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United Church
OF BROOMFIELD

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MARCH 2025

Monthly Newsletter



The
Visitor

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Pastors' Peace



Friends, the women of my family experience Lent very differently. My grandmother was raised Evangelical United Brethren. She had married my grandfather, a lifelong Presbyterian, and joined his church. Throughout her life she refused to attend Ash Wednesday services or participate in Lenten activities. She felt that things like Lent weren't something Protestants did. She was a woman of strong faith and a strong

dislike of Lent.

My mother was raised in a Presbyterian church. The liturgical year wasn't something she grew up with, and she doesn't remember practicing Lent until the 1980's. She does like the cycle of the liturgical year. She's generally happy to practice Lent and often takes up a book study or a prayer practice. Some years she doesn't really practice Lent. She says she gets tired of Lent because it feels so somber.

I was raised in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and I feel like the liturgical year is in my bones. I can't imagine a year without Lent. Down in Colorado Springs in my high school years, most other students went to evangelical churches who didn't do the liturgical year. Talking about Lent with others who practiced the liturgical year - Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran, Episcopalian, and others - really helped my understanding of what connects us across denominations distinctions.

All of this family history is to say - you can choose to practice Lent (or not) in any way you like. The only "wrong" way to practice Lent is to not be intentional about it, and let's be honest no one is going to yell at you if you're intentional. If this a year you can't focus on a Lenten practice then don't force yourself. If this is a year you feel like challenging yourself, do that! Below are some ideas for you.

1. Take "something up" like attending UCB's book study. We're reading *Do I Stay Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* by Brian McLaren. The study goes from March 17 to May 5 (a couple of weeks beyond Easter).
2. Put "something down" like eating meat or criticizing your coworkers. You can also do something more literal like putting down your phone for an hour before bed.
3. Do nothing, intentionally. Rest. Breathe. Make space for God. Go on prayer walks.
4. Start a new spiritual practice like the Examen or daily scripture reading. This may last just for Lent or may go beyond Lent if you find it helpful.
5. Focus on others by volunteering or donating. Places like FISH and The Refuge are always looking for volunteers.

If you'd like some help figuring out what/if you'd like to do for Lent, let me or Pastor Michael know. We'd be happy to help.

Peace, Pastor Andi



early risers



Fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME

will meet
7:30AM

Sat., March 1st
@ Holland-Dazed in Broomfield

JOIN US



Join Us

Sat. March 1st
10:15AM

Steele Commons
Room

All Are Welcome

Collection
March 2nd



Broomfield
FISH

1st Sunday
each month

Collection:

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




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

All are welcome



MORNING STAR
FELLOWSHIP

Tues. March 4th 11AM
@ First Watch in Broomfield

Ash 
Wednesday

Service will be held
Wed., March 5th 7PM
in the Sanctuary,
streaming on Facebook & Zoom



Welcome Grace

Grace Casto is from West Virginia and recently moved to Colorado in spring of 2022. She is currently in university, pursuing a degree in conservationist biology. She has a background in teaching, leading daycare groups, and taking care of little ones in the nursery at River Ridge Church. She has a passion for making the world a better place and sharing the love of Christ whenever possible. In her free time, Grace loves watching anime, playing video games, drawing, and spending time with her family.



Grace is our new
Nursery
Attendant &
Sunday School
Teacher



Name: _____ Date: _____

AWAKENING
 BASKETBALL
 BLOSSOM
 DAFFODIL
 DAYLIGHT SAVING
 EASTER
 EQUINOX
 FLOWER
 FRESH
 GREEN
 GROWTH
 HOLI
 KITE
 LEPRECHAUN
 LUCK
 MADNESS
 MARCH
 PARADE
 POT OF GOLD
 RAIN
 REBIRTH
 RENEWAL
 SHAMROCK
 SHOWERS
 SPRING
 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
 WINDY



WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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The Gathering Circle will be meeting on
Thur. March 13th at 8:30AM

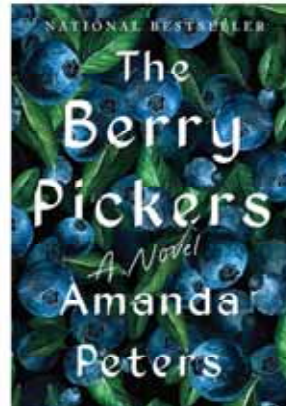
@ **Bluebird Cafe, 885 Thornton Pkwy in Thornton**



All are Welcome

will be held
Friday, March 28th
at 1:00 PM in
Steele Commons

We will be discussing
"The Berry Pickers"
by Amanda Peters

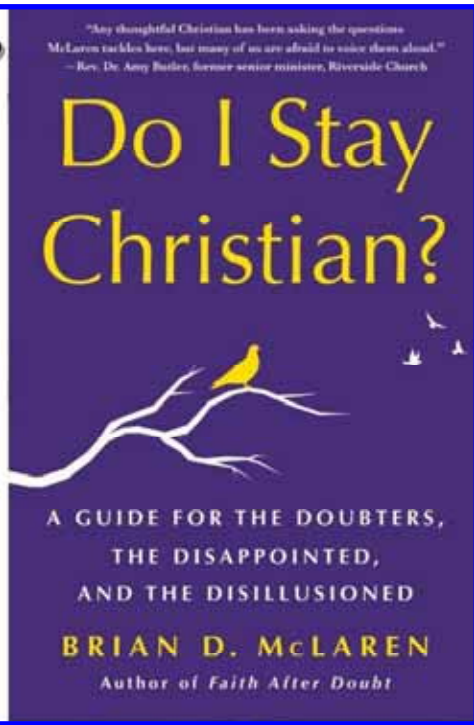


The Adult Sunday School class that meets in the front part of the Steele Commons Room will continue their study on the Harmony of the Gospels. We will be discussing the burial and resurrection of Jesus. All are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Pat James.

SPRING BOOK STUDY

**8-Mondays starting
March 17th 6:30-8PM
in Steele Commons @
Church**

**Questions? Talk with
Pastor Michael or Andi**



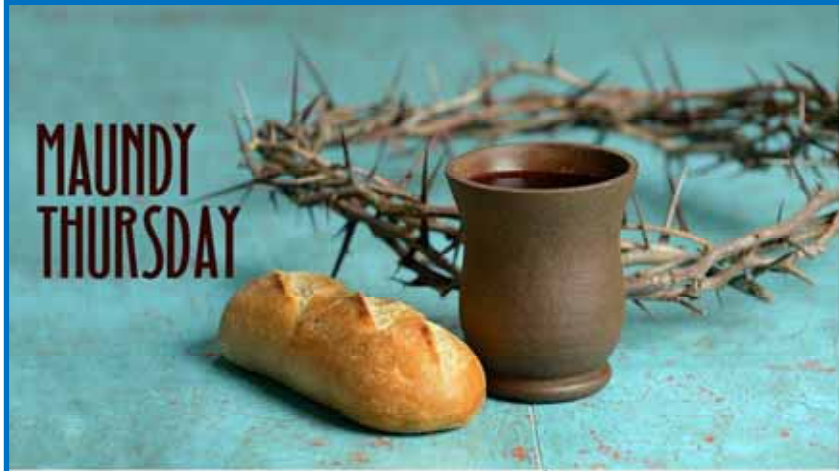
PULL TOGETHER

**Save your
pull-tabs
They are
recycled &
the \$'s are
part of our
Mission
Outreach**



**Church Council
MEETING**

Thur. March 20th 7:00PM via Zoom



MAUNDY THURSDAY



for



Thursday, April 17th 6:30PM
Love Feast in Fellowship Hall



GIVE BLOOD.
GIVE LIFE.



