

Shepherd's Staff

June 1, 2025

As I sit down to write my final article before leaving Good Shepherd UMC, I find myself reflecting deeply on the journey that began with my family's move to Colorado from California. It feels as though it was only yesterday when I wrote my first article for this church—a letter of gratitude to God for leading me here and to all of you for welcoming my family with such warmth and love. I spoke then of how the simple beauty of God's creation—the horizon, the sky, the mountains—taught me to be grateful for the common things, the things we so often overlook. Today, as I prepare to leave this spiritual home, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude for the not-so-common things: the love, the support, the faithfulness, and the grace I have experienced through each one of you.

I have been so blessed to walk this journey with the people of GSUMC. Your love for my family and me has been nothing short of extraordinary. From the moment we arrived, you embraced us with open hearts and generous spirits. You have shared in our joys, supported us through challenges, and made us feel truly at home. I am so thankful for every conversation, every smile, every prayer, and every act of kindness that reminded us of God's love at work in this church.

To the volunteers of GSUMC—thank you for the countless ways you have given your time and talents to make this church a place of hospitality, ministry, and hope. Your faithfulness has been an inspiration, and your dedication has touched lives far beyond what you may even realize. Whether you served quietly behind the scenes or stood on the front lines of ministry, you have been the hands and feet of Christ.

To the staff of GSUMC—thank you for your unwavering commitment and for respecting my leadership. Your willingness to serve with humility, creativity, and faithfulness has made this church a place where ministry flourishes. You have made my role here a joy, and I have learned so much from each of you. I leave grateful for your partnership and with deep admiration for the ways you continue to serve God's people.

Most of all, I give thanks to God, who called me here to GSUMC, allowed me to experience this extraordinary fellowship, and blessed me with the privilege of serving as your pastor. This church has been my spiritual home, and it will remain in my heart forever. I will never forget the ways you have shared life and faith with me. Though my time here is ending, my love and prayers for each of you will continue.

As I leave, I pray that God will continue to bless each and every one of you. I pray that GSUMC will remain a beacon of God's love and grace in this community, and that you will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love. I pray for healing, strength, and renewal in your lives, and I trust that God will lead you into a future filled with promise.

I leave you with these words: I will never forget this spiritual house. I will continue to bless and pray for each of you. And most of all, I LOVE YOU ALL!

With deepest gratitude and love,
Rev. Yo Han Han



**Annual Conference 2025 will be taking place at
St. Andrew UMC in Highland's Ranch from
June 11-14, 2025.**

The Mountain Sky Conference will gather in-person and online during the June 11-14 session in Highlands Ranch, Colorado at St. Andrew United Methodist Church. The theme for Annual Conference 2025 is "Beloved. Belong. Belonging: On the Mountaintop with Jesus" Get updates on the Annual Conference at <https://www.mtnskyumc.org>



Mile High Metro United Women in Faith Spiritual Day

June 7th 9:00-2:00pm

Smoky Hill UMC

19491 E Smoky Hill Road, Centennial

Cost: \$12 which includes lunch.

Please bring a nonperishable food and/or a feminine hygiene item for donation to Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry.

All women are welcome to attend this event! For registration, please visit

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZECN/home>

For questions, please email: milehighmetroUWFaith@gmail.com



It's finally summer! This month, we will focus on Pentecost and Fruits of the Spirit. Each week we will build our Spirit tree with different fruits.

Dates to Remember:

June 1: Graduation Sunday Service at 10:30am

June 15: Happy Father's Day

June 23: VBS begins! 9:00-11:30am



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR VBS!

Space is limited. **Volunteers are needed!** Ages 12 and up can volunteer. VBS registration can be found on the Young Generation board VBS is open to all children ages 4 years– entering sixth grade.

Youth Group

In May, the Youth Group has been reading from a book called “The Gospel According to Disney.” It has been an interesting study because it brings back memories of watching Disney on Sunday evenings. The book does a quick study of the various movies and demonstrates the battle of good and evil, with good winning out. In the stories, it shows us how faith, trust, and a sprinkle of pixie dust can help us when we face challenges in our lives. It brings characteristics of God to life, without saying it is God – but by showing us that religion is everywhere. Once we finish this book, we will begin reading the book “Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living.” Debbie Pacetti is incredibly grateful to the people who donated books to the Youth Group! After they are done with this book, I hope they will utilize the books for their personal toolbox as their faith grows. We will then begin a deep dive into the Wesleyan faith in order for them to gain a strong understanding of Methodism. We will also continue to look for ways we can have fun and make memories by playing games and doing extracurricular activities outside of church. For questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.





