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As we enter into an Attitude of Gratitude beginning November 1st, let us remember to Fall Back with Daylight Savings Time. Charge Conference is just around the corner, and we are the host church for the November 11<sup>th</sup> Charge Conference. Our dear friend Charleen is warm and cozy in Mesa, as we brace for the cold temperatures and possible snow. I need your help. We are planning a Fall Festival on November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3 pm for the children of our area. It will be a time of fun, games, crafts, food, and most importantly getting to know our community better. I hope that all of you who are in town will come and participate in this activity for kids. For those who like games, we can use your help with the games. For those who like making things with their hands, we can use your help with the crafts. For everyone else, your presence and conversation are needed.

**We will set up a prize table and I'm asking if anyone has extra harvest fruits and/or vegetables that you bring them for our harvest table.** Glenda did a marvelous job Saturday hosting the coat give away, so a big thank you goes to those who donated and helped with sorting. This UMW project is well worth repeating next year. It showed us that there is a need in our community. We are so blessed and it is wonderful to be able to give **back to the community. That's what November 9<sup>th</sup> is all about.** One of the activities is to have the children who attend will vote on the best Bible character costume from the adults. **I'm hoping that many of you will dress up as your favorite Bible character.** I do have some available costumes. By being willing to be Moses or Ruth or Jesus or Mary or any other Bible character, we can share the good news of the Bible by telling the children who we are and what we did and how God used us.

December 1<sup>st</sup> will be our Hanging of the Greens service and is a wonderful way to begin Advent. We will begin the sermon series, Advent study, and Advent devotion on that first Sunday of December. We will be

doing *Almost Christmas* on which my good friend Matt Rawle collaborated. I believe it will be a meaningful Advent Study. Because so many of the Advent and Lent devotional were left untouched and unused, I only ordered twenty devotion books, 15 for Center and 5 for Saguache. Those will be put out the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The book can be ordered as a Kindle as well for those who have a Kindle and wish to use it that way.

The prayer group on Wednesday evenings will continue through November. I am praying that God will lead you to come and join the group as we pray for our church and our community.

**I'm glad to announce that a Center AA group will begin meeting at our church on Saturday mornings at 10 am in the same room Crossroads meets on Wednesday.** God has brought forth some amazing people to help get this started and we are praying for a leader in this community to step forward and take over for these two wonderful individuals who are willing to travel from outside Center to come and help those who struggle with addiction in Center. We are praying that God will bless this group and bring those in need of support to the meetings. All are welcome and if you know someone who needs to come, please bring them.

**Cookin' with Your Neighbor is November 7, 2019.** This will be our Thanksgiving Dinner for the church and the community. Two turkeys and two hams will be provided and will cook them in the church kitchen, so if you wish to come and help, it will be much appreciated, especially since Charleen is not here. We need the trimmings, casseroles, vegetables, bread, and desserts for dinner, **Donations are welcome. Saguache's Dinner with Your Neighbor is November 14** and it will also be a Thanksgiving Dinner for the church and the community in Saguache. A turkey and ham will be provided, but all game and fixings are welcome.

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## Bible Study Sunday Morning

Pastor Debbie has been running a short Bible study each morning before service at 8am on the book of Ruth. The restart of the Sunday Bible school has been postponed due to **Linda's injury and upcoming surgery**. Not many people have been attending, Perhaps it is being hosted at a time that is too early for you, but it is well worth it. Not many know about these women of the Bible and this is a good way of learning about them and their connection to Jesus Christ. There stories are just as important and it is our wish for more to attend these informative sessions. After the Book of Ruth, we will move on to the Book of Esther.

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**Movie Night in October was Disney's new Lion King.** *I appreciate Roy, Kathy, and Mary for coming even though no children attended. I guess the Bronco game and Center's games took priority. Movie Night in November will be The Art of Racing the Rain. I don't believe this movie made it to the valley. It is an American comedy-drama based on the 2008 novel with the same name. Denny Swift is a Formula One race driver who understands that the techniques needed on the racetrack can also be used to successfully navigate everyday life. He has three loves in his life – his beautiful wife, their young daughter, and his best friend, a dog named Enzo (Kevin Costner is the voice of the dog).*

It will be a wonderful evening beginning at 6 pm with warm food, fellowship, and a great family movie.

Town and Country are collecting shoes. There is a box in Drummond Hall for the shoes. Talk to someone in Town and Country for more details.

**Center's UMW is busy preparing for their December 14<sup>th</sup> Soup and Bake Sale Fund-raiser.** The Martha Circle Christmas Brunch is coming in December as well.

