

Shepherd's Staff

May 1, 2025

May is the month of gratitude. As the soft sunlight wraps around us and flowers bloom in abundance, it feels natural to reflect on love and thankfulness. In Korea, May 8 is celebrated as Parents' Day—a time to honor the love and sacrifices of our mothers and fathers.

On this day, children carefully buy or craft red carnations out of colorful paper. They attach a small ribbon, sometimes with a heartfelt note that simply says, "Thank you," and gently pin the flower on their parents' chest. Parents wear it all day, smiling warmly, their hearts full from that simple but meaningful gesture. Just one little flower can brighten their entire day. When I was young, I would make paper carnations each year and write my message of thanks. Before heading off to school, I would pin them onto my mother and father's chest. I still remember their joyful smiles and the way they lovingly patted my head a little more tenderly on that day.

Now, I can no longer place that flower on my parents' chest. But their love lives on in me. Even when words were few, they prayed for me, quietly supported me, and most of all, loved me without wavering. That steady love has become the firm foundation of my life.

And now, it is my turn to pass that love on—to my children and to everyone I meet. Gratitude is not meant to stay hidden in the heart; it is a gift that longs to be shared through the way we live. So once again, I remind myself to live with love, with gratitude, and with blessing.

The Bible says, ***"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."*** (Exodus 20:12) Honoring our parents is not just about manners or duty; it's a reflection of a life shaped by God's love. When we remember the love we've received and choose to share it forward, our lives become richer, filled with God's grace.

This May, who would you like to offer a carnation to? Or in what ways might you express a gratitude that cannot be captured in a single flower? May this month be a time of remembering love and letting our thankfulness shine through in how we live.



Rev. Yo Han Han

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Children's Ministry



It is May. The days are getting warmer, and the flowers and trees are beginning to bloom, and school will be getting out soon! This month, our Sunday School students will be learning about the ministries of Peter and Paul.

GRADUATION SUNDAY



ALL GRADUATING SENIORS: June 1st will be graduation Sunday during the second service. Please let Natalie know if you are graduating high school or college by May 11th. Natalie will be in touch with you with more details. nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group wants to extend our gratitude for the generosity to our church members who helped with the Easter fund raiser and the sale of Resurrection Donuts, which raised \$196 for the Youth Group. This coming Sunday, we will change the direction of our studies for World Religions to the various Christian faiths. This will be a multi-month study. We will continue to meet on a weekly basis for the Youth Group. We meet every Sunday immediately after 2nd Service, outside of the 2nd Sunday of the month, when we meet from 1:00 to 3:00 because Debbie Pacetti is attending Staff Meeting. Now that the weather has started to warm up, we will be taking advantage of it because we now have numerous balls that we can utilize while playing outside. Before we lose our graduates, we will be planning an event away from church. Debbie will gather ideas from the Youth Group and will negotiate on which one is the favorite one. More details to come.

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS will be held June 22-27 this year from 9:00-11:30am.
Natalie is looking for volunteers!

All children ages four through entering sixth grade are welcome to attend. (Three year olds may register if turning four by August 30th.) Registration forms can be found on the Young Generation board in the narthex or by contacting Natalie. Space is limited.

NEWSLETTER FROM KUTELA KATEMBO

Dear friends,

I would like to humbly take this opportunity to share with you my newsletter as together we are in mission to lift up Gods mission.

Missionary Newsletter from East Angola Annual Conference

Missionary: Kutela Katembo Dieudonne

Mission: UMC Quessua Agriculture Center

See attachment to read the newsletter from our missionary, Kutela Katembo

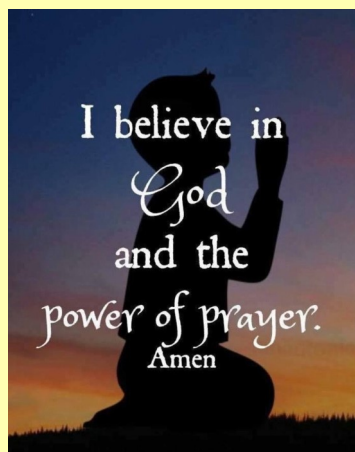
GARDENERS – FREE PLANTS – SUNDAY May 4th

I'm happy to announce that I will have FREE tomato and pepper plants available Sunday May 4. The plants will be out between first and second service or until they are all gone. There will be approximately 40 tomato plants including Cherry, Roma and various Beef Steak varieties and 40 pepper plants including Jalapeno, Poblano, Bell and Banana. Should you have any questions please feel free to call me, Hervey Smith at 303-452-4520 or via email at herveysmith088@gmail.com.





