Good Shepherd United Methodist Church News! May 2025

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I pray that God's grace and peace are with each of you. I'm grateful to share that I've returned home safely and settled in well. Thank you again for your prayers and support. It brought me great joy to be welcomed back by your warm smiles and kind hearts.

As we step into the month of May, we enter a season of growth. Flowers bloom, the days grow longer, and we take time to celebrate the love and labor of mothers and families.

As a pastor, I find this season a special time to reflect on the gift of family—not only our families at home, but also our spiritual family in Christ. Just last week, I spoke on the phone with one of our church members. Even though their own family lives far away and they can't meet often, they said, "It's okay, Pastor. We have our Good Shepherd family." That

simple message touched my heart deeply.

It also brings joy to witness our elderly church members being celebrated on their birthdays surrounded by their children and church family alike. These moments are a beautiful reminder that the Church is both a physical and spiritual family, bound together by love and faith.

This May, I encourage you to spend time with those you love. Give thanks

for the people who have nurtured your faith. And as we honor mothers, let us also remember the nurturing heart of our God, who calls us to grow together in grace.

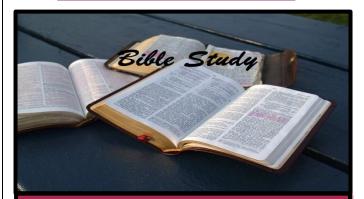
May your home be filled with laughter, your hearts with peace, and your days with the presence of God.

With gratitude and love, Pastor Peter Jisung Lee

What's Happening at Good Shepherd

Coffee hour in fellowship hall Sunday mornings, following worship__





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>



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

Contact Us

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

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Encouraging and Uplifting Scriptures for the month of May!

(2 Corinthians 5:7) "For we live by faith, not by sight."

(Psalm 1:3) " That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers."

(Galatians 6:9) " Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

MAY SERMON SERIES

May 4 – "Up a Tree, Out On a Branch" (Numbers 13:30–14:10) Preacher: Rev. Ray Bailey

When facing challenges, will we trust God's promises or be overwhelmed by fear?

May 11 – "How to Pray About People Problems" (Psalm 3) Preacher: Pastor Peter Lee

When relationships are strained, we can bring our hurts and hopes honestly to God through prayer.

May 18 – "No God" (Psalm 14) Preacher: Pastor Peter Lee In a world where many deny God, we are called to live wisely and faithfully before Him.

May 25 – "The God Who Speaks" (Psalm 19) Preacher: Pastor Peter Lee God's voice is heard through His creation and His Word—are we listening?

MAY 2025 GSUMC FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

I HOPE YOU HAVE BEEN SPIRITUALLY BLESSED BY THIS EASTER SEASON! OUR GUEST PREACHERS HAVE BEEN VERY INTERESTING AND SO APPRECIATED FOR GIVING OF THEIR TIME AND GIFT OF PREACHING WHILE PASTOR PETER ATTENDED HIS TRAINING. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR ALL NEEDING COMFORT AND HEALING AS WE PRAISE HIM FOR EVERYTHING HE PROVIDES FOR US.

THE FINANCIAL PICTURE AT GOOD SHEPHERD THROUGH THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 2025 IS INDEED A BLESSING OF YOUR GENEROSITY. COMPARED TO 2024, YEAR TO DATE THROUGH MARCH OUR INCOME IS GREATER BY \$7,328 AND OUR EXPENSES ARE HIGHER BY \$2,958. OUR 2025 YEAR TO DATE INCOME LESS EXPENSE IS \$3,727.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS MOST MONTHS ON THE THIRD MONDAY AT 6 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM. IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN SERVING THROUGH THIS MINISTRY WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. OUR NEXT MEETING IS MAY 19TH.

THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF OUR FINANCIAL RECORDS IS UNDERWAY. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROUS GIVING OF HER TIME AND TALENTS AS OUR TREASURER TO DEBBIE LANEY AND TO CANDIE MACON FOR HER SKILLS IN REVIEWING THE RECORDS.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF TIME, TALENT AND GIVING.

| | 2024 | | 2024 | | 2025 | | 2025 | |
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| | Income | | Expenses | | Income | | Expenses | |
| 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 |
| YTD Totals | \$ | 39,792 | \$ | 40,435 | \$ | 47,120 | \$ | 43,393 |
| YTD Income-Expense | | | \$ | (643) | | | \$ | 3,727 |
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| Variance 2025 minus | | | | | | | | |
| 2024 Income & Expense | | | | | \$ | 7,328 | \$ | 2,958 |

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANYONE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. BLESSINGS, ELAINE JOHNSEN, CHAIR GOOD SHEPHERD 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.

