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July has been a trial and error month with Center church transitioning from Drive-In worship to in-person worship. Our Zoom Disciple Bible Study is in full swing. Our first Drive-In movie night was successful in spite of the rain. Our Friday Yoga class has resumed. We hosted Coffee with the Chief last Saturday with 18 attendees to meet our new drug K9 and handler. The UMW ladies have collected two boxes of items for the migrant workers. Activities are beginning to fill the calendar as we cautiously reopen.

As we move into August, we are hosting our first ever Virtual VBS about Paul in Athens. I'm excited for this opportunity to involve many in our churches and provide a learning opportunity for children as they prepare to go back to school either virtually or in person. Please get the word out for parents or grandparents to register the kids for Virtual VBS which will begin August 10-14, 2020 virtually from 9 am to noon. We have forty spots still available.

Also the UMW ladies have figured out a way to safely continue our Back to School luncheon for the Center faculty and staff, so on August 13, 2020 from 11:30 am – 1 pm, we will serve a Take Out salad luncheon to them. Also, our August 20th Drive-In Movie Night will be Toy Story 4 which will be shown at 8 pm. Our special goodie bags for the kids left over from July's Drive-In Movie night will be distributed that evening as well. There are limited number left.

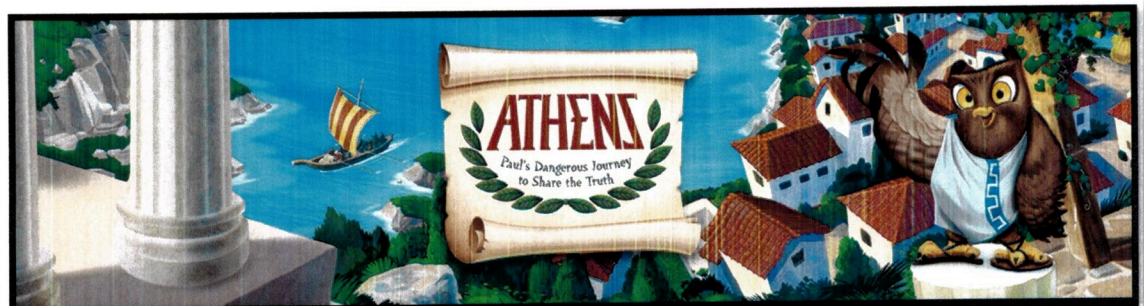
In August we will be emphasizing 3% giving for world-wide missions and educational endeavors to spread the love of God across the world. These funds can go directly to specific areas if desired. World Service Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Episcopal Fund, Black College Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, Africa University Fund, Western Jurisdiction and General Administration Fund. Please join me in going above and beyond our 3% apportionment.

Let us join in prayer for continued safety and healing for those in our community as we stay in love with God, seek to do no harm and do good.

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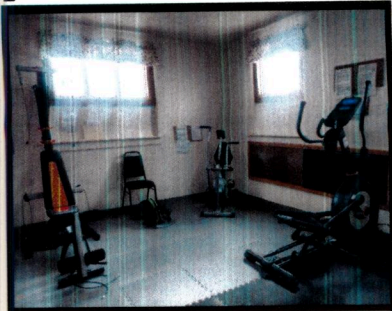
"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me."

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)



Vacation Bible School—August 10-14th : 9am to 12pm

This will be a week of fun, learning, and activities. To participate – go to www.umcofcenter.com and register. The virtual VBS will be live, but the videos will be available to those who register. If you do not have internet access, we will have alternative options available for you.



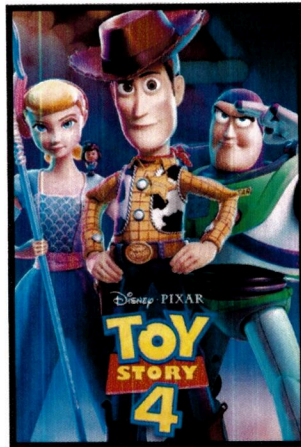
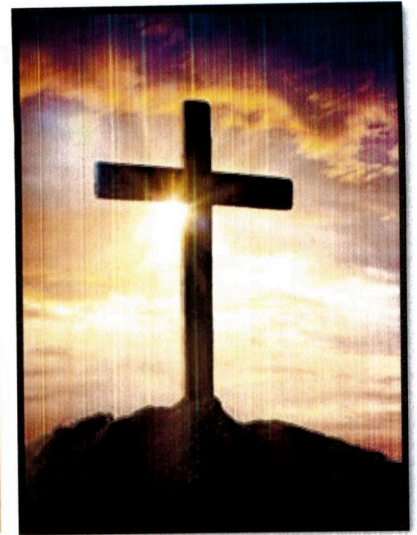
Senior Fitness Center & Yoga!

Our Gym is open and yoga has started again! Please call the church office or text (504) 261-8860 before coming so we can ensure your safety. Yoga is on Fridays at 9:30a. Please join us and thank you for your patience.



Joke of the Month

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."



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Drive-in Movie Night—August 20th : 8pm

Last Month's Drive in movie was a success! We have decided to continue this event and this month's movie is Toy Story 4. The movie can be viewed from the comfort of your car or bring some chairs and blankets and watch from the lawn. We ask you follow social distancing rules and stay 6 feet away from other groups. Masks will be required, but are available for any who do not have one.

Slow-Cooker Pepper Steak

Ingredients

- ◆ 2 lbs beef sirloin, cut into 2 in strips
- ◆ 1 tsp garlic powder
- ◆ 3 Tbsps vegetable oil
- ◆ 1 cube beef bouillon
- ◆ 1/4 c hot water
- ◆ 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- ◆ 1/2 c chopped onion
- ◆ 2 large green bell peppers, roughly chopped

Recipe by: MJWagner68

- ◆ 1 (14.5 oz) can stewed tomatoes w/ liquid
- ◆ 3 Tbsps soy sauce
- ◆ 1 tsp sugar
- ◆ 1 tsp salt
- ◆ 1 tsp pepper



Allrecipes.com

Directions

1. Sprinkle strips of sirloin with garlic powder and pepper. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat the vegetable oil and brown the seasoned beef strips. Transfer to a slow cooker.
2. Mix bouillon cube with hot water until dissolved, then mix in cornstarch until dissolved. Pour into the slow cooker with meat. Stir in onion, green peppers, stewed tomatoes, soy sauce, sugar, and salt.
3. Cover, and cook on High for 3 to 4 hours, or on Low for 6 to 8 hours.