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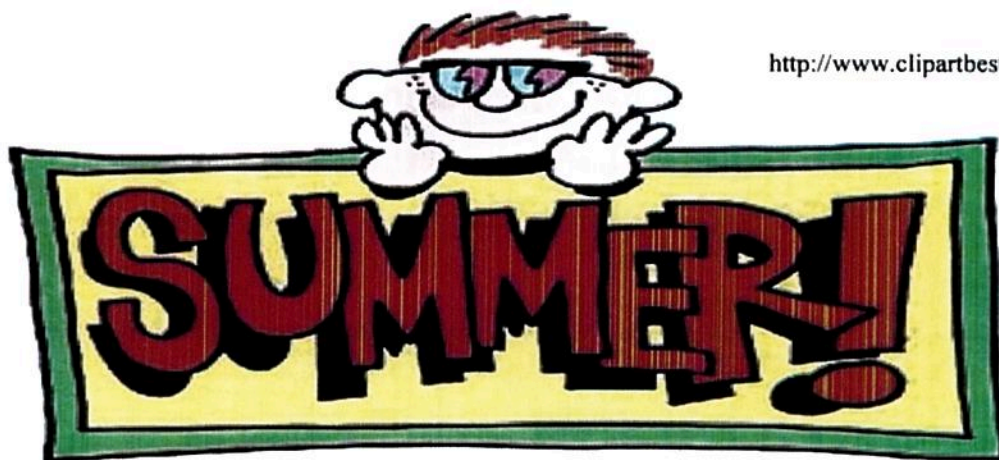
It's hard to believe that I'm entering my twelfth month here in the valley. I have been truly blessed to have been welcomed by both Center and Saguache communities. So much has happened during this past year, some wonderful times and some sad times. I wish to thank everyone from both churches for helping to make me feel that this is "home" for as long as God has chosen for this to be my home. During my recent silent retreat where I tried to unplug from everything that seemed so important, I was able to enter a time of mindfulness considering the natural beauty all around us and God's sustaining grace that provides all that we need. It's important that we slow down enough to realize that grace and listen to the voice of God all around us.

While I pray that Advent and Lent and Easter have been meaning times to draw closer to God, it is my prayer as we prepare for Pentecost Sunday, that the fire from our Methodist cross flame brightly for all to see the Spirit of God working in our communities through us. The Spirit is alive and I have been so blessed by those of you who have come forward to help in so many ways, but our mission is ongoing. On the evening of the eleventh, I will begin my journey to Billings for Annual Conference. Please pray for all who are attending conference as we seek to do the work of the church.

This Sunday, we will join other churches from the San Luis Valley for Church in the Wildwood at Beaver Creek. It is my prayer that you will join us for service at 10:30 am and a pot luck to follow. Please consider staying an extra hour to help prepare the camp for campers who will be coming in a few weeks. The following Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, so if you have red, wear red to the service. The following Sunday is Father's Day and I will be at conference, so both churches will have a hymn sing that Sunday.

This summer each Sunday, we will be looking at the theological themes and messages from some of our favorite movies. We will still have our Cooking with Your Neighbor and Dinner with your neighbor as well as our Movie Night, so plan on joining us for fun and fellowship this summer.

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Financial News

I am so thankful! We have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for. First, thanks goes out to the hands that helped put the Kentucky Derby Party together. A huge thanks goes out for the donations that were received to help support our church and Beaver Creek Youth Camp. Please keep the camp and all those involved in the management in your prayers as they go into a new season. Prayers can make great things happen!

We were also very blessed to receive an awesome amount of pledge giving the month of April, thank you so much! We acknowledge that all giving is indeed a gift. The gift of pledging is the vitality of the church operating to the glory of our Savior.

April 2019

Donations	\$15,249.37
Expenses	\$7,912.00
Net Income	\$7,337.37

Thank you, again to everyone who supported Beaver Creek Youth Camp at the Kentucky Derby Party. Thank-you Sue McClure and Janet Myers for the time and energy given to take care of our weekly finance functions and the extra time added for special giving events. It is greatly appreciated.

