



an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

**United Church**  
OF BROOMFIELD  
*Rooted in Love. Rooted in Faith. Rooted in the Community.*

**APRIL 2024**  
Monthly Newsletter

**The**  
**Visitor**

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# Pastors' Peace

Friends, alleluia! Christ is risen! April is here! Lent was early this year, so we're back to eating chocolate or done with our reading plan. You may be wondering what to do with yourself now that your Lent is over. I would say that April is a great month to think about seeds.

I'm not necessarily talking about physical seeds, but if that's where this takes you go for it! (I hope you have a better green thumb than me!) Seeds are an idea or memory or suggestion that if nurtured can grow into something much bigger than itself. We often talk about planting or scattering seeds with kids. You don't know what's going to grow when, but we support kids in their cultivating and growth no matter what springs up.

As we get older we have a better idea of how to nurture these seeds. Many of us have faith at least in part because seeds were scattered by family and friends. Many of us have a certain career because of seeds scattered by teachers or supervisors. But just because a teacher said you were good at math doesn't mean you just become an accountant! You have to put in the effort to water that seed for it to grow. This can be straightforward with a career path, but things become more complicated when talking about passion projects or developing virtues. How do you fulfill your desire to learn salsa dancing alongside everything you're doing at work, with family, and at home? How long does it take to learn patience?

Not everything has to be done right now. Seeds will wait for us to be ready to nurture them. For this April ask yourself what is one seed that you've been wanting to nurture for a while now that you could potentially make plans to water? Maybe you don't even start in April. (After all, we're told not to plant anything until Mother's Day in Colorado.) But just start thinking about it. You might be surprised what grows.

"Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap faithful love; break up your unplanted ground, for it is time to seek the Holy One, that God may come and rain righteousness upon you." -Hosea 10:12



All are welcome

# MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP

Tues. April 2<sup>nd</sup> 11AM  
@ First Watch in Broomfield



Join Us  
Sat. April 6<sup>th</sup>  
10:15AM  
Steele Commons  
Room

**All Are Welcome**

early risers



**Fellowship**  
ALL ARE WELCOME

**Saturday,  
April 6<sup>th</sup>  
7:30AM  
First Watch  
in  
Broomfield**

## Collection

Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>



**Broomfield  
FISH**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
each month

### Collection:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo and/or conditioner
- Razors
- Bar soap, Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products

Bring  
these...

Send  
this...

Check or charge \$ donations  
accepted ... please put "FISH"  
in memo field



Our spring study  
The Gospel According to  
the Golden Girls  
will meet on Wednesdays  
at 6:30pm  
starting on April 10<sup>th</sup> led by  
Pastors Michael and Andi  
in Steele Commons.

We'll be exploring current issues like disability,  
immigration, and homelessness alongside the Bible and  
this popular 80s sitcom.



The Gathering Circle will be meeting on  
**Thur. April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM**  
**@ First Watch in Broomfield**

# earth day

## WORD SEARCH

april 22



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.  
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

- |                |              |            |               |
|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| 1. EARTH       | 5. RECYCLE   | 9. WATER   | 13. ENERGY    |
| 2. DAY         | 6. REUSE     | 10. LAND   | 14. CLIMATE   |
| 3. APRIL       | 7. REDUCE    | 11. AIR    | 15. POLLUTION |
| 4. ENVIRONMENT | 8. RESOURCES | 12. GLOBAL | 16. COMPOST   |



# Church Council MEETING

Thur. April 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM via Zoom



The Sojourners adult Sunday School class continues reading articles from the Christian Century Sunday mornings at 9am in the Conference Room across from Pastor Michael's office. All are welcome! Articles are linked in the weekly Bulletin Plus email.

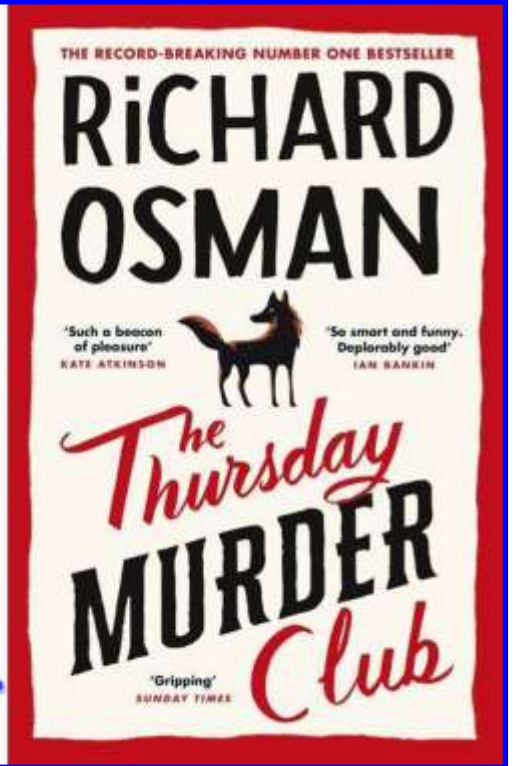


The Adult Sunday School class that meets in the front part of the Steele Commons Room will continue their study on the arrest of Jesus before Pontius Pilate. All are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Pat James [pajames7@centurylink.net](mailto:pajames7@centurylink.net)



We will be discussing "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the afternoon in the Steele Commons room at church.





