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Holy Week has begun. Maundy Thursday is virtual at 6:30 pm using our virtual platforms. Good Friday is at 6:30 pm both virtual and in-person. Our Easter Drive-In Sunrise Service is at 7:30 am in front of the steps of Center United Methodist with a special Easter basket for any children who attend. This will be our only service at Center. This service will also have Zoom and Center Facebook Live as well.

Then beginning 11th Center worship will be at 9 am for in-person and virtual worship with a fellowship time from 8:30 prior to worship.

As we begin to resume normal activities, I would encourage those who have **not gotten vaccinated to do so. Please contact Saguache Public Health and I'm** sure they will be able to help you. I did post on our Facebook page upcoming vaccination sites.

We are sponsoring a Community Night Out Against Crime on Friday, April 16th at 6:30 pm to honor our law enforcement officers, to meet our new K-9 Kit, and enjoy the Spring weather. We will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. After the **cookout, we will have our first Movie Night for 2021 featuring Disney's Soul.** We hope you will put it on your calendar and join us.

Also on May 4th at 2 pm, we will be hosting a Mother's Day tea for all the ladies of the church and their mothers or friends. Since COVID has hampered our **ability to have the traditional Mother's Day dinner, we thought this tea would be a** small way to honor our ladies and this tradition with a simple tea. I invite you to put that on your calendar as well.

As we celebrate Easter this coming Sunday, let's all join together to live as Resurrection people spreading the good of Christ in our community. One of those ways will be resuming our Cooking with our Neighbors on May 6, 2021. We pray that those who are receiving meals will be able to join us in person and participate in our community meal – a meal where we share if we are able by bringing a covered dish containing whatever delicious food. If you are unable to bring a dish, please know that the invitation is open even if you are unable to cook or bring something. This is a time of fellowship and getting to know one another on a deeper level. Birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated as well as have the privilege of being the first ones in line. Remember our first Cooking with Our Neighbor will be May 6th with prep time at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. We hope to see you there and have you invite your neighbors. This is a time to reach out in our community and invite them for food and fellowship.

April 24th will be our 2021 Mountain Sky Gathering by Zoom. The gathering will begin at 9 am. I invite you to register at <https://mtnsky-reg.brapp.com/2021MSCDistrictGatherings> or go to <https://westernjurisdictionumc.org/where-love-lives-creating-a-fully-inclusive-united-methodist-church-western-jurisdiction-beginning-year-long-campaign/> for more information.

I also invite you to stay informed about United Methodist news at UM News Weekly Digest at www.umnews.org.

"For he has rescued us
from the dominion of
darkness and brought us
into the kingdom of the
Son he loves, in whom we
have redemption, the
forgiveness of sins."

- Colossians 1:13-14
(NIV)

The Twelve Disciples

Who was Judas Iscariot?

The Apostle that we are focusing on this month is Judas Iscariot. Everyone knows him as the betrayer of Jesus, the man who gave up Jesus to the soldiers for 30 pieces of silver. His name has become synonymous with traitor and the idiom “a Judas kiss” is used to refer to a traitorous act disguised as affection. In the Gospel of John it is revealed that he was the treasurer for the disciples and “he used to help himself to what was put into it.” (John 12:6) Many believe his greediness is what led to his betrayal of Jesus while others point to the Devil being the root cause. However, Scholars have discovered a possible third option: Jesus asked him to do so.

A few years ago an ancient papyrus document surfaced as what is now known as the Gospel of Judas. It dates back to about the year 300 AD and is written in ancient Greek. As a way of authenticating it, they used another document that was written by St. Irenaeus in the year 180 AD. This document was a condemnation of the Gospel of Judas. Its authenticity is still debated amongst scholars since the document depicts such a contrasting view of what the other gospels have recorded. But the most interesting part is that while it seems contrary to the other gospels, the key parts written in the Gospel of Judas are possible. “The star that leads the way is your star,’ Jesus said to Judas... ‘You will exceed all of them for you will have sacrificed the man that clothes me’”. No one was with Jesus and Judas when this was possibly discussed so it is possible this was all hidden from the other disciples.

