To All Church Groups Utilizing Space

If you or your group is currently using one or more rooms in the Church for meetings on Sunday mornings, please contact the front office at 303-322-1867. The Church is attempting to better coordinate time and usage. Thank you!

Members and Visitors!

Welcome Members and Visitors! We have a Christian Education Hour at 9:00 a.m. for Sunday School and Bible Study. At 10:00 a.m., we have one Unified Worship Service. Please join and grow with us! Until further notice, we are worshiping online.

Mission Statement

Because Christ calls us to love all people, we live out our faith through discipleship, diversity, acceptance, social justice and mission. Come grow your spirit with us!

Welcoming Statement

As an inclusive community of faith, Park Hill United Methodist Church is an open and affirming congregation, embracing diversity, service, unconditional acceptance, and the care and support of all people in the name of Jesus Christ. We invite all people to join our congregation in ministry and worship, including those of every race, ethnicity, language, age, physical or mental ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, socio-economic class, marital status, and faith history.
June 5, 2020

Associate Pastor Angie

Dear Park Hill UMC,

I hope this week is finding you well. It has been a little while since I have written to you all in letter form and unfortunately this will be my last official letter to you as the Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach here at Park Hill UMC. As the weeks seem to continue on quicker than the week before, I find myself wondering how it is that I now only have one week left as your Associate Pastor. And in this final week I find my soul to be very heavy. Heavy with grief because of the reality of racism that is alive in our country. Heavy with sadness as I leave this congregation. And heavy with exhaustion as we continue to live in a socially distanced way for the health and safety of all people during this pandemic.

Even though my soul is heavy this week and probably will continue to be heavy for a while, know that my soul has been deeply enriched because of serving in ministry with all of you. Park Hill UMC, you were my first ever appointment and we have learned so many things along the way together!

If I can leave you with any piece of advice, please hear me say, continue opening your doors wide and adding leaves to the Park Hill UMC table. We are an incredibly diverse and inclusive church but we are nowhere near the Kin-dom of God. I challenge you to ask yourself and each other: “Who is not part of our community?” “Why aren’t they a part of our community?” “What could we be doing to include more of God’s beloved into our community?”

The work of building the Kin-dom is not an easy road but it is full of love and joy and hope. May you continue on this path to fully living like Christ, loving like Christ, and serving like Christ. I will forever be grateful that I was able to be one of your pastors. These three years have flown by but they were formative years for me in my ministry.

Remember to keep your hearts open and your tears flowing (tears are good for the soul!).

I hope our paths will cross again someday. I’ll be praying for you and I hope you’ll pray for me. Cheers to the work of building God’s beautiful, loving, inclusive, and diverse Kin-dom.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Angie Kotzmoyer
Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach

Hi Park Hillers,

The past two to three months have been quite a whirlwind in our church and in the world in general. As such, I am aware that I announced way back in January that I was running for State Representative for Colorado House District 6. Some of you are aware of the details of my campaign, but I haven’t given you all any “official” updates on the campaign and process.

In late March, I received the disappointing news that I did not qualify for the primary ballot. At that time, I shared a letter with my campaign supporters on my campaign’s website, social media websites, and via email. I have copied it below so that you too have the official word. I learned a lot in the several months I campaigned and got to meet so many great people. As I stated in the letter, my commitment to you and our community doesn’t and hasn’t stopped because I didn’t qualify for the ballot. It just looks a little differently than I had hoped it might. Nevertheless, it is an honor to serve our community together with you and I look forward to our continued work.

Peace,

Pastor Nathan

Hi Park Hillers,

April 3, 2020

Friends and Family,

I have some difficult news to share with you: our campaign is 90 signatures short of 1,000 to make the ballot. Although we turned in nearly 1600 signatures, ultimately, both our timeline and goal was hurt by our ability to accrue valid signatures during a rapidly growing global pandemic. I am disappointed that this news means that the HD6 Democratic Primary ballot in June will not have any candidates of color on it to represent our diverse district.

While I am disappointed by this outcome, I am heartened and inspired to know, as my campaign and I knocked on more than 7500 doors and talked with so many of our neighbors in the beginning of our campaign, it was affirmed that the people of HD6 care about the future of our neighbors and communities – all of our neighbors and communities. Thank you HD6!

I am excited to share your stories of both inspiration and challenge that you’ve shared with me as I continue to work and serve our community as the Lead Pastor of Park Hill United Methodist Church to help us all get through the COVID-19 pandemic together. We will continue our incredibly important work of helping protect, serve, and build up our neighbors and communities. Thank you for opening your doors to me and for sharing your stories.

