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June has been a full month. The New Legacy Project Concert was amazing **and we had lots of folks from all over the valley come and participate. The Father's Day Guy's Night Out event at Center was a wonderful time with ten men and boys** enjoying their tool box project, BBQ ribs, corn on the cob, potato salad, and Make Your Own Sundays. We had a wonderful time. I do appreciate everyone who made both events possible and successful. This has also been a month of celebrating the lives and memorializing some of the saints we have lost during 2020 & 2021: Sherrel Mix, Bob Myers, and Bob Coombs. It was wonderful to visit with so many folks from our community during these events. Now as we move into July we have more opportunities to reach out to our communities.

I want to remind everyone that I will be leaving for vacation on June 29th and should return July 14th. During my absence, please feel free to contact Rev. Nancy Mead should any needs arise. She can be reached at nancmead1@earthlink.net or (719) 496-7064. At Center there will be a special July 4th service and Linda Clutter will preach on July 11, 2021. At Saguache Mike Norris will be preaching on July 4th and July 11th. We hope folks will come and show your support while I am gone.

We have a treat. My student who helped us during the pandemic, Gerardo Ortega will be coming in July. **Center's Cookin' with Your Neighbor has been** postponed to July 22nd where we will welcome Gerardo Ortega who will be in concert at Center UMC on Friday evening, July 23rd @ 6:30 pm. He is an amazing **young man and you won't want to miss it.**

Due to the many COVID outbreaks in Saguache, we have had to cancel resuming our community dinners there. We plan to wait until the Fall before trying **to resume them again. Hopefully by then we'll be ok.**

Center will have Movie Night July 15th at 6 pm. We will be showing the **Christian film Blue Miracle with Dennis Quaid. You won't want to miss this** wonderful film.

There will be a worship committee meeting at 8:30 am on July 20th but **Center's One Church Board will not meet in July. Our next Bible/book study is** Henri Nouwen's Reaching Out which will begin the last Wednesday in July.

It is my prayer that we will again join together in community and invite others to join our community of believers because each of you has a unique gift God has given you to use for his glory as we live as resurrection people.

"Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well."

- Ecclesiastes 11:6 (NIV)



The Twelve Disciples

Who was Simon the Zealot?

Simon the Zealot has no recorded words in the bible, and almost all we know of him comes from him being one of the twelve and his nickname, and much of it is based of educated guesswork. There was a political group called the Zealots **during Jesus' time and their desire was to see a messiah** come and establish their rule on earth and overthrow the Roman invaders. They detested the control Rome had over the Jews and any Roman sympathizers. But it is possible the man we know as Simon the Zealot was not actually a part of this group, and it was just a moniker given to him to differentiate him from Simon Peter. What we do know is that he was completely devoted to and had a strong passion for something. That something may have been the group known as the Zealots, but it could have also been the law, liberty, and/or our Lord. Jesus called Simon to his ministry for a **reason. It's possible Jesus saw the passion Simon possessed and saw the potential he had for spreading God's** word throughout the world. If he was a part of the group known as the Zealots, then he would have been on the **opposite end of the political spectrum from another of Jesus'** disciples, Matthew, the tax collector. As a tax collector Matthew would have been employed and trusted by the **Romans or the Jewish officials who ruled with Rome's** blessing. If Simon belonged to the Zealots, he would have **possibly seen Matthew as an enemy. But that's the beauty of** Jesus and his ministry. He could take people from all walks of life, different races, different political affiliations, people with polar opposite personalities, and bring them together under the message of God. If Simon the Zealot truly belonged to the **Zealot political group then it just makes Jesus' ministry all the** more important. It shows that we can all come together for a greater purpose. The potential differences between Matthew and Simon were put aside for the betterment of us all and is truly an inspiration we should all aspire to. Let us put God above all else and focus on being the best disciples of his word that we can.

Pastor Debbie On Vacation

Pastor Debbie Will be gone June 29th—July 14th. In case of emergency Rev. Nancy Mead will be on call. You can reach her at (719) 496-7064 or nancmead1@earthlink.net



*The New
Legacy Project
Concert*



Sunday, June 13th, we had the wonderful music group New Legacy Project come and do a concert for us. The weather was perfect so we were able to enjoy this event outside. Thanks to the generosity of those who attended, we were **able to raise \$1200 for the I'll Stand Project** which sends bibles, CD's, & DVD's, to veterans in veterans hospitals, all over the country.

If you sadly missed their concert, here is the link to their YouTube Page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOprww7qjhIP6NLZG2ug79g>



Movie Night

July 15th we will be showing the new Netflix film Blue Miracle starring Dennis Quaid. Please join us for this inspirational story of a guardian and his kids entering a fishing competition to save their orphanage.



(See Genesis 6-8) 05-28-2012

**YOU'VE DONE WELL PREPARING THE ARK,
BUT FORTY DAYS IS A LONG TIME SO TAKE
THIS DUCT TAPE JUST IN CASE**



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Cookin' with Our Neighbor

This month Cookin' with Our Neighbor will be on July 22nd at 5:30pm. We will be gathering for some wonderful food. Please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone! Our visitor Gerardo Ortega would love to taste those famous dishes you all have. Sadly Saguache has postponed Dinner with Our neighbor until fall, due to COVID. We hope to see you at Cookin' with our Neighbor and please invite the community!

Joke of the Month

During our priest's sermon, a large plant fell over right behind the pulpit, crashing to the ground. Acknowledging his reputation for long-windedness, he smiled sheepishly and said, "Well, that's the first time I actually put a plant to sleep."

Summer Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Recipe by: GoodGoneGirl (Allrecipes.com)

Ingredients

- Pie Pastry for 9in double crust
- 2 cups diced rhubarb
- 2 1/2 cups hulled strawberries
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 Tbsp butter, diced
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon



Allrecipes.com

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C). Divide the pie pastry in half; roll out half into a circle on a floured work surface, and line a 9-inch pie dish with bottom crust. Roll the remaining half out into a 10-inch circle on a floured work surface, and set aside.
2. Mix the rhubarb, whole strawberries, 1 cup of sugar, flour, butter, and nutmeg together in a bowl. Pour the filling into the crust-lined pie dish.
3. Cut the remaining crust into 3/4-inch wide strips (use a scalloped edge pastry cutter for a prettier crust). Moisten the rim of the filled bottom crust with a bit of water, and lay the two longest strips in a cross in the middle of the pie. Working from the next longest down to the shortest strips, alternate horizontal and vertical strips, weaving the strips as you go. Press the lattice strips down onto the bottom crust edge to seal, and trim the top crust strips neatly. Mix 1 tablespoon of sugar with cinnamon in a small bowl, and set aside.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Remove pie. Sprinkle the top with the cinnamon-sugar mixture, and return to oven; bake until the crust is golden brown and the filling is bubbling, about 30 more minutes.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/216986/summer-strawberry-rhubarb-pie/>

Gerardo Ortega Concert
 Gerardo Ortega, Pastor Debbie's former student who has helped us throughout the pandemic with the hymns will be coming in July. He will be putting on a concert at Center UMC on Friday evening, July 23rd at 6:30 pm. If you would like to explore his work, here is a link to his website. He has such a wonderful voice and we are very excited to meet and listen to him in person.



<http://www.gerardojose.com/>



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. It will be held at Town Hall at 2pm on July 9th. There will also be a Taser demonstration!



Guy's Night Out
 Photos Courtesy of Kitty Entz