Thanks to all who helped to make the annual Oyster Stew, Chili, and Soup dinner a success. It was a wonderful evening for the church to show our thanks for the gracious support of our church.

We are planning for our charge conference, so be in prayer as church leaders complete this process and for Hannah as she compiles the information for that evening. I deeply appreciate the work of the

nominations committee as positions are being filled. Charge conference reports and committees need to be completed by the first of November. Since our Administrative Council meeting was set for November 12<sup>th</sup> and our Charge Conference Cluster is set for the evening of November 11, I am asking that all Administrative Council members come to the Charge Conference and that we vote on the final Charge Conference reports as part of the Sunday morning service, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you have any difficulties with this.

I began a short Bible study on Sunday mornings at 8 am before worship on the book Ruth. There were a couple of folks who came for the first two weeks; however, no one has come these last two weeks. **Perhaps I'm a horrible teacher or maybe it's too early. It's the only time I can do the Bible study since I travel to Saguache immediately after the service.** The restart of Sunday School had to be postponed due to Linda's injury and upcoming surgery. I'm not giving up. I hope to have you join me on Sunday at 8 am as we cover chapters 3-4 of Ruth. The sermon series on Women of Faith will continue until December 1<sup>st</sup>, our Hanging of the Greens when we will begin the series *Almost Christmas*.

I would like to express my gratitude for the laity who stepped forward to help with Laity Sunday, especially Mike Spearman who delivered a wonderful message to both churches and for Jerry Fike who delivered a **message in song for Center's offertory and our Arkansas visitor who delivered a message in song for Saguache's offertory.** We are so blessed.



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## Movie Night

Last month's movie was the live action *Lion King*. Not many attended, but was to be expected due to there being a Bronco's game that day. **This month's movie will be *The Art of Racing in the Rain*.** It is an American comedy/drama based on a novel released in 2008. It is centered around Denny Swift who is a formula 1 driver and his dog Enzo. Please join us on this night of warm food and fellowship. The evening begins at 6pm.



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## Fall Festival

Our Fall Festival is being hosted on November 8th from 1-3pm for the children of the community. Please invite the children you know to join us. We are also in need of volunteers to help with Crafts, Games, food, and our costume contest. If you have any extra fruits or vegetables leftover from harvest, please bring them for our harvest table. Our Costume contest is in need of people to dress up as Bible characters for the kids to learn more about them and subsequently vote on who their favorite was. Pastor Debbie has extra costumes available for use. Please join us for this fun-filled event and help us get to know the surrounding community and help the kids learn more about the Bible in a fun and interactive way.

## Cooking With your Neighbor

This month's Cooking with your neighbor is on November 7th. This is our Thanksgiving Dinner for both the church and our community. There will be turkey and ham and will be cooked in the church kitchen and your help would be most welcome. We are in need of the trimmings, casseroles, vegetables, bread, and **desserts.** Saguache's Dinner on the 14th will also be a Thanksgiving dinner and like Center, the Turkey and ham will be provided but they are in need of the fixings and other dishes.



## UMW Christmas Soup Luncheon

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.

Center United Methodist Church

387 South Broadway

We will be serving red & green chili

Potato and vegetable soup with

Relish trays and dessert bar.

Ages 10 and up \$8.00

Ages 6 to 10 \$5.00

under 6 is free.

We will also have cookies, candy and pecans for sale.

Enjoy comfort food, buy some baked goodies for your holiday guest and visit with friends.

## Charge Conference

This year we will be hosting our Charge Conference here in Center on November 11th. The work of the nominations committee is deeply appreciated and charge conference reports and committees need to be completed by November 1st. There will be an emergency administrative council meeting during service on Sunday November 10th to vote on the final conference reports so that they may be submitted that afternoon. Please notify either Pastor Debbie or Hannah if you will have difficulties with this date.





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### Martha Circle Meetings

Martha Circle will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month throughout the year. Meetings start at 9:30.

If you know of anyone that could use a greeting card please call Vickie Myers @ 754-3598. (For the month of October please call Glenda 849-3303) Vickie has a great selection of cards on hand. Amy Urich has just sent some beautiful cards for us to use. Thank you so much Amy!! 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.

