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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 as we celebrated the men in our community with a Father's Day tribute. 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 fruit and delicious cookies from Bob Myer's fellowship. I appreciate Roy Ratzlaff being our in-person liturgist. <https://umcofcenter.com/blog/> is the link to the audio of the sermons.

Thank you to all who attended the Father's Day Guy's Night Out event Tuesday evening. God provided a beautiful evening and it was a blessing to see ten men and boys enjoy their evening building tool boxes, eating BBQ ribs and corn on the cob and delicious potato salad and making ice cream Sundays. Thank you to the ladies who came and helped with the evening – Kitty Entz, Marcia Fyock, Janet Myers, Lori Sanchez, and Charleen Schaeffer. A special thank you goes to Kitty for searing the ribs and Betty Felmler, Sue McClure, and Linda Mix for their delicious potato salad. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you all for making this event a success.

I would like to thank Mary Bloxson for joining me Movie Night last Thursday as we finally showed *Soul*. It's a great movie. July's movie will be the Christian movie *Blue Miracle* with Dennis Quaid. You don't want to miss it. Invite everyone and again we will have it inside and begin at 6 pm so folks who don't drive at night and can get home before dark.

We had to cancel Bible study last week due to conflict, but we will have our final combined session this Wednesday Night @ 6:30 pm via zoom. This week we will focus on chapter four and five of *Mothers in Israel* (Methodist beginnings through the eyes of women). I invite you to join us.

Thank you for those of you who came Saturday, June 19th to celebrate the life of our dear Bob Myers. I know his family appreciated the show our love and support.

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=VIVDejlBRVBjT0tYNXVtUG42QTFNdz09/>. 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.

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. There will be a special July 4th service and Linda Clutter will preach July 11, 2021. Our 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. I invite you to stay informed about United Methodist news at UM News Weekly Digest at www.umnews.org.

Peace for the Journey, *Rev. Debra Upton*