**Sat. April 27th & May 4th**  
drop-off 8-12noon - pick-up by 4PM

*The Original*

# 29th Annual Lawnmower Clinic

**United Church of Broomfield**  
**825 Kohl Street**



*We will perform the following services on as many gas engine lawnmowers presented each day as possible*

**\$50**

**donation**

- High Pressure Wash
- Oil Change
- Clean Air Filter as needed
- New Spark Plug
- Check Ignition
- Adjust Carburetor
- Sharpen & Balance Blade



**addl \$10 for pickup & delivery**

*Pickup & Delivery limited to 40 per week*

Please pre-register to drop-off your mower by following the link at [broomfielducc.org](http://broomfielducc.org) or leave a message at 303-466-8355

*Our clinic is designed to optimize the performance of your mower for the upcoming season. Unfortunately we can not assure results on inoperable equipment.*



**We plan to mark the end of the Sunday School year on May 19 with a celebration of all of our students who will be moving to a new level, or who have graduated from high school or any post high school education. If that describes someone in your family, please let Pastor Andi or Pastor Micheal know. We don't want to overlook anyone!**



- ✎ Gabriella requested prayers for the death of Silvia Silva (58), family friend. She and the Ruelas family have felt an overwhelming amount of loss in the last few months.
- ✎ Catherine requested prayers for the passing of her good friend, Emma. Prayers for her passing and for her family and friends.
- ✎ Michael D. requested prayers for Jose's dad, who is still in hospital and the family expects him to pass. Prayers for a peaceful passing and Jose to travel home safely. Michael D. also asks for prayers for himself related to challenges with diabetes.
- ✎ Beth asks for healing prayers for her father, niece and nephew who have been ill.
- ✎ Desi requested continued prayers for her coworker, Lynn who is still in hospital, but also for Lynn's husband, Pete who is in the hospital with gangrene in hand and had a finger amputated.
- ✎ Paige offered prayers of gratitude and continued prayers for grandbaby's improving health and family enduring the associated challenges.

**If you would like to share a prayer request with Pastor Michael , please call the Church Office at (303) 466-8355 or via email at [prayers@broomfielducc.org](mailto:prayers@broomfielducc.org).**

*Prayer*   
Request





★ DOUG & PATRICIA JAMES  
4/15/1989

★ DEBBIE GRAY  
& MARIE VALENZUELA  
4/18/1986

★ DONALD EVANS  
& MARISSA EHRINGER  
4/19/1987

★ BRYAN & JANE SHELTON  
4/23/1993



*If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary  
please contact the church office.*



- ★ MARY KAY BIRDWHISTELL 4/2
- ★ ANDI FOX 4/3
- ★ DIANE VAN FOSSE 4/3
- ★ GARY MCKEE 4/4
- ★ HEIDI LAYMAN 4/7
- ★ NATE EHRINGER 4/8
- ★ MAYA OTTEM 4/8
- ★ JEAN MARKEL 4/10
- ★ NANCY KEYES 4/12
- ★ BETH ENGLE 4/18
- ★ MOLLY BEAN 4/28

**Our Mission Statement**

**Our Church is dedicated to the love of God as demonstrated by Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We demonstrate our love of God through everyday living. Everyone is welcome to join us as we grow in our faith and in our relationship with God and each other through worship, teaching, caring and fellowship.**



**Your 2024 Church Leadership**

- Michael Blackwood - Senior Pastor
- Andi Fox - Associate Pastor
- Brian Conn - Moderator
- John Pepperdine - Vice Moderator
- Eleanor Witte - Clerk
- Jonathan Wade - Financial Secretary
- Gary McKee - Treasurer
- Jackie Lyells & Sara Worcester - Members at Large

**Committee Chairs**

- Corey Hill - Trustees
- Alice Kidney - Worship
- Jane Shelton / Kathy Wathen - Spiritual Care
- Jennie Belval - Christian Education
- Mary Beth Jones - Mission
- Desi Hill - Fellowship



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SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADULT 9AM ; CHILDREN DURING 10AM WORSHIP AS NOTED  
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10AM IN-PERSON & STREAMING VIA FACEBOOK

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP 11AM @ FIRST WATCH	3	4	5	6 EARLY-RISERS FELLOWSHIP 7:30AM @ FIRST WATCH KNITTING 4 PEACE 10:15AM @ CHURCH
7 FISH COLLECTION	8	9	10 BOOK STUDY 6:30PM	11 GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM	12	13
14	15	16	17 BOOK STUDY 6:30PM	18 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	19	20
21	22 EARTH DAY	23	24 BOOK STUDY 6:30PM	25	26 BOOK CLUB 1PM @ CHURCH	27 LAWNMOWER CLINIC #1
28	29	30				

If you see something on our website, Facebook, newspaper that you like - please tell others ... 'like' a Facebook post ... forward to your friends, neighbors. Help more know why you like our church.

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12 MOTHER'S DAY	13	14	15 BOOK STUDY 6:30PM	16 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	17	18 ARMED FORCES DAY
19 PENTECOST PROMOTION SUNDAY STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH COLLECTION DEDICATION OF TREES	20	21	22	23	24 BOOK CLUB 1PM @ CHURCH	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	