

# Shepherd's Staff



## Sharing, the Joy of Abundance.

A few weeks ago, I went hiking. Living in the beautiful state of Colorado, it's hard not to enjoy hiking with beautiful nature. Originally, I had planned to go to the Bear Lake trail in Rocky Mountain National Park, but I forgot to make a Timed Entry reservation, so I ended up going somewhere else. I went to the Mount Sanitas trail in Boulder and hiked for about three hours. It was a rather tough hike, but the view from the summit, surrounded by mountains and the blue sky, refreshed me so much.

When I reached the summit, there were a few people there. Even though we didn't know each other, we exchanged simple greetings and sat together, admiring the scenic view. Since I had planned to go to Rocky Mountain National Park, I had brought plenty of water and snacks – too much, actually. I shared drinks and snacks with the people around. One person was thankful because he had run out of water, and another was happy, saying she had been craving salty potato chips. Then, they also took out the snacks they had brought and shared them. Tangerines, cucumbers, apple, etc. And someone gave me a cup of warm coffee, and the combination of that coffee and the beautiful view was truly fantastic. Even though we were strangers, that small act of sharing opened our hearts to one another. With those hearts, we gave each other fist bumps and parted ways.

Sharing gives us joy and meaning beyond what we receive. In the moment we help someone, we share in their joy, and through that, we experience even greater joy ourselves. Through the process of sharing, we come to realize how abundant we are, and the joy we receive from sharing deepens and broadens our lives. Whether we share something big or small, the size doesn't matter. What matters is our heart and attitude. A small act of kindness can be a light in someone's life, and a short moment can be a comfort to someone. Willingly offering what we have is not only a sacrifice for the other person but also a gift to ourselves. Through sharing, our hearts become broader, and our souls lighter and freer. Another amazing thing about sharing is that it has a ripple effect. A small act of kindness or consideration can inspire someone else, and that person may go on to share with another, creating a virtuous cycle. This cycle of sharing can affect far more people than we realize, and through it, we witness how God's love expands, Sharing connects us, and through that connection, we form an even larger community.

Starting in October, we will walk together through a seven-week stewardship journey. During this time, I hope it will be a period of reflection and commitment as we think about how, as God's stewards, we can live generous lives of sharing. For the church we love, for our brothers and sisters whom we cherish and serve, and for the community we serve. May this journey be an opportunity to expand the scope of God's grace.

Sharing—it is the path to the joy of abundance.

- Rev. Yo Han

### GSUMC

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Custodians

# Children's Ministry

This month, we will be learning about the life of Abraham. Our memory verse is *The Lord carried out just what he had promised.* (Genesis 12:21)

**Looking ahead:** Bible Sunday is November 17 Let Natalie know if you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader!

## Dates to Remember:

October 5: Fall Festival 9:00-4:00pm

October 13: Amanda Conaway subs in Sunday School /Youth Sunday school

October 26: Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30 pm

## Youth Group

August was a great month with increased attendance, including new children joining the group. Attendance has included up to 13 children at each meeting. With the nice weather, activities have included both outdoor and indoor games. One of our favorite games includes Gaga Ball, which Shannon Montgomery showed us how to play. In September, they watched the movie Pete's Dragon. Several kids have expressed interest in doing more crafty things, so they now have a box of art supplies that they can independently use, if they choose. Debbie Pacetti will be on vacation the 1<sup>st</sup> two Sundays in October: 10/6 and 10/13. Sunday school will still take place, with Natalie teaching the kids on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and Amanda teaching the kids on the 13<sup>th</sup>. When Amanda teaches the older kids, she will be completing Chapter 12 of the Max Lucado on Matthew. This is the last chapter of the book that the kids have been studying since mid-June. They will begin new lessons on the top world religions. For additional information, contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.


## Children's Christmas Program

This year's Christmas program will be held on Saturday December 7th at 4:30pm. The theme is "Christmas Talent" We are encouraging all of our youth (from baby to adult) to be a part of the Christmas program and showcase their talent! Do you love to sing, dance, paint, draw, craft, write poems? We have a place for you in our program! Email to families will be coming soon with more information.

## BASH YOUTH GROUP NEEDS CARS FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

Fall is here! The Youth Group is getting ready for the popular Trunk or Treat. We are looking for 10-15 cars. Please see Debbie Pacetti if you are interested in decorating your car for **Trunk or Treat**. Each participating car will be responsible for getting their own candy, but **donations are appreciated**. Save the Date: Saturday October 26th **Set up begins at 5:00. Trunk or Treat** will be from **5:30-7:30pm**.