To our volunteers and contributors: Thank you all, for everything. I have been humbled and encouraged by your generosity, dedication, and service to this work and our community.

Please be safe during this difficult time. I pray for your health and well being.

Grace and peace,

Nathan
Though our church is closed until further notice, we want to keep you informed about our regularly-scheduled groups, what they’re about, and when they meet. Once the church re-opens, we invite you to join any one of the groups that may peak your interest. Stay tuned!

**UMM Breakfast Bible Study**

The United Methodist Men and the pastors invite you to join them for breakfast and a Bible study on current events every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Balcony Parlor. See Pastor Nathan for more information.

**UMW Meet Monthly**

The United Methodist Women meet the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Murphy Library. All women are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Lovie Young, 303.373.4072.

**Thursday Morning Study Group**

We meet every Thursday morning from 9:30-11:00 in the Murphy Library! Everyone is welcome. Feel free to drop in any Thursday to check out our spiritual-seeking series. We have a fun-loving, sometimes, irreverent group. Call Doris Harris (303-344-1360) or Cheri Harlan (303-360-5114) for more details.

**Disciple Bible Study**

Meets each Tuesday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Room 207. “Our door is always open to anyone who wants to join us!” Call the church for more information, 303-322-1867.

**Companions in Christ-Spiritual Formation Small Group**

Are you seeking spiritual renewal and understanding in your walk of the Christian community life? Come join us in a warm shared experience of spiritual nurturing, community, passion, and intentionality. Join us on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the Murphy Library at 11:30 a.m. We Welcome You! Dr. Sandy Mason, Facilitator. (sandymason1227@gmail.com)

**Book Club**

Our regular meeting of the Book Club is held the 2nd Thursday afternoon of each month in the Murphy Library from 1:00 to 2:30. This is a fun, light-hearted group who enjoys fun, light-hearted, but serious conversations about the books chosen. Everyone (and their input) is welcome!

**Mental Health Resources**

If you or anyone you know is struggling with any of the issues we're talking about throughout the Mental Health Sermon Series, please reach out to Colorado Crisis Services, available 24/7 via phone (1-844-493-8255), text (38255), or at a drop-in location listed at [https://coloradocrisisservices.org/](https://coloradocrisisservices.org/). You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255.)

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**Dates to Remember in June**

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The 23rd of each month is the deadline for newsletter submissions! Each Tuesday is the deadline for all bulletin entries!

Thank you for adhering to these deadlines!
June Birthdays

Delia McHardy  6/1
George Washington  6/4
Flo Harlor  6/5
Roz Wheeler-Bell  6/5
Nelda Chase  6/6
Ellie Smith  6/6
Roy Alexander  6/9
Connor Bass  6/9
Jay Kusic  6/9
Eleanor Holz-Russell  6/11
Amanda Meyer  6/11
Ema Sanderson  6/11
Steve Holz-Russell  6/12
Katy Parson  6/13
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Junius Jackson, Jr.  6/14
Maryn Young  6/15
Alan Casebolt  6/16
Merick Bass  6/17
Daryl Walker  6/17
Douglas Hazlett  6/18
Ramsey Carter  6/19
Janie Jackson  6/20
George Knowles  6/22
Jabari Holland  6/23
Langston Collins  6/24
Barb Sample  6/29

June Wedding Anniversaries

Barry & Lynette Booker  6/7/75
Sarah & Geoff Noyes  6/8/03
Marsha & Dean Woodward  6/14/70
George & Jean Knowles  6/20/48
James & JoEllen Greenwood  6/21/81
Roger & Sue Burnett  6/26/71
Jim Garcia & Donita Wickersheim  6/26/97
Deborah & Paul Staten  6/26/00
Colin Dodunski & Kelly Woodward  6/30/08
William & Dorothy Goe  6/30/49

Congratulations to Marsha & Dean Woodward for reaching a milestone in their marriage of 50 years!

Worship Information

For the foreseeable future we will be worshipping online. You can access the livestream of worship each Sunday at 10:00a.m. by visiting https://phumc.org/livestream. We’ll have music, a sermon, a children’s message, prayer and more. So that you can follow along more easily, we have created a digital order of worship with lyrics, interactive readings, and more. We hope you will plan to join us on Sundays!

