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Pastor Debbie

Everything should be done in LOVE. 1 Corinthians 16:14 (CEB)

Valentine's Day is one of my favorite holidays. Many times in the New Orleans area, it is completely ignored because of Mardi Gras even in the Catholic churches. My first granddaughter was born on Valentine's Day and we are always telling her she's God's valentine to us. There are many stories around the legend of Valentine. The one I like is the story that Valentine's death occurred because he was helping Christians escape the horrible Roman prisons known for torture. Supposedly while imprisoned himself, Valentine sent his first "valentine" greeting after he fell in love with the jailor's daughter who visited him in jail. Allegedly he signed his last letter to her before his death, "From your Valentine" which has become a widely accepted Valentine expression. Some legends even say he even performed marriages while he was incarcerated. This third century Christian, saw the opportunity to fully live out 1 Corinthians 16:14 even though his own life was in jeopardy. These last few weeks, both Center and Saguache churches have been honoring the memories of what their community of faith has been and is presently, and has been challenged to look toward the future even though it may be uncomfortable and challenging. We are all God's children and God has designed us with a gift that is so very special, formed from love and designed to radiate love. During the last couple of weeks many of you have taken the Spiritual Styles test and found that you are either a sage, prophet, lover, or mystic. That information is extremely helpful because it helps us understand ourselves and those around us. Hopefully in our community of faith, we have many sages, prophets, lovers, and mystics which would help us see and understand all viewpoints and motivations within our faith community and accept them in love, remember that "everything should be done in LOVE."

Thank You!

I want to Thank the church, for the kindness, generosity and graciousness of gifts, prayers, and adjusting schedules this past 4 or 5 months. I have been remiss in showing my thankfulness. My health issues have kept me at survival level for two long. I want to thank Martha Circle, UMW and everyone else for the cards, support and prayers sent to support me. I had two ladies step up and see that Cooking with Your Neighbor did not get cancelled in January and I really appreciate that. Thank you for helping me. Charleen

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Clip and Save these Dates!!!!

2019 Calendar of Events for UMW

Feb – No Meeting for UMW

March 5th Program on Prayer and Self-Denial

April – No Meeting for UMW

May 7th – Mother's Day Salad Supper at 6:30

June – Mission project – Hygiene kits for migrant workers

July – 20th Yard Sale and Bake Sale

August – School Staff Luncheon (Date to be announced)

August or September – Trip to Creede (Watch for announcements)

December 3rd – Christmas Brunch at 9:30

December 14th - Soup Luncheon and Bake Sale

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 3rd Wednesday of each month throughout the year. Meetings start at 9:30. Martha Circle will have a "bakeless" bake sale on Palm Sunday, April 14th. 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.

Cooking with Your Neighbor

This month our dinner was on January 3rd. Our theme was a new year, and we had a taco bar. Glenda took charge along with Vickie Ratzlaff as I have been a little under the weather. A baked potato bar was added. We may have developed into fair weather folks as not too many got out into the below zero weather, but those who did, had a great meal and great fellowship. It is always a good time to visit, talk and sometimes learn about how to cook something you may not know about. (How in the heck do you cook an artichoke anyway?) I would like to learn about that. On Feb. 7 we will have a Louisiana night. Pastor Debbie has many special dishes to cook up and will need some help so make sure you mark your calendar. We start cooking sometimes as early as 5 but do not serve until about 6 pm. Not all folks are retired and their jobs keep them until 5 which means they can't get here until 5:30. Remember to bring someone with you or invite someone to join us. It is open to everyone.

This month we will need some help in the kitchen. If you want to help please let us know. I will be frying the beignets. Pastor Debbie will know what she needs in the manner of help. She brought many of the things she needs from Louisiana on her last trip there.

SOUPER Bowl Sunday CUMC

It is that time of year, when the Super Bowl happens. That is also the time that we do the soup drive. Bring nonperishable soups and food items to the Church by **Feb. 3** to help feed those less fortunate than us. Times are very hard and many folks do not have enough to eat. Let us share our blessings we do have with those who are in need by supporting this mission.

Monte Vista UMC Community Valentine's Day Dinner

February 9 at 5:30-7:30 upstairs in the Assembly Room
Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Cheese Bread, Dessert
Purchase tickets by February 4
Call Vicki Bever –852-5008
Colette Skeff– 852-3435

CUMC Financial News

Tony Holcomb
Finance Chairman
Financial News

As a New Year begins I am personally grateful to all of you that have supported the church in any way that you have, especially financially.

December Donations	\$10,607.14
December Expenses	\$16,559.79
December Net Income	- \$5,952.65

Our church has had a wonderful year with expanded activities and we were blessed with many financial gifts this year also. We have paid ahead some bills for 2019 so we thank you for making that possible.

I am excited about sharing all the gifts of our finances. God leads us in our giving as a church - everything from tithing to mission, upkeep of God's church, helping those in need that enter our doors, youth camps, food banks and much more. We have received many gifts from people of faith and look forward to a new year of sharing and giving in name of our Lord and Savior.

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. — Winston Churchill

Tony Holcomb
Finance, Chairman
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Brrrrrr or whoppee

Yep, if this weather is any indication of how many folks believe, we will be drowning in water. If we have snow we have water is the theory. The skiers who only spend vacations up in the mountains and then return home to the dry roads of their sanctuaries in the warmer places will be happy too. No worries about frozen pipes, frozen windshields, cars not starting, protecting livestock, pets, scary roads, etc. etc. Yeti's, penguins, polar bears, love cold and acres of snow too.

