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

Happy Aldersgate Day!

First, I am so sorry that even though I did everything possible – vaccinated, wearing a mask in public, and washing my hands – I still tested positive for COVID which caused our church to be shut down until Wednesday of this week. Thankfully I have had no symptoms and all those who got tested because of their exposure to me have tested negative. Yes, it could have been a false positive, but the chances are highly unlikely with the PCR test I was given at Homelake. I do appreciate the prayers and good wishes as well as your flexibility in going back online for this past worship service. Thank you to all you who joined our 11 am virtual worship service. It was great to see those who joined virtually. If there is still no one that comes down with symptoms, we will reopen the church this Wednesday with Yoga hopefully to resume Friday. Hope to see you at in person or virtual worship services this Memorial Day weekend. Technology allows to join even if we are on holiday. The link to the audio of the sermon is

<https://umcofcenter.com/blog/>.

We have resumed our Wednesday night Bible, so join us virtually via zoom at 6:30 pm. We've started 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 that access to any worship is posted on our 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.

As part of reaching our Saguache community we now have a Facebook page Saguache United Methodist Church <https://www.facebook.com/Saguache-United-Methodist-Church-100823578454283>, so be sure to like us and pass our link to others who might be interested in our faith community. We also have a new mailing address which is P. O. Box 184, Saguache, CO 81149.

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. We have a new mailing address for Saguache United Methodist, so Saguache folks can send their contribution in check form to Saguache UMC, P.O. Box 184, Saguache, CO 81149. Please write the check to Saguache UMC. Bill will deposit those donations into First Southwest bank in Saguache into the Saguache's church account. We deeply appreciate Bill and Jeannie with their financial leadership.

Unfortunately, due to rise of COVID cases in the Saguache community, we had to cancel our Community Dinner for the month of May. Hopefully, it will be safer in June to try again.

Be sure to put the gospel concert Sunday, June 13th at 7 pm at Center United Methodist on your calendar and invite people to attend. New Legacy Project is a gospel group who are the descendants of the Blackwood Brothers. I would encourage you to "Like" the New Legacy Project Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NewLegacyProject> and go check them out @ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrC5n_YysvI This is an awesome way to bring folks to church. We want to make this a success and reach as many people as we can for Christ.

Also June 6th will be Church in the Wildwood at Beaver Creek; therefore, morning worship will be at Beaver Creek Youth Camp that Sunday. I also invite you to stay informed about United Methodist news - UM News Weekly Digest@www.umnews.org. Peace and Grace for the Journey,

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