

# The Shepherd's Staff

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## Loving Presence

I am writing this on a day having snow. I had to shovel all the snow on the driving way and sidewalk of the house by myself. But, at that time, a neighbor gentleman came to me, saying "Do you want me to help with my snow blower?" My brain thought, "That's fine! I can do it by myself, thank you though," but my mouth was much faster, "Thank you so much!" It would be at least an hour work, but it took only 10 min in his hands with the awesome snow blower. Helping me may not be much work for him because he has a good resource to make the work easier. But, the thing is that he decided to use it for helping me out, spending his time and energy on his neighbor. I felt a warmth from his heart and glimpsed the love of Christ through his kindness.

When I went out to the bigger street, many snow removal vehicles were removing snow on the street so that people may drive more easily and safely. The snow on big streets cannot be removed by individual resources, but the force of the government was enough to deal with this so that we may keep our normal life even in a heavy snowstorm. This would be an expansion of help from my neighbor to a community. This is the infrastructure of our life that is working autonomously in individuals and systematically in the community, which sustains us with ongoing hope, supporting and encouraging each other to get over all struggles invading our life.

We do not know when a massive snowstorm invades our life and break our peace down, but if our infrastructure is working well, we will be able to deal with all kinds of struggles well. I believe God has called us as individual Christians and a church as a faith community to form the infrastructure of the kingdom of God in the world. Here, we have to check if our infrastructure is working well because it cannot work properly without the energy resource for operating it. We remember the story of the Good Samaritan. If we don't check whether our resource is abundant, we won't act properly like a priest and a Levite in the story. I believe love is the only resource operating Christians, churches, and all their ministries. Paul said we are nothing and meaningless without love. All we need is love, which is the only starting point of our faith, church, ministry, and so on for enlivening all of us.

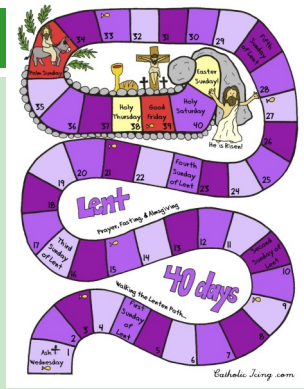
Now, we are in the Lenten season. This is the time when we meditate on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus was full of love so that he kept walking the road to the cross. He did not turn away from our destiny toward death. He did not stop to come to the world to love us, heal us, and save us. He gave us his love as free in God's grace but the value is precious more than everything in the universe. Because his love changed everything about us, leading us to new hope, new journey, new life, and new joy. So, the Lenten season is inviting us to plug in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ to recharge us with his love so that we may voluntarily resemble him to help, support, encourage, touch, and transform our neighbors as an individual and a community. We cannot follow 100 percent the way of Christ, but Jesus wants us to be at least good Samaritans, which is the essential infrastructure of the Kingdom of God. Let us try not to turn away from others' struggles but approach them to help and support their needs with our best. That will be one of the best practices for the Lenten season.

Hope and pray you all stay strong and get closer to Jesus in this Lenten season.

Rev. Yo Han



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Happy March! You are already so lucky because you are a treasure of God!

This month, we will be continuing our unit on parables. A parable is a story that teaches us a lesson. A parable usually takes place on earth, but has a Heavenly meaning. We will finish our March unit with the Last Supper. Our memory verse for March is *"He said many things to them in parables."* (Matthew 13:3a)

For the Youth Group, this month we are going to focus on giving of ourselves for Lent. How can we help others? With all the efforts being made by the congregation to help with funds for Youth 23, the youth will work on giving back both at home and at church.

Update on Youth Mission Funds: The Valentine Paint and Sip made \$160 for the Youth Group, and the Noodles Night made \$217.16 Thank you to all who participated in the February fundraisers!

Information about our March fundraiser will be coming soon.

Up next will be a Youth Gives Day on Saturday March 18th. Our before and after school program has jobs for us to do. Check your emails in the next couple of days for important information.



Youth Group Paint and Sip Fundraiser Day!

