


an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

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Monthly Newsletter



United Church
OF BROOMFIELD
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The Visitor



Pastors' Peace

Naked and Unafraid

“For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
(Isaiah 9:6)

Think about how delicate, raw and vulnerable we are at birth. While some animals are born with some abilities to protect themselves within minutes or hours, they may develop skills to stand or even walk, but we humans aren't like that. Without the aid of another, we are totally and completely incapable of surviving. And we remain in a fragile state for quite a while – many, many months, even a year – before we develop any kinds of ability that may aid us like walking or verbalizing.

And to think that when Jesus was born, such authority, power and vulnerability, was instantly his, whether he wanted it or not. A delicate infant would attain power unlike any human ever ... and that same delicate infant would take on pain and sorrow unlike any human, as well.

Imagine all of the babies and infants around us this Christmas season or who will come into this world. A world that is just as chaotic and frightening as the one Jesus was born into. A world full of anxiety, anger, fear and war. Is it safer to be a newborn today than 2000 years ago? Yes. The mortality rate worldwide today is 25 deaths per 1000. At the time of Jesus' birth, it's estimated it was around 250 deaths per 1000. What will it be like for them in 25 or 30 years?

I wonder if Mary and Joseph had similar thoughts about Jesus' future. They probably did. Were they pessimistic or hopeful? Were they concerned or at peace? I bet they were all of it and then some.

Despite the challenges this world holds for the futures of babies and infants now, we can be hopeful and overjoyed for them. We're just like Mary & Joseph. Will there be challenges, known and unknown, yes? Could it be bad, yes? Are we worried, of course! But, what lies ahead could also be amazing, creative, fun and transformative. Jesus brought peace, hope, love, joy and salvation unlike anyone before him. What might today's babies and infants bring about in the future?

Despite the presence of anxiety, sadness and fighting in this world, we can choose to look at the peace, happiness and comradery also present. It's there, but it's being overshadowed by the negative. Let us lift up goodness. Let us focus on joy. Let us desire and expect growth, progress and a better world for us AND our little ones. We can make it happen, and I know that they will do it, too.

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)





Advent & Christmas

Join us ... All are Welcome!

Our theme for Advent is Holiday Movies...

Sunday, Dec. 1st, 8th & 22nd - 10AM Worship

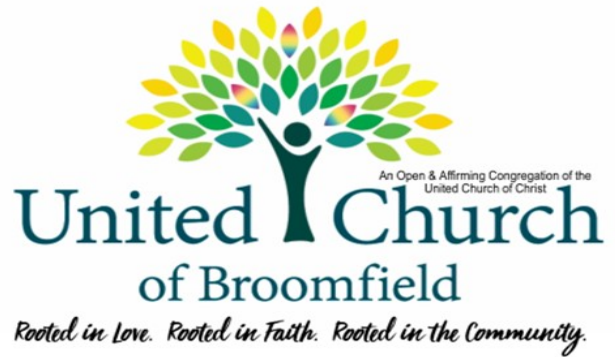
Saturday, Dec. 14th - Holiday Concert 4PM

Sunday, Dec. 15th - 10AM Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, Dec. 24th - 7 & 11PM Candlelight Service



**All at the church
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at the church or via Zoom



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Collection
Dec. 1st



Broomfield FISH

1st Sunday
each month

Send this... →

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

Collection:

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

Bring these... ←

All are welcome



MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP


Tues. Dec. 3rd 11AM
@ First Watch in Broomfield



Join Us
Sat. Dec. 7th
10:15AM
Steele Commons Room

All Are Welcome

early risers



Fellowship
ALL ARE WELCOME

will meet
7:30AM
Sat., Dec. 7th
@iPIE in
Broomfield



The Gathering Circle will be meeting on
Thur. Dec. 12th at 8:30AM
@ FirstWatch 799 US 287 in Broomfield

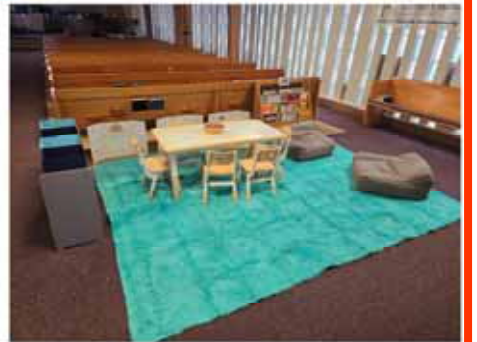


SUNDAY SCHOOL

Be sure to check out our new "pray-ground", a special place in the sanctuary for children and youth, with seating for parents nearby. The pray-ground was dedicated on November 24.

Our annual Christmas pageant will be on Sunday, December 15 during worship. Any child or youth who would like to participate is welcome: the single rehearsal be at 9:00 preceding the service.

We will not have children's Sunday School Sunday December 22 or 29.



The Adult Sunday School class that meets in the front part of the Steele Commons Room will continue their study about the crucifixion of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to join us in this study. If you would like more information, please contact Pat James.



