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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,

What a beautiful day Church in the Wildwood was at Beaver Creek Youth Camp. It was great to see so many faces we haven't seen in a long while. The weather was perfect and the service was touching as we celebrated the Love Feast together. Alyssa Rawinski delivered a wonderful message "Who's In Charge?" reminding us that we should center ourselves on Jesus and put him first in our lives. Thank you to all those who attended especially Mary Bloxsom, Lewis and Kitty Entz, Janet Myers, and Lori Sanchez. Church this Sunday will resume at Center at 9 am and fellowship time from 8:30 am in-person and via Zoom and Facebook live.

Thank you to all who attended Sherrel's Celebration of Life service and the overwhelming loving support shown to his family. I know Linda and her family greatly appreciated it.

It was great to see so many folks present and wish to see them return for worship at 9 am and our special concert this coming Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 7 pm. We are so blessed to have the New Legacy Project, all the way from Nashville, sharing the gospel in worship and song. Weather permitting, the concert will be held outside where you can drive up and enjoy the concert in your car, or bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to enjoy our green space, and we will also have some folding chairs available. The concert is free and a love donation will be taken during the concert. Invite everyone you know to join us. What a wonderful way to bring those to Christ and to inspire us to join together and witness to God's amazing grace and glory.

Then Tuesday, June 15th, all you men and boys come join us for Father's Day Guy's Night Out at 6:30 pm for BBQ ribs, corn on the cob, potato salad, and Make Your Own Sundays. It will be an evening of games and fun, food and fellowship as well as door prizes. Ya'll come now!

Thank you to those who attended Cookin' with Your Neighbor last Thursday. We enjoyed fried and baked chicken and all the trimmings – some of us even saved some for our picnic at Beaver Creek Sunday.

We have resumed our Wednesday night Bible Study @ 6:30 pm via zoom. This week we will focus on Session Three, chapter three of *Mothers in Israel* (Methodist beginnings through the eyes of women). I invite you to join us.

Saturday, June 12th at 2 pm we will celebrate the life of our dear Bob Myers and show our love and support to Janet and the family.

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. 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 have lost their faithful offerings. 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 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.

Last Friday, I was officially voted a provisional elder of the Mountain Sky Conference. Thank you for your support and I covet your continued support as I continue my journey. I invite you to stay informed about United Methodist news at

UM News Weekly Digest at www.umnews.org. Peace for the Journey, *Rev. Debria Upton*