Walking the Bible Worship Series
What is the Bible all about? What story does it tell us about God, humanity, and the rest of creation? How do stories and events that took place so long ago have anything to do with life? What story is the Bible even trying to tell us? Join us in worship weekly and in small groups happening throughout the week, starting this week, as we attempt to answer these questions using the book Manna and Mercy by Daniel Erlander.
Caring for Your Whole Self During this Pandemic

Online Counseling

It's important to continue taking care of our mental health during this pandemic. If you need help connecting to a therapist that does tele-counseling, reach out to Pastor Nathan or Pastor Angie and they can help connect you. Or if you are a professional therapist and want to offer your services you can also reach out to the pastors. nathan@phumc.org or angie@phumc.org

A Little Help Nonprofit

A Little Help is a Colorado nonprofit helping older adults to thrive, mobilizing community members to serve older adults in this difficult time. In response to COVID-19, they are organizing neighborhood volunteers to grocery shop, pick up prescriptions, and run errands for our older adults and make deliveries to their homes. They are also making regular care calls to older adults for social connection, which also serve as health and safety checks. A Little Help has the ability to coordinate volunteers as part of response efforts and is accepting applications for new volunteers. https://www.alittlehelp.org/

One of our New Neighbors Wants to Help You!

Rosemark at Mayfair Park Senior Living Community, one of our new neighbors in the Montclair neighborhood, wants to help you! They are offering excellent soups from their commercial grade kitchen, sweets and other treats to seniors in need in our church community and beyond. They are also currently mailing out word puzzles and word games to many seniors on a regular basis and would love to expand their mail list to include you! They remain COVID free in their community and promise to use utmost care in the delivery of food or games to seniors. If you are interested in receiving food, games, or puzzles or know someone who might need this service, please contact Sara Welborn at swelborn@rosemarkmayfairpark.com or Pastor Nathan at nathan@phumc.org and he'll put you in touch with them. We're also happy to share that Rosemark regularly shows our virtual worship services to its residents! We are excited for this new community partnership!

Additional Resources for Help

As things continue to progress in our greater lives and community, we know that various needs might arise. There are a lot of people trying to meet those needs. Our Friends at FaithBridge are compiling resources for food, transportation, etc. on a Google Doc. Some of these are nonprofits, government programs, etc. It is by no means exhaustive, but you may find it helpful. It can be accessed by clicking here.

If you are in need of delivered meals or can help in meals being delivered, please check out the Denver Metro Emergency Food Network at https://www.denverdelivered.com/

Let us remember our members who are unable to worship with us each Sunday and keep them in our prayers. Many would love to receive a card, phone calls and/or visits. Call the office for their contact information - 303.322.1867.

Church Members and Friends in need of our Prayers

Ruth Batie - Home
Gail Davis - Home
William & Dorothy Go - Belleview Suites at DTC
Dorothy Griffin - Home
Gloria Harris - Home
George & Jean Knowles - Home
Ida Lavender - Home
Amy Marsh - Home
Arnold Roane - Time Grove Crossing in Parker
Alma Urquhart - Alpine Living Center
Marcia Ziegler - Home

Please contact Laraine Guyette - 303.503.3262 or the office - 303.322.1867 to notify us of yours or a member’s illness and if you or they would like a visit from Pastor Nathan or Pastor Angie.
June 2020 PHUMC MISSIONS TEAM UPDATE

There is so much going on right now, it can be hard to focus attention on what to do. We members of the Missions Team feel that way, too. Here are three specific, tangible actions you can take to demonstrate your support for antiracism, the immigrants amongst us, the unhoused, and others on the margins.

1. Black Lives Matter Yard Sign
We find ourselves in pain over the condition of our world, country, state, and city. We find ourselves asking how we can support those who are marginalized or whose voices have been ignored. This is your immediate chance to be an ally. Let’s stand on the side of love and justice. The PHUMC Missions Team has ordered 100 Black Lives Matter yard signs, and we’d like for you to buy one! These yard signs one way Park Hill United Methodist Church is helping the community amplify the message that Black Lives Matter. This is one way you can show solidarity with people of color inside and outside our community. The suggested price for the signs is $30. If that’s too much, please pay what you can. If you can afford to give more, all proceeds from the sale of these signs will directly fund future antiracism trainings and efforts at our church.

To reserve your Black Lives Matters yard sign and to contribute to antiracism training at PHUMC:

- Online: Visit [phumc.org](http://phumc.org) then click the “Give” link at the top of the page. Follow the instructions. Click on Black Lives Matter Sign or type BLM in the “Other” section.
- Text to Give: Text 877-959-7806; click the link and complete the fields with $30 as the donation amount under the Black Lives Matter Sign category. You may enter “Funds” in message and send to see a list of restricted fund areas.
- Mail checks made out to the church for $30.00 (suggested price) to 5209 Montview Blvd. Denver, CO 80207, for each yard sign requested with “BLM Sign” in the memo section.
- Signs will be delivered to the church Friday, June 12. Yard signs will be delivered to contributors.