Food for Hope™

RAISING CHILDREN FROM HUNGER IN ADAMS COUNTY

JUNE FOOD FOR HOPE

Even though schools are on summer break, Food For Hope still has three pantries open. This month's collection is canned or jarred pasta sauce of all types. Food For Hope also benefits from various fundraisers throughout the year. Please see the most recent upcoming events below.



Upcoming Events



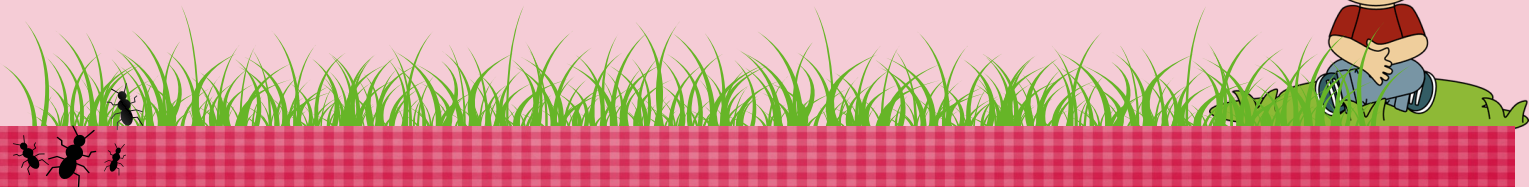
June 1-30: Sweat of a Cause

June 21st: Unicorn 5K

June 26th: Johnny's Steakhouse wine pairing.

Please go to Food For Hope's Event page for more information and to register.

<https://foodforhope.net/events>



A Letter from Rev. Emily Kintzel



I am Rev. Emily Kintzel. I am looking forward to joining you all as your pastoral leader starting July 1st. My husband, Jason, and our four young people, Samantha, Madison, Heidi, and David, are excited to get to know you and be in ministry with you all!

I am a lifelong United Methodist Church and grew up in this conference. Pastorally, I have served in various ministry settings throughout the north Denver metro area. As a pastor, my passion is to create opportunities for faith formation and connection for all people, of all ages, and all walks of life! I truly value the importance of connections, both within the local church, the conference, and throughout the community. I look forward to being in ministry with the Good Shepherd UMC congregation, as we seek to foster relationships and be the church for the community!



Congratulations to our Good Shepherd Graduates!

Kara (Sack) Heaston

Sydney Deem

Claire Han

Josh Stirm

Isabella Thirsk

Paint-A-Thon 2025

Once again, Good Shepherd UMC will be partnering with Brothers Redevelopment to paint a home for a community member this summer. Save the date for August 9. A sign up sheet will be posted soon.





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www.shepherdchurch.org

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Rev. Yo Han Good-bye Potluck

Please join us in a potluck dinner on Saturday June 21 at 5:00 to say our goodbyes to Rev. Yo Han and his family. The church will provide burgers and/or hot dogs and drinks and there will be sign-ups for all of your awesome side dishes. There will be a box for any well-wishing cards you may like to give him and his family. Let's make this a huge party to thank them for the past 5 years!

Rev. Yo Han's last Sunday will be June 8th.

Diversity Team

The Diversity Team has not met for a while. A Zoom meeting will be set up in mid-June to plan an upcoming event. We continue to look for new members and a person who is interested in taking over the leadership role. Debbie Pacetti has been the leader for over 4-1/2 years, and the team is looking for someone that would be interested in leading this group. In the meantime, we will be planning an upcoming event to recognize diversity in our church. All ideas are welcome. For questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.



Phil and Carol Stanley have completed their first class for Stephen Ministry training. Connie Johnson has expressed interest in Stephen Ministry and will be attending our next class on June 16th. If anyone else is interested in joining us, please let me know and we can provide you with the necessary information. After our June 16th, classes will be scheduled to take place every other week but will be adjusted for personal appointments and/or vacation time. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, it is not too late to join. For questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Rev. Yo Han Han
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June 1	Brisco Luark
June 2	Berta Rynearson
June 2	Jackie Thomas
June 4	Aimee Horst
June 10	Paul Seyforth
June 12	Jo Ann Hobbs
June 12	Colleen Campbell
June 14	Hervey Smith
June 14	Ramona Stotts
June 14	Rejoice Kyei
June 16	Andrea McGinn
June 18	Ray Stwalley
June 21	Amanda McCloskey
June 25	Lynne Holman
June 27	John Varvir
June 28	John Wesley
June 29	Connie Johnson



Bible Discussion Group

A Bible Discussion group meets every second- fourth Tuesday at 1:00pm. As of 5/13 we are beginning to Discuss the book of **Luke**. Please read a chapter a week, and come ready to discuss.

