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United Church
OF BROOMFIELD

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MAY 2025
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The
Visitor

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Pastors' Peace

In the 14th century, a woman we call Julian of Norwich received a series of profound visions during a time of personal illness and national turmoil. She recorded her visions in a text we now call Revelations of Divine Love. This text is also the earliest work we have of a woman writing in English that has survived to modern day. She is known for understanding God as both Father and Mother.

Julian emphasized the nurturing tendencies of God as akin to motherhood. In Jesus, Julian saw a motherhood expressed through creation, compassion, and continual care—birthing us into life, feeding us with grace, and never abandoning us. She even spoke of communion as Jesus feeding us like mothers nurse their children.

Julian's vision invites us to a more expansive view of God—one that embraces all the ways God loves, heals, and holds us. At a time when people often saw God as distant or angry, Julian's assurance was revolutionary: "As truly as God is our father, so truly is God our mother." Her writings have been used by many teachers - including myself - to show that the idea of God as Mother is not some new-fangled idea from the Women's Rights Movement but has a long history within our faith tradition.

Whatever emotions Mothers' Day brings up for you - and it does bring up a wide variety of emotions - I encourage you to think about God as Mother. God can reflect something you love about your earthly mom. God can provide something your earthly mom didn't. God can be a place of rest from the demands of motherhood. God can mourn with you for your own mom, parent, or child who has passed into Her care. God can lament with you your or others' unfulfilled desire for motherhood.

Lift all your prayers to our Heavenly Mother because we know She cares for us. As Julian wrote, "God almighty is our loving father by nature; and God all wisdom is our loving mother by nature."

Peace, Pastor Andi





All are welcome

MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP

Tues. May 6th 11AM
@ First Watch in Broomfield



The Gathering Circle will be meeting on
Thur. May 8th at 8:30AM
@ Le Peep Broadlands on 144th

early risers



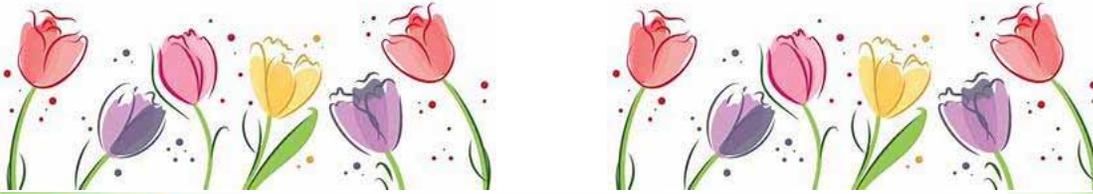
Fellowship
ALL ARE WELCOME

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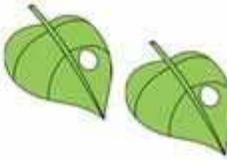
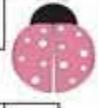
Join Us
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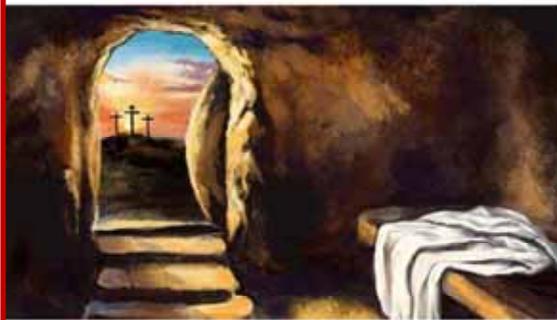
1. A spring month.
2. A spring flower.
3. The young of a chicken.
4. A colour of spring.
5. A young rabbit.
6. A flower especially of a fruit tree.
7. Plants that have narrow green leaves, that are eaten by cows, sheep, horses etc.
8. The fifth month of the year.
9. To come out of an egg.
10. See picture.
11. A rounded part of a plant that is under the ground and that grows into a new plant during the growing season.
12. A baby goat.
13. The place where a bird lays its eggs.
14. See picture.
15. Spring, winter, summer, fall!
16. What snow does in spring.
17. When the sun shines.
18. A long, thin animal that has a soft body with no legs or bones. It lives in the ground.
19. An indoor or outdoor spring activity.
20. To stop being frozen.
21. A baby sheep.
22. A small part that grows on a plant and develops into a flower, leaf, or new branch.
23. A baby horse.