2. Supporting Araceli
Araceli Velasquez remained in sanctuary in our church for more than two years before ultimately making the difficult decision to leave the country while she continues her fight for US citizenship. In the midst of the pandemic, the family has struggled to make ends meet. The space Araceli and the boys are staying in needs electricity and water. They are asking for financial support. The Missions Team has committed up to $1500 in matching funds in response to your contributions. Please consider helping the family by writing checks made out to Jorge Velasquez or by designating your church giving with the “Sanctuary” choice.

3. WHI: Ways to support Women’s Homelessness Initiative this week.
Donate shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, soaps and body cleanser, products for black hair (Recommended: Sulfur 8 hair treatment and cocoa butter), sun lotion, deodorant, chapstick – with spf. All items: large or small bottles or bars.
Drop off on Flahive porch – 624 Lafayette St., Thursday (all day) and Friday by 11:00 AM.
WHI volunteers are needed at the Coliseum to serve meals. Please contact Diana Flahive, (303) 832-4188 (303) 257-8588 - cell
Send a check to CHUM/WHI; c/o Diana Flahive, ED of CHUM/WHI; 624 Lafayette St. Denver, 80218.
PHUMC will not be able to provide on-site shelter and hospitality at least until fall. We will keep you posted.

New Missions page on our website! Check out [https://phumc.org/missions/](https://phumc.org/missions/) to see more ways our church family is supporting people in need and how you can get involved to support organizations in our areas of focus: Immigration, Racial Justice, LGBTQIA+ advocacy, and poverty.

**Welcome Pastor Laura!**
Our Staff Parish Relations committee is putting together preliminary plans on how to best welcome the Rev. Laura Rainwater in July as our new Executive Pastor. We’ll have those details to you soon. In the meantime, she and her husband Jeff, and their daughter Emma have moved into their new home here in Denver! If you’d like to send them a card or note to welcome them to Colorado and to our Park Hill UMC community, their new address is 10389 E 57th Ave., Denver, CO 80238.

**Associate Pastor Angie**

**Pastor Angie Celebration!**
Pastor Angie is being appointed to serve as the Lead Pastor of Applewood Valley UMC in Golden, CO. Her last Sunday with us will next Sunday, June 14. As she wraps up her time with us, we want to celebrate her time with us, all that we’ve learned from her, and thank her for all her great work and service with us.

Join us this coming Friday, June 12, from 5:00-6:30p.m. as we live stream a special live event to honor Pastor Angie. You can watch it then by visiting our YouTube page at [https://www.youtube.com/parkhillumc](https://www.youtube.com/parkhillumc) or by visiting [www.phumc.org/livestream/](http://www.phumc.org/livestream/) just like you normally would do for worship.

Please continue to also hold Sunday, June 14 from 1:00-3:00p.m. on your calendar as a time we will also celebrate and honor Pastor Angie. We’ll share more details mid-week.

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**East Colfax TRUA Access Campaign**
The East Colfax Community Collective is working to build a strong group of volunteers who can be trained as Community Navigators to assist East Colfax residents in applying for the Temporary Rental and Utility Assistance (TRUA) program. As Navigators you will be trained on how to fill out the TRUA application and connect community members to other COVID-19 support structures. Once trained you will be paired with community members, and if needed an interpreter, to provide one on one assistance with their applications. If you have not been trained and would still like to be a volunteer for this effort please contact Pastor Nathan at [nathan@phumc.org](mailto:nathan@phumc.org)
At its beating heart, “Just Mercy” is a story of what happens when people care. In its opening scenes, set in 1980s Alabama, a Black man named Walter McMillian (Jamie Foxx) is driving home from work when he is stopped by police, arrested and charged with a murder he didn't commit.

It tells the true story of Walter McMillian, who, with the help of young defense attorney Bryan Stevenson, appeals his murder conviction. The film is based on the memoir of the same name, written by Stevenson.

JUST MERCY, starring Michael B. Jordan, Brie Larson, and Jamie Foxx, released on January 9th, 2020, is available FREE, for the entire month of June wherever you rent or buy movies!
Hello PHUMC! My name is Sara Welborn and I am with Rosemark at Mayfair Park Senior Living Community located at 8th & Jersey in the Montclair neighborhood. Some of your members reside at Rosemark and we regularly show PHUMC’s online worship services to our residents on Sundays. Thank you for wonderful and inspiring sermons during this time.