## 2019 Calendar of Events UMW and Martha Circle

A warm thank you to every one that helped in anyway with the "Share the Warmth" coat drive. Most all of the coats were given away at the church, the few that were left over were light weight jackets and were donated to Rainbows End in Center. Thanks again for sharing the warmth

in our community. Folks were so grateful and very courteous.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> - at 1:00 will be a planning meeting for the Christmas Soup Luncheon. Please attend if able.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christmas Potluck Brunch at 9:30 Everyone is welcome. This is a time to give thanks for our blessing through the year, enjoy great food, friendship and fellowship.

December 14<sup>th</sup> - Soup Luncheon and Bake Sale (See article in this newsletter)

### *Sausage, Apple and Cranberry Stuffing*

Recipe By: Stacy M. Polcyn

#### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups cubed whole wheat bread
- 3 3/4 cups cubed white bread
- 1 pound ground turkey sausage
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 2 1/2 teaspoons dried sage
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 Golden Delicious apple, cored and chopped
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1 cooked turkey liver, finely chopped
- 3/4 cup turkey stock
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degree F (175 degree C). Spread the white and whole wheat bread cubes in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes in the preheated oven, or until evenly toasted. Transfer toasted bread cubes to a large bowl.
2. In a large skillet, cook the sausage and onions over medium heat, stirring and breaking up the lumps until evenly browned. Add the celery, sage, rosemary, and thyme; cook, stirring, for 2 minutes to blend flavors.

Pour sausage mixture over bread in bowl. Mix in chopped apple, dried cranberries, parsley, and liver. Drizzle with turkey stock and melted butter, and mix lightly. Allow stuffing to cool completely before loosely stuffing a turkey.

### Financial Report

We are thankful for all those who helped with and attended the Stewardship Soup Supper. It was a great night of fellowship, fun, good food and celebration of our church family. As we move past harvest and into the celebrations of Thanksgiving and Christmas, may we remember what Paul wrote in Colossians 3:23-24 *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.* I like this because it reminds me our stewardship is not just about money but all the things we can give, share and do especially during the



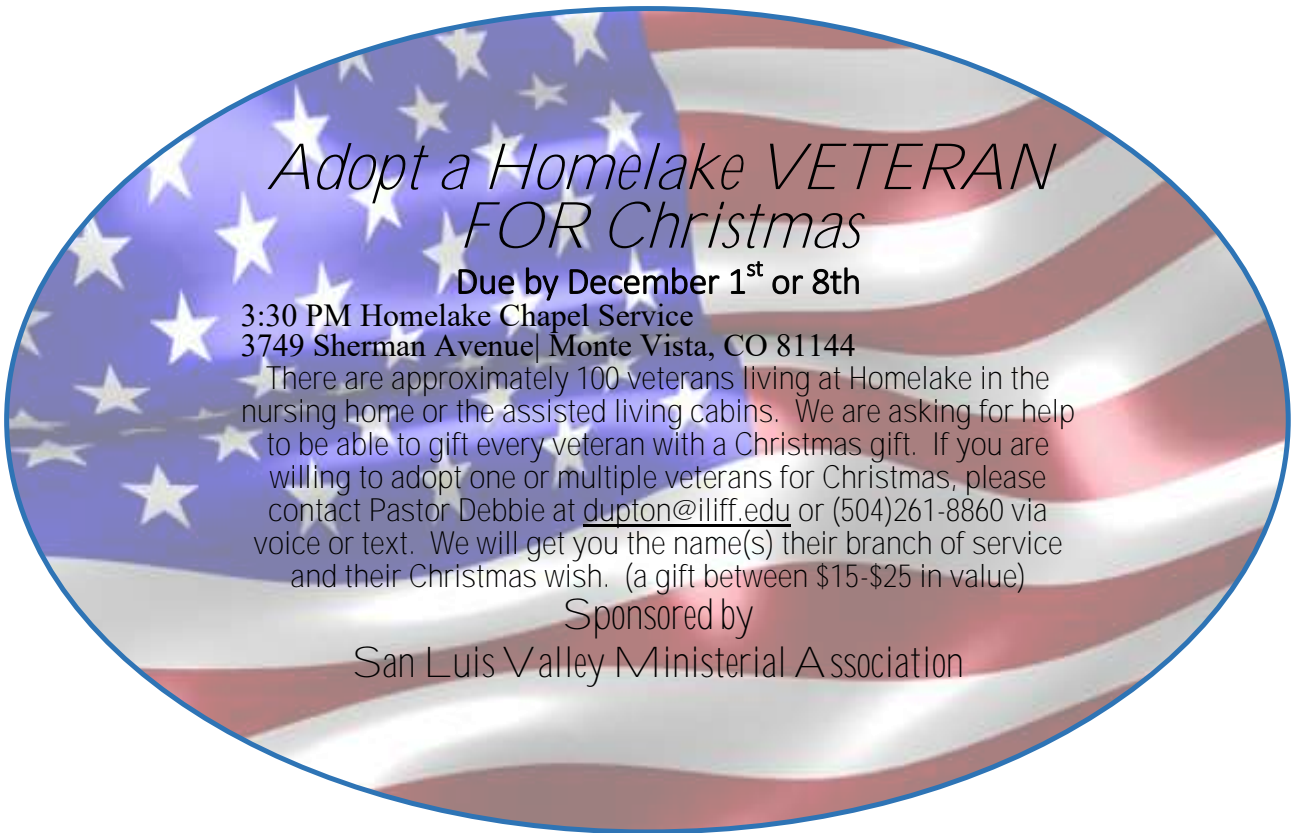
#### Holiday Seasons.

