September 1, 2024

Shepherd's Staff

In my home, I have a small, white dog named Dubu. Dubu is not just a pet but a special presence in my life. Especially when Dubu empathizes with me, I feel her uniqueness. There are days when I feel tired and worn out, DuBu comes to my side. She doesn't need to speak or ask for anything. She simply sits quietly next to me, gazing at me with warm, comforting eyes. In those moments, it feels as if Dubu can see right into my heart.

Dubu joins me in my joy, playing happily when I am in high spirits, and when I'm sad, she seems to share in my sadness, quietly staying by my side. Sometimes, I feel like Dubu understands me better than I understand myself. Without any words or expressions, Dubu senses my emotions and responds accordingly. Through Dubu's comforting presence, I find a profound sense of peace.

As I watch Dubu's behavior, I'm reminded of the Lord. Just as Dubu reads my emotions and responds to them, our Lord also understands the depths of our hearts and provides us with the comfort and peace we need, exactly when we need it. But the Lord's comfort goes far deeper, permeating every corner of our lives. Even when we are unaware, even when we cannot feel it, the Lord is always with us, watching over us and caring for our hearts.

Psalm 139:3 says, *"You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways."* Just as this verse tells us, the Lord knows every moment of our lives and stays close to us, especially in times of suffering. There are moments when we might not feel the Lord's presence, but He is always there, gently tending to our hearts.

Dubu is a source of comfort when I'm struggling, but the Lord offers a comfort that is even deeper. Whether we are feeling joy, sadness, or nothing at all, the Lord is by our side, wrapping our hearts in His warmth. Even in our toughest moments, the Lord knows exactly what we need and provides us with peace that surpasses understanding.

Through the simple connection I share with Dubu, I am once again reminded of the great and wondrous peace the Lord gives us. Even when we cannot feel His touch, He is always with us. These precious moments with Dubu remind me that the Lord's grace is ever-present in our lives, and for that, I am deeply grateful.

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Diversity Sunday One Service at 10:00am September 29th

The Diversity Team has begun preparations for Diversity Sunday, which is scheduled for September 29, 2024. This will be a single service starting at 10:00 AM. The Diversity Team will be serving cake and handing out little gifts to attendees. The Diversity Team continues to add items to the bulletin board. August 25th, they added 4 additional pieces. Please, take the time to look at the bulletin board. Feel free to add anything that aligns with the theme, "God World is All One." <u>If you have any questions</u>, contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

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Stephen Ministry took a break during the summer. Now that school has restarted, continued education training will resume in September. Meetings will be held in person at the church. Once a date has been confirmed, teammates will be informed of the date and time. If anyone is interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

It is September! I hope you all are enjoying your school year and making new friends! This month we will be learning about the life of Samuel. Our memory verse is "Speak. Your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10)

Reminders for September..

<u>September 8th</u> is Back to School Sunday. Come celebrate your new year.

<u>September 28/29</u>: DAIF Festival 10:00-5:00pm on Saturday and 12:00-5:00pm on Sunday

<u>September 29th</u> Diversity Sunday-One Service 10:00am



YOUTH GROUP:

August was a great month with increased attendance, including new children joining the group. Attendance was between 6 to 10 children at each meeting. In August, the Youth Group enjoyed the weather and did several outdoor activities, including playing wiffle ball, kick ball, and gaga ball. Shannon Montgomery gets the credit of teaching the group about the rules of gaga ball. At first, there were some kids who were reluctant to play. In the end, it was these same kids that played the game longer than any of the other kids. This month, the kids completed a new art project which hangs in the hallway near the donut and coffee tables. Claire Han inscribed the canvas with "We are linked through Love and Faith" on a painted canvas. To complete the project, they required cooperation from the congregation. The Youth Group handed out bright-colored paper that has a small piece of white paper glued to it. Each congregate was asked to put their name on the white piece of paper. The Youth Group connected to make a paper chain and align with the painted canvas. If you were not included in the project, ask Debbie Pacetti for paper. Lastly, the Youth Group and their families have been invited to the Pacetti's for a BBQ on Sunday, September 1st, starting at 2:00 PM. Both outdoor and indoor games will be available. For additional information, contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.





