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JANUARY 1, 2025

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## "A Year of Intentional Connection"

As we step into the new year, 2025, we do so with hearts filled with gratitude for the ways God has worked in and through us this past year. We've seen new visitors walk through our church doors, and through God's grace, many have found a spiritual home here. We've reached out to our homebound members, ensuring they feel the love and connection of our community, no matter where they are. And together, we've gathered regularly in worship, service, and fellowship, growing in faith and in love as the body of Christ.

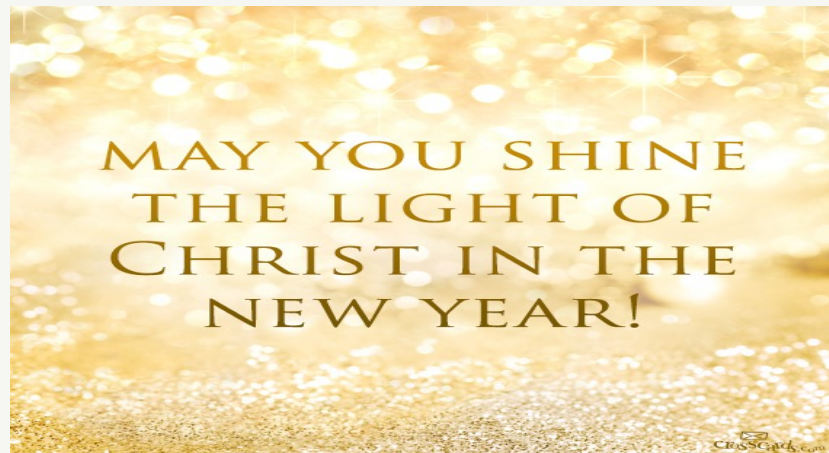
This year, I invite us all to embrace the power of intentional connection. Connection doesn't just happen; it takes effort and a willingness to reach beyond what feels familiar or convenient. Let us be intentional in welcoming every person who enters our church, offering not just a warm smile but the genuine love of Christ. Let us make a special effort to reach out to our homebound members, reminding them that they are deeply valued and never forgotten. Let us also strengthen the relationships we already have, creating a fellowship that reflects the unconditional love and grace of Jesus.

Jesus teaches us **in John 13:34**, "*Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*" This love isn't passive or occasional; it is active, deliberate, and transformative. It calls us to see and embrace one another as God's beloved, even in our differences, even in our struggles. It calls us to build bridges where there may be divides and to nurture bonds that reflect the unity we have in Christ.

In 2025, may every handshake, every conversation, every shared meal, and every prayer deepen our connections. Let us take the time to know one another, to serve one another, and to lift one another up. Let us be the kind of church where love is not just spoken but lived, where every person feels a sense of belonging.

May this year be filled with moments of joy, encouragement, and growth as we build stronger connections within the love of Jesus Christ. Together, let us make 2025 a year where intentional connection leads us closer to one another and to God's heart.

- Rev. Yo Han





## Food for Hope January 2024

Happy New Year! This month I'll be collecting cereal and oatmeal. Any size boxes including single serve cereal and oatmeal packets.



“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”  
Proverbs 19:17

The mission of Food for Hope is to nourish and strengthen the future of our communities by providing vital nutrition to children in need.

2014

ThornCreek Church & City of Thornton partner to create Food for Hope.

First food bags delivered to McElwain Elementary.

2015

2017

School Fuel snack program added.

2019

First food bank opened at Northglenn High School.

2020

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Emergency response to the Pandemic led to an immediate mobilization of resources to meet sharp increase in demand.

Programs reached thousands each week, but put a strain on Food for Hope's space and resources.

2023

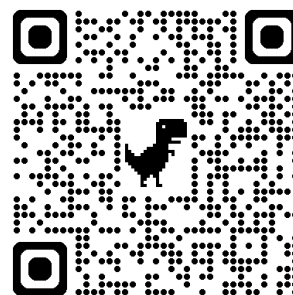
Campaign  
Goal  
\$2 million

### Future Vision

More robust infrastructure that increases Food for Hope's capacity to provide even more students in the Denver metro area with culturally sensitive food to help them thrive and succeed.

Click the link below, or use the QR code to help Food For Hope achieve its goal of two million dollars in two years! Thank you for your continued support.