September 2019

Giving	\$7,464.61
Expenses	\$7,230.64
Net income	\$233.97

Hey that is a positive, and that is positively great news!!! Please keep our church in your prayers. Thank you, Sue McClure and Janet Myers, for all you do keeping our finances and paper work in line. It is a busy time with reports due to conference, a directory to publish (thank you Hannah in advance), and end of the year tallies to total. We are in God's hands and rest assured he is merciful. And we are thankful.

Blessings for your Thanksgiving,  
Tony Holcomb



We received this note from La Puente thanking us for our donation. You can see the included message below.



Elpomar.org

Dear La Puente Friends,  
 Thank you so much for your donation and belief in our mission. Oct. 1st, 2019 we started the Thanksgiving Box Drive. La Puente gives hope and provides vital services to those in crisis. Our mission is to empower people to live independently with dignity. Thank you again!  
 Sincerely,  
 La Puente Staff & Volunteers

## Become a Census Worker

for the 2020 Census

*Make your next job Count!*

The 2020 Census will count all the people living in the United States of America. We need your help!

**2020census.gov/jobs**

Positions including:

- clerks
- recruiting assistants
- office operations supervisors
- census field supervisors
- census takers

The positions will be located nationwide and offer flexible work hours, including daytime, evenings and weekends.

A partial job description for Enumerators is below.

**ENUMERATOR**

- Use automated smart phones or laptop computers to conduct job activities.
- Review assigned work to locate households for verifying addresses and/or conducting interviews.
- Conduct interviews with residents in assigned areas by following stringent guidelines and confidentiality laws.
- Explain the purpose of the census interview, answer respondent's questions, collect information following a script, and record census data using devices and/or paper forms.
- Update address lists and maps.
- Validate address and map updates for quality purposes.
- Follow procedures to conduct accurate work while maintaining acceptable production rates.
- Maintain and submit records of hours worked, miles driven, and expenses incurred in the performance of duties.
- Meet/talk with supervisor, as necessary, to review procedures, report issues or concerns, and receive additional instructions.

*8:45 AM*  
*50¢ per mile*  
*paid weekly*  
*You set your schedule*



SAN LUIS VALLEY COOPERATIVE PARISH  
Center United Methodist Church  
October 13, 2019

The San Luis Valley Cooperative Parish met October 13, at 2:30 p.m. at the Center United Methodist Church with the following in attendance: Alamosa-Frances Graves and Amanda Pearson; Monte Vista-Pat Henderson and Peg Schall; Mosca-Virginia and Ernie New; Sargent-Don Henderson; Pastor Steve Dunkel, Monte Vista United Methodist Church.

Amanda told the group she would not be able to serve as president again due to La Puente job demands. The following nominating committee was named: Don Henderson, Virginia New, Peg Schall. The proposed slate of officers is president-Don Henderson; vice-president-Frances Graves; secretary-Peg Schall; treasurer-Virginia New. All four charges are represented in the proposed officers.

Following discussion it was decided to generate an operating list and time line for both Church in the Wildwood and Church in the Park. Amanda and Frances will email members for their suggestions and feedback. Church in the Wildwood is presented by lay ministry, and the annual meeting is held after church, before the pot luck. Church in the Park is presented by lay ministry with the exception of the message brought by clergy, not necessarily the newest clergy.

Charge Conference is November 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Center Church. Pastors are reminded to nominate two representatives from each charge to the Cooperative Parish.