Promotion Sunday will be celebrated on May 18th. At that time, we will honor Sunday school teachers and helpers as well as our students. We particularly want to acknowledge all of our graduates. If you or anyone in your family is transitioning to another education level or graduating, please let Pastor Andy know. Adult Sunday school classes will be pausing until September; however, we do plan to offer children's Sunday School through the summer.

Promotion
SUNDAY!



The Adult Sunday School class that meets in the front part of the Steele Commons Room will resume their study on the burial and resurrection of Jesus. Our last class will be on May 18 before dismissing for the summer. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Pat James.

**Church Council
 MEETING**

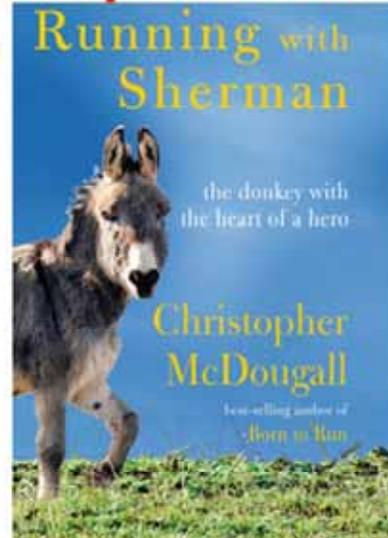
Thurs. May 15th 7:00PM via Zoom



All are Welcome

will be held
Friday, May 23rd at
1:00 PM in Steele
Commons

We will be discussing
"Running with Sherman"
by Christopher McDougall



Steak Fry
Sat. August 16th 5PM
@ church

\$10 each covers steak & drinks
bring a dish to share

This is an adult only event...if you
would like childcare, please let Pastor
Michael or Andi know



Prayers

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 Carrie Pepperdine is asking for prayers for her friend's husband, Ryan, who has been in the hospital in AFIB. Ryan is reacting to medication, but not enough. They were going to shock his heart, and if it works, he can go home. Please pray he can overcome this soon to go home to his wife and children.
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 Please pray for Brian Conn's mother, Nancy, who lost her younger sister Mary, who died on Monday, 4/21 after dealing with cancer for over a decade. Also prayers for Brian's cousin Dan Vara and his wife, Sherri, who were Mary's caregivers.
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 Katrina Whitehead has asked that we please pray for the house bill that has been presented to Colorado congress to protect trans rights in our state. I was wondering if we can pray that it passes because it will create a safe place for trans people and also ease a lot of their fears. Thank you.



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.



- ☼ Haydn & Zach 5/10/2011
Primrose
- ☼ Bill & Neola 5/12/1962
Roberts
- ☼ Matthew & Rhonda Davis 5/26/1990
- ☼ Nate & Molly 5/31/2014
Bean



*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.



- ★ Jackie Lyells 5/1
- ★ Louise Taylor 5/1
- ★ Mary Beth Jones 5/3
- ★ Jeff Jones 5/4
- ★ Dax Joo 5/5
- ★ Casey Mankin 5/7
- ★ Josiah Brinkerhoff 5/21
- ★ Sue Roberts 5/21
- ★ Jennie Belval 5/22
- ★ Debbie Kulby 5/22
- ★ Marie Valenzuela 5/27
- ★ Larry Vorwerck 5/30



Your 2025 Church Leadership

- Michael Blackwood - Senior Pastor
- Andi Fox - Associate Pastor
- John Pepperdine - Moderator
- Brian Conn - 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
- _____ - 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	2	3 LAWNMOWER CLINIC #2 - 8AM
4 FISH COLLECTION	5 SPRING BOOK STUDY 6:30-8PM	6 MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP 11AM@ FIRST WATCH	7	8 GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM	9	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12	13	14	15 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	16	17
18 PROMOTION SUNDAY	19	20	21	22	23 BOOK CLUB 1PM@ CHURCH	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27	28	29	30	31

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June 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10AM IN-PERSON & STREAMING VIA FACEBOOK

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 FISH COLLECTION	2	3 MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP 11AM@ FIRST WATCH	4	5	6	7 BROOMFIELD PRIDE - 11AM-3PM @ COMMUNITY PARK SHELTER
8 PENTECOST STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH COLLECTION	9	10	11	12 GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM	13	14
15 FATHER'S DAY	16	17	18	19 JUNETEENTH CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM	20 RMC ANNUAL CELEBRATION - LOVELAND, CO	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 BOOK CLUB 1PM@ CHURCH	28
29 DENVER PRIDE PARADE	30					