



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Grace and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

Murphy's law strikes again. Yesterday's Facebook live stopped streaming 8-10 minutes into the broadcast, so I posted the 8:30 am Zoom worship recording on Facebook. As we release Gene from his hosting duties, I have a deeper appreciation for his help during the previous weeks. If there is anyone that regularly logs into the 8:30 am Zoom worship and who would be willing to be a cohost, please let me know and I can walk you through the steps. Remember our recordings are posted on slvumc.org and on our website www.umcofcenter.com. Also remember that I am still doing Children's Moments after the 8:30 Zoom Sunday service and the Story behind the Songs live on Facebook on Wednesdays at 1 pm. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these days of restrictions. **Church in the Wildwood at Beaver Creek Youth Camp has been canceled.** Unfortunately, it is unsafe for our congregation to open even in the summer. As the fall approaches, we will assess whether it will be safe to open for the rest of 2020. The congregation falls into the "At Risk" group with the exception of a handful, so it is safer that we worship through Zoom. This will mean that those that know how to connect help those who don't, how to join us in Zoom.

We will continue the 8:30 am Zoom worship as joint Center and Saguache church group for those who are not able to join us physically or who are vulnerable to COVID-19.

I would like to deeply thank you for your generosity especially during this difficult time. Please remember that Saguache folks should send their contribution in check form to Center UMC, P.O. Box 626, Center, CO 81125. Please note for Saguache UMC in the memo area of your check. We can deposit those donations into First Southwest bank into the Saguache's church account. Sue McClure is depositing them in First Southwest in Center. We do appreciate your support especially in these times of restrictions. Also many of you know Bob Myers died on Mother's Day and the family has requested that any memorials be given to our church, Beaver Creek Youth Camp, or a charity of your choice in Bob's memory. He will be missed. We have lost many friends and family during these difficult times, so I know an updated prayer list is important. We are trying to keep it updated daily. We lost Bob Coombs and Eleanor Ward. There are no details on what is being done for Bob Coombs family. Alice informs me that Eleanor didn't want a service. Please check out our website and you will notice there is a tab especially for our Saguache Church updates.

I am praying that at least two members will step forward to represent our church at Mountain Sky Annual Conference which will be held digitally June 19-20. Since there is no travel involved which has caused us not to be represented at annual conferences in the past by laity, this would allow us to have voting representation from our laity for this annual conference. The registration fee of \$39 will be paid by the church once you have registered. If you need to have a computer and internet access, the Center church will be open for that capability. Your voice does make a difference and needs to be heard.

In June we will begin a Disciple bible study on *Under the Tree of Life – The Writings – John- Revelation*. **If you are interested, please let me know whether you would like to do this as a Zoom Bible Study or in-person Bible Study or both.** If we do Zoom it would make it possible for both churches to participate together. Please contact me by phone, text, or email so we can make plans to start in June. Our AA group has resumed virtually on Saturdays at 10 am. If you are interested in that, please contact Pastor Debbie via text (504)261-8860.

We will use our Zoom platform for all Zoom services and meetings, so you may wish to save this information for easy access. Remember Zoom allows for connection with a standard or cell phone or computer.

If you have internet access, 15 minutes before time to start, type in the link or press ctrl on this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8678651613?pwd=VIVDejlBRVBjT0tYNXVtUG42QTFNdz09> and it should take you to our Zoom platform. If you have the Zoom app, you can go to the app on your phone or your computer and type in Meeting ID: 867 865 1613 and enter the password: 2618860. If you wish to use your phone (cell or landline) without internet call +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) or +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose). Enter the Meeting ID: 867 865 1613 and then the Password: 2618860. You can call me at (504)261-8860 if you need assistance.

Remember, please feel free to reach out to me to ask how to share in this unique time, especially with prayer requests and concerns. I am available via phone or text at 504-261-8860. You can always reach me via email dupton@iliff.edu or message me via our Center United Methodist Church Facebook page. Stay safe and remember we are all essential people in the family of God.

Peace and grace for the journey,

Rev. Debra Upton

Thank you and have a blessed day.

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