Church Reports: Center and Saguache-no report; Sargent-Harvest Home was celebrated, youth and adult Sunday School is under way, Bible Study will begin soon, God's Little Farmers and Kids' Hope mentoring four children are functioning, repairs will be done on the church and parsonage. Monte Vista-adult Sunday School has begun, Bible Study is using the Book of Mark, the congregation cooks for La Puente monthly and contributes to the Food Bank, the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation was a highlight of the summer with the new District Superintendent and all Valley pastors attending, a monthly noise offering is taken for mission causes, conference presentations can be shared using a large tv via ZOOM, Pastor Joyce Snapp was present in church this morning. Alamosa-La Puente Thanksgiving events are mentioned, the new pastor is well received, there is an adult confirmation class, the adult Sunday School is studying Spiritual Migration, youth Sunday School is operating, dinner is made for La Puente quarterly, La Puente programs are available to all churches, a class on Social Principles of the United Methodist Church is beginning, a Thanksgiving meal will be served November 24, there will be an Advent Offering Tree for the day care center needs, teen programs are difficult to schedule. Former District President Margaret Gillikin is undergoing treatment for aggressive cancer. Mosca-the men's group will be meeting soon, Sunday evening Bible Study is in progress, furnace repair has been done, the new pastor and her husband have provided special music at services. Beaver Creek-Catholic organizations have been major users of the camp with one camp including 70 youth and their chef, a Conejos Catholic group, a sobriety group, the 12<sup>th</sup> judicial district have held events at camp, Adams State University helped to close down camp, four events are planned during Christmas, Americorps has held a training at camp. 67 summer campers were fewer than some years. Fund raising has been fairly successful, with \$14,000 raised toward the total cost of \$25,000 needed for a new roof on the rustic lodge. Memorials to Carl and Audrey Worley and Earl Van Treese are directed to camp operating funds. Gene will remain manager and will attend the "Great Gathering", a camp manager event held every four years. Bowen-Harvest Home will be held October 27.

An email from Nancy Mead about a Chautauqua event before Church in the Wildwood, June 7, 2020, will be forwarded to the parish.

Bylaw changes to conform to the association with the Mountain Sky Conference will wait until decisions are made on the the continuation of the cooperative parish.

Prayer by Amanda adjourned the meeting.

## AA Meeting

Beginning on the 2nd, there will be an AA Meeting at 10am every Saturday for the month of November. We are holding it at CUMC to see how much interest there is in the community. If you or someone you know would be interested, Please join us.



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## Happy Thanksgiving

Every year on the fourth Thursday of November we give thanks to God for the many things we may often take for granted and the blessings he has bestowed on us. I believe the meaning behind Thanksgiving may be summed up with this verse: "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things" Psalm 107:8-9.

## Joke of the Month

My wife and I invited several people to dinner. At the table, she turned to our eight-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," she replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," my wife encouraged. Our daughter bowed her head and said, "Dear lord, why on earth did I invited all these people to dinner?"



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## Things to Remember for November!

- \* Daylight Savings ends on the 3rd so don't forget to enjoy the extra hour of sleep!
- \* We are celebrating our Veterans on the 11th. Thank you for protecting and serving our country.
- \* We will have our Hanging of the Greens Service Dec 1st to mark the beginning of Advent. There will only be 20 devotion books ordered this year; 15 for Center and 5 for Saguache. They will be Put out the Sunday before Thanksgiving.
- \* Every Wednesday evening we meet to pray and come together as a group to pray for our church and Community. Everyone is welcome.
- \* Town & Country are still looking for shoes. Please Donate!

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						Organizational meeting— Christmas Soup Luncheon 1p
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight Saving Time Ends Homelake 3:30p				Cooking With Your Neighbor (Thanksgiving Dinner) 5:30p		50+ in Center 12p Fall Festival 1pm
CUMC Service 8:30a		DVD Yoga 9:30a	Crossroads 9:30a		Yoga With Instructor 9:30a	AA Meeting 10am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Homelake 3:30p	Veterans Day Town & Country 12p <b>Charge Conference Cluster</b>	CUMC Council 6:30p Worship Committee mtg 8:30p	Prayer Group CUMC 6:30p	SUMC Dinner With Your Neighbor (Thanksgiving Dinner) 5:30p		
SUMC Service 10:30a						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CUMC Brunch Homelake 3:30p	SLV Ministerial Association 12p Episcopal Church in Monte Vista		Martha Circle 9:30a Clergy Circuit Mtg 11am Mosca	Movie Night <i>Racing in the Rain</i> 6p		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Homelake 3:30p				Thanksgiving Day		