Good Shepherd United Methodist Church News! June 2025

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Dear Beloved Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we move into the vibrant month of June, I invite you to reflect with me on where God is leading us—as individuals and as a church. There is much to celebrate, much to prepare for, and much to pray over. Let me share with you some important updates:

Annual Conference – June 11–15 This year's Annual Conference will take place June 11–15 at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch. Please keep our lay leaders—Pat, Sharon, Mary Ann, and Shirley—in your prayers as they participate in the conference, representing Good Shepherd UMC. May God bless their time of discernment, connection, and learning.

Vacation Bible School – June 16–20 We are excited to host Vacation Bible School (VBS) from Monday to Friday, June 16-20, 8:30-11:30 AM.

Our theme this year is "The Fruits of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22–23)—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Through Bible stories, music, crafts, and games, children will learn how these spiritual fruits grow in their lives when they walk with Jesus.

Please pray for the children, volunteers, and families involved. If you feel led to donate—whether supplies, snacks, or financial support—your generosity will be deeply appreciated and used to bless the children of our church and neighborhood.

A New Vision for the United Methodist Church

This year, our denomination has embraced a renewed vision that reflects where God is calling us. The new vision reads:

"The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections."

This powerful statement reminds us of our identity and mission. Inspired by Scripture and shaped by voices from across the globe, our leaders discerned that this is God's dream for our Church.

- To love boldly (Matthew 22:37– 39; John 13:34–35) is to welcome and embrace all.
- To serve joyfully (Psalm 100:1; 1 Peter 4:10) is to care for others with glad hearts.
- To lead courageously (Joshua 1:9; Ephesians 6:10) is to stand for justice and walk in faith.

May we continue to live into this vision here at Good Shepherd—welcoming people, growing in grace, and becoming a beacon of hope in our community. I invite each of you to pray about how you can participate in this mission. Whether through praying, serving, sharing, or loving, you are part of what God is doing in and through our church. With a grateful heart, **Pastor Peter Jisung Lee**

What's Happening at Good Shepherd

Coffee hour in fellowship hall Sunday mornings, following worship



Bible Study



Emergency Food Pantry Every Thursday 10 am – 12 pm To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Becky Van House beckyvanhouse@gmail.com

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> **Church Office Hours** Monday, Wednesday, &Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

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SUNDAY @11:00AM JOIN US IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM FOR CLASS. WE ARE STUDING .

Shepherd's Caring

Praying Warriors, & Pastoral Care Team.

Praying weekly, sending cards and visitation

reach out to Pastor Peter at <u>servantpeterlee@gmail.com</u>

Encouraging and Uplifting Scriptures for the month of June!

1 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." — Proverbs 3:5–6

2 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." — 1 John 1:9

3"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." — Hebrews 10:23

Thank You to Everyone who helped with the church clean-up. We were able to get rid of quite a bit of trash and unneeded items. The dumpster was full.

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Finance Committee Newsletter Article

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Here comes summer and all the beauty of God's world is blooming, chirping, growing in every corner of the world. I think children grow more in the summer sun and fun. May we also grow in spirituality through our attendance and participation in church. Blessings to each and every one! The financial picture at Good Shepherd through the first four months of 2025 is indeed a blessing of your generosity. Compared to 2024, year to date through April our income is greater by \$3,315 and our expenses are higher by \$4,178. Our 2025 year to date income less expense is \$3,162.

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January	\$	13,645	\$	13,441	\$	10,228	\$	14,125	
February	\$	13,210	\$	12,335	\$	13,968	\$	13,188	
March	\$	12,937	\$	14,658	\$	22,924	\$	16,080	
April	\$	17,635	\$	12,967	\$	13,622	\$	14,188	
YTD Totals	\$	57,427	\$	53,402	\$	60,742	\$	57,580	
YTD Income-Expense			\$	4,025			\$	3,162	
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2024 Income & Expense					\$	3,315	\$	4,178	

Thank you for continuing to support the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd UMC through the summer as you travel, visit favorite mountain locations and other places you generally enjoy during the season. You are probably aware of the many ways to give – online, using the quick access "QR" code, by mail or in person. Have a very fun and safe summer. The finance committee meets most months on the third Monday at 6 pm in the conference room. We will not hold our regular meetings during the months of June and July. We will meet on an "as needed" basis. If you have an interest in serving through this ministry we would love to hear from you. Our next regular meeting is August 18th. Blessings,