Colossians 3:15 *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

Tony Holcomb

Finance, Chairman

Clip and Save these Dates!!!!

2019 Calendar of Events for UMW and Martha Circle

- **June – 4th** at 9:30 Mission project –Assemble Hygiene Kits (see list of needed items in this newsletter)
- **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
- 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 !!!!
- Coat Drive now through Fall – Collection box downstairs, coats will be given away in the fall. All sizes needed, men women and children.

Martha Circle Meetings

- **Thank –you to everyone that donated to the Bakeless Bake Sale we appreciate your support!!!**
- Martha Circle will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month throughout the year. Meetings start at 9:30. We welcome new members and invite all to attend meetings at any time. For more information of these events call Martha Circle President Marilyn Eagles 754-3704.



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A Moment for You

You are a blessing!

We all have people in our lives who make us feel better just by being near., and who lift us up just by being themselves. People who help us get going or keep us going. People we don't know what we'd do without. People we thank our lucky stars for. People like you!
(Contributed by a member)





We are collecting gently used coats now
Coats can be left in the box in Drummond Hall

We will have a
COAT GIVE AWAY DAY
in the Fall

For a little added fun join the
"Share The Warmth" Pledge to Mission Fund Raiser
Count all the coats you own and give \$1.00 per coat to
Center United Methodist Women
(including the donated ones)

Checks can be made to CUMW and give to Janet Myers
Please make memo on your check – coat drive
Funds will go to United Methodist Women National Missions

Items needed for Hygiene Kits:

Medium sized items are appreciated

Travel size items will be donated to La Puente

Shampoo (12.5 oz.)

Deodorant (2.6 oz.)

Tooth paste (5.1 oz.)

Tooth brush

Band Aids

Combs

Nail clippers

Boxes for items will be upstairs in back of the church and downstairs on a table along the east wall. Collection will be now through June 2nd. Assembly will be June 4th at 9:30 a.m. We would love to have your help to assemble the kits.

Many hands make light work and awesome fellowship!!! God loves it when we pray together and play together. And help those in need.



<http://lusile17.centerblog.net/rub-paysages-32.html>

Church in the Wildwood

Come join us and enjoy the outdoors too. The service is at 10:30 at the camp. After there will be a potluck dinner with a Co-operative Parish meeting. If weather is acting inhospitable we will inside.

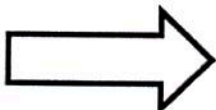
Church Yard
sale

<http://www.andrewchapelumc.org/about->

How are you doing on getting ready for the CUMC yard sale?

The date is July 20. You need to have the items marked with the price. It will also be a bake sale so you need to be thinking about what you are going to bring. It is always a good time to support your church, community and a way to get all those "extras" you have around the house and downsize your chores of cleaning. Remember: you need to put the prices on the items before bringing them in. Thanks.

Another Thank You note from the teachers showing their appreciation of our thinking of them.



Members of the Center United Methodist Church,
Thank you for thinking so often about Center Schools, its students and staff. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and sharing so generously of your time and resources. We are truly blessed to be part of your community/neighborhood.
Sincerely,
Shirley Wilson

Respect

This is something that seems to be missing in a great deal of areas of life right now. Aretha Franklin is not the only one lamenting or pleading for respect.

Countries want it. Women want it. Men want it. LGBTQIA want it. Kids want it. Homeless people and any public office person wants it. It is a powerful thing in the right hands. In the wrong hands not so much. It isn't easy to define either.

In the dictionary, the definition might read like this: to consider worthy of high regard, to refrain from interfering with, to have reference to. Synonyms are: esteem, regard, admire, appreciate, dignity, consideration, value, heed and recognize.