> <u>Herman and Melba Williams</u> 2205 Frontier Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80911

<u>Gene & Marge Krause</u> 2520 International Circle,#144 Colorado Springs, CO 80910

<u>Marjorie VanTuil</u> 1628 Widefield Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80911

<u>Pat Gilham</u> 92 Susanne Circle Colorado Springs, Co 80911 <u>Charles & Betty Riley</u> 211 Harvard Place Colorado Springs, CO 80911

Mary Moberly 2047 El Camino Meseta Fountain 80817

Doug & Shirley Somers 1005 Barnum Drive Colorado Springs, Co 80911

James & Vanda Skadden 1145 Hallamwood Drive 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 <u>office@gsumc-cs.org</u> with the contact info.

Looking Ahead TEER CENTUS Counseling Consulting

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.

VIVI'S ALTERATIONS

One stop Alteration

815 Stargate Dr Colorado Springs, CO 80911

VIOLETTE NDAYISENGA violettendayisenga@icloud.com Phone: (719)470-3156

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

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

<u>A PACKING PARTY</u>

Our local unit of United Women in Faith will meet on Saturday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. in Cooper Hall for our monthly meeting. Candie Macon and Geri Piazza will be hostesses. Shirley Greener will present the program, Pat Nyborg will share from the <u>response</u> magazine, Vanda Skadden will bring a devotion from the <u>Prayer Guide</u>, and Mary Ann Tabor will review a book from the Reading Program.

Don't forget to bring your Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering!

Our emphasis for this meeting will be to pack items for the United Methodist Committee on Relief hygiene kits. We completed 96 kits in February and shipped them to the California Pacific Conference to aid victims of the Los Angeles fires. We hope to complete 100 more hygiene kits for UMCOR in May. These kits will be sent 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.



<u>Church Clean Up</u> <u>Week!</u>

Join us on May 12th -16th from 9am – whenever for our annual Church Clean Up!

Bring your gloves, water bottle, some elbow grease, and roll up your sleeves while volunteering some of your time helping us clean up the church!

What is your favorite gift from nature?

Are you a birder? Is birdseed a permanent entry on your grocery list?

Do you study the migratory paths of the animals that might wander through your yard?

Maybe you are one of those people who knows the names of plants and just where they grow best?

Do you hold your breath when you spot a deer gamboling across a busy street?

With the promise of spring in the air, I think many of you have already plotted where you'll plant your tomatoes or just where you will plant specific roses for your future flower garden.

While you are down on your hands and knees slipping those bulbs and seeds into the ground, I hope you'll give a little thanks to God for the gifts of nature all around us. Make a pledge this season to care for nature. Dispose of your trash when you reach home rather than dumping it out the window of your car. Promise to learn more about the animals that are native to Colorado. Take a walk around your neighborhood to discover if you can spot a deer or a fox or even a prairie dog. Plant a tree for your grandchild. You may never see that tree grow to its full height, but your grandchild will relax in its shade. Conserve water. Something as simple as not letting the water run while you brush your teeth saves gallons of water a year. God's gift of nature is free to us, but it needs care from us. Enjoy it and treat it with kindness. Thanks to God for His gift of nature, and thanks to all of you who care for this gift.

(Mary Ann Tabor)



Welcome Back Potluck!

Join us on May 18th after worship to welcome back Pastor Peter!

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)

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

Spotlights of the Month

Each month we will be spotlighting some wonderful Good Shepherd Volunteers. These are AMAZING people who are amazing servants of God. They willingly give their time, their gifts, and graces to live into the vision God has called Good Shepherd into by committing to building a deepening relationship with God, and with all people, through worship, discipleship, and service. This month we are spotlighting 3 people!



