



Shepherd's Staff

November 1, 2024

As November arrives, we find ourselves at the end of another year. It's a time to reflect on the journey we've walked together, the countless efforts we've made, and the many experiences we've encountered along the way. Through every task, every plan, and every drop of sweat and tear, we've made it this far by God's grace. Without His presence and guidance, none of the fruits we see today would have been possible.

Throughout this year, we have faced moments that were overwhelming and challenging, and at other times, we were blessed with unexpected joys and triumphs. Yet through it all, we can only give thanks for God's hand in leading us. We give thanks not only for the visible results but also for the seeds of faith God has planted in our hearts and the trust and love that have grown within our community.

Now, we must look ahead and prepare for the path that lies before us. New challenges and changes await us in the days to come. This path may sometimes seem daunting, and the unknown future may stir up fears within us. However, we are called to move forward with faith, trusting in the direction God is leading us. We seek His wisdom and grace, praying that our small acts of dedication and service may be used for His greater purpose.

As we enter this new season, let us hold onto a heart of gratitude. Gratitude allows us to see what we have as enough, and even more than enough. It turns our moments of lack into moments of blessing, and helps us find order in the midst of chaos. It helps us understand our past, brings peace for today, and fills us with hope for tomorrow.

In this spirit, I would like to share a short poem with you:

"Gratitude" by an unknown author

Gratitude turns what we have
Into enough, and more.
It turns denial into acceptance,
Chaos into order,
Confusion into clarity.
It makes sense of our past,
Brings peace for today,
And creates a vision for tomorrow.

As we step into this new journey, let us walk with gratitude in our hearts, anticipating the greater grace and blessings that God has in store for us. Let us remember that all we have is by God's grace, and as we entrust our path to Him, He will lead us down the most righteous way according to His will.

- Rev. Yo Han

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STOCKINGS AND STARS CHRISTMAS TREE - 2024

This is Good Shepherd's 21st year of donating gifts through the Thornton Police Department for children from newborn to 16 years old.

There will be a tree with stockings and stars on it beginning November 20th in the narthex through December 8th. On the 8th, the United Methodist Men will take the gifts to Thornton Police Department.

Each of you may choose the age and gifts that are appropriate as you have always done. (Some suggestions below). To help the distribution process, please put a note on the bag showing 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. The most often overlooked are the older teens.

Do not wrap gifts

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

Mark bag with age/boy or girl information

Collection Day—Sunday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m. Packages brought before December 8th may be placed under the tree in the Sanctuary.

questions: Please call Debbie Anaya-Pacetti 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 - superheroes, Disney, etc. NERF toys Pajamas Flash cards Barbie Dolls LOL Dolls Multicultural dolls Lap Blanket Remote Control Car Sports Balls	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 Backpacks Baseball mitt Bat & Ball or any type of ball base- ball/ football/ basketball Fidget toys Board games Wallets/Purse



Welcome November! This month, we will be learning about the leadership of Solomon. Our Bible verse this month is *God gave Solomon wisdom and a very great understanding* (1Kings 4:29)

The **Christmas pageant** will be here soon! Rehearsals will begin November 10th Please check your emails for exact dates and times.

On **November 17th** at the 10:30am service will be Bible Sunday for all third grade children. If you have a **third grader**, please let Natalie know so they can receive their Bible from Good Shepherd.

Sunday, **November 24th is Thanksgiving Sunday. We will have one service that day at 10:00am.** Please bring in a food item to share with our local food banks. The Sunday School class will place their food onto the altar during the prelude.

Youth Group

The Youth Group will begin their busy time of year from now through December. They have been decorating bags for Project Angel Heart. They will also begin preparing stockings and stars for the Christmas tree that will be put in the Narthex the Sunday after Thanksgiving so they can begin collecting Christmas gifts for kids in Thornton. They will also identify different roles they can play for the Christmas Program on December 7th. We are hoping to utilize the varied talents we have within our Youth Group as singers, musicians, and dancers to entertain our church. They will also be doing small service projects that will carry us into the month of December.

Please note that November 24th is a one service Sunday at 10:00am. We are asking all children to bring a food item to place on the altar during the prelude. The Worture team needs help decorating the church for Advent on November 30th at 10:00am. If you are able, please show up to volunteer. This will go towards your service hours. The ladies of the Worture team will provide a hot chocolate bar and snacks while you help.