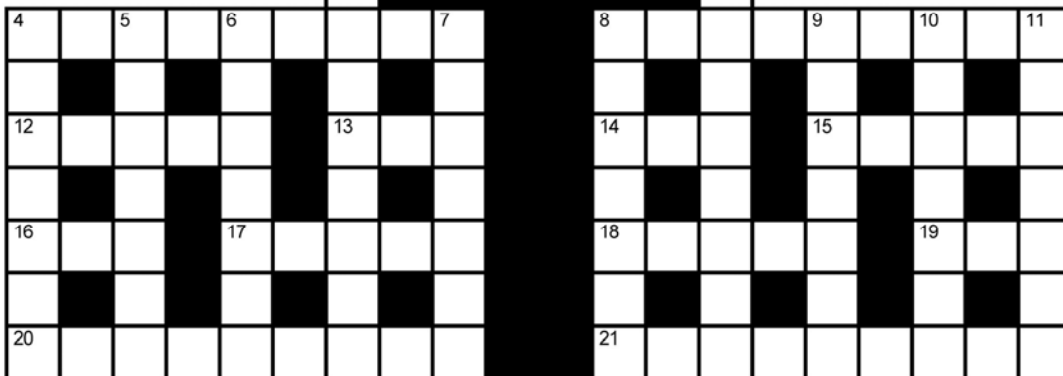
Have a Very Merry Christmas

Book Club will not meet in December due to the holidays




Bible Crossword X
Across

- 1 Donkey (3)
 2 Jesus' Father (3)
 4 One of the twelve (9)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
 12 One of David's warriors (5)
 13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
 14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
 15 Wish harm upon (5)
 16 Hole in the ground (3)
 17 Adversary (5)
 18 Savour (5)
 19 First woman (3)
 20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
 21 Family of priests (9)
 22 Third son of Jacob (4)
 23 Hates (8)
 26 Assurances (8)
 30 Endured pain (8)
 31 Return from the dead (4)
 32 Intercessor (8)
 35 Decorating (8)
 39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
 40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
 42 A wise insect (3)
 44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
 45 Make bigger (8)

Down

- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
 3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)
 4 Tread down (7)
 5 Father of Jonah (7)
 6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
 7 Defensive structures (11)
 8 Refuges (11)
 9 Dirty (7)
 10 Devout (7)
 11 Pieces of money (7)
 24 Used to listen (3)
 25 Used to see (3)
 26 Positions (5)
 27 Made available (7)
 28 Snake (7)
 29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
 33 Finish (3)
 34 Possess (3)
 35 King of the Amalekites (4)
 36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
 37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
 38 Present (4)
 41 Unfasten (4)
 43 Fish traps (4)



Mark & Peggy Stevens ask for prayers for ...

...the family of our their niece-in-law, Hannah, and especially for her father, Steve, who has been moved into hospice care with the progression of his pancreatic cancer. Hannah and our nephew Nathan were married on October 18th.

...for continued prayers for their family and the Wrangell, Alaska community on the anniversary of the landslide on November 20th last year that took the lives of our niece, her husband, their 3 children and their neighbor. Special prayers and gratitude for the first responders who spent weeks working on search and recovery in grueling conditions.

...the U. S. Capitol Christmas Tree that comes from the borough of Wrangell, AK and has been a symbol of healing for that community. The lighting ceremony will be held on December 3rd.

Prayer requests from Glen Hopson:

...Continuing prayers for the Roberts family as they deal with multiple medical issues. Neola is waiting on the results of the testing, and Mark and Bill with their continuing problems.

...Asking for prayers for my son-in-law Mark Dodge in Brighton, TN who has been dealing with lung cancer. He went to get fluid taken off the lung and was unable to as a lump was in the way. Will return on Monday to try and find a solution. Also prayers for my brother-in-law in Bend, OR. He was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer and will be treated with radiation. Also prayers for the families of both.

Prayer requests from Jennie Belval:

...Continued prayers for Nick Shrag and his family, especially his wife, Belinda Harp-Schrag. He has taken a turn for the worse. Once his daughter in North Carolina is able to see him, he will receive comfort care only.

**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.**



- ★ Carrie Pepperdine 12/3
- ★ Sean McKee 12/6
- ★ Mark Roberts 12/6
- ★ Paul Diekhoff 12/8
- ★ Quinn Driscoll 12/8
- ★ Michael Blackwood 12/10
- ★ Corey Hill 12/11
- ★ Jean Riehl 12/11
- ★ Marlyce Buderus 12/15
- ★ Peter Crouse 12/15
- ★ Jan Fausset 12/19
- ★ Kay Emery 12/26
- ★ Shelly Garland 12/26
- ★ Nicholas Jacobs 12/26

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

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.



★ Larry & Kay Emery
12/1/1973

★ Mark & Peggy Stevens
12/15/1973

★ Peter & Carolyn Crouse
12/15/1984

★ Corey & Desi Hill
12/28/2001

★ Kevin & Keri Jacobs
12/28/2014



Your 2024 Church Leadership

Michael Blackwood - Senior Pastor
Andi Fox - Associate Pastor
Brian Conn - Moderator
John Pepperdine - Vice Moderator
Eleanor Witte - Clerk
Financial Secretary - Jonathan Wade
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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 FISH COLLECTION	2	3 MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP 11AM @ FIRST WATCH	4	5	6	7 EARLY-RISERS FELLOWSHIP 7:30AM KNITTING 4 PEACE 10:15AM @ CHURCH
A PRECIOUS CHILD HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE						
8	9	10	11	12 GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM	13	14 CHRISTMAS CONCERT 4PM
15 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	16	17	18	19 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	20	21
22 NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7PM & 11PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28
29 NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NO SOJOURNERS CLASS	30	31				

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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			1 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3	4 EARLY-RISERS FELLOWSHIP 7:30AM @ FIRST WATCH KNITTING 4 PEACE 10:15AM @ CHURCH
5 FISH COLLECTION DE-GREENING THE CHURCH AFTER SERVICE	6	7 MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP 11AM @ FIRST WATCH	8	9 GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM	10	11
12 COMMITTEE FAIR	13	14	15	16 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	17	18
19 ANNUAL MEETING	20 MLK DAY	21	22	23	24 BOOK CLUB 1PM @ CHURCH	25
26 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	27	28	29	30 BROOMFIELD HOUSING JUSTICE MEETING - SANCTUARY & FELLOWSHIP HALL	31	