In a Sunday School class I was asked when I was going to get married. The person who asked said "you have to trust someone sometime enough to get married." After some thought about this, I had an answer for him. When I find the man who does as the Bible says in Ephesians 5:25-31, in other words when I find a man who loves me as much as he loves himself. The quote is: ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.^[a] ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Now, if you know any available guy like that let me know. I am sure that there are plenty of men who would like to find a wife like that too. I don't think there is anyone that can live up to those expectations. (Men or Women) God knows that and Jesus knew this standard for loving God or mankind was unachievable. That is why He made the Holy Spirit available to us. He knew we couldn't love God or mankind that well by ourselves and he sent the Holy Spirit to us to help us with our struggles with temptations of life. That man never asked or lectured me again because he had no come back to my answer. Nor do I think I could love someone back that purely. I used to tease a couple in our church who celebrated their anniversary a week before my birthday: 'My gosh, I am not even that old yet and there are times when I don't even like myself and you have lived together for that long? You have to be saints!'

Well, I know I have a great deal to learn and improve upon. Those of you who share houses with a spouse and/or children have probably already learned how to share with them and when to walk away when you just can't deal with a behavior. You have to celebrate what you love about them and try to diminish what they do that drives you crazy. The same goes for the church family. We need to treat everyone with the respect we show at home and with others as we live in our church family and the Holy Spirit can help us learn to share. If we feel like they are not listening because they are incapable of changing their behavior, we need to walk away and not let them continue to aggravate us into acting in inappropriate ways. Their insensitivity to our needs is just that, and we need to avoid those situations by removing us from the scene. Where there is more than one person there can be differences of opinion. A kitchen with nothing out is what makes some happy, others like to make it feel kind of homey. One wants to put in a dishwasher, someone doesn't. That is ok. We do what we can when we can. We have to find middle ground in everything we do. A balanced life for one may not look like the neighbor's but we go on.

I have some neighbors who delight in LOUD pickups. One also likes LOUD music. When my knick-knacks start dancing off the window ledges and tables, I calmly walk over and state, 'I can't hear my own TV in my own living room, do you think you could turn it down a little, especially the base, before my china hops out of the cupboard?' So far, it has worked. We get so far into our world; we often forget how our actions affect others. Instead of getting mad, calling the police; a simple word to the wise giving a rather comical view of how my house might be affected by his loud music gives him a chance to think and re-evaluate what kind of a neighbor he wants to be with no hard feelings. There are always going to be those times when we are not happy with someone and we cannot walk away. We have to address it straight forward. Anytime we are not happy with someone, we need to calm down, think it through and discuss it with that person first not everyone else but that person. Take deep breaths, remember why you love or like them, speak for yourself, not for others, and try to calmly talk with the other person letting them know why it upsets you. Speak with I messages, not you messages. I feel....I need... I think... and avoid you don't.. you...messages. Anytime we are not happy with someone, we need to calm down, think it through and discuss it with that person first, not everyone else but that person. Maybe they are not aware that what they are doing is making you crazy. It is not always easy but you would want a chance to find out what is wrong before everyone else and a chance to speak for yourself. If it truly is a concern to several persons, then schedule a time when all can be present and discuss it with all concerned present. Everyone deserves to have a time to defend themselves and know that they are the first to hear what seems wrong to others. Sometimes it cannot be "fixed". Their personality or behaviors are just a part of their whole being. They are not even aware of what they are doing. When one on one conversations happen, they might be able to recognize what is causing the friction and try to change the reaction they might be causing but it has to come within them.

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I know from experience that when you are in pain or hurt or sick, our patience can be short but I myself am going to try to ask for the help of the Holy Spirit for patience and understanding when someone doesn't do what I want them to, after all I am not to judge, only God has that power even if we try to usurp that power daily in making decisions about people by their looks, dressing, and actions that do not fit our definition.

This all brings me to the idea that not only are we to learn to love God and ask for the Holy Spirit for help, but we have to remember to ask for the Holy Spirit's help, think about it and learn to recognize the Spirit when it is moving through our lives. I think I saw it moving this week in some church activities. People volunteered and showed up to help with church activities. One person even stated how quickly the job had been completed. I couldn't help but comment that many hands make for light work. While working, there was laughter, conversation and activity. I think everyone went home feeling good about the job and their part in it. Thank you everyone who helped with the Kentucky Derby, the Mother's Day dinner and the Teacher Appreciation food and goodie construction. It warmed my heart to see all the help and activity and made me think of how it was when I first joined this church.

