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May is packed with lots of activities as we begin to resume normal activities. We will be following safety protocols and we are encouraging folks who wish to get vaccinated to get vaccinated which will speed up the resumption of normal activities sooner.

Our Easter services at both churches were well attended as was the Community Night Out Against Crime, April 16th. A big thank you to all those who did participate. We are now worshipping at Center at 9 am and Saguache at 11 am on Sundays. Both churches have fellowship before service.

I would like to declare May as Back to Church month. I know there are several who for whatever reasons haven't been back to church for over a year. I would encourage you to come back this month. We will be paying tribute to Cinco de Mayo and communion our first Sunday of May, celebrating Mother's Day our second Sunday of May, Graduation our third Sunday of May, Pentecost Sunday on the fourth Sunday of May, and Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day Sunday on the fifth Sunday of May. Your pastor and your church miss your beautiful faces so make plans to come back to church this May.

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 with all the trimmings. Cloetta Spearman has graciously agreed to help me host this special tea, so we hope you will come and invite guests. This past year we lost Ms. Shirley who so enjoyed teas, so we hope to honor her memory that afternoon. There will be door prizes. Hope to see you there.

We resume our Community meals this month with Center's Cookin' With Your Neighbor on May 6, 2021 with prep at 5:30 pm and the meal at 6 pm. Saguache's Dinner with Your Neighbor resumes May 13, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Both meals have pulled pork as the main meat, so bring what will go with that and bring your neighbor. We hope to have a good group attend. Then Center will host its first movie night this year. We will be showing the award winning Soul since it got snowed out in April. Depending on the weather it may be indoors, so we will begin at 7 pm. Hopefully we will be able to have it as a drive in and there won't be too much light at that time. The event is free and snacks and drinks will be provided. Our community garden in Center will be planted in May, so we hope to have some produce soon.



*"Let the morning bring
me word of your
unfailing love, for I have
put my trust in you. Show
me the way I should go,
for to you I entrust my
life."*

- Psalm 143:8 (NIV)

May 6th will also be the Day of Prayer which will end with a program at Chapman Park in Monte Vista from 6-7 pm. It's during our Cookin' With Your Neighbor at Center, so if you want to come by the church and pick up a meal to go before you head to the park, you are welcome to do that.

On April 24th we had our Mountain Sky Conference Trinity District meeting via a Zoom. I am proud to note that both churches were recognized for their giving.

2020 Connectional Giving Kudos

Gold Donors

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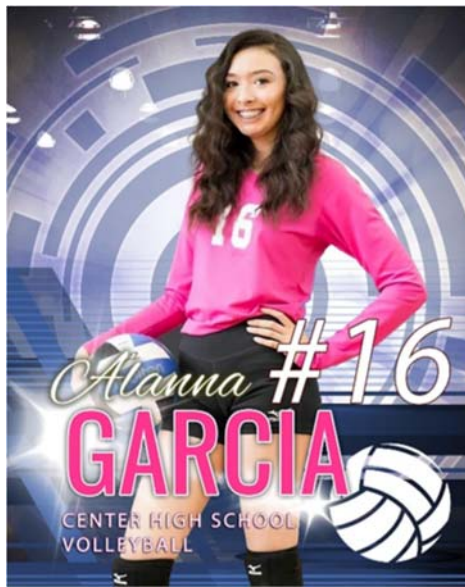
Things were tough in 2020 but because of your faithfulness we were able to meet our obligations. We have started 2021 with a rough start and again ask you to remember to support the ministries of the church with our time, our talent, and our giving. I would like to thank Janet Myers, Sue McClure, Jeannie Norris, and Bill Hazard for their hard work and faithfulness in responsible stewardship of what is given to Center and Saguache churches.

A shout out to our Alanna Garcia for being a part of the Center High School Volleyball team. We know her parents are very proud.

As we recognize graduates in our midst, I encourage families to notify the church office of graduates we would like to honor on our Graduation Sunday.

This is a reminder about Center UMC's board meeting on May 11th at 6:30 pm. The focus that evening will be in support of our SPRC as the information from the surveys is compiled and the required conference assessment forms are completed. We really do need your help both in completing the surveys and in joining that evening in person or via Zoom to complete the information. Those of you in Saguache, will need to work with Jeannie and Mike in completing Saguache's assessment. Even if you haven't been to church in the past year, Hannah and I have worked very hard to send paper and email copies of church information and events each week as well as monthly with the Upper Room. You can help by completing the parts of surveys that apply. We can only grow and get better with everyone's input as we move toward perfection.

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



Church in the Wildwood

This Year we will be resuming Church in the Wildwood! It will be on June 6th at Beaver Creek.



National Day of Prayer in the Park

On May 6th at Chapman Park in Monte Vista Churches from around the valley will be participating in the National Day of Prayer. The Prayer Service begins at 6pm. All are welcome and we hope to fill the park with prayer.



Movie Night

May 20th we will be showing the award winning movie Soul. The event will be starting at 6:30pm. There will be snacks!

The Twelve Disciples

Who was Thomas the Apostle?

