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A few weeks ago, I returned my **Subaru Outback**, which had been with me for the past three years. As the lease ended, I naturally began a car free lifestyle. Since then, I have been commuting to church either by walking or riding an electric scooter. The morning air is still chilly, and compared to a car, the speed of my scooter feels infinitely slow. Though my commute takes longer than expected, this slower journey has given me an unexpected gift.

There are things I have come to notice as I go slowly. I now see the homes of my neighbors that I used to pass by without a second glance. I notice small fountains, sculptures of rabbits or pigeons that must have been there for a long time, and signs with welcoming messages for spring. The trees along the streets are budding, and tiny sprouts are pushing through the earth. I even spotted the season's first yellow dandelion blooming after winter. Most of all, the brief greetings exchanged with neighbors as we pass each other have made my mornings feel warmer. These were things I neither saw nor experienced when I was driving.

As we journey through **Lent**, this experience feels even more meaningful. Lent is a season when we slow our steps and follow in the footsteps of Christ. It is a time to pause our fast-paced lives and reflect on Jesus' suffering and love. And we must remember that Jesus never hurried. He always took the time to truly see each person, to share in their joys and sorrows. His ministry was never rushed; He always walked in step with the God's timing.

There are things we miss when we move too fast. There are sounds we cannot hear when we rush. But when we walk slowly, we begin to see and hear more—the beauty of a wildflower, the chirping of birds, and the faces of the people around us, each carrying their own story. These are all gifts given to us within God's creation.

**Easter is approaching.** The risen Lord, who conquered death, has given us new life. This life is not about becoming busier or moving faster. Rather, it is about living in the grace of God. To fully experience the joy of resurrection, we must sometimes slow down and take notice of the small miracles God places before us.

As April unfolds, bringing the full bloom of spring and new life, may we walk in the steps of our Lord. May we take a fresh look at the things we have rushed past and listen more closely to the sounds we have ignored. Above all, may this be a time when we recognize that God's love and grace fill even the smallest moments of our daily lives.

In the grace of going slow, may we experience the joy of resurrection more deeply.

- Rev. Yo Han



April 3	Drew Higgins
April 4	Jim Green
April 6	Hailey Krueger
April 6	Carol Schuetz
April 7	Judy Hemp
April 8	Sugyeong Yun
April 9	Meghan Gress
April 9	Michael Gallegos
April 12	Amber Higgins
April 13	Franklin Chan
April 13	Shannon Montgomery
April 13	Brock Covert
April 15	Kristen McCloskey
April 18	Bonnie Stwalley
April 21	Kathryn Thirsk
April 24	JoJo DeLeon
April 26	Pearl Drez

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## Upcoming Events

**April 1-4:** Rev. Yo Han Han vacation/ Natalie vacation April 3-7

**April 18:** Good Friday Service @ 7:00pm

**April 20:** Easter Services

**5:45am** Sunrise Service by the labyrinth

**10:00am** Cantata Service. ***Please bring a flower to place on the white cross.*** Egg hunt on the lawn after the cantata. Remember your basket or bag for the egg hunt!

**April 21:** Easter Monday-office closed

**April 21-25:** Rev. Yo Han Han will attend Growing Church Conference in Las Vegas.

## Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Joint Administrative Board Meeting -- 3/9/25

### Minutes Lite

- Four pieces of Legislation passed by the 2020/2024 Mountain Sky Conference (MSC) will be ratified this year. GSUMC members are encouraged to check the MSC website for details.
- The Administrative Board is seeking better ways to keep the GSUMC members aware of the church's financial status.
- The Rocky Mountain Pride Band will present another free concert at GSUMC on March 22 (5 pm)
- The Administrative Board continues to call for volunteers for GSUMC Stephen Ministries.



April 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Rev Yo Han Han on vacation Playology 6:30-7:30, 3-6pm Choir 6:30-8pm Geri-Actives 11:30am @ Cheddars	2 Rev Yo Han Han on vacation Playology 6:30-7:30, 1-6pm RMP Band 6:30-8:30	3 Rev Yo Han Han on vacation Playology 6:30am-7:30am, 2pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm	4 Rev Yo Han Han on vacation Playology 6:30-7:30am Playology 3-6pm Music Together 8:30-11:30	5 <b>Girl Scout Outdoor Skills Troop 7 @ 7:30-5:00pm</b>
6 9:00am Contemporary Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Children/Bash Sunday School 62816/66802 2-5pm	7 Rev. Yo Han Han out of office  Playology 6:30am-6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30-930pm	8 Rev. Yo Han Han office hours 8:30-12:00 Bible Discussion 1:00pm  Playology 6:30-7:30, 3-6pm Choir 7-8pm	9 Rev. Yo Han Office hours 8:30-12  Playology 6:30-7:30, 1-6pm	10 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am-7:30am, 2pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm	11 Playology 6:30-7:30am Playology 3-6pm Music Together 8:30-11:30	12
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20 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 5:45am Sunrise Service Adult Bible Study 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am 10:00am Cantata Service Easter Egg hunt on lawn following Cantata service. 	21 <b>Easter Monday-Office Closed</b> Playology 6:30am-7:30am Playology 3pm-6pm Boy Scouts 6:30-930pm	22 Rev. Yo Han Han at Growing Church Conference Bible Discussion 1:00pm Playology 6:30-7:30, 3-6pm Choir 7-8pm 	23 Rev. Yo Han at Growing Church Conference  Playology 6:30-7:30, 1-6pm	24 Rev. Yo Han at Growing Church Conference Playology 6:30am-7:30am, 3pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm	25 Rev. Yo Han at Growing Church Conference  Playology 6:30-7:30am Playology 3-6pm  Music Together 8:30-11:30	26
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Let the children  
come to Me.  
- Jesus