Elaine Johnsen and the Finance Committee

CHECKING IN AND UP ON OUR NEIGHBORS

The word says to Love one another as God loves us. It also says in Romans to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. Let us be the fruit of the Spirit for one another. Let us together check in with one another more and find out how well it is with our souls! If you would like to send cards to others who need our love, prayers and support the contact information is below. Share God's love and bless one another. Herman and Melba Williams **Charles & Betty Riley** 2205 Frontier Drive 211 Harvard Place Colorado Springs, CO 80911 Colorado Springs, CO 80911 Gene & Marge Krause Mary Moberly 2520 International Circle,#144 2047 El Camino Meseta Colorado Springs, CO 80910 Fountain 80817 Marjorie VanTuil **Doug & Shirley Somers** 1628 Widefield Drive 1005 Barnum Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80911 Colorado Springs, Co 80911 Pat Gilham James & Vanda Skadden 92 Susanne Circle 1145 Hallamwood Drive Colorado Springs, Co 80911 Colorado Springs, Co 80911 If you would like to be added or know someone who would like to be added to this list, please send a message to office@qsumc-cs.org with the contact info. SIDUD V

Interested in serving in a small group? If you feel called to volunteer or serve in any group at Good Shepherd, contact the office or any of the lay leaders.

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One stop Alteration

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Good Shepherd Ringers

Meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Experienced and new ringers are

welcome.

Please Remember to wear your name tag on Sundays and fill out the welcome card in your Sunday bulletin.

CENTUS Counseling, Consulting and Education is a specialized ministry, providing professional counseling, education, and consultation to members and staff of its supporting congregations and to others in the community requesting help. CENTUS is committed to the integration of psychological, physiological, and theological perspectives in its care of persons. In providing these services, CENTUS serves as an extension of the ministries of its participating congregations. For more information contact

Ahead

52 Week Fitness

Weekly group fitness classes remain on the GSUMC calendar. Classes on Tuesday and Thursday begin at 10:00 AM. Wednesday's class begins at 9:30 AM, and all classes are approximately 1 hour. The current classes offered on Tuesday and Thursday are Barre and Total Body Conditioning. Barre is a low-impact format inspired by elements of ballet, Pilates, and yoga. Total Body Conditioning is a high intensity format which combines cardio and strength training. Chair Wednesday class is for those who are new to exercising, or have been on a break from the gym, but are looking to increase strength, mobility, and balance. Most exercises for this class are done seated.

The first class is always free; subsequent classes are a recommended donation of \$2.00.

Should you need more information, please contact Susan Spencer at 719.650.8649.

Do you have stories, joys, celebrations, anniversaries, or moments you want to share with our Good Shepherd Family? Send them to the following email address: office@gsumc-cs.org



GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS 114 hygiene kits! Yea!

Our local unit of United Women in Faith assembled 114 hygiene kits at our May meeting. We will ship these kits to the Sager Brown Warehouse in Baldwin, Louisiana. From there, the kits could be shipped anywhere around the world or to a disaster site in the United States. The preparation of hygiene kits is a continuing mission project for us. Because of Good Shepherd's generosity, we can do this. Watch the Sunday bulletins for notations about what we need for the kits. Right now, we are collecting bars of soap (no Jergens or Ivory, since those brands melt in high temperatures), washcloths, and combs with at least 6 inches of teeth.

While not holding regular monthly meetings during the summer months, we will still be active! Summertime is a perfect time to read books, and our recommended reading list covers a myriad of topics, genres, and authors. Curious? See me. (smile) Our president, Pat Nyborg, will be emailing periodically to keep us connected, and I'll submit a little blurb in each newsletter.

Mary Ann Tabor



UPDATED VISION FOR OUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

I know you are all familiar with the **mission** of our United Methodist Church: "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." And we know by heart what we **promise**: "open hearts, open minds, open doors."

Since 2021, the Council of Bishops and the Connectional Table have been in prayerful collaboration seeking and discerning a **vision** for our current time. The vision does not supplant either the mission about making disciples for Jesus Christ or the promise of having open hearts, minds, and doors; but it

expands on those concepts. I've been reading about this vision and am excited about it! "The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections." Don't you just love it? I do! It is active and alive, full of energy and hope. There's room for all of us in this vision as we discover for ourselves how we can individually and all together love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.

Mary Ann Tabor

Our Covenant Missionary

Rev. Julie Wilson, of Open Arms Community Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has been our covenant missionary for the past two years. She is currently on sick leave.

So we have chosen Althea Belton as our new covenant missionary for Good Shepherd. Althea is a missionary of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, serving as the Community Outreach Coordinator at Gulfside Assembly in Waveland, Mississippi.

Originally from South Carolina, Althea came to Gulfside Assembly three years ago. She and her husband, a retired US Marine Corp veteran, are parents to two daughters, four grandchildren, and the legal guardians of two nephews.