Thomas the Apostle has become known to many as Doubting Thomas and many equate this nickname to those who need proof of something before they can believe. He earned this nickname from his doubt that Jesus had truly risen. He said to the other disciples, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe" (John 20:25). Jesus appeared to him and told him to place his finger in his wounds. Thomas saw the proof with his own eyes and was able to believe. Many shame Thomas for not believing in Jesus' resurrection without proof, but many also look over the fact the other disciples needed it too. In Luke 24, the women are the first to see the empty tomb, but when they let the disciples know, they do not believe the women and must see the empty tomb for themselves. Luke even says that what the women are telling them sounds like nonsense. Peter even ran to the tomb and after only seeing the linen cloth returned home and wondered what happened. We must remember that none of the disciples believed Jesus had risen when they first heard his body was missing from the tomb. Why is it then that Thomas is labeled the doubter? Did his doubts mean he lacked devotion? He is after all the one who asked Jesus "How can we know the way?" prompting Jesus to answer him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus may have been responding to Thomas, but all of the disciples heard this and they all still doubted his resurrection without proof. Perhaps he is named Doubting Thomas so that we may learn to have faith through his doubts. So that we may cast away our own doubts without needing proof to believe. Jesus did not scold Thomas for his doubts, instead he had compassion for his human struggle. He told him "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe" (John 20:29). We as followers of Christ do not need to see the proof that Jesus is God's son because we have seen Thomas believe. He proclaims "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28) as he is seeing Christ as he has always been, but truly believing him for the first time. Seeing Thomas overcome his doubt helps us to overcome our own so that we may be true in our devotion to Christ.

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. There will be tea, finger sandwiches, and cookies.



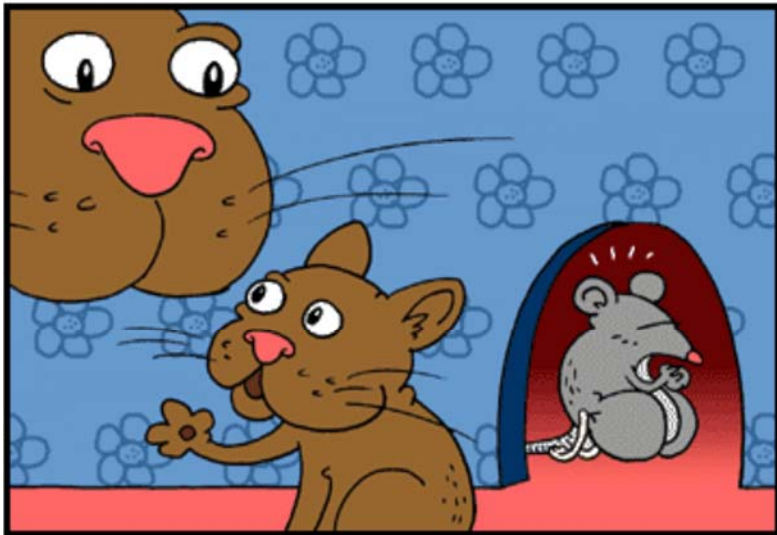
Breakfast with the Police

We will be having a breakfast with the police again this month! All are welcome to join us for this fun event. The date has yet to be decided, but we will let everyone know once it is.



Thank you all for the wonderful get well cards that I received during my surgery. I'm back in my apartment at the Fountain doing fine.

*Thank you,
Jean Davis*



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WHAT I DON'T GET IS ... IF WE PRAYED FOR US TO GET THE MOUSE, WHY WOULDN'T GOD ANSWER OUR PRAYERS?



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Cookin' with Our Neighbor

This month marks the return of Cookin' with Our Neighbor! May 6th at 5:30pm we will be gathering in Drummond Hall to cook together with our neighbors once again. All are welcome, but we ask everyone to continue to follow the COVID Guidelines and to stay at home if feeling ill. Saguache will be starting up Dinner with Our neighbor as well the following Thursday at 5:30pm.

Joke of the Month

A burglar breaks into a house. He starts shining his light around looking for valuables. Some nice things catch his eye, and as he reaches for them, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." Startled, the burglar looks for the speaker. Seeing no one, he keeps putting things in his bag, again, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." This time, he sees a parrot. "Who are you?" the burglar asks. "Moses," the bird replied. "Who the heck would name a bird Moses?" the man laughed. "I dunno," Moses answered, "I guess the same kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."

Strawberry Trifle

Recipe by: DancingLily (Allrecipes.com)

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups water
- 2 cups sugar
- 5 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 (3oz) package strawberry Jell-o
- 2 pints strawberries, diced
- 8 oz whipped topping (Cool Whip or make your own)
- 1 (16oz) pound cake, cut into cubes (Store bought or make your own)



Allrecipes.com

Directions

1. Combine water, sugar, and cornstarch together in a saucepan; cook, stirring constantly, over medium-high heat until mixture is boiling and thickened, 5 to 10 minutes. Remove saucepan from stove and stir gelatin mix into sugar mixture until dissolved. Set strawberry glaze aside to cool.
2. Layer half the strawberries in the bottom of a trifle or glass bowl. Drizzle half the strawberry glaze over strawberry layer until evenly coated. Spread half the whipped topping over strawberry layer; top with pound cake. Layer the remaining strawberries, strawberry glaze, and whipped topping, respectively, over pound cake.



BEAVER CREEK

BEAVER CREEK
Christian Youth Camp is seeking
Junior and Senior
Counselors
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.

will be open for
CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMPS
the summer of

Cost for all camps is \$365.

Scholarships are available.

Register campers at www.bccyc.com

More information is available at

www.beavercreekcamp.org

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

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.



Night Out Against Crime
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