11th Annual Denver American Indian Festival



Saturday, September 28 10:00-5:00pm Sunday, September 29 12:00-5:00pm

Dancers – Drummers – Singers Storytellers – Vendors

Festival held rain or shine at Lakewood UMC 1390 Brentwood Street

The purpose of this free family festival is to affirm the value and role of tradition and culture of American Indians living in harmony within our community. All persons are welcome and encouraged to participate as we build bridges of understanding and acceptance.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

For more information: DenverAmericanIndianFestival.org FirstNationsFoundation.org



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Men's Bible Study

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We are doing a new thing at Good Shepherd UMC!

We are starting a Men's Group to read and discuss the Bible. On Wednesday September 25th we will meet at 1:00 in the Sanctuary. We will be discussing a chapter a week from the Gospel According to John.

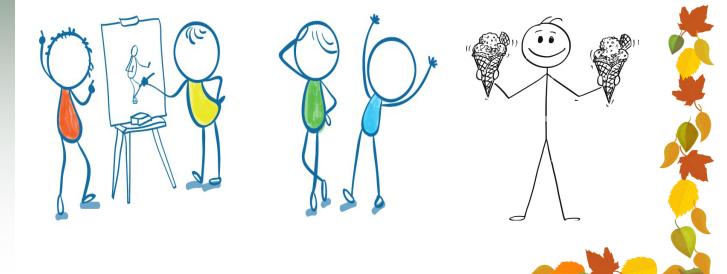
This is **not** a lecture class, this is a discussion group. You read it and we will discuss it.

We hope to see you on September 25th at 1:00pm in person and via Zoom

Geri-Actives

The Geri-Actives group is meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:00 at the church. Plan to come and have a rousing Pictionary game and enjoy an ice cream sundae bar. If you would like, you can bring your favorite mini-cookies to add to the ice cream treats. Hope to see you there!

What is Geri-Actives? It is a social group for all retirees. We meet at the church on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm.



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SEPTEMBER FOOD DONATION

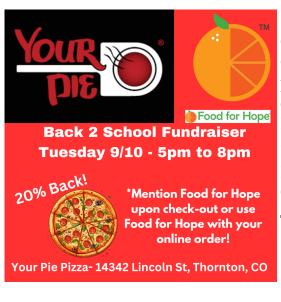
School has started again, and we will be collecting protein/granola bars. The bars will be distributed to pantries located at the various schools for a quick snack for a hungry child. Thank you all for your support of this vital ministry.





Luke 3:11 He answered them, "Whoever has two shirts should share with the person who doesn't have any. Whoever has food should share it too."

Food For Hope Upcoming Events



Grab a FRESH, HOT Dinner at Your Pie in Thornton, CO and Food for Hope will benefit with 20% of proceeds! PLEASE mention Food for Hope when checking out OR if you order online use code: FOODFORHOPE.

Proceeds help local students who are Food Insecure. Food for Hope provides food programming in Adams County Schools.

Thank you for your continued support!

Paint A Thon 2024

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Paint-A-Thon. The work looks great, and the homeowner is very pleased!



Before



After



Paint-A-Thon 2024 Volunteers:

Front Row: Nathan Montgomery, Colleen Campbell, Al Campbell.