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Rev. Yo Han 8:30-12  Playology 6:30-7:30, 1-6pm</p>	<p>2 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am-7:30am,pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p>	<p>3 Playology 6:30-7:30am Playology 3-6pm</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 <b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 9:00am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Traditional Worship 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Children/Bash Youth <b>Troop 62816 3:30-5:00</b> <b>Troop 66802 2:00-5:00</b> <b>Diversity Training 11:30</b> <b>Boy Scouts 1-4:00</b></p>	<p>6 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12  Playology 6:30am-6:00 Scouts 6:30-930pm</p>	<p>7 Rev. Yo Han Sabbath Playology 6:30-7:30, 3-6pm Choir 7-8pm</p>	<p>8 Rev. Yo Han 8:30-12 Playology 6:30-7:30, 1-6pm  Choir 7-8pm</p>	<p>9 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30:30am,2pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p>	<p>10 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3:00-6:00pm  Troop 66745 6pm</p>	<p>11 <b>Don't be late for Sunday Worship. Spring forward before bed!</b></p> 
<p>12 <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b> 9am Contemporary Worship 9am Adult Sunday 10:30am Traditional Worship 10:30 Children/Bash <b>Noon: Staff Meeting</b> <b>1:00pm Ad Board Meeting</b> <b>Diversity Training 11:30</b></p>	<p>13 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12  Playology 6:30am-6:00pm  Boy Scouts 6:30-930pm</p>	<p>14 Rev. Yo Han Sabbath Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm Choir 7-8pm</p>	<p>15 Rev. Yo Han 8:30-12 Playology 6:30-7:30/1-6pm</p>	<p>16 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am-7:30am/3pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm</p>	<p>17 Playology 6:30-7:30am/3-6pm</p> 	<p>18 <b>United Methodist Men 8am</b> <b>United Methodist Women -noon</b>  <b>All Church Work Day</b></p> 
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## FOOD FOR HOPE

For March Food For Hope will be collecting cans/pouches of tuna, chicken, or salmon.

Food for Hope packs these as the protein that goes into the weekend food bags, and stocks them at the school food banks.

Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.

Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Ronda



### Food for Hope Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 4th, 2023: [Lucky Dog Dash 5K](#)



Save the Date! Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 6pm (VIP 5pm) ~ Inspiring Hope Gala The Marriott Denver, Westminster



Every Monday during Lent, you can watch a new devotional on the website, Facebook, or our YouTube channel. Each devotional will have a scripture and music. Past weeks devotionals can be found on the Good Shepherd YouTube page.





## United Methodist Men Breakfast

The United Methodist Men meet for breakfast the third Saturday of each month at 8 am from September to May. A free will offering is collected to cover food costs and to fund various outreach projects here in the church and in our community. The United Methodist Men's goal is for the men of the church to become friends, bonding in faith and fellowship. This is a great way for new church attendees to meet and get to know others in the church. Men of all ages are invited to join in. A short program or work project frequently follows the breakfast fellowship. Please sign up on the UMM bulletin board so that we know how much food to prepare. See you March 18th!

Mar. 3	Kelsey Ayars
Mar. 3	Sydney Deem
Mar 6	Jerry Reed
Mar 7	Ginny McDonald
Mar 10	Karen Lewis
Mar. 11	Emily Alley
Mar 11	Wyatt Pieken
Mar 14	Randy Anderson
Mar. 16	Ben Irwin
Mar.16	Bethany Lawrence
Mar. 20	Bonnie Varvir
Mar 22	Pat Saunders
Mar 24	Victoria Fitzsimons
Mar 25	Pat McGinnis
Mar 25	Craig Gress
Mar 26	Evelyn Aldis
Mar. 31	Steve Donnell

## All Church Workday

March 18th will be an all church workday. There are a lot of jobs to do to help us spring clean our church! Many hands make light work! Please consider donating an hour or few of your time to help spruce up our building before Easter. Time TBD.