Now, whether the Gospel of Judas is Authentic or it is just an elaborate hoax, one thing is for certain: Judas’ betrayal led to Jesus being crucified so that he could die for us. Jesus had to die so that he could save the world from sin. Jesus also knew he would be betrayed. Jesus did not fear his betrayal, he only prepared his disciples for when it would come to pass. This was God’s will, and even if Satan attempted to ruin God’s plan through Judas, this just shows how impossible that is. In Luke 23:34 Jesus pleads, “Father forgive them, they know not what they do”. Jesus spoke this of the soldiers who were putting him on the cross, but could this not apply to Judas as well? Jesus spoke of forgiveness, and whether or not the Gospel of Judas is true, I believe Jesus would have forgiven Judas, so why shouldn’t we?

Mother’s Day Tea

Join us on May 4th for our annual Mother’s Day event. This year we will be honoring our Mothers with an afternoon tea starting at 2pm. All ladies of the church and community are welcome. Please contact Pastor Debbie for more information.



Night Out Against Crime

Join us for a Hamburger/Hot dog community cookout to show our appreciation to our law enforcement personnel and our new K-9 dog Kit.

Movie night will follow.



April 16, 2021 @6:30 pm

Center United Methodist Church
RSVP to: 719-754-2243

Easter Blessings

May you be blessed with joys that last long after Easter Day has passed.

God Bless You!

Love,

Isabel Geibel



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Genesis 6-8) 02-05-2010

I'M SORRY SIR, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY \$25 FOR THE SECOND BAG OR I CANNOT LET YOU BOARD ... ARK POLICY



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Easter Service

Join us Sunday, April 4th for a Drive in Easter Service! Our sunrise service will begin at 7:30am in Center with special treats for the children who attend. Saguache will also be celebrating its re-opening that morning with an 11am in-person service at the Saguache church. Please join us!

Joke of the Month

A priest buys a lawn mower at a yard sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start!" "That's because you have to curse to get it started," says the man. "I'm a man of the cloth. I don't even remember how to curse." "You keep pulling on that rope, and it'll come back to you." —Submitted by Rose Mattix

Easter Breakfast Casserole

Recipe by: Stephanie (Allrecipes.com)

Ingredients

- 1lb bacon
- 1/4 cup diced onion
- 1/4 cup diced green bell pepper
- 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 16oz package frozen hashbrowns

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 7x11 inch casserole dish.
2. Fry the bacon in a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain on a paper towel-lined plate. Crumble.
3. In a large bowl beat together eggs and milk. Mix in cheese, bacon, onion and green pepper. Stir in the thawed hash browns. Pour mixture into prepared casserole.
4. Cover with aluminum foil and bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake for another 30 minutes until eggs have set.



Allrecipes.com

<https://www.allrecipes.com/video/3322/easter-breakfast-casserole/>



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BEAVER CREEK CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMPS

will be open for
the summer of

2021

Camp Dates:

- Staff Development - June 30-July 2
- 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade - July 5-July 10 (must have completed the 2nd Grade)
- 5th & 6th Grade - July 11-July 16
- Middle School - July 18-July 23
- High School - July 25-July 30

Parents and guardians are encourage to register children and youth in the camp corresponding to the last grade completed.

Cost for all camps is \$365.

Scholarships are available.

Register campers at www.bccvc.com

More information is available at

www.beavercreekcamp.org

manager@beavercreekcamp.org or (719) 873-5311



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BEAVER CREEK Junior and Senior Counselors

Christian Youth Camp is seeking

for the summer of

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Compensation:

Junior Counselors: Volunteer. Meals & lodging provided.

Senior Counselors: \$200—\$400 per week depending on experience, certifications & training. Meals & lodging provided.

Qualifications:

Junior Counselors
Must be at least 16 years old and have recommendation of a pastor or youth leader.

Senior Counselors
Must be at least 18 years old, have recommendation of a pastor and be able to pass CBI & FBI background checks.



Contact Gene Haning at

manager@beavercreekcamp.org

or (719) 873-5311

for more information and/or an application.