Back Row: Clint Cederlund, Fred Smith, Jim Irwin, Hervey Smith, the happy homeowner, Sharon Unrein, Steve Unrein, Aimee Horst, Debbie Anaya-Pacetti, Karen Zulauf, Don Robinson, Greg Krueger, Brother's Painting Rep, Rev. Yo Han Han

Not Pictured: Sugyeong Yun, Sean Han, and Art Salazar



Sept. 1	Monica Drez
Sept. 3	Krista Medina
Sept. 3	Ezabella Bean
Sept. 6	Marissa Luark
Sept. 7	Bob Lamerand
Sept. 9	Kathy Bollfrass
Sept. 9	Joy Lousberg
Sept. 9	Fred Smith
Sept. 9	Art Salazar
Sept. 10	Ed Simmons
Sept. 11	Maria Monroe
Sept. 13	Oliver Covert
Sept. 16	Michael Higgins
Sept. 17	Debbie Deem
Sept. 17	Phoebe Salazar
Sept. 19	Pat Arndt
Sept. 20	Randy Pacetti
Sept. 21	Don Rynearson
Sept. 22	Pamela Boaz
Sept. 23	Amanda Conaway
Sept. 24	Marge Cederlund
Sept. 26	Judy Atwood
Sept. 27	Allen Simmons





United Methodist Men (UMM} will hold their first breakfast meeting after the summer hiatus on Saturday, September 21st at 8:00 AM. Currently 43 men of our church receive personal e-mail notices of all UMM meetings. All men are welcome! If you do not currently receive these personal notices, please, let Al Campbell (712-249-7515) know to be included.

Our guest speaker for this first breakfast meeting will be Mayra Galaviz-Martinez, Director of the **Thornton Homeless Outreach Team**. We expect her discussion, with us, to be interesting, informative and impactful,

Please, consider attending on Saturday, September 21st at 8:00 AM to enjoy the breakfast, the camaraderie and information gleaned from our special speaker.



The Prayer Ministry sends a big **Thank You** to all who have helped your Prayer team by supplying *requests and updates* for those they know who need prayers or have been on our prayer list. We keep praying for situations or people who have long standing needs until we hear updates. Currently we pray for nearly 3 pages of personal and general requests. We welcome <u>any</u> who would like to pray in a small group at 6:30pm Thursday nights or at home as they are able. *Our only requirement is that you keep requests confidential. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!*





The United Women In Faith will <u>NOT</u> hold our regularly scheduled UWIF meeting on Saturday, September 21st at noon.

However, those who wish to volunteer at Project Angel Heart, need to contact Colleen Campbell ASAP! 720-346-2928.

Those who are able to volunteer must fill out an application on the Project Angel Heart website **before** September 28th.

There are only 7 spots available for volunteering at this event. Those who have signed up to volunteer will meet at Good Shepherd Church at 9:00am on Saturday, September 28th. We will carpool to Project Angel Heart, which is located at 4950 Washington St., Denver 80216.

We will be given a tour of the facility and then help the staff pack meals from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Afterwards, we can enjoy lunch and fellowship at the Red Rooster Cafe, 5761 Washington Street, Denver. The restaurant has a large menu, and the prices are very reasonable.

On October 19th, we will have our regular UWIF noontime potluck meeting. Please bring something yummy to share with the group. All women and teens are invited to attend UWIF meetings. You don't have to be a member of Good Shepherd to join in on the food, fun and fellowship.

Hope to see you soon, blessings, Colleen Campbell (720) 346-2928 & Kathy Bollfrass (512) 577-7254





Good Shepherd UMC

Fall Festival and Craft Fair

Saturday October 5th from 9:00am-4:00pm

Located at 3960 E 128th Ave Thornton, Co 80241

Fall Festival 9:00am-4:00pm

Pumpkin Patch

Games

Activities

Prizes

Entertainment

Car Show (9:00-12:00pm)

<u> Craft Fair 9:00am-3:00pm</u>

Holiday Ornaments

Floral Arrangements

Handmade Wood Designs

And more!

This is a free event All are welcome to attend!

** If you would like to be a part of the craft fair and/or car show, please contact Natalie at nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com. If you would like to be part of the entertainment, contact Meghan at Meghan.allese@gmail.com

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL BIBLES FOR JAMAICAN CHILDREN

Good Shepherd UMC was excited to support Tools for School in providing Bibles for backpacks for 100 kids in the impoverished areas around Portland, Jamaica on August 18. What a great response we had! Thank you for your support in this valuable ministry founded by Adgema Robinson!