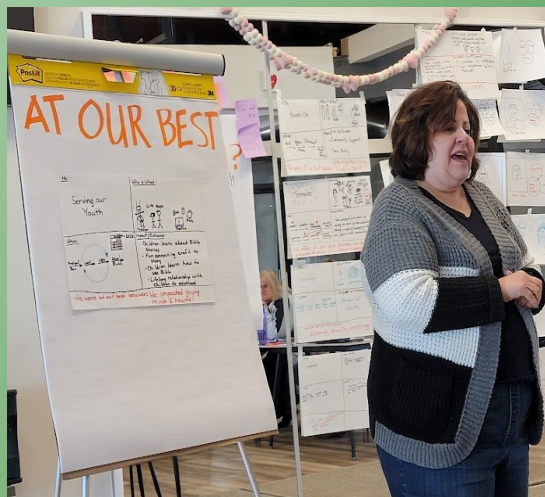
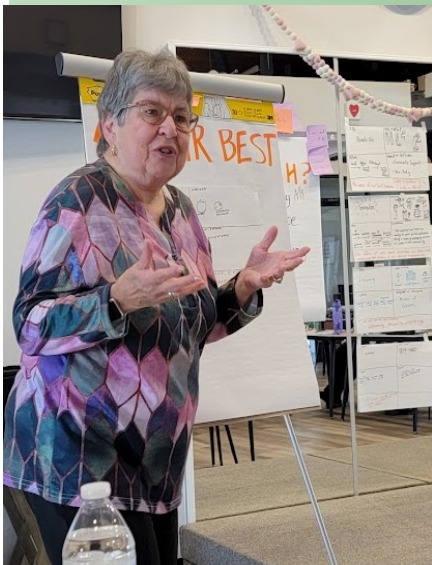
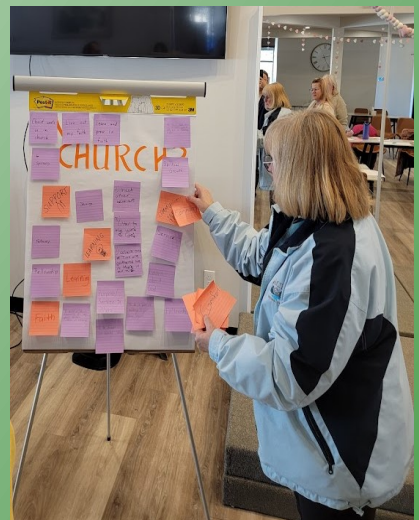
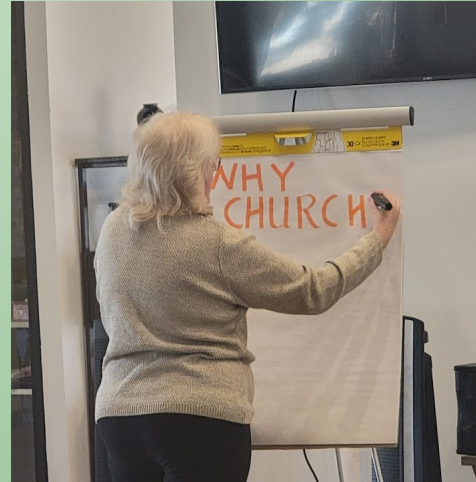
United  
Women  
in Faith

For the month of March, the United Women in Faith will be participating in the all church workday instead of their regular meeting.



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# Ad Board Visioning Retreat







**Ad Board Members**

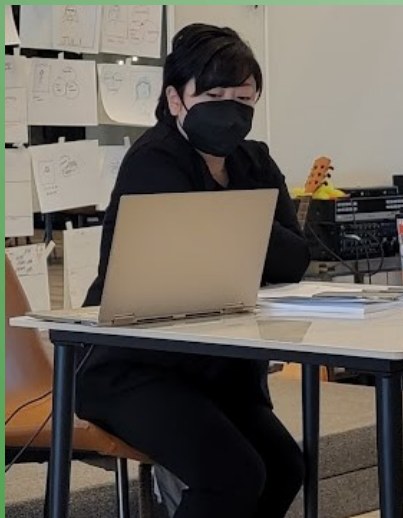
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**Front Row: Rejoice Kyei, Debbie Anaya-Pacetti, Rev Yo Han Han, Nathan Montgomery,  
Rev Betty Nguyen, Debbie DeLue (Chair) Donna Newby, Jerry Saunders**

**Not Pictured: Alan Campbell, Clint Cederlund, Tim Collier, Greg Krueger**



**It's not a Methodist gathering without a good meal!**



**Rev Yo Han sings for the group.**

**Thank you to Rev Betty Nguyen for attending and offering guidance.**





# DIVERSITY SUNDAY







Mark Diversity when  
where you are  
where you grew up  
where you live now  
-Wing your journey  
with 2019





# Ash Wednesday

