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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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### **Greetings and Grace and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,**

Thank you to all you who joined our 9 am worship service. It was great to see so many in-person as well as those on Zoom and Facebook Live. We enjoyed the 8:30 fellowship time with our Mother's Day treats and coffee. I appreciate Janet Myers being our in-person liturgist. The link to the audio of the sermon is <https://umcofcenter.com/blog/>. Nurses' Appreciation Week began on May 6<sup>th</sup> so be sure to thank any nurses you know or meet. It ends May 12<sup>th</sup> on Florence Nightingale's birthday.

**The One Church Board meeting is being postponed until May 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm. Our focus that evening will be supporting our SPRC as the information from the surveys are compiled and the required conference assessment forms are completed.** The church board will be meeting at 6:30 pm in person and via Zoom to do the work of the church. Roy and Janet need your help in completing the assessment of our congregation and of your pastor. Thank you to those who completed the surveys, but we also need your voice. We hope to have a good group of individuals be present in person or virtually.

I would like to thank everyone for their support of our first Community Dinner and Coffee with the Chief. As we begin to resume activities, let us be safe and considerate of others.

We are taking a short break and will resume Wednesday night Bible Study May 19, 2021 via zoom. I will be sharing the study *Mothers in Israel* (Methodist beginnings through the eyes of women) by my friend from the 2016 Wesleyan Pilgrimage Donna Fowler who is now serving in England. This is a look at how women have shaped Methodism and our faith. If you are interested in being a part of this study, please let me know.

Remember the church office needs the names of any graduates whether K-12 or college or special schools. We want to honor them May 16<sup>th</sup> during the service even if they cannot be present.

Remember that access to any worship is posted on our [www.umcofcenter.com](http://www.umcofcenter.com) website, so feel free to go back and watch what you may have missed and forward it to your friends. We concluded our last segment of The Story behind the Songs since both churches are fully open now. The link that can be clicked on or pasted in your browser is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8678651613?pwd=VlVDejlBRVBjT0tYNXVtUG42QTFNdz09/>. It should take you to our Zoom platform. If you have the Zoom app, you can go to the app on your phone or your computer and type in Meeting ID: 867 865 1613 and enter the password: 2618860. If you wish to use your phone (cell or landline) without internet call +1 (346) 248-7799 US (Houston) or +1 (669) 900-6833 US (San Jose). Enter the Meeting ID: 867 865 1613 and then the Password: 2618860. You can call me at (504) 261-8860 if you need assistance.

We continue to be blessed by your generosity and we are continuing to maintain the work of Christ through your generosity, so we deeply appreciate your gifts during these first slow months of 2021. During this last year, we have lost several faithful saints and therefore has loss their faithful offerings. If you are receiving a COVID stimulus check, please consider an offering to the church in thanks for the extra blessing. As we move forward, let us remember their example and give faithfully to the ministry of Christ in our tithes and offerings. If you are attending in-person worship, the offerings can be left on the pew when you leave and someone will pick them up and Sue will deposit them later. Online donations can be made at [www.umcofcenter.com](http://www.umcofcenter.com) or you can text the amount you wish to give to (719) 628-1830 which will walk you through the secure donation. There is a fee that is charged the church when payments are made online and by text. Both the online and text options are secure and the funds are immediately processed into Center UMC's bank account. Donations still can be mailed to P. O. Box 626, Center, 81125.

Remember May 22<sup>nd</sup> as Beaver Creek Youth Camp Work Day and that they are looking for counselors and campers for the summer. I also invite you to stay informed about United Methodist news at UM News Weekly Digest at [www.umnews.org](http://www.umnews.org).

Peace for the Journey, *Rev. Debra Upton*