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## Pastor Debbie

April is a month of so many new beginnings, a fresh start, the celebration of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Charles Wesley's Easter hymn will be sung all over the world, but do we truly understand the meaning behind this hymn.

*1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

**Verse 1 rings the bell of hope and praise. "Alleluia" or "hallelujah" means God be praised! Be happy and tell the world that God is to be praised.**

*2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

**Verse 2 announces that redemption is here and that the kingdom of heaven has been brought to earth by Christ whose power over death has been given to us.**

*3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!*

**Verse 3 exclaims we do not need to fear for Jesus is our salvation.**

*4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!  
5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!  
6 King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!*

**Verse 4 and 5 declare that eternal life with God is now. In verse 6 Charles Wesley declares that we should live into eternal life every day and in every way, learning as much as we can of God, proving God's transforming power in our lives. The response to this glorious gift is up to us. Will we remain the caterpillar or will we allow God's love and power to transform us into a beautiful, unique butterfly with wings to soar? There are opportunities to respond to God's gift to us. Join us for the Lenten Bible study *The Way* by Adam Hamilton at both Center and Saguache, then join us for Holy Week which will include the observance of the Passover Seder on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Tenebrae Service, Easter Egg Hunt, Sunrise Service, and regular worship services. All are welcome.**



Next cooperative parish meeting will be April 7 at 2:30 p.m. at Bowen



**Clip and Save these Dates!!!!**

**2019 Calendar of Events for UMW**

- April – No Meeting for UMW
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Salad Supper at 6:30
- June – Mission project – Hygiene kits for migrant workers
- July – 20<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale and Bake Sale
- August – School Staff Luncheon (Date to be announced)
- August or September – Trip to Creede (Watch for announcements)
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Brunch at 9:30
- December 14<sup>th</sup> - Soup Luncheon and Bake Sale

*Yard Sale items will need to be clean and priced before they are brought in. We just don't have the people power to do all of that anymore. Thanks for your help and understanding !!!!*

You are always welcome at any of these events. We will need help to make the Yard and Bake Sale happen and also with the Holiday Soup Luncheon and Bake Sale in December. Being on a committee is the first step to being able to make your voice heard and your ideas count. If you would be interested in helping with these events from the ground up please let Glenda (849-3303) know. We appreciate your help and input during this time of planning.

**Martha Circle Meetings**

- Martha Circle will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month throughout the year. Meetings start at 9:30. Martha Circle will have a "bakeless" bake sale on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We welcome new members and invite all to attend meetings at anytime. For more information of these events call Martha Circle President Marilyn Eagles 754-3704.



You are invited to attend our annual  
Mother's Day Salad Supper  
Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Please share this invitation with all the women that would enjoy an evening among friends. Bring your favorite salad to share.

Great food, short program, sharing memories:

Favorite flowers of your mother,  
grandmother or in your own garden.

Take home something beautiful!!





# Kentucky Derby Party Everyone Is Welcome To Attend



**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019, starting at 3:30**

**Center United Methodist Church**

**387 South Broadway**

Pre-race activities, crafts for kids, and a hat contest.

A Kentucky Supper will be served following the race.

There is no cost for attending.

**Please come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship.**

Any donations collected will be divided between

Beaver Creek Youth Camp

and Center United Methodist Church



## **April 14- Martha Circle- Palm Sunday Sugar Free-Calorie Free-Bake-less Bake Sale**

A bit of news we have today....

A Bake-less Bake Sale is on the way.

In these busy days, who wants to bake a pie or cookies or even a cake.

You'd be surprised if you counted the cost, of ingredients, heat and the time you've lost.

Baking for sales is extra work

Yet nobody really wants to shirk.

So we've thought of a plan that's really grand, and we feel quite sure you'll understand.

In the back of the church, is a box on the table

If you like, please make a deposit

the price of a pie or cake or any amount you are able.

Without fuss or bother, you've done your part

We hope you'll give with a willing heart.

Wishing success for our BAKE-LESS BAKE SALE,

This is the end of our little tale

**Cooking with Your Neighbor** will be on April 4 at CUMC. It will be an Easter theme. We had a good time in March and enjoyed many dishes of the "green" or Irish theme. Please ask someone to come with you and maybe offer to pick them up as they might feel more comfortable if they have someone coming in with them. Remember, we are building relationships with others over an evening of food and conversations. We all can learn a great deal about others when relaxed and over a meal shared with each other.

## **Dinner with Your Neighbor in**

**Saguache** will be having a "Fish Fry" on 17.

Note this is a change of usual 2nd Thursday night but we had to plan around the fish frying person.

Over 40 some people attended our March dinner. Folks up here are loving it.





You are invited to participate in a special Maundy Thursday service designed around the Christian observance of the Passover Seder and the hours of Jesus according to scripture after the Passover observed by Jesus and his disciples. Join us at 6:30 pm in Drummond Hall at 387 S. Broadway in Center across from the Center Consolidated Schools. Please join us for a meaningful evening of remembrance.

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### CUMC Financial News

Save the date: **May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3:30 will be the 3rd Annual Kentucky Derby Party at the Center United Methodist Church. Proceeds will be divided between Center United Methodist Church and Beaver Creek Youth Camp.** Please come and enjoy the afternoon with crafts for the kids, hat contest, a horse line-up, Kentucky Derby trivia, and mint julips. We will watch the race on the screen in the fellowship hall and then enjoy a wonderful Kentucky Supper to end the evening.

