

Bethany

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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When snow flies in May, we are reminded that life is never always the same. During times of isolation, whether we are forced into them for health reasons or whether we are in need of times of quiet and contemplation, we often become more aware of who we are as a child of God. I know I have been busier than ever as I have had to have moments without the physical presence of you all, and in my business I haven't yet discovered how I am connecting with the world. And, so as this lovely month of May blooms upon us, I take a deep breath and Mike and I take a little time away the first week of this month. I will still hold you all in my prayers, even as I look forward to reading and lounging by the pool.

God does not expect us to always work, we are to always be connected to God to keep the Kingdom of God in focus, but in order to do that in a strong and healthy way, we must take some time for reflection. And, this month I invite you all to reflect on the possibilities for Bethany as the shower room is completed. We still have much work to do and we need to find help to do it. If you are unable to paint, or schlep garbage out, maybe you know someone who would volunteer a day or two to help. We do have two groups coming in July and we haven't even had an official opening of Sacred Doors.

I continue to pray that God will continue to show us the direction in which we can be a faithful ministry in this community. Thank you all for all you do.

Love, Pastor Denise



May 2021

NEWS & NOTES

1755 S. Zuni Denver, CO 80223, 303-935-3428,
www.comministry-denver.org

Celebration of the Hearts

June 26, 2021, 5:30—9:00 pm at All Saints
Catholic Parish, 2559 S. Federal

- Casino Games
- Silent auction on-line and in-person
- Food Trucks
- Live Music
- Photo booth
- Invitations will be mailed by May 15 or watch for registration on-line at www.comministry-denver.org



MAY FOOD NEEDS

Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Rice

Calling all Gardeners

We are going to need help at Ralphs Garden at 3245 S Newton St. and Christ the King garden this year. Last year we harvested 416 lbs. of vegetables from Ralph's garden and 1,670 lbs. from the garden at Christ the King. Please call Joyce at 303-935-3428 ext. 102 or email at contact@comministry-denver.org if you are interested in gardening.



Calendar of Events

- May 4—Garlic Knot—All Day
- May 13—Kids clothing Give-away
- May 16—Arby's (Jewell & Wadsworth)
- May 20—Pet Pantry
- May 31—Closed Memorial Day

Food Pantry STATS January through March 2019 to 2021 Comparison

Year	Family	Individuals
2019	893	2,295
2020	1,426	3,764
2021	1,451	4,636

It was surprising to see that the numbers are still higher this year than last. It feels like the numbers go down when stimulus checks come out but the numbers don't reflect that.

Need a project or want to volunteer?

Watch our website or register to receive emails from us with upcoming opportunities.

We can use some **hygiene kits for men and women**. They can include some or all of the following items:

Deodorant, Razors, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrush & Toothpaste, Kleenex pack, q-tips, wet wipes, wash cloth, hand sanitizer, mask.

Did you know...

You can support CM every time you use your King Soopers SooperCard?

1. Create a King Soopers account that links your Sooper card.
2. Choose your store and create your account
3. Find King Soopers Community Rewards on the menu and enroll
4. Choose Community Ministry (HP613) to receive your reward.
5. Every time you shop we receive some money.

Really detailed instructions can be found on our website under GET INVOLVED (Sooper Card)

PENTECOST 2021



Pentecost, also called Whitsunday, is celebrated on Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter. The name is derived from the Greek word "pentekoste" which means fiftieth as Pentecost Sunday takes place on the 50th day of Easter.

Pentecost Significance

It is a big festival in the Christian church that observes the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. It also marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world, according to the Britannica. The festival marks an end to the Easter cycle, which starts 90 days before with Ash Wednesday at the beginning of Lent.

When is Pentecost Sunday 2021?

Pentecost is observed on the seventh Sunday after Easter and 10 days after Ascension. As the date of Whit Sunday is decided according to the date of Easter, this day is a changeable feast. The earliest day, Pentecost Sunday took place was on May 10th (in 1818) and the latest possible date for Pentecost is June 13th (in 2038). This year the Pentecost Sunday will be observed on Sunday, May 23rd.

Why is Pentecost celebrated?

Pentecost is known by Whitsunday in the United Kingdom. "Whitsunday" is usually referred to as the white garments previously worn by the baptism candidates on this feast.

Whit Sunday celebrates the Holy Spirit coming in the form of flames to the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as recorded in the New Testament in Acts 2:1-31, the fifth book of the New Testament of the Bible. Many Christians recognize the descent of the Holy Spirit as the birth of the Church.

Lectionary Readings

May 2, 2021

- Psalm 22:25-31
- John 15:1-8
- Acts 8:26-40
- 1 John 4:7-21

May 9, 2021

- Psalm 98
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17
- Acts 10:44-48

May 16, 2021

- Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- Psalm 1
- 1 John 5:9-13
- John 17:6-19

May 23, 2021

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
- Acts 2:1-21
- Romans 8:22-27

May 30, 2021

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 29
- John 3:1-17
- Romans 8:12-17

May 2021

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

2

11AM Worship
COMMUNION

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Chloe Holdren
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship

Rita Goddard
BIRTHDAY

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Susan Bilger
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship

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11AM Worship

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Lataine Shaw
BIRTHDAY

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Vivian Holdren
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship

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Liturgists

May 2, 2021

Kathy Caughran

May 9, 2021

Lataine Shaw

May 16, 2021

Eva Staley

May 23, 2021

Kathy Caughran

May 30, 2021

Lataine Shaw

The funeral service for
Belen Aranda
is May 6 at 9:30 am
at Crown Hill.