Prayer Group Update

Not all are called to be teachers, preachers, or miracle workers, but all are called to pray. If you have felt the need to pray for others and would like to experience our prayer ministry, we send an emailed list of prayer concerns to pray from our homes as we are able. *Our only requirement is that you keep all requests confidential.* Prayer submissions and updates come from our congregation, community and wider group of known needs. Submissions can be placed in the prayer box below the prayer net in the sanctuary, through the Good Shepherd church office or to Kathy Bollfrass kgboll99@gmail or 303-254-7727. You do not have to be a member or regular attender at Good Shepherd to lift your or others' needs in prayer.

The Prayer Ministry sends a big *Thank You* to all who have helped your Prayer team by supplying requests and updates on our prayer list. We keep praying for situations or people who have long standing needs until we hear updates. All pray-ers are welcome. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

Adult Sunday School

Did you know we have an adult Sunday School? We meet every Sunday in Room 103 at 9-10am to read and discuss the 4 lectionary readings, and we give you a lectionary list. All Bible translations and personal interpretations are welcome. Pick up a cup of coffee and donut and join us some Sunday for fun and fellowship.

Geri-Actives

On Tuesday, June 3 at 1:00 pm, Gen-Actives will meet in the Church sanctuary. June is an exciting month full of national days, special days, and holidays that will be explored. Please plan to attend; we will recognize National Black Cow Day. Any questions, call Bonnie Young, 719-221-1497



Saturdays are made for Fellowship!

DIY Day: May 3rd



Church Clean up: May 17th



Ice Cream Social: May 17th



June 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Welcome June May your heart and mind to open enough to receive the Blessings of New Month! <i>Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. - Psalm 37:4</i> 						
1 9:00am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Traditional Worship (Graduation Sunday) 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Children Sunday School 	2 Rev Yo Han office hours 9:30-12:00 Book Club 6:30pm Playology 6:30am-5:30pm	3 Rev Yo Han office hours 9:30-12:00 Geri-Actives 1:00pm	4 Rev Yo Han office hours 9:30-12:00 Playology 6:30am-5:30pm RMP Band 6:30-9:00pm	5 Rev Yo Han office hours 9:30-12:00 Playology 6:30am-5:30pm Prayer Warriors 6:30pm	6 Playology 6:30am-5:30pm Music Together 10:30am	
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22 Rev. Betty Nguyen brings the message. 9:00am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Traditional Worship	23 Rev. Yo Han hours by appt only VBS 9:00-11:30am Playology 6:30am-5:30pm	24 Rev. Yo Han hours by appt only VBS 9:00-11:30am Playology 6:30am-5:30pm	25 Rev. Yo Han hours by appt only VBS 9:00-11:30am Playology 6:30am-5:30pm	26 Rev. Yo Han hours by appt only VBS 9:00-11:30am Playology 6:30am-5:30pm Prayer Warriors 6:30pm	27 Playology 6:30am-5:30pm VBS 9:00-11:30am	
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GSUMC Ministry Board for Ministries Meeting May 18, 2025 --- Minutes LITE

- The National Organization, **Love INC**, a consortium of local Christian churches dedicated to charitably helping individuals and families in need, is setting up a north suburban Denver branch. The network of churches will be called **North Metro Love INC**.
Love INC North Metro is looking for volunteers from the various local churches (GSUMC included) to serve on the executive board. Hopefully a volunteer from GSUMC can participate at this organizational stage. The board will meet twice a month. Contact Nathan Montgomery for details.
- A good-bye potluck picnic for Rev. Yo Han and family will be held on Saturday, June 21. Weather permitting, it will be outside. A Sign-up sheet for side dishes will be available in the narthex in early June.
- A hello event for Rev. Emily Kintzel is still in the planning stages pending a mutually convenient

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church – Administrative Board Minutes LITE 5/04/2025

- The announcement of the new pastor at GSUMC, Rev. Emily Kintzel was repeated. Rev. Yo Han's last service as minister at GSUMC will be June 8.
- The Girls Scouts will be planting trees on GSUMC property the week of May 5-9.
- The Ad Board is in the process of generating a list of tasks and responsibilities to inform future Administrative Board members of the various GSUMC board obligations.
- The contract of Playology to use GSUMC property has been extended to May 2026.