April is here! Spring is in the air, and this month, we will be learning about the days leading up to Jesus's death on the cross. Our memory verse is *If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet.* (John 13:14)

### **April Dates to Remember**

**April 1:** April Fool's Day

**April 13:** Palm Sunday

**April 6:** Denver Zoo Free Day

**April 22:** Earth Day

**April 18:** Good Friday service at 7:00pm

**April 19 :** Youth Group Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt 6:00pm.

**April 20:** Easter! Egg hunt after the 10:00am service. Bring a basket or bag!



## **Youth Group**

The older youth will be studying about Lent for the rest of the Lenten season. Afterwards, they will continue with their study of world religions. The Sunday after Easter, they will do a compare and contrast between Greek and Roman mythology. So far, they have learned about Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Judaism, and Islam. After we complete the Greek and Roman study, we will move on to learning about Christianity. We will complete a deep dive about Methodism and Wesleyan beliefs, where we will introduce the book "[Three Simple Rules](#)" authored by Rueben P. Job. Thanks to donations from people in the church, we now have 5 books for the kids. For each young person to have a book, we need 10 more books.

For questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

April events include:

- April 6<sup>th</sup> – Meeting from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- April 13<sup>th</sup> – Meeting from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, due to Debbie attending Staff Meeting
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – Meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Kids will make resurrection donuts to be sold on Easter Sunday for \$2 each. Last year, this provided \$128 that was placed into the Youth Group fund. At 8:00 PM, the kids will participate in a flashlight Easter Egg Hunt.
- April 27<sup>th</sup> -- Meeting from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM









**Hello everyone! Food For Hope has asked for pasta and/or rice of any kind. (rotini, spaghetti, shells, etc, and/or white, brown, jasmine, etc)**

**Thank you for your continued support of Food For Hope and their mission to feed school children and our families within our area.**



Hop on over to The Orchard Town Center for a Spring Easter Bunny Photo! Reserve your special photo time with a \$5 donation that supports Food for Hope. Each \$5 donation supports a student for one week who is food insecure. ***Reserve your spot on the Food For Hope Event page.***

Join us at the Brighton Armory Events Center to celebrate 10 years of Food for Hope! Get ready for a night packed with food trucks, games, auctions, live entertainment, and nonstop fun. Rock your casual Birthday Bash attire, and let's make this celebration unforgettable! Don't miss out—come party with us and toast to 10 years of spreading hope! This year, all tickets will be sold individually. Attendees will be free to enjoy the activities in the order they prefer and open seating will be available for those that want to eat together. This is going to be a unique event that you don't want to miss, so reach out to your friends, colleagues, or family and ***purchase your tickets today.***





## March New Members



Welcome  
Jimmy Walker



Welcome  
Nicholas Johnson  
Confirmed 3-30-25



Welcome  
Cordell Weingardt  
Confirmed 3-30-25



Stop by the church during office hours of Holy Week to see the Stations of the Cross. You may also spend some time on Good Friday before or after the 7:00pm service to walk through each station.

## Bob Bird Receives a Special Honor!

During the Chili Cookoff on February 8, 2025, Phil Stanley was honored with a Quilt of Valor for his extensive service in the military. Unbeknownst to us, we have another superhero in our congregation. On January 15, 2025, Robert Bird was awarded a Quilt of Valor. His quilt had 5 beautiful eagles on it. Bob was honored at the Senior Center, along with 19 other men. This award was for his 25 years of Air Force service. He supported Stealth security for all USA programs. In the past, Bob had not been recognized because of his BlackOp programs. This is a monumental award for Mr. Bird!



## Diversity Team

The Diversity wrapped up the Recipe bulletin board at the end of March. The winner received a \$25 gift card. The Diversity Team wants to plan projects once a quarter, which means that they will be brainstorming for a new idea for June, September, and December. The team is also looking for a person willing to be the team leader because Debbie Pacetti has been in this position for 4-1/2 years. If you are interested, please call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.



The April UMM meeting has been cancelled due to the many groups needing the church that day. Please plan on meeting May 19 for breakfast. The UMM are planning **an all church workday** for that Saturday.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

We are still working to build our Stephen Ministry team. We have a couple of confirmed people and have a few more people who have expressed interest in this vital ministry. Once we can finalize commitment from others, we are hopeful that we can begin a new class by mid to late April. For questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.