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*"Let us not become weary  
in doing good, for at the  
proper time we will reap  
a harvest if we do not give  
up. "*

- Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

September has been a full month with harvest, Wednesday evening Bible Study, opening up Drummond Hall for the school, resuming Yoga, the Drive-In Movie Night. **We're officially** in fall and we will soon end daylight savings time November 1, yet we are still in a pandemic and the world seems to have gone crazy. **It's at times like this where we need our faith.** In October I will meet with the District Board of Ordained Ministry and we will prepare for our charge conference tentatively scheduled for November 18th in the evening via Zoom. Those who have ordered fruit through Bithell Farms, there is a delay to the delivery until the end of October due to complications with the wildfires. Our prayers are with those affected as we patiently await these deliveries.

It is a blessing to hear the voices of children as the school has begun their activities in our facility. We pray that God will continue to use us and our facility to show love and grace to our community. The senior fitness center is still available to anyone who wishes to use it; you just need to call the church office or call/text me to open it up to you. We only have it closed and locked when the students are present downstairs as a safety precaution.

Again Teddy and Ascension helped to get the screen up and the projector set for our Drive-In Movie Night. Thank you so much. October 15th Drive-In Movie Night will feature Coco and children who attend will be treated to hot chocolate and dia de los muertos treats. Because it might be colder than people might want to sit outside, they can use the radio to tune in the movie inside their warm car. **You don't want to miss it.**

I would like to thank Kitty, Betty, Janet, and Charleen for sharing their amazing cooking talents in helping with the Friday and Saturday meals that we deliver. You are such a blessing.

On October 10th 9 am outside our church, we will again host Coffee with Police Chief Dale Meek. Come meet our police chief and our neighbors as we talk about our community.

We continue to have Zoom worship at 8:30 am on Sundays and Zoom worship, Facebook Live worship, and in-person worship at 10:30 am Sundays. It is my prayer that we are able to connect with those folks who have not been able to join us virtually or in-person. I do sympathize with the Saguache church and the inability for them to see each other and have in-person worship service yet. Pray that God will guide us in our uncertain future especially to help us in the financial support of this amazing small vulnerable congregation.

In October, we will begin a Dave Ramsey financial workshop. If you are interested, please contact the church office or me, so that we can determine the best evening or afternoon to have this workshop both virtually and in-person. This coming Sunday is World Communion Sunday where churches all over the world in all different denominations celebrate the Eucharist together. **You don't want to miss this special Sunday.** I will also begin the

**sermon series "The Politics of Compassion and Common Ground" taken from Mark Feldmeir's study book A House Divided.** Each week we will look at the scriptures to address many modern-day issues. We will look at what God tells us from His Word and how our different perspectives can join together on Common Ground. Each week I will invite you to join me in answering questions to help us discover as Christians we have more in common than we think. I hope many of you will choose to participate **in these questions because everyone's answers are important.** This sermon series will help us as we prepare for our annual charge conference and reflect back on what our churches have done this year and our plans for next year. I think all of us would agree to pray for a much better year than this year.



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## Manna Bags

We are looking for people to donate items for our Manna Bags that we give out to those people who are in immediate need. If you could donate any of the following items that would be absolutely wonderful.

### *Items in the Manna Bags:*

Water Bottles  
Canned Vienna Sausage  
Raisins  
Rice Crispy Treats  
Keebler Cookies  
Toasty Cracker Sandwiches (Cheese & Peanut Butter)  
Fruit Snacks  
Nuts  
Jerky  
Gum  
Singles to Go Drink Mixes  
\*All these items need to be snack size and individually wrapped.



Our Disciple Bible Study continues on Zoom every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. We have completed the writings of the Bible and are beginning the section on John and revelation. It is open to anyone to join even if you have missed out on all or part of the first section. Everyone who is participating is finding it very beneficial, so please join us.

**The Trinity UMW's mission project is asking for us to donate a \$1 for every pair of gloves or mittens we own, so let us join in this effort to turn our donations to the church for our contribution toward this mission project.**

Mountain Sky Conference is doing a virtual pilgrimage called the Pilgrimage of Love each week and both clergy and laity are encouraged to join this self-led devotion **focused on God's love**. Please contact me for more information and I can send you the links. There are also laity training opportunities through Zoom that are available. Again, please contact me for the links or you may contact Gene.

Center Church council has agreed to match donations made to Beaver Creek Youth Camp up to \$2000. **Because of COVID, this year's camping season was hurt along with many annual fundraisers for the camp, so in our effort to help we are asking everyone to donate what God lays on your heart for this worthwhile camp or there is a very real chance Beaver Creek will not be here next year.**

## Drive-in Movie Night—October 15th : 6pm

This Month we will be showing *Coco* at our Drive-in movie night. This Family-friendly movie can be viewed from the comfort of your car or bring some chairs and blankets and watch from the lawn. We ask you follow social distancing rules and stay 6 feet away from other groups. Masks will be required, but are available for any who do not have one.

## Pumpkin Truffles

### Ingredients

Recipe by: Liza (Allrecipes.com)

- 1 ¼ cups almonds
- 2 ½ cups crushed vanilla wafers
- ½ cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips,
- ½ cup pumpkin puree
- ½ cup coffee-flavored liqueur
- ½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips, or as needed



Allrecipes.com

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Spread almonds onto a baking sheet.
2. Bake in the preheated oven until almonds are fragrant and toasted, 5 to 10 minutes. Remove from oven and cool; grind in a food processor until almonds are a flour-like texture.
3. Mix ground almonds, crushed vanilla wafers, confectioners' sugar, and cinnamon together in a bowl. Stir 1 cup melted chocolate chips, pumpkin, and coffee liqueur into vanilla wafer mixture. Shape mixture into 1-inch balls and arrange on a baking sheet. Refrigerate or freeze truffles until solid, 1 to 2 hours.
4. Melt 1/2 cup chocolate chips in the top of a double boiler over simmering water, stirring frequently and scraping down the sides with a rubber spatula to avoid scorching. Dip truffles in melted chocolate and return to baking sheet to harden.