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This has been a busy summer filled with many great things. I participated in a mission project at La Puente and the Beaver Creek closing service for the summer campers. We welcomed Bobbie and Ray Abbott and Lewis Entz as they joined our Center community of faith. In July, Center had special visitors – our new district superintendent Rev. Chris Carr and newly retired Rev. Nancy Mead. In August, Nancy visited Saguache. The ladies had a very successful yard sale and teacher and staff annual back to school luncheon with two full boxes of donated school supplies. There was a write up and picture about Center Consolidated Schools which included the luncheon. While I was away attending class in San Antonio, the ladies had a lovely trip to see a play in Creede. A special thank you to all who helped to make both so successful. I would like to thank all that participated in the Brent Vernon concert, making it a successful evening of family entertainment. Several of us attended and supported the Beaver Creek Youth Camp fundraiser.

The movie clip sermon series ended the first of August and we are in a six week series as we reconnect with our Wesleyan heritage with photos from the 2016 Wesleyan pilgrimage to help us visually see the history of the Wesleys. We will begin a Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm beginning September 5<sup>th</sup> called *Everyday Disciples*.

I have begun the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) work that will continue through December 14, 2019, so my office hours are varied between Center and Homelake. Please check the bulletin for up to date times. I am available via phone, text, or email.

As we have already started and in many case completed the barley harvest, potato harvest is beginning. Harvest time is the focus for September 5<sup>th</sup> Cookin' With Your Neighbor. Let's invite as many people as we can for this community meal together. Let's take the two hours to share a meal together during these hectic times. God will bless the time we take so that all that we need to complete is done. Pray for our farmers and workers and pray for our educators, parents, and students as fall officially begins.

**Reawaken:**

Your assumptions are your windows on the world. Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won't come in. \*Alan Alda

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**2019 Calendar of Events**  
**UMW and Martha Circle**

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

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Christmas Brunch  
at 9:30

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** - Soup Luncheon  
and Bake Sale

**Coat Drive now through Fall – Col-  
lection box downstairs, coats will be  
given away in the fall. All sizes  
needed, men women and children.**

**Martha Circle Meetings**

Martha Circle will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday of each month through-  
out the year. Meetings start at 9:30.  
We welcome new members and in-  
vite all to attend meetings at any  
time. For more information of these  
events call Martha Circle President  
Marilyn Eagles 754-3704.

**A Reminder for all of us:**

I found this in the Trinity Trumpeter for this quarter. She was lamenting the fact that she is trying so hard to get UMW's in some of the new and older churches to participate more. This parable struck me as relevant to anything we are doing. And the Bible is full of parables to help us better incorporate what God would have us do in our lives not only on Sundays but in every thing we do. I hope you enjoy it.

'This reminds me of a story I read years ago: There was an old country preacher who was visiting one of his parishioners who had stopped attending services. As the two men sat in front of the fireplace the parishioner told the pastor, "I don't need to go anymore, those people don't need me and I'm too old to add anything". The preacher sat there for a few minutes then using the tongs pulled a glowing ember out of the fireplace and put it on the hearth. The ember soon stopped glowing and grew dark. The preacher returned the now dark ember to the fire-  
place bed where it instantly began to glow. The parishioner looked at the preacher and said. "I understand, Preacher, I'll be in church Sunday."

Nancy Shultz, Trinity District President (Charleen)

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**Financial Report**

It is almost fall – hard to believe again We will be having our annual stewardship supper this year, check the newsletter in October for that date.

June	July
Donations \$2,438.86	\$4,191.67
Expenses \$7,849.75	\$10,287.08.39
Net Income -\$5,410.89	-- \$6,095.41

Pray for a safe harvest time, our church, and our community.

If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.

Finance Chairman

Tony Holcomb

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**Odds and ends**

- Office hours will be spotty this next month. Charleen has doctor appointments on 5th, 12th, 23rd and 30th. So her last day is September 27. Hopefully we will have a newer, smarter, better secretary in place. Please be patient as we transition. Also, I am enrolled in the exercise program and will be doing two a days on MWF. I will be in 8-10 on MWF and then some afternoon hours.
- Cookin' with Your neighbor is the 5th. I have a Lasagna that needs to be baked and maybe I will be back by 5:30 but I am in Colorado Springs that day. If someone would like to bake the dish for me, it would be grand. (Charleen)

**Weird Coincidences  
or is there a pat-  
tern?**

As I have been pre-  
paring for a change of  
life-style, I have found  
that I have worked two  
different jobs just 'off  
Broadway' for over 36  
years. I will soon live  
right off Broadway Rd.

I have had many  
good friends with the  
name Mary throughout  
my life yet my person-  
ality has been labeled  
as a Martha because 'I  
have work to get done.'

Funny how little  
things pop up in your  
life time and again. Is  
it faith, destiny, or just  
coincidence?

(Charleen)

## To Our Dear Friends,

Six months have passed since our return to the United States from Bulgaria. It hardly seems possible that much time has flown by already! But it has, and we are so belated in sending this note to all of you.