Seems like over half of the nation at the present time is about weather and cold. I was told SLV came in second to the lowest right after Chicago yesterday. I have no words to describe how much I like it but I am waiting to see the flood of water we should have since it finally is a real winter here. So I studied a bit of weather in the Bible. Yep, they talk a little about the weather there too. These four are the ones that probably apply to the feelings some folks have.

1 Kings 1:1

"Now King David was old, advanced in age; and they covered him with clothes, but he could not keep warm." (that's me!)

2 Corinthians 11:27

"I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, **in cold and exposure.**"

And here are two that support the need for winter

Psa 147:18

"He sends out His word, and melts [ice and snow]; He causes His wind to blow, and the waters flow." (spring wind, ninety days from now)

Isa 55:10

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:" (we all need food and a way to make a living)

<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com>

So, while (trapped) staying inside the next 90 days, use this time well. Clean your closets and get ready for the yard sale our church is planning. Stack the boxes full and it will help the church in monetary values and help others get the things they need so it also is a little bit of mission work.

Or, read the Bible and study it by yourself or with someone. Sometimes it means more if you can ruminate it with someone and come to a better understanding of the meaning of the verse.

Another option is to sleep through it all like a bear and then, in 90 days, it will be less snow and ice but windy. Bingeing on TV might work for those of us who really do not care to purchase expensive winter clothing built for Antarctica and have a penchant for warmer living.

Yes, snow and cold can be pretty on a postcard. Send me one. Is there anyone out there who could pick up my mail for me? Don't wake me up just leave it by the door! Charleen



Trinity Views

Dear Friends,

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 says, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart."

This passage of scripture, known as the Sh'ma, is a watchword of our faith... proclaiming belief in and worship of the One true God. In Judaism, both public worship services, individual and small group prayers all begin by reciting the Sh'ma. These central words remind us of who we are and whose we are.

They also charge us with one of the most important activities for people of faith: hearing. LISTEN!

Are we listening?

In our prayers, are we doing all the talking, expecting God to listen to us? Do we truly wait upon the Lord... listening for the still, small voice of the One who creates, sustains and calls us?

If ever there was a time for United Methodist Christians to join together in a common spiritual practice, it is now. As General Conference 2019 approaches and our denomination faces a critical hour, each of us has a gift to offer... something we can DO. We can pray. Specifically, we can listen for God's voice... we can seek the leading of the Holy Spirit... we can receive the peace of Christ and we can pray as Jesus taught us, asking for God's will to be done.

In the days to come, different prayer resources will be made available to enable the Mountain Sky Conference to pray together during this pivotal time. You may already be making plans as a circuit, congregation or family. However you choose to lift up your heart to God, I encourage you, brothers and sisters, to Hear our God and listen with faith, hope and love.

Blessings on the Journey from your District Superintendent,

Margaret

February Fun Facts

1. The birthstone for February is Amethyst.
2. Two zodiac signs for February are Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) and Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
3. The month has 29 days in leap years, when the year number is divisible by four. In common years the month has 28 days.
4. Viola (plant) and the Primrose are the birth flowers.
5. Black History Month is celebrated in Canada and United States.
6. In order to complete the Soviet Union's victory in Stalingrad during World War II, the last German troops surrendered in the Stalingrad pocket.
7. On February 4, 1861, a temporary committee met at Montgomery, Alabama where they organized a Confederate States of America.
8. On February 6, 1933, Amendment 20 to the United States was proclaimed which moved the Inauguration Day to January 20th.
9. In February 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.
10. On February 6, 1899. The U.S. Senate ratified the peace treaty that led to the end of the Spanish-American War.
11. On February 6, 1952, Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain.
12. February 12 - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
13. February 14 - Valentine's Day
14. February 22 - George Washington's Birthday"

*<https://www.famousbirthdays.com/facts/facts-about-february.html>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					No Faith Adventures	Groundhog Day Yoga? 9:30
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CUMC service 8:30 am SUMC service 10:30 SOUPER Bowl Sunday	Pastor in Saguache, Tea with Pastor @3	Yoga 9:30	Crossroads 9-12	Cooking with Your Neighbor 5:30 pm	Faith Adventures SUMC AM CUMC 1-?	50+ Monte Vista UMC sweetheart dinner 5:30-7:30
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
CUMC service 8:30 am SUMC service 10:30	Town & Country Pastor in Saguache, Tea with Pastor @3	Lincoln's Birthday Yoga 9:30 Admin Board 6 pm	Crossroads 9-12	Valentine's Day Dinner with Your Neighbor 5:30	Faith Adventures SUMC AM CUMC 1-?	Yoga 9:30
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CUMC service 8:30 am SUMC service 10:30 CUMC brunch	President's Day Kiwanis Pancake supper Pastor in Saguache, Tea with Pastor @3	Yoga 9:30	Crossroads 9-12 Martha Circle 9:30	Movie night	Washington's Birthday Faith Adventures SUMC AM CUMC 1-?	
24	25	26	27	28		
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Beginning January 11th, Faith Adventures in Music will begin on Fridays. At Saguache at 9 am, piano lessons will begin, at 10 am, voice lessons will begin, and at 11 am chime lessons will begin. At Center at 1 pm, piano lessons will begin, at 2 pm, voice lessons will begin, and at 3 pm chime lessons will begin.