Thank you Lord for the volunteers who served in whatever way they can this week and pour your Holy Spirit on us as we struggle with our earthly lives and give us the wisdom to recognize when it is at work in our lives. (Charleen)

SUMC Dinner with Your Neighbor

It was miserable weather and a school music program so we only had 17 people but they all had a good time! No theme yet for June but whatever it is, it will be delicious and fun.

Cooking with Your Neighbor-

We had some folks out for various reasons this month. May is a busy month. As always the food was good, and the visiting was too.



Fun Facts about June

June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

- June's birthstone is the pearl, the Moonstone and the Alexandrite.
- The June birth flower is the Rose (Rosa) and the Honeysuckle (Lonicera).
- In 2009 June was the 662 most popular name for girls in the USA.
- Anglo-Saxons gave the June the name Sera monath (Dry month)
- June is derived from either Juno goddess of marriage or from iuniores (young people) [10 Fun Facts About June](#).

<https://teamreferralnetwork.com/news/2016/06/10-fun-facts-about-june/>

In both common and leap years, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June.

The birth flowers of June are rose and honeysuckle.

◆ The people who are born in June fall under two zodiac signs, Gemini (till 21st) and Cancer (from 22nd). Gemini people have a poles-apart character which shows in these amazing [Gemini quotes](#). There are many [famous Gemini celebrities](#) like Morgan Freeman, Johnny Depp, Angelina Jolie, etc.

◆ June is regarded as the National Iced Tea Month as well as the National Candy Month in the US.

Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June. Al Bernstein
[/celebrationjoy.com/month-of-june-fun-facts-quotes-trivia](#)

"Love. Heal.
Thrive: Rebuilding
a Worthy
Temple."



2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 13-16 BILLINGS, MT

Greetings, Trinity District!

I want to invite you to join in an online get together next Thursday evening, May 30th, from 7 to 8:30. You'll receive a Zoom link (if you haven't already), and I hope a good crowd will call in to participate.

What for, you may ask? Well, two reasons.

First, I'm anxious to start getting to know you, and letting you get to know me. I've begun acquainting myself with Trinity—I actually served the good people of Rocky Ford for a time!—and want to take every opportunity to do so without stepping on Margaret Gillikin's toes. She has graciously welcomed me and is initiating me into this humbling role of District Superintendent. I trust you will assist her in that process! I don't officially begin until July 1st, but Margaret is letting me get a head start before I meet some of you in person at Annual Conference in Billings. And I want to thank Alice, Major, and Sarah for helping get this call set up.

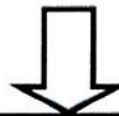
Second, it's become clear that there is a desire across Mountain Sky for more and better information about goings on after the special General Conference in February and the Judicial Council ruling in April. Each district across the area is holding regular video calls to make sure questions can be asked and answered in as transparent a way as possible. So far, events seem to keep putting us all in a repetitious "hurry up and wait" cycle. I hope we can take a breath when we meet next Thursday evening, pray together, share our anxieties, disappointments, and hopes, and begin establishing some trust as we envision our future as siblings in Christ.

With everything swirling around us in United Methodism these days, my true passion is evangelical, missional, and local. The relationship we share with one another in Jesus Christ is at the core of our being. My hope is that we are caught up in Jesus' vision for each of the communities we serve. I'm truly looking forward to meeting you where you live and hearing how the Holy Spirit is beckoning, nudging, or maybe even downright dragging you into kingdom work there. No matter how or with whom we end up connected, this is the "why" of our existence as we strive to fulfill John Wesley's mandate to "spread scriptural holiness throughout the land."

