00am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>30 Rev Yo Han Han Vacation Playology 6:30am-6:00pm</p>	<p>31 Rev Yo Han Han Vacation Playology 6:30am-6:00pm</p>				



During the month of December, we will be learning about the birth of Jesus. Our Faith word is joy.

Our memory verse this month is "With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior." (Luke 1:46-47)

Dates to Remember:

December 7th @4:00pm: Children's Christmas Program and Talent Show

December 8th @ 11:30am: Last day for City of Thornton Stocking Tree

December 14th: Caroling with the UMM @ 10:00am

December 15th: Caroling with the staff to homebound members 11:30-1:30pm

Youth Group

GSUMC is partnering with Officer Kimberly Twimen with the Thornton Police Department, who is the new Point of Contact (POC) of the Community & Media Engagement Team. This is our 24th consecutive year completing this project. Last year, there were 389 families assisted, and we provided gifts to 78 of those families. This team works tirelessly to gather names of families in need. This year, the need is even greater with 697 families qualified to receive gifts. Some of the needs include coats ranging from toddlers to teenagers. Other popular gifts include Legos. Teenage girls like art supplies, body products, and nail products. Boys enjoy basketball, football, or other sport equipment. Please, pick up a tag that is marked with the gender and age of a child to provide a new unwrapped gift for a child. For questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Youth Group will be singing at Bethesda Gardens Assisted Living Center with The United Methodist Men on December 14th. Debbie will be giving more information on that. The Youth has also been asked to join the staff on December 15th after the Cantata to go caroling to our homebound members. Caroling on the 15th will be approximately from 11:30-1:00pm. Families are welcome to join at both caroling events.



December Events at Good Shepherd

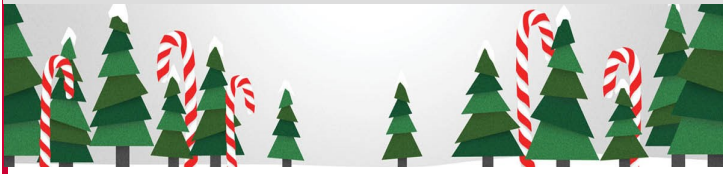
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday December 7th
4:00pm
Christmas Through My Heart
Children's Program and Talent Show



Charge Conference

December 8th
6:00pm at
Good Shepherd



Christmas
CANTATA
December 15th 10:00am

Christmas Eve

— SERVICE —

5:00pm and 7:00pm
childcare provided



The office will be closed December 24th-27th. Please email Rev. Yo Han for any emergencies during this time at rev.yohanhan@gmail.com

Rev. Yo Han Han will be on vacation December 29th –January 4th



Happy Holidays

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE FILLED
WITH FORGIVENESS, HEALED RELATIONSHIPS
AND ALL OF THE IMPERISHABLE GIFTS
THAT CAN ONLY COME FROM ABOVE.



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- December 7 Don Robinson
- December 8 Al Campbell
- December 14 Phil Stanley
- December 15 Dawn Schankweiler
- December 19 Laurel McGinn
- December 25 Jesus
- December 30 Eric Johnson

Advent Candle Lighting and Christmas Eve Readings

If your family would like to light the Advent candle at any of the 9:00am or 10:30am services during Advent, Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Readers are needed for both the 5:00pm and 7:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve services. If you would like to be a reader for one of the Nine Lessons, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



CANTATA SUNDAY

December 15th will be Cantata Sunday at 10:00am. This is a one service Sunday. Come and let the beautiful music of the choir be the message!



GSUMC Caroling

Good Shepherd Staff and Youth Group will be caroling to home bound members on December 15th after the Cantata Service from 11:30-1:30. If you would like to join us, please let Rev. Yo Han or Natalie know. If you know someone who would enjoy some caroling, please let the office know by December 8th.





The next UMM meeting will be Saturday December 14 at 8:00am. The United Methodist Men will conduct their morning meeting and then join with the Youth Group and Sunday school children to sing carols to the residents of Bethesda Senior Living. We will sing for 30 to 45 minutes. If you would like to join this event, please contact Al Campbell at 712-249-7515.

Geri-Actives



Our next Geri-Actives meeting is December 3. At our last meeting we decided on a Christmas Cookie (or Candy) exchange with a copy of the recipe or where you bought them. Three (3) dozen of the same cookies means you can take home a variety of 3 dozen. I have found some Christmas games for us to play. It will be fun to get into the Christmas spirit before we get too busy.

Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry is looking for new people interested in joining and completing 50 hours of training that will be led by Debbie Pacetti. This is a vital ministry for our church that has been in place since 2007 and was originally started by Carol Wise and Heidi Wayland. Debbie Pacetti became a Stephen Minister in 2008, and took over leadership of this team at the beginning of 2019 and would highly encourage anyone to look into this ministry because you can really be the hands and feet of Christ. If you feel that little pang in your heart like she did, it might be God calling you. We have 4 people that have expressed interest, and we are hoping to get enough people to have a class of 6 to 10 people to begin a class in 2025 that will take place at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. For questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.


GSUMC Administrative Board Meeting – November 10, 2024 --- Minutes Lite

1. The new roofing materials are in place to repair the hail damage incurred to the roof of GSUMC. Repairs to begin as weather permits. This includes the repair of the damaged skylight.
2. The premium for the property insurance company used by the Methodist churches in the Mountain Sky Conference (Church Mutual) will increase by circa 14% in 2025. Other changes include higher deductibles and lower claim limits
3. Although the GSUMC budget expenditures for 2024 is at 104%, the costs do not yet reflect the circa \$30,000 government rebate for the installation of the solar panels. That rebate will be received in 2025 after the submission of a 2024 tax return. The solar panels have resulted in a marked reduction of GSUMC energy costs
4. The board discussed ways to effectively utilize non-designated Memorial Fund moneys that included a public thank you and acknowledgement of the person memorialized
5. The holiday calendar will include the Christmas Talent Show (12/7), the Christmas Cantata (12/15), and two Christmas Eve services (5:00 pm, 7:00 pm)





Flock of Friends
presents our annual:
*Family Christmas
Movie Night*



Join Flock of Friends for a
family Christmas movie night!
Pizza, popcorn, and hot cocoa
will be provided. Please bring
a movie snack to share!

Saturday, December 14th

5:00pm to 8:30pm

Good Shepherd UMC

Movie is TBD but will be
appropriate for all ages!



A Good Shepherd Thanksgiving!



Diversity Team



The Diversity Team wants to kick out a fun project to update the bulletin board to update the bulletin board in the hallway. We would like to have the congregation to bring in their favorite recipes printed on an 8 1/2 x 10" piece of paper. There will be an envelope on the Welcome Center for collection. Recipes will be collected from November 17th through December 15th, so everyone is encouraged to participate. We would like to see varied recipes from varied cultures to really capture a wide range of diversity within the church.



Food For Hope December Collection will be protein and breakfast bars to fill up school pantries during winter break.

Proverbs 22:9 A generous person will be blessed for he gives some of his food to the poor.

Thank you!



Over the past month, Food for Hope has been hard at work with our Thanksgiving Food Box Program, **Feed 5000**. This year, we reached an incredible milestone by packing and distributing a record-breaking 2,500 food boxes across Adams County, Colorado, partnering with over 135 schools. Thanks to this effort, we were able to provide Thanksgiving meals to more than 10,000 individuals who might have otherwise gone without or relied on shelter programs for dinner.

We are deeply grateful to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church for their generous \$1,000 contribution to Feed 5000. Their support made it possible to provide nearly 30 families with a warm and meaningful Thanksgiving meal. Together, we continue to make a difference in the lives of our community. If you'd like to volunteer with Food for Hope in the new year, we'd love to have you join us! There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, including weekdays, evenings, truck driving/distribution, and some fun weekend events. Just a quick note: our regular packing sessions will be shifting to Monday and Tuesday evenings in the new year. We hope to see you there! [Want to Volunteer?](#)

Looking for ways to support Food for Hope? We have several events coming this month!
www.foodforhope.net/events

Mark your calendars! Tuesday, December 10, is **Colorado Gives Day**—a special opportunity to support local nonprofits making a difference across Colorado. This year, your donation to Food for Hope will go even further, thanks to a generous private donor who is matching contributions up to \$20,000. Together, we can make an incredible impact!

Administrative Board for Ministries – November 17, 2024 -- Minutes LITE

1. The Stewardship Journey (October 6 – November 17) was successful. There was very positive feedback about the breadth of the messaging and the clarification of operational needs.
2. The events calendar was discussed with options suggested for months without events. The first event of 2024 is the Chili Cook-off (February 8). Sign up sheets will become available in mid January.
3. Ministries of GSUMC were reviewed with a focus on membership growth or shortfall. Strong growth was noted in Ruth Circle and participation was evident with the presence of new ministries options (i.e., Men's Bible Study, Pages! [reading group], and GeriActives). A need was reiterated for the Audio-Visual Team and an assistant teacher for Sunday School.
4. A "Spring Cleaning Day" was put on the calendar for April 12. This would entail the cleaning, dusting, vacuuming, etc. of the sanctuary in anticipation of Easter (April 20). Sign up sheets would be made available in a timely manner.

Good Shepherd Staff, Ad Board, and Ministry Board wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