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		<p><b>1</b> Rev Yo Han Han office hours 8:30-12:00</p> <p>Geri-Actives 1:00pm</p> <p>Playology 6:30am-7:30am/3-6pm</p> <p>Choir Practice 6:30-8:00pm</p> <p>Conference Bible Study 5:00pm</p>	<p><b>2</b> Rev Yo Han Han out for Clergy Orders</p> <p>Men's Discussion Group 1:00pm</p> <p>Playology 6:30am-7:30am/2pm-6pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> Rev Yo Han Han out for Clergy Orders</p> <p>Playology 6:30am-7:30am/3-6:00</p> <p>Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm</p> <p>Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p>	<p><b>4</b> Rev Yo Han Han out for Clergy Orders</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>Playology 6:30am-6:00pm</p>	<p><b>5</b> Fall Festival 9:00-4:00pm Car Show 9-12pm</p>
<p><b>6</b> 9:00am Contemporary Worship Adult Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship 10:30am 10:30 am Children's Sunday School <b>Girl Scouts 2:00-5:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> Rev Yo Han Han out for Korean UMC Conference</p> <p>Playology 6:30am-6pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7-9pm</p>	<p><b>8</b> Rev Yo Han Han out for Korean UMC Conference</p> <p>Playology 6:30-7:30am/ 3-6pm</p> <p>Choir Practice 6:30-8:00pm</p> <p>Conference Bible Study 5:00pm</p>	<p><b>9</b> Rev Yo Han Han out for Korean UMC Conference</p> <p>Men's Discussion Group 1:00pm</p> <p>Playology 6:30am-6:00pm</p>	<p><b>10</b> Rev Yo Han Han out for Korean UMC Conference</p> <p>Playology 6:30-6:00pm</p> <p>Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm</p> <p>Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>Playology 6:30am-6:00pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
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# All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be held on November 3rd. If you have a loved one who has passed away since last November, and you would like to honor them during the All Saints Day services, please submit a picture and name to Rev Yo Han or to the office by October 23rd.

## Eagle Scout Project

### Can you help?

My name is Jack Mathews and I am a sophomore at Horizon high school. I am 15 and have been in scouts since 4th grade. When I started my scouting journey I always knew I wanted to eagle and now I have the opportunity to eagle and help out the people who served our country by making food kits for homeless veterans. So I am donating my kits to the Rocky Mountain VA Medical Center in aurora. So when a veteran comes in they are given a food kit for their stay at the center and while they are at the center they are given some fresh clothes and are allowed to do laundry and when they leave the center they are given 2 more which may be their only meals for 2-3 days. so these kits will be a huge help to the center and to the veterans who go there and it helps the people who deserve it the most. The items I am looking for are, packs of small water bottles, bumble bee snack on the run chicken salad kit(single servings) and GoGo squeeze appleapple applesauce. Recently my contact there has said hand warmers will be helpful too. These are the items that are most needed even though all donations will be greatly appreciated and used. thank you so very much Jack Mathews



- Oct. 1 Bryon Sack
- Oct. 2 Scott Lawrence
- Oct. 3 Kathy Lamerand
- Oct. 9 Joe DeLeon
- Oct. 10 Jody Miller
- Oct. 11 Chase Green
- Oct. 14 Isabella Thirsk
- Oct. 15 Julie Stirm
- Oct. 17 Debbie Finnie
- Oct. 20 Jesse DeLeon
- Oct. 21 Matthew Finnie
- Oct. 21 Yo Han Han
- Oct. 23 Mary Bean
- Oct. 25 Ray Sack
- Oct. 30 Sandra Reed





# GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Ministry Board Notes from Sept. 15, 2024 Meeting

### Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 5. Everyone is invited to volunteer for the Festival to make it a fun and joyful day for everyone. Volunteer sign-ups will begin on Sunday, September 22.

### Love INC.

Good Shepherd has decided to become a partner church with Love INC. of West Adams. This will allow us to be a part of a network of Christian churches to better serve the needs of our community. [Learn more about Love INC. here](#)

### Stewardship Journey

We will begin our church Stewardship Journey on Oct. 5 through Nov. 17. This will focus on the 5 aspects of Wesleyan Stewardship - Time, Talent, Treasure, Prayer, and Witness. Look for ways that we can grow together and continue to support our church!

