MINISTRY FAIR & POT LUCK
Aug 21st from 10:15am-11:30am
Ready to kick off the Fall with a quick get together for fun and fellowship? We’ve got you covered. Come to the 2022-2023 Ministry Fair.

What is the Ministry Fair you ask? It is an opportunity to sign up for ways to use your talents in the upcoming year. Want to be a scripture reader? You can put your name on the list! Want to help out with the Senior Game Day? You can sign up for that too!

Plus there will be a Potluck. You won't want to miss it!

VISIONING RETREAT UPDATE
The goal is to have a Senior Adult Game Day beginning in January of 2023. Would you like to volunteer to help? You could be a person that calls the Bingo numbers or you could bring a snack. If you are interested in helping out or have questions, please email Rev. Mary Beth at pastor@elizabethunitedmethodists.com

GOOD NEWS:
It Is Happening….
Jeelee Unsoy came up with a great idea this past May to start a Ukulele group. She has followed through, and we had a Meet and Greet session with our instructor, Stan Plant, on Thursday July 14.

Stan lives in Franktown and has been teaching lessons on just about any stringed instrument for many years. His “office” is The Owl’s Nest coffee shop in Franktown. He also has a band that plays locally. Stan is a fun loving, patient guy that you will all enjoy. He has agreed to conduct an hour-long ukulele group lesson for our group once a month for $50 a session. This would mean $5 for each participant. The July 14th session was a complemenary session where Stan met the group and introduced us to ukulele playing. Twelve people attended. He brought some ukuleles to demonstrate, and some were available for purchase. Many questions were asked. We actually had our first lesson.

We meet every Thursday at 11:00 am at Elizabeth United Methodist Church. Our next lesson with Stan is August 11th. We are all looking forward to making community connections and music (or just noise initially) together. Anyone is welcome! NO previous experience is needed. Join any time. If you have a friend that is interested, bring them with you. See you there!

For more information email marcia@elizabethunitedmethodists.org.
MEET LUCY HOFFINES

Lucy is a Colorado native. She was born in Denver and grew up in Englewood. After graduating from high school, she went to Rockmont College (now Colorado Christian University) for two years, then transferred to the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

Lucy married John Hoffhines in Englewood. They had two children - John Jr., who now lives in Los Angeles, and Leigh Ann, now living in Oregon. She has one grandson and one great-grandson.

Lucy moved with her family to Elizabeth in 1967. They bought an old farmhouse in what is now Ponderosa Park. Lucy taught for two years in Northglenn, Colorado before the move to Elizabeth. After they came here, she taught first grade for two years in the south wing of the old school building. That was the first year that section of the building was used. The building was brand new in 1967, and now it is empty and for sale!

Lucy then went to Elbert to teach, and she was there for nine years. In 1978, she came back to the Elizabeth school district and taught there until she retired in 1997. She was a classroom teacher for 15 years and then developed and implemented an enrichment program for grades K - 6.

She has a strong interest in local history and has been a member of the Elbert County Historical Society for more years than she can remember. Lucy has been secretary of the organization for at least twenty years.

When Lucy and her family moved here, the only grocery store in Elizabeth was in the IOOF building. It was called Kraemer’s, which later became Gesin’s (before they built a store across the street - that building is now gone.) There was no doctor in town, no drug or hardware store. Main Street and most of the other streets in town were dirt. There were no stoplights. The closest hospitals were in Englewood or Aurora.

Gradually, ranchers in the area found it more profitable to sell off their land for subdividing than for raising cattle or hay, and the growth began, at a slow pace at first, but now exploding! Lucy says she is amazed at the rapid growth that is taking place in Elizabeth now!

BLESSING BAGS

The Blessing Bags program continues throughout the summer. Bags are placed by the downstairs door of the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Community members in need of food are invited to come help themselves.

There is an ongoing need for food for the bags, and monetary contributions are also gratefully received. When you are shopping, if you see any of the following items on sale and would like to pick up a few things, it would be appreciated. You can take them to church on Sundays or leave them any time the office is open:

- Boxed pasta, potatoes, rice mixes
- Canned spaghetti sauce
- Crackers (Saltines or Ritz, etc)
- Canned soups, veggies, or fruit
- Individual pudding or fruit cups
- Individually wrapped granola bars or cookies
- Canned tuna, chicken or other meat or fish

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BOOK CLUB

When: Wednesday Mornings
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am
Where: Currently on Zoom only
For the Zoom Link, please email Marcia at: marcia@elizabethunitedmethodists.org

We read books on various spiritual topics and enjoy lively conversation with our coffee, tea, or hot chocolate in the comfort of our home. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Since we are in the busy summer season, and several participants are travelling, we decided to listen to podcasts until September. We will continue to meet in Zoom on Wednesday mornings to discuss the information from each week’s topic.

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT EUMC

Check out ways you can help our Elbert County/ Elizabeth Community:

Blessing Bags & Weekend Sack Packs - meet at the church to fill the bags and weekend sack packs for students at Legacy Academy. For more information, call or text Kristen at 775-530-7037.

Elizabeth Food Bank needs volunteers and donations. Contact Susan 303-646-3232

SAY/SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

**July**
- Katie Black  7/16
- Lucy Hoffhines  7/21
- Ainsley Fischer  7/24
- Ladd Fischer  7/24
- Ray Allen  7/26

**August**
- Linda Newland  8/3
- Taryn Crookshanks  8/4
- Alexis Myers  8/7
- Cheryl Rudauskas  8/10
- Kevin Black  8/18
- Kristen Crookshanks  8/26
- John Duffield  8/27

**September**
- Rev. Teri Todd  9/4
- Gregg Boone  9/5
- Wyatt Black  9/5
- Marilyn Allen  9/12
- Faye Asmus  9/18
- Clint Crookshanks  9/28