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

Thank you to all you who joined our 8:30 am Zoom worship as well as those who joined via Facebook Live, or Zoom 10:30 am morning worship. I do appreciate the kindness and grace of all of those who were present either virtually or in-person Sunday.

Remember that access to any worship is posted on our [www.umcofcenter.com](http://www.umcofcenter.com) website, so feel free to go back and watch what you may have missed and forward it to your friends. The Story behind the Songs is on Facebook Live every Wednesday at 1 pm. During this common time between Pentecost and Advent, I'm posting daily Morning (7:30 am) and Evening (6:30 pm) Prayers on our Facebook page. These are meant to develop our acts of piety through prayer, reading scripture, and daily devotions. The Disciple bible study on Under the *Tree of Life – The Writings – John-Revelation* this Wednesday, has begun and will continue every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm using our Zoom platform. Remember the Zoom platform can be accessed by a telephone; you don't have to have internet or a computer to participate; you just dial the number. When participating in any of the virtual services or bible studies, we will be using our Zoom platform which allows us to participate via phone or computer. The link can be found at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8678651613?pwd=VIVDejlBRVBjT0tYNXVtUG42QTFNdz09/> If you click on it or copy and paste the address in the browser, 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.

Thank you for your generosity especially during this difficult time. Please remember that Saguache folks can send their contribution in check form to Center UMC, P.O. Box 626, Center, CO 81125. Please write the check to Saguache UMC. 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.

Thank you to our faithful leaders who met both in person and virtually Tuesday evening to do the work of the church. Trinity District will be hosting a Zoom meeting and discussion forum "Race Matters" on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm and Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am through their zoom platform. Please contact me or Kathy at [trinity@mtnskyumc.org](mailto:trinity@mtnskyumc.org) for the link if you wish to participate. Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, Dale Meek our Center police chief will resume his coffee with the chief outside our NE corner (Broadway and 4<sup>th</sup>) to introduce us to our new K-9 dog. AA will meet both virtually and outside on the opposite side at 10 am immediately after. Yoga resumed with a good group following social distancing and wearing masks. Please remember the Fitness Center is open and ready for visitors.

We are planning a virtual bible school about Paul's adventures in Athens August 10-14, 2020. Please consider helping and get the word out to the children in our area to participate. Information and registration is on our website. You can contact the church or me for more information and especially to help or register

Vicki Ratzlaff is taking the Fall Bithell Fruit orders until August 9, 2020. May checks to the United Methodist Women of Center and mail or give Vicki the check before the August 9<sup>th</sup> deadline. The form is online.

There are many things we can do, especially during these difficult times. Please share your ideas and let's see how we can make them a reality. 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](mailto: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*