<https://food-forhope.app.neoncrm.com/forms/nourish>



January 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
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# Christmas Talent Show











January 4	Edith Blakeslee
January 4	Kaitlyn Salazar
January 4	Annetta Gallegos
January 5	Aiden Gress
January 10	Carol Stanley
January 11	Eric Stirm
January 11	Larry Arndt
January 11	Jane Simmons
January 12	Lori Benjamin
January 12	Monique Covert
January 15	Abby Boaz
January 16	Charlene Pinelli
January 20	Linda Anderson
January 21	Pat Soderberg
January 22	Fran Ayars
January 24	Jan Weingardt
January 24	Mike Goben
January 24	Raegan Austin
January 25	Conrad Hoke
January 25	Ronald Newby
January 26	Wayne Marvel
January 27	Eva Chan
January 27	Mike Benjamin
January 28	Scott Schankweiler
January 28	Bob Stark
January 31	Karen Stark
January 31	Donna Newby



## Geri-Actives

Geri-Actives, a social group for ALL retirees, will meet on January 7 at 11:30 at Olive Garden, 1151 E 120th Street, for a delicious lunch. Reservations must be made to Donna Newby, [donewby491@gmail.com](mailto:donewby491@gmail.com) by January 6.



The next UMM meeting will be held on January 18th at 8:00am. Rev. Tom Leavitt, Denver Rescue Mission's Manager of Church Engagement, as our guest. Please sign up on the UMM Board.



United  
Women  
in Faith

The United Women in Faith invite you to their meetings on the third Saturday of every month at noon. You are also welcome to join the Ruth Bible Circle every Thursday from 1:00-3:00pm. For more information, please contact Karen Bueno at 303-587-9693 or Kathy Bollfrass at 512-577-7254





Welcome 2025!

For the month of January, the Sunday school students will be learning how Jesus influenced the life of many starting with the Magi. Our Faith Word this month is *Include*. Our memory verse is *"The Lord is good to everyone and everything: God's compassion extends to all his handiwork!" (Psalm 145:9)*



## Did you know?

If you ever need to miss elementary level Sunday school class, you can find an interactive mini lesson on the website. Go to [sheherdchurch.org](http://sheherdchurch.org). Click the Ministries tab along the top, scroll to education, and then Children's Ministry.

Youth Group is always accepting new tweens and teens ages 10years and up. Invite your friends, and have a great time! The January Youth Group calendar will be coming soon. Thank you for the youth's participation in the numerous activities during December. Thank you for all the talent shared in the Christmas Program. For those who submitted an art project, you are welcome to take those home. We have enjoyed your art during Advent season!



## Youth Group and UMM Caroling





## Thornton PD Stocking Drive



## Caroling!





# Christmas Services

## Cantata Sunday



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



**GSUMC Administrative Board Meeting for Ministries – 12/15/2024 ---  
Minutes LITE**

- The Ministries Board selected Don Rynearson as the next recipient of the Quiet Disciple Award.
- The Ministries Board would like to orchestrate a sign-up event to encourage GSUMC members to participate in activities. Part of this endeavor will be to familiarize the membership with mission options. Details will be announced as they are finalized.
- **Circle Feb 8 as GSUMC is hosting a potluck chili cook-ff.** Members are invited to prepare their favorite chili recipes for tasting and judging. Categories will be red, green, and white chili with two categories of spice level (mild, hot). The sign-up sheet (available in the narthex after Jan 1) will also include options for side dishes (e.g., corn bread, chips/crackers, and desserts).
- In an effort to be more inviting and encourage new membership, the Ad Board has recommended the creation of a Connections Team. The team would greet and engage with visitors, encourage social connections (coffees, etc). The team would also visit our home-bound members to keep interpersonal connections and foster inclusion.
- Given that GSUMC is blessed with dedicated volunteer stewards who exhaustively oversee many operational functions of the Church, it was argued that these individuals need dedicated assistants and more official recognition and thanks.

Dear friends,

I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is December again and we are looking forward to enter the new year 2025 with the blessing of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we commemorate every year. On behalf of the Quessua Agriculture center team, I would like to wish you a Very happy , prosperous New Year.

May God bless you for your tremendous support to my ministry.

Kutela D. Katembo

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***Please see attachment for Kutela Katembo's newsletter.***