Gulfside Assembly began as a retreat center for African Americans in the 1920's. In 2005, the campus opened a new complex of buildings. Then Hurricane Katrina destroyed all of the buildings—old and new. Today, Gulfside Assembly operates out of church building that once belonged to the Mississippi United Methodist Conference. Instead of providing camping sites, Gulfside's ministries now include:

Senior lunch and learn Youth life skills training program Mission education travel study seminar Community garden Faith-based Coalition Open Alliance Leadership



One of Althea's favorite Bible verses is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you hope and a future." This verse guides Althea as she models God's unconditional love for all, regardless on life's circumstances.

(Mary Ann Tabor)

JUNE SERMON SERIES

Dear Good Shepherd Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we step into the summer months together, I'm excited to introduce our new sermon series titled **"Creed: 9 Essentials to the Christian Faith."** In a time when beliefs are often unclear or misunderstood, we are returning to the solid foundation of our faith—what we believe, and why it matters.

The word *creed* comes from the Latin word meaning "I believe." What we believe shapes every part of our lives—how we see God, how we love others, how we make decisions, and how we live out our purpose in the world.

This series is designed to help us deepen our understanding of the Christian faith and equip us to live it out with clarity and conviction. Whether you are exploring faith for the first time or have walked with Christ for many years, I pray this series encourages you to grow in confidence and love for the truth.

Here's what we're focusing on during the month of June:

• June 1 – Believe in God (1 Timothy 1:17)

We began with the most foundational truth: belief in the eternal, invisible, and only God. Believing in God isn't just where faith begins—it is the center of our lives. On this Sunday, which also marked my first as your pastor, we reflected together on how our view of God influences everything else in life.

June 8 – Guest Preacher: Rev. Ray Bailey We were blessed to welcome Rev. Bailey to the pulpit as he faithfully shared God's Word with us.

June 15 – Believe in Sin (Genesis 3:1–24)
 This coming Sunday, we will examine the reality of sin and its consequences.
 Understanding sin is essential to understanding our need for grace, redemption, and the saving work of Christ.

June 22 & June 29 – Guest Preacher: Rev. Ray Bailey I am grateful to Rev. Bailey for preaching while I am away for two weeks due to military

training orders. With love in Christ,

Pastor Peter Jisung Lee



Good Shepherd UMC VBS!

Theme: "Fruits of the Spirit" When: June 16th – 20th Time: 8:30AM – 11:30AM Where: Good Shepherd UMC 1201 Leta Drive Contact: Church Office at (719) 392-5782 or Shirley Greener at (719) 964-1950









Short Term Prayer Concerns

Cindy Cambra, Micheal Bernard, Lyn & Carolyn Gunning, Karen Gidley, Corrie, Dorothy, Andrew Weisbrad, Mary Moberly, A.J.Johnsen, Pat Gilham, Becky Van House, Patricia Vayles.

Long Term Prayer Requests

John Sydenham, Rev. David Amrie, Carrie Simmons, Lori Lang, John Simmons, Lisa Bounds, Mike Lewis, Larry Blakney, Dave & Sheri Bell, Rodney Nicholson, Charles VanTuil, Ben Wentworth, Irene & Russ Lambert, Gene & Marj Krause, Len Dickson, Josh Trent-Murray, Aggie Shryack, Robin Harris, Mary Trent, Candy, Shirley Benz, Tony Pressel, Marjorie VanTuil, Shirley Somers, Vanda Skadden, Robyn Titus, Susan Spencer, Jeanne Johnson.

Loss of a Family Member

Jennifer Montgomery, Ardis Hill's Family, Maria Gipe's Family, Beverly Weinert Family, Claude Julian Family, Tyler Shelstad Family, Lisa Treible Family, Mary Humphreys Family, Stan Nelson Family, Andrea Davis Family, Vicki Moberly Family, The Hunt Family, Mary Ann Tabor & Family, Richard Decker Family, Matt Randquist Family, Joann Gerber Family, Robyn Titus Family, Rena Emrick, Gary Johnson family.



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Loved Ones Eric & Patricia Parris Meridith Payne

<u>Geri Piazza</u>

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Anniversaries

Dan & Tina HansonJune 02Don & Linda CohuJune 03James & Vanda SkaddenJune 08Jim & Lena DeRubisJune 27Clint & Michelle GilhamJune 27

Birthdays

Agatha Shryack	June 03		
Moli Mao	June 00		
Lena DeRubis	June 22		
Shirley Greener	June 22		
Sharon Clayton	June 22		
Evan Young	June 22		
Wyatt Johnson	June 23		
Deegan Gilham	June 29		