We want to reach out to your congregation and others in our community to see if we can assist seniors during this unprecedented time. We can offer excellent soups from our commercial grade kitchen, sweets and other treats to seniors in need in our church community and beyond. We are also currently mailing out word puzzles and word games to many seniors on a regular basis and would love to expand the mailing list to include you!

We remain COVID-free in our community and promise to use utmost care in the delivery of food or games to seniors. These are just our thoughts on how we might be of help.

If you are interested in receiving food, games or puzzles or know someone who might need this service, please contact Sara Welborn at swelborn@rosemarkmayfairpark.com, or Pastor Nathan at nathan@phumc.org and he’ll put you in touch with them.

Thank you and stay safe and healthy!!

PHUMC April 2020 Financial Statement
Gay Pride Month!

Celebrating Pride Month and rallying for racial equality: LGBTQ groups seek “to stand in solidarity with the Black community. Denver PrideFest isn’t cancelled, it’s just moved online… The Center on Colfax said Denver’s annual PrideFest is still on for June 20 and 21 – parade, 5K, DJ parties and all - despite the coronavirus outbreak.

Children and Youth Information - https://phumc.org/families/

Sign up for regular ‘Family’ emails (and Sunday Zoom links and password) at the top of the “Family” Tab on the website.

Join the Closed Facebook Group for PHUMC Families by emailing tory@phumc.org.

Volunteers are needed to join Mr. Tory on the five Zooms below. If you would like to go through the Safe Sanctuary Training and help with our children and youth, please email tory@phumc.org.

Sundays:

- 9:00-9:30am Children’s (5th Grade and younger) Zoom
- 11:00-11:30am Youth (6th-12th Grade) Zoom
- Optional Video links of Bible stories and reflections on the ‘Families’ tab of phumc.org.

Wednesdays:

- 9:30-10:30am Children’s Zoom Book Club
- 12:00-1:00pm Youth Zoom option 1, Current events and super heros
- 5:00-6:00pm Youth Zoom option 2, Current events and music

Email tory@phumc.org for any additional questions along the way.

Readers Make Readers Event!

Join Park Hill UMC Member Jennifer Spires and the Save the Children Action Network as they host a Readers Make Readers event with State Representatives James Coleman and Leslie Herod on June 13. These events are virtual story times with local and state leaders who are committed to elevating the importance of early literacy and early learning. These events feed into a wonderful Save the Children 100 Days of Reading program. The RML events are 30 minutes long with fun stories. In short, story time! All ages are welcome, but the books are kindergarten level. Visit this site to register: https://savethechildrenactionnetwork.org/event/readers-make-readers-with-colorado-state-representatives-james-coleman-and-leslie-herod/
June 4, 2020

Reverend Nathan Adams  Reverend  Angie Kotzmoyer  Park Hill United Methodist Church 5 209 Montview Blvd. Denver, CO 80207

Dear Pastor Nathan, Pastor Angie and the entire Park Hill United Methodist Church Community:

On behalf of the Temple Micah congregation, we are writing to let you know that we stand beside and behind you in these difficult times. At this moment, it feels critically important to seek connection and meaning in our relationships. During our 5+ years together, you have not only opened your building to us but you have helped create a safe and connected home for our mutual and collective communities. When we were reeling from the Tree of Life Synagogue massacre, you were with us. When we hosted our Get Together concert, you were with us. When you greet us with smiles, handshakes and hugs in everyday interactions, you are with us. Throughout our relationship, you have sought to build bridges to our community and deepen all of our capacity for caring, engagement and humanity whether through our combined inter-faith services, Spirit Con, the Women’s Homelessness Initiative or our joint Sanctuary program. In all of this, we have learned that your mission, your reality, is the embodiment of The Dream and we are incredibly grateful to be able to play a small role in that.

Now is our time to listen and to be allies to you. We do this not out of obligation, guilt or sense of debt but rather with the knowledge that you are our future and that our existence and success is inextricably bound up with yours not only physically but spiritually and emotionally.

We stand with you.

With much love,

The Board of Trustees, Temple Micah

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Juneteenth (a portmanteau of “June” and “nineteenth”), also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Cel-Liberation Day, is an American holiday celebrated on June 19. Exploration and celebration of African-American history and heritage. Due to the Covid19 virus, there will be no in-person attendance this year.

The Platinum Davis dance group performs during the Juneteenth Music Festival Parade in Five Points June 15, 2019.