May 9	Dolores DeVargas
May 9	Joann Lopez
May 10	Tim Collier
May 10	Clint Cederlund
May 12	Samantha Deem
May 12	Kay Botkin
May 13	Debbie Krueger
May 13	Samantha Hill
May 13	Heather Laing
May 14	Natalie Higgins
May 16	Kendra Schankweiler
May 17	Mervyn John
May 17	Tegan Johnson
May 17	Zoey Atkinson
May 19	Sheri Lewis
May 21	Amy Hill
May 23	Sandi Green
May 24	MariAnne Pickett
May 25	Sharon Unrein
May 26	Malinda Kowalis
May 27	Jim Irwin
May 27	Maria Smith
May 27	River Drez
May 29	Connie Anderson



For the month of May, Good Shepherd will be collecting cereal boxes because the children love picking out their own cereal at the food banks. Any type of cereal, and any size box are accepted.

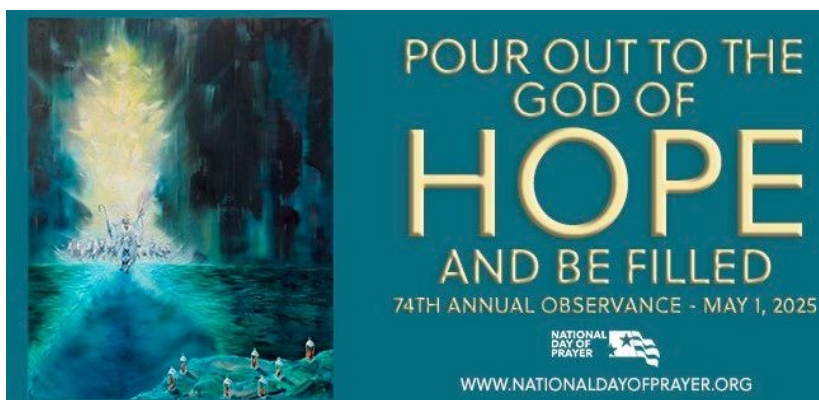
Food For Hope recently conducted a survey of families they serve and below is one result.

One result that jumped out was 55% of families reported that at least one household member would go without one meal each week if it were not for the resources provided from Food For Hope. Food For Hope's goal is to ensure that no family in the schools we serve have to make that kind of sacrifice.

Thanks as always for your kindness in supporting this ministry.



May 1st is National Day of Prayer



The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance designated by the United States Congress and held on the first Thursday of May, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation".



May 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Happy Mother's Day "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26				1 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am7:30/2pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30 Bell choir practice 5-8pm	2 Office Closed Playology 6:30-7:30am/3:00-6:00pm	3 Mother's Day DIY Craft event 9-12pm
4 9:00am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Contemporary worship 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Children Sunday School Girl Scouts 2:00-5:00pm Staff Meeting 12:00pm Ad Board Meeting 1:00pm TOMATO PLANTS	5 Rev. Yo Han Han at Cross Cultural Racial Ministry Playology 6:30am-6:00pm Scouts 6:30-930pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm	6 Rev. Yo Han Han at Cross Cultural Racial Ministry Geri-Actives 1:00-3:00pm Playology 6:30-7:30/3:00-6pm Choir 7-8p	7 Rev. Yo Han Han at Cross Cultural Racial Ministry Playology 6:30-7:30am/1:00-6pm RMPB 6:30pm	8 Rev. Yo Han Han at Cross Cultural Racial Ministry Playology 6:30am7:30am, 2pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30	9 Rev. Yo Han Han at Cross Cultural Racial Ministry Office Closed Playology 6:30-7:30am/3:00-6:00pm Girl Scouts 6-8pm	10 Girl Scout Event 11-2pm All girls are invited to learn more about scouts and planting.
11 Dorothea Giordano brings the message 9:00am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Traditional Worship 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Children Sunday school Girl Scouts 2:00-5:00pm 	12 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am-6:00pm Scouts 6:30-930pm Bell Cleaning 9:00am	13 Rev. Yo Han's Office hours 8:30-12:00 Playology 6:30-7:30/3:00-6pm Choir 7-8p	14 Rev. Yo Han 8:30-12 Playology 6:30-7:30am/1:00-6pm	15 Rev. Yo Han Office Hours 8:30am-12 Playology 6:30am7:30am, 2pm-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm Prayer Warriors 6:30	16 Office Closed Playology 6:30-7:30am/3:00-6:00pm	17 All Church Clean up Day 9-1:00pm Church Ice Cream Social Event 2-4pm United Methodist Men 8am United Women of Faith 12:00
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Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Ministries Board 4/6/2025 – Minutes LITE