Hello Good Shepherd. I am Claire Han, and over the summer, I joined an organization you may be familiar with called A Precious Child. I was honored to join their Youth Service Leaders where I have many responsibilities, one being a donation drive for high need items. These items will be donated to the Empowerment Resource Center which serves around 40 families a day with essential needs. The donation drive I will be hosting is **hygiene products** from November 10-24th. There will be yellow bins outside the Sanctuary. Any hygiene donations will be accepted and appreciated. Thank you,

Claire Han

Fall Festival



Car show winners:

Mark C: Best in Show (below)

Jim G: Best Restoration (right)





November Food for Hope Collection

For November, Food For Hope has expressed a need for cooking oils such as vegetable oil, canola oil, and cooking sprays for their food bank shelves. Thank you very much for supporting Food For Hope and their Thanksgiving Feed 5000. More information below.



October 27-November 10th

Feed 5000 is a Holiday Meal Box Program that Food for Hope partners with ThornCreek Church on to provide 2300 Holiday Meals to families in Adams County, CO. Each box contains shelf-stable foods and a gift card for produce. These boxes are distributed through our relationships with local schools and school districts. We ask our local community to come together and support these boxes, support a local family this holiday season for \$35. If you write a check, please put Feed 5000 in the memo line. If you choose cash, please place your money in an envelope labeled Feed 5000

Support a Family or volunteer go to the link below.

www.feed5000.gives



Your Pie Pizza Fundraiser for Food For Hope

Eat Pizza, Support Food for Hope! Food for Hope will benefit from your food orders at locally owned Your Pie Pizza in Thornton, CO located at 14342 Lincoln St, Thornton, CO on Wed. 11/13 from 5pm-8pm. PLEASE MENTION FOOD FOR HOPE or use code FOOD FOR HOPE with your online order!



The Rocky Mountain Pride Band blew us away (pun intended) at the Fall Festival. Here is your chance to see their full performance at Good Shepherd on November 16th! Come and hear the great sounds of RMPB and their special guests, Haulin Brass Quintet. All are welcome to attend!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRIDE BANDS ANNOUNCES OUR FIRST CONCERT NEW BEGINNINGS

*Join us for an evening of music
with special guests:*

Haulin' Brass Quintet



FREE! NO TICKETS NEEDED
DONATIONS WELCOME



16 NOVEMBER 2024



5:00 - 6:15 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 4:30



Good Shepherd UMC
3960 E 128th Ave,
Thornton, CO
rmpridebands.org



Rocky Mountain Pride Bands

NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<p>1 Playology 6:30am-7:30am Playology 3-6pm Girl Scouts 6:00-8:00pm</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3 All Saints Sunday 9:00 am Worship Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10:30am 10:30 am Children's Sunday School 2:00-3:00 Girl Scouts 2:00-5:00</p> 	<p>4 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am-6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30-930pm</p>	<p>5 Rev. Yo Han office hours 8:30-12:00pm Geri-Actives 1:00pm Playology 6:30am-7:30am Playology 3-6pm Choir 6-8</p>	<p>6 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am-7:30am 2pm-6pm</p>	<p>7 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Playology 6a-6p Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p>	<p>8 Playology 6:30-7:30am/2:00-6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00-8:00pm</p>	<p>9</p>
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<p>24 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY ONE SERVICE 10:00 Am</p>	<p>25 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am-7:30am Playology 3pm-6pm Boy Scouts 6:30-930pm</p>	<p>26 Rev. Yo Han office hours 8:30-12:00pm Bible Discussion Group 1:00pm Playology 6:30am-7:30am Playology 3-6pm Choir 6-8</p>	<p>27 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6a-6p Kidsgiving 10:00-2:00pm with Playology</p>	<p>28 Happy Thanksgiving Office closed</p> 	<p>29 Office Closed Playology 6:30am-6:00pm</p>	<p>30</p>

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!



Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner

November 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

The United Methodist Men's group will host/coordinate the annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner. Food signup sheets will be posted at the Welcome Center desk. Please sign up for the item(s) that you would like to bring so we will know if there are items that they need to be filled in. For those interested in cooking a turkey, The UMM group will provide the turkeys which will be in the freezer at the church that can be picked up the week before. Please plan to deliver your food item(s) between 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. so that we can start the meal on time. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. Thanks for your participation! Looking forward to seeing you all there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hervey Smith after church services, or at 303-452-4520 or via email herveysmith088@gmail.com.