Vitalant Blood Drive
Saturday, March 22, 2025
10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Presbyterian &
United Church of Christ churches
We will have sign up sheets on Sunday
Questions:

Mary Beth Jones, UCB Mission Chair
mbjones65@gmail.com
307-262-6747



30th Annual
Lawnmower Clinic

April 26th & May 3rd



Signup for pick-up or drop-off will begin April 7th. If you have participated in the past 2 years, you will get an email prior to April 7th





 **A prayer request from Glen Hopson:**

Please pray for my son-in-law Mark Dodge in Brightin, TN. He went into the emergency room because he couldn't breathe and his oxygen was way down. He's stable now, and they're running more tests. He had lung cancer and was told earlier that nothing more could be done as none of the treatments were working.

 **A prayer request from Jennie Belval:**

My long-time hairstylist, friend and wonderful person Michelle has a shoulder injury. This is very scary for her because it is affecting her livelihood. Please pray for healing.

 **A prayer request for Markels & Roberts:**

Prayers for the Markels - Jean is healing from a broken arm...family members and health care workers are caring for her and Bill, but Jean is still interest in hearing from all of you...give her a call or make a time with her to stop by for a visit.

Prayers for the Roberts family - Neola is receiving infusion treatments for the cancerous tumor in her lung. There is no cure but the infusion treatment will keep the tumor from growing. Bill is doing good physically but is having more and more problems from Dementia. Mark continues to build up fluid in his body, having to have it drained on a regular basis. Like with Jean, Neola would like to stay in touch - give her a call.



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.



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

- ★ **Brian Conn** 3/2
- ★ **William Joo** 3/2
- ★ **Lina Moreyra** 3/5
- ★ **Landon Hill** 3/16
- ★ **Matt Davis** 3/16
- ★ **Jan Snyder** 3/19
- ★ **Brena Pula** 3/19
- ★ **Sunny Beahm** 3/21
- ★ **Desi Hill** 3/25
- ★ **Marli Bean** 3/26
- ★ **Kim Jones** 3/29
- ★ **Ryan McKee** 3/30

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 2025 Church Leadership

- Michael Blackwood - Senior Pastor
- Andi Fox - Associate Pastor
- John Pepperdine - Moderator
- Brian Conn - Vice Moderator
- _____ - 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
- _____ - Fellowship



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ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:15AM
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 EARLY-RISERS FELLOWSHIP 7:30AM @ HOLLAND-DAZED KNITTING 4 PEACE 10:15AM @ CHURCH
² FISH COLLECTION	³	⁴ MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP 11AM @ FIRST WATCH	⁵ ASH WEDNESDAY	⁶	⁷	⁸
⁹ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	¹⁰	¹¹	¹²	¹³ GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM @ BLUEBIRD CAFE—THORNTON	¹⁴	¹⁵
¹⁶	¹⁷ ST PATRICK'S DAY SPRING BOOK STUDY 6:30-8PM	¹⁸	¹⁹	²⁰ CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	²¹	²² BLOOD DRIVE 10AM—2PM
²³	²⁴ SPRING BOOK STUDY 6:30-8PM	²⁵	²⁶	²⁷	²⁸ BOOK CLUB 1PM @ CHURCH	²⁹
³⁰ ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING COLLECTION	³¹ SPRING BOOK STUDY 6:30-8PM					

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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¹³ PALM SUNDAY	¹⁴ SPRING BOOK STUDY 6:30-8PM	¹⁵	¹⁶ CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	¹⁷ MAUNDY THURSDAY LOVE-FEAST 6:30PM	¹⁸ GOOD FRIDAY	¹⁹
²⁰ EASTER	²¹ SPRING BOOK STUDY 6:30-8PM	²² EARTH DAY	²³	²⁴	²⁵ BOOK CLUB 1PM @ CHURCH	²⁶ LAWMOWER CLINIC #1 - 8AM
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