- With the announcement of a new minister to be assigned to GSUMC (in place July 1, 2025) discussion has begun for a farewell to Rev. Yo Han event and a welcome event for the new minister. The farewell event should be scheduled for early June.
- The GSUMC Barbeque has been rescheduled to August 9, 2025
- A GSUMC Ice Cream Social has been scheduled for May 17. The church provides the ice cream.
- The GSUMC clean-up day (i.e., yardwork, interior cleaning, vacuuming, etc.) is scheduled for the morning of May 17. Participation in the clean-up is not a pre-requisite for the afternoon Ice Cream Social attendance.
- The hot dog picnic is still scheduled for Father's Day (June 15, 2025)
- Love INC, a consortium of Christian churches that undertake charitable projects within the local community ([link](#)), is organizing in the Thornton area. There is a call for board membership. It would be a good idea if a GSUMC member volunteered at this organizational stage. Contact Rev. Yo Han for meeting venues and information about the all-day conference in Littleton, Colorado (5/14/2025).
- The Thornton Faith-Based Community Alliance, an inter-faith consortium of churches to undertake charitable projects, has opted to focus on housing the homeless during extreme cold weather circumstances. Given the requirements of shelter, on-site supervision, facility space, and short-notice of weather conditions, GSUMC has tabled participation as we lack the resources and personnel.

GSUMC Budget

The GSUMC Ad Board would like to be transparent with all that is happening at Good Shepherd. For those who are interested in the budget, the first quarter actual vs. budget is on display on the bulletin board across from the men's restroom. Ad Board's next meeting will be May 4 at 1:00pm.



Saturday May Events at Good Shepherd

Mother's Day/DIY Self Care Crafts

Join us Saturday **May 3, 9am-12pm** for some DIY Self Care fun! Come and make shower steamers, lip balm, lotion bars &/or beaded plant stakes for yourself or a special person in your life. All supplies provided - join us for some fun and community. All ages are welcome, though under 10 years old adult participation and guidance is encouraged. For questions reach out to Karen Zulauf 720-445-0868 or Heather Laing 425-802-3895.

Girl Scout Tree Planting Day

All are welcome to attend the Girl Scout Tree Planting Day on **May 10th from 11:00-2:00pm**. Troop 66745 Will be completing their Peace Garden donated to Good Shepherd. Learn about being a Girl Scout, and enjoy activities planned by the troop. Girls of all ages are encouraged to participate.



All Church Work Day

Please, mark your calendars for Saturday, **May 17th at 9:00 AM** and come to church to help clean-up our church. All are welcome!!

Bring old clothes and gloves. We have a number of things we would like to address.

1. Our upstairs attic on the south side need to be "cleaned out"
2. Our outside sidewalks are uneven and high points need to be ground down with a special tool to prevent tripping.
3. A number of tree branches need to be cut down and hauled away. (need pick-up trucks)
4. By that time, the parking lot and area around the church will need to be weeded.
5. Other jobs may also need to be completed.

Find an area you would like to work in and join us to help beautify our church! **Pizza served after the work is complete!** This event is sponsored by the United Methodist Men

Church Ice Cream Social

All are invited to Good Shepherd's Ice Cream Social on Saturday **May 17th from 2:00-4:00pm**. This event is sponsored by the Ministry Board. Come and enjoy ice cream and fellowship!

This event is separate from the All Church Clean Up Day. Everyone is welcome to enjoy ice cream regardless of helping in the all church clean up.





Geriatric Actives Group

A social group for all retirees!

You can attend with your spouse, or by yourself.

You do not need to be a member to attend!

The next Geri-Active meeting will be held at Good Shepherd on May 6th at 1:00pm. The theme of the meeting is "Mothers". Each attendee will have an opportunity to tell the group about his/her mother, and play a friendly game about famous mothers.

Please bring a snack to share, and drinks will be provided.

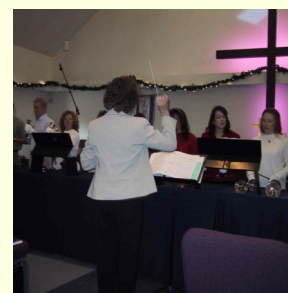


Stephen Ministry

We have 2 people interested in completing Stephen Ministry training. We will finalize a starting day for classes to start and will work on a frequency that will work best for the entire team. For questions, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

Happy Retirement Connie Anderson

Connie Anderson has been the Bell Choir Director for more than 20 years here at Good Shepherd. She is amazingly talented, and so is her choirs. Thank you, Connie for blessing Good Shepherd with beautiful music over the years! Come and here the bells play for the last time under the direction of Connie on May 4th. Happy Retirement, Connie!



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