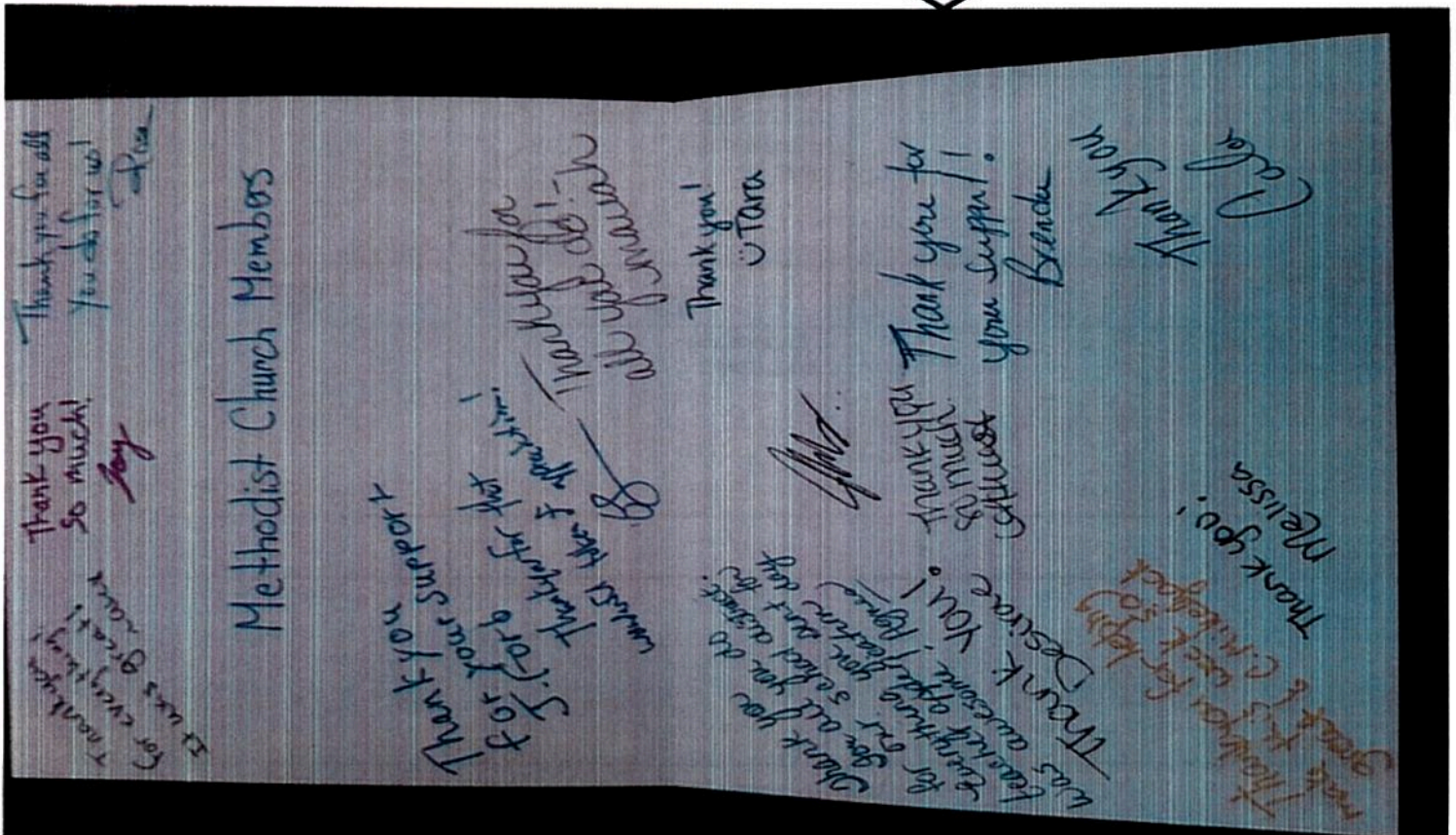


See you next Thursday!

In Christ's peace,
Chris Carr



Thank you note to us from
the teachers.





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