**The Worture Team Needs Your Time
Towards Preparing For Advent**

The Worture Team invites you to share some of your **Time** towards helping us prepare the church for Advent. On Saturday, **November 30th**, many hands are needed to take down the fall decor and bring in floral arrangements, wreaths, banners, pine boughs and poinsettias for Advent. All are welcome to attend.

We will begin at **10:00 am** with donuts and hot chocolate. This is a great way to give of your time towards preparing our "Playground" for the coming of Christ. Please contact Kathy Lamerand or Karen Zulauf with questions.





Nov. 2	Jerry Saunders
Nov. 5	Scott Varvir
Nov. 5	Joslyn Pieken
Nov. 6	Jacalyn Robinson
Nov. 7	Alisha Prince-Mervyn
Nov. 8	Diane Hoke
Nov. 9	Glenda Irwin
Nov. 9	Sean Fitzsimons
Nov.11	Kyle Green
Nov. 14	KC Drez
Nov. 16	Samantha LeFever
Nov. 17	Karen Zulauf
Nov. 20	Nathan Montgomery
Nov. 21	Christopher Schankweiler
Nov. 25	Isadore Bueno
Nov. 25	Harrison Smith
Nov. 26	Connor Austin
Nov. 27	Pete Finnie
Nov. 27	Vicky Goben



stewardship

Please fill out a Stewardship Form, or a Pledge Card and return it to the church this month. Forms and cards can found in the narthex. Please place your completed form/card in the offertory plates. Thank you for your commitment and being a faithful steward.



November 24th will be a ONE SERVICE Sunday at 10:00am.

This is Thanksgiving Sunday. **Please bring a food item to be placed on the altar that will be donated to a local food bank.**



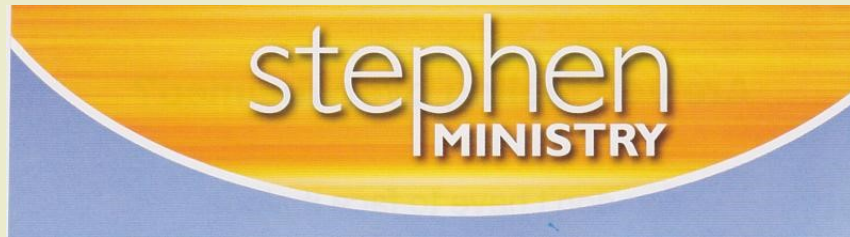
SAVE THE DATE:
CHARGE CONFERENCE DECEMBER 8th
at 6:00pm at Good Shepherd



United
Women
in Faith

We will meet on Saturday, November 16, at noon. Please bring a sack lunch or something to share at a potluck lunch. Our member, Colleen Campbell, will give a presentation on the five major religions of the world, Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.

Everyone is invited to join us!



Only one of our Stephen Ministers has an active Care Receiver, so we have 3 people available to comfort others. The team looks forward to being of assistance to Rev. Yo Han and all are willing to serve with open hearts. Additionally, we are hoping to offer a new class for others who are interested in serving in this ministry in 2025. Otherwise, there is concern that this ministry may be coming to an end in the future.



The Diversity Team would like to come up with a theme to update the bulletin board, but we would also like to find a project that another group is supporting so that we could partner with them to support the upcoming holiday season. At the end of 2024, Debbie Pacetti will be stepping down as the Diversity Leader, which will allow someone else to utilize their leadership skills.

Trunk or Treat





Looking for a volunteer opportunity to help members of your community?

We are actively looking for Thornton residents who are interested in volunteering on a rewarding committee that helps serve our Thornton community. The Thornton Assistance Funds (TAF) Committee helps determine funding for nonprofit organizations who serve Thornton residents to help them meet their basic needs and enhance their ability to be self-sufficient. Basic needs are identified as food, housing, health and medical, or human services.

Committee members are needed to review the grant applications and present their Funding Recommendation for the nonprofit organizations to City Council. Former committee members have expressed their gratitude for being a part of this committee and having the opportunity to give back to their community. If you or a member of your church are interested in participating on this committee, please contact us or visit [Thornton Assistance Fund Committee Application](#) to apply. The deadline to apply for the TAF Committee is by **5pm Tuesday, November 12, 2024**. Please feel free to contact us at 720-977-5800 or email Connections@ThorntonCO.gov with any questions you may have regarding the Thornton Assistance Funds, or if you'd like to hear more about Community Connections, the one-stop shop serving residents of Thornton. Please see attached flyer.

Thank you!



Happy Veterans Day to every servicemen and woman. Honoring our courageous veterans is the least we can do! May God bless you.