February Giving	\$5,695.76
February Expenses	\$7,058.14
Net Income	- \$1,362.38

The season of Lent, of reflection, the stories of Jesus including the gift of Jesus himself. Can we also have the ability to see ahead, new life comes with the forgiveness of sin. Within this season can we look ahead, can we pay it forward now, the gift of love, forgiveness, honesty, trust, faith and giving; can we respond to God's giving with our gifts, because God works through us to bring new life, new hope to the world, new hope to the church?

Thanks to our congregation for the support we have for our church, for each other and our community. Special thanks to Janet Myers and Sue McClure for keeping all our financial items in order. I appreciate it greatly!!

Tony Holcomb  
Finance Chairman  
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# Community-wide EASTER EGG HUNT

FUN • PRIZES • CRAFTS • FOOD

<b>APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>CENTER UNITED</b>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>METHODIST</b>

**387 SOUTH BROADWAY, CENTER, CO  
PLEASE BRING YOUR BASKET**

## Fun Facts about April

<https://www.ducksters.com/history/aprilinhistory.php>

April is the 4th month of the year and has 30 days.

Season (Northern Hemisphere): Spring

- It is the second month of spring. It is a time of planting and spring cleaning.
- In the Southern Hemisphere, April is the same as October in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The diamond of April symbolizes innocence.
- The Boston Marathon is held during April.
- In Ancient Rome the month of April was sacred to the goddess Venus.
- The Japanese fiscal year for most businesses starts on April 1st.
- In England there are many cuckoo festivals. The arrival of the cuckoo bird in April is a signal that spring has arrived.
- April is the month when the professional baseball season begins in the United States.

## Holidays

April Fools' Day

Autism Awareness Day

Easter

Earth Day

Arbor Day

National Poetry Month

National Arab American Heritage Month

Teacher Appreciation Week

Jazz Appreciation Month

Alcohol Awareness Month

Cancer Control Month

## Symbols of April

- Birthstone: Diamond
- Flower: Daisy and the sweet pea
- Zodiac signs: Aries and Taurus





## Trinity Views

Dear Friends,

Have you heard of the t.v. program, “Nailed It!”? Amateur bakers are challenged to replicate a professional’s cake, and their results are generally far, Far, FAR from perfect copies of the original. The winning cake “nailed it” – even if anyone with sight can tell it’s nowhere close to the model. I mention this show because this idea of giving someone a “Nailed It” award is seeping into the vernacular of our culture and is applied with varying degrees of cynicism, sarcasm, humor and generosity.

In this season of Lent and Holy Week, the stories of the Gospel depicting the journey of Jesus moving inexorably toward Jerusalem, frequently arouse my sympathies for the disciples. For if anyone was trying to play “Nailed It!” in real life, it was the disciples after all.

These ordinary folks heard the invitation, “Come” and left jobs and families behind in order to follow an itinerant preacher around Judea without really understanding what they were doing or why Jesus asked it of them. In barely three years, they discovered that they didn’t get to keep their Teacher to themselves... sure, sometimes they had some quiet times together. But mostly there were interruptions, when other folks trailed along as they walked, simple meals and times of worship or teaching saw folks barging in, demanding healing or scripture interpretation or countless other services. Why, even the very weather caused disruption, turning simple trips across the lake into object lessons and tests of faith that almost always had the disciples looking like the amateurs they were.

Yes, the Disciples traveled with the Master. But they weren’t Him. They didn’t share his perspective or identity or purpose. Though they begged for Jesus to detour around Jerusalem, forgetting about Passover this year, Jesus went on ahead. All there was for them to do was to continue to follow... to continue to faithfully be with the one whom they had committed their lives to... even though they didn’t understand what they were doing or why this was being asked of them.

As Christians today, we often ask, “What Would Jesus Do?” and find ourselves falling short, the offerings of our best efforts bearing little resemblance to the ideal presented by our Lord. And yet, was that even what Jesus asked of those who walked with Him? He asked for their companionship, their prayer and support. He asked for faithfulness. And though the Disciples achieved that goal with varying degrees of success, even Peter, who failed at first, came through in the end.

In this season of Lent and approaching Holy Week, and at this moment in the life of your congregation and our denomination, I wonder what is being asked of us in our discipleship? Is this truly a WWJD moment? Or perhaps are we being invited to “Come” and follow Jesus... to go with him to and beyond Jerusalem, Golgotha, Easter and beyond. Could it be that this is not a set-up for failure, with no candid camera hidden to punk us in a public moment of humiliation? Could it be that no derisive laughter awaits to ironically recount how we “Nailed It” with a wink and a head shake?

Maybe, just maybe, our God who pours out grace upon grace and supplies our every need... including sustenance and direction in times of challenge and uncertainty... maybe our God sees us clearly and is extending a hand for us to hold... that our only test might be to trust God one step at a time as we continue our journey together.

Beloved, may we be bold to ask and patient to receive as we faith our way forward.

Blessings on the Journey from your District Superintendent,

*Margarit*