## 2024 GOOD SHEPHERD CHARGE CONFERENCE

Ministry team leaders, please begin preparing your annual reports. Charge Conference date for this year has not been set at this time, but should be set soon. In order to complete the charge conference book for the Ad Board to review and vote on during their November 10, 2024 meeting, I am asking that all reports be sent to the church office **by October 23, 2024.**

Please remember to submit WORD documents so I can manipulate them to put them in the book. If you are filling out forms from the conference, they can be found at : [Mountain Sky Conference | Forms \(mtnskyumc.org\)](#).

Thank you,

Natalie Higgins-Office Manager Good Shepherd UMC





## Food for Hope October 2024

Thank you for your support in this vital food ministry. This month I will be collecting cake mixes and frosting. Food For Hope has made a request of these items so children can celebrate their birthday with cake or cupcakes.

May God continue to bless this ministry.



## Food For Hope Upcoming Events

**October 9th** 7:00-8:00pm Perfect Pairings at Johnny's Steakhouse

**October 13th** 11:00-2:00pm Spooky Sweets Stroll and the Orchard Town Center

Visit <https://foodforhope.net/events> for more information.





**Join Good Shepherd United Methodist  
Church on October 5th 9am-4pm for:**

# FALL FESTIVAL

**A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

**CRAFT FAIR - LIVE MUSIC - FAMILY FUN  
CAR SHOW (9AM-12PM)**

Any vendors or car enthusiasts interested in  
participating should contact the church at  
[shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net](mailto:shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net)

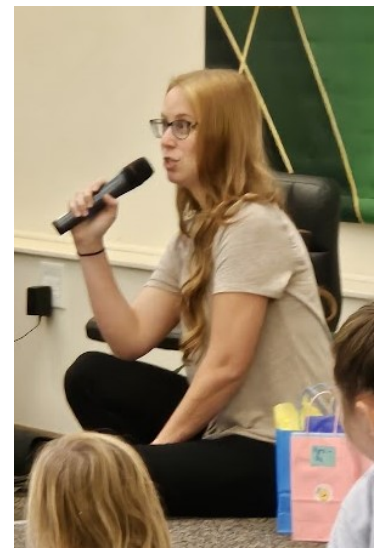
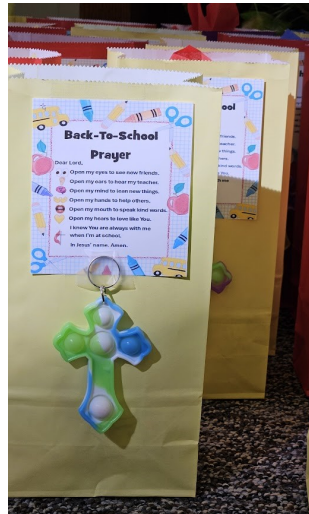
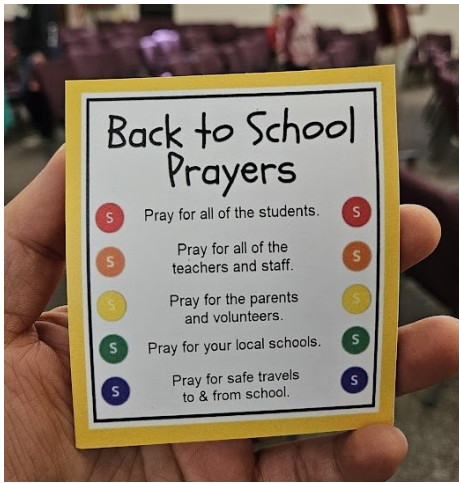
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# Back To School Sunday





# Welcome Gabriella Mervyn



# Welcome Philip & Carol Stanley



Caring for our community through Christ  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
United Methodist Church  
[www.shepherdchurch.org](http://www.shepherdchurch.org)

**Sunday Worship Services:**  
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:30 a.m. Children and Youth Sunday School

**WE'RE ON THE WEB**  
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*Please let the church office know if you would like to become a member or be baptized.*



# Diversity Team

The Diversity Team hosted Diversity Sunday on September 29, 2024. This was a single service starting at 10:00 AM. The congregation was asked to wear garments that represented their ethnic origin. For those who did not have garments, the team asked them to wear their favorite color. It was a fun event that focused on the view of "All Means All." Karen Bueno and Pat Soderberg delivered the sermon. Afterwards, the Diversity Team served cake and handed out little gifts to attendees. The Diversity Team continues to add items to the bulletin board. August 25<sup>th</sup>, 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." If you have any questions, contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.





# Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry will meet after Debbie Pacetti returns from vacation. One of the first topics they will discuss is the process in place for the Benevolent fund. This will allow them to have a thorough understanding of the process in case they need to recommend one of their care receivers to this program. If anyone is interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