We have been busy transitioning to life in the States. It has been hard, challenging, and rewarding, all at the same time! Tom's new ministry as Director of Global Personnel Services at International Ministries is going well. Terry just started a new job as the administrative assistant in the office of a local church. We are settling into our new house in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Our new townhome is really feeling like home to us now. We have so many memories of Bulgaria surrounding us on the walls, tables and china cabinet - reminding us of the nearly 18 years that we called Bulgaria home and were blessed to be able to do ministry in that beautiful country. Those years were made possible because of the prayers and generous gifts of support each of you sent us throughout the years. You showed your love to us by being prayer warriors for us and the people we ministered with, and you cared for us through your financial support so we could remain on the field as long as God called us to be there.

At this time, the closing of our ministry in Bulgaria, we want to be sure that each of you know how very much we cherish our connection with you and your sacrificial giving which allowed us to follow God's call to Bulgaria. In addition, you showered our family with cards, notes of encouragement and birthday and Christmas gifts through the years. We are so very blessed by your friendship and your heart for missions in the country that will always be our second home. We just want you to know how incredibly grateful we are for each of you, whether individuals or churches, and how you will always hold a special place in our hearts. Thank you, dear friends, for trusting us with your gifts of support and allowing us to be God's hands and feet in Bulgaria for the past 18 years.

Please keep in touch, and if you are ever in the Philadelphia area, we'd love to have you visit us! Our address is: 303 Truman Court Norristown, PA 19403 (Our email will remain the same: [myersbulgaria@msn.com](mailto:myersbulgaria@msn.com))

With much love and gratitude,  
Tom and Terry Myers

Dear Friends at Center United Methodist,  
Thank you so very much for your years of support and prayers for us during the time we were serving in Bulgaria. Your generous gifts were invaluable to us, and we appreciate each and every one, and each of you! Thank you for walking alongside us in ministry through the years. With love and appreciation,

Tom and Terry Myers





## Squash Casserole (Mary Bloxsom)

6 med squash diced, 9 cups, yellow or zucchini  
 1 med onion diced  
 Cook until tender/drain  
 1 cup sour cream  
 1 can cream of chicken soup'  
 1 cup shredded carrots  
 1 pkg Stove Top stuffing mix  
 I used herb flavor.-your choice  
 1/2 cup melted butter..  
 Mix stuffing and butter together  
 put part of that on the bottom of  
 an 8X12 pan.  
 Add cooked squash to soup mixture,  
 put in pan and top with remaining stuffing.  
 Bake 30 min at 350.  
 Could make stuffing according to package  
 and use that way.

## Things to fix a Dead Horse?

Sometimes we all do this to a dead horse or idea:

- Get a stronger whip
- Change riders
- Saying, "we have always ridden the horse like this"
- Harness several dead horses together for increased speed
- Provide additional funding to increase the horse's performance
- Pass legislation that states this horse is not dead.
- Promote the dead horse to a supervisory position
- Challenge the horse's integrity and sexual morals
- Visit other sites to see how they ride dead horses

How about declaring the idea or project dead and burying it? Sometimes it seems we want to punish our ourselves and keep doing what we have always done and then "we get what we have always gotten."



'September has three birth flowers: the forget-me-not, the morning glory, and the aster. Forget-me-nots represent love and memories, asters represent love as well, and the morning glory represents unrequited love. The birthstone for the month is the sapphire.

**Labor Day** is the most well known holiday in September. It is observed every year on the first Monday in September.

• **Native American Day** is always celebrated on the 4th Friday of September.

• **Grandparent's Day** is observed in the United States on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

The autumn equinox, which is the traditional transition from summer into fall, takes place on or around September 22nd, depending on the year.

September 22, 1862: President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which ended slavery in the territories held by the Confederacy, effective January 1, 1863. In spite of the ruling, the Civil War would not end for another year and a half after that.

September 14, 1901: President William McKinley was shot on September 6, 1901 while attending the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition in New York. He passed away eight days later.

September 1, 1939: In the early morning hours of this day, Hitler invaded Poland, starting World War II in Europe. Der Führer called the move a "defensive" retaliation against the persecution of Germans in Poland.

September 5th, 1961: President John F. Kennedy signed a hijacking bill, making air piracy a federal crime. Punishment ranged from a \$10,000 fine to 20 years in prison; if a deadly weapon was used, the perpetrator(s) could receive life in prison or even death.

September 8, 1974: President Gerald Ford gave an unconditional pardon to former president Richard M. Nixon, for his role in the infamous "Watergate" fiasco.

On Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, members of the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners as part of a series of coordinated attacks against targets in the United States. The Twin Towers in New York City were hit by one plane each, American Airlines Flight 11 and Flight 175, while American Airlines Flight 77 was crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, is thought to have been headed for the White House, but passengers overtook the hijackers and the plane crashed into a field in rural Pennsylvania.'

<https://www.liveabout.com/september-fun-facts-3456089>



# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CUMC service 8:30	Labor Day (holiday)	DVD Yoga with CD	Crossroads 9:30	Cooking with Your neighbor 5:30 pm	Yoga with Instructor	
SUMC service 10:30	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Worship Committee mtg 9:30 CUMC Council 6:30	Bible study CUMC 6:30 pm?	SUMC Dinner with your neigh- bor 5:30	Yoga with Instructor 9:30	50+
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
CUMC Brunch			Martha Circle 9:30	Movie night <i>Aladin</i>		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					