Mary grew up in Ness City, Ks where she met the love of her life, Darrell. They married and moved to Colorado Springs in 1955. Darrell had a job helping build the Air Force Academy. They joined GSUMC in 1963 with their 3 small children. Mary was a Kindergarten teacher for 19 years and retired in 1994. She also taught Sunday School and VBS for many years. She sang in the choir and directed a children's choir for several years, too. Mary and Darrell were also avid Bronco fans. They went to every Super Bowl the Broncos played. They moved to Peaceful Valley so Darrell would have plenty of room for all of his hunting trophies. Mary enjoyed traveling with Darrell, then later with her family. She was also a geneology buff. GSUMC has been her church home for many years. She misses being here in person.



Jim and Leny DeRubis met in Mannheim, Germany, when Jim was stationed there with the US Army in 1960. After a whirlwind romance, they were married 3 months later in Leny's home town of Assen, Holland. Soon after, they were transferred to Boeblingen, Germany where their first son was born. Jim reenlisted at that time and the family traveled 14 days by ship to Brooklyn, NY then on Route 66 to Ft Huachuca, Az. Their second son was born there. In 1964, Leny tested for her American citizenship. She almost didn't pass, as she was asked-"If a plane crashed on the US/Canadian border, where would they bury the survivors?" Luckily, she passed and the family was then transferred to Augsburg, Germany. While they were there, they were able to take many trips to Holland to see Leny's family. In 1966, Jim was reassigned to Vietnam for a 1 year tour. The family lived in Johnstown, Pa while Jim was deployed. He returned in 1967 and the family moved to Ft Gordon, Georgia where Jim took advanced electronic training and became an instructor. Their 3rd son was born while there. Jim received orders for Vietnam again. He applied for Recruiter Duty and was accepted. He was then assigned to Pa, then Germany. He retired in 1979 and the family moved to Colorado Springs. They joined GSUMC after settling here. Their kids grew up in the church. Jim and Leny were very active in GSUMC. Thay sang in the choir for many years and Jim served on the building committee and several other committees. Jim ran an auto repair shop for many years before his retirement. They have spent many years enjoying their friendships and family at GSUMC.









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Loved Ones Eric & Patricia Parris Meridith Payne Geri Piazza Chris & Christina Pino

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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, Daniel Tucker, Patricia Vayles, Len Dickson.

Long Term Prayer Requests

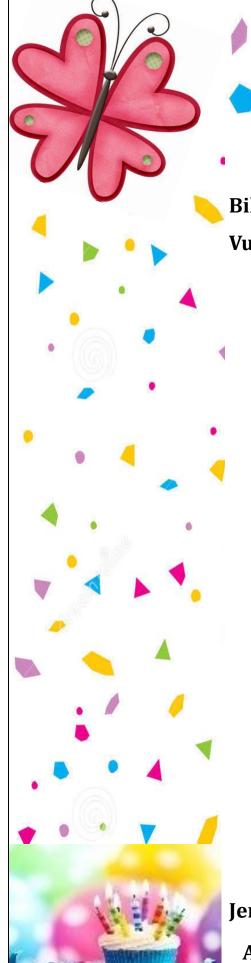
John Sydenham, Rev. David Amrie, Carrie Simmons, Lori Lang, John Simmons, Lisa Bounds, Mike Lewis, Larry Blakney, Dave & Sheri Bell, Rodney Nicholson, Charles VanTuil, Ben Wentworth, Irene & Russ Lambert, Gene & Marj Krause, Len Dickson, Josh Trent-Murray, Aggie Shryack, Robin Harris, Mary Trent, Candy,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

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, Johnny Quinn Family.

APRIL SHOWERS

BRING MAY FLOWERS





Anniversaries

| Bill & Lori Lang | May 05 |
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| Vuni & Rynna Manu | May 10 |

Birthdays

| Linda Cohu | May 02 | | | |
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| Ana Larson | May 02 | | | |
| Marj Krause | May 03 | | | |
| Elfrieda Shelstad | May 05 | | | |
| John Godsey | May 07 | | | |
| Pat Gilham | May 08 | | | |
| Hayley Langdon | May 09 | | | |
| Don Cohu | May 09 | | | |
| Herman Williams | May 09 | | | |
| Madeline Flack | May 14 | | | |
| Alex Hanson | May 16 | | | |
| Josh Trent | May 21 | | | |
| Michelle Gilham | May 22 | | | |
| Doug Somers | May 22 | | | |
| Dexter Greener | May 24 | | | |
| ennifer Montgomery May | | | | |
| Andrew Williams | May 29 | | | |

