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October has been a full month of activities. A big thank you goes to all who have participated. I deeply appreciate the beautiful floral arrangement and thoughtful card from my Center UMC peeps for Pastor Appreciation month. I also am so grateful for the staff, **leadership, and laity of both Center and Saguache, for without you, I don't know where we would be.**

Because of the many conflicts, in Center there will be NO Teen Nights on Friday evenings. Hopefully they will resume in December. There also will be NO Movie Night until **December nor our Cookin' with Your Neighbor until December 2nd at which time we will have our holiday community meal where turkey and ham will be provided with the rest of the sides and desserts brought by our marvelous cooks and bakers. More details about that meal will follow in December's newsletter. Our Soulful Sweets and Sips Coffee shop will have to be closed during my absence unless there are some volunteers who wish to keep it open.**

As we move into November, our focus will again be gratitude. October 31st Sunday will be our special Grateful for our Ancestors/All Saints Day Celebration. We are asking for all in -person attendees to bring a photograph either framed or unframed for our altar of legacy. **The loved one doesn't need to have passed this year. This can be anyone close to your heart which you wish to honor and remember their legacy which lives on in you. It can be one or as many as you wish to honor. Sunday, during the first hymn "For All the Saints," you will be asked to bring the photograph to the altar and place it where you wish. Later in the service, you will be asked to name the loved one and what legacy you claim as yours. We will honor those who have passed since our last All Saints Day as well.**

Then November 6, 2021 at 4 pm at First United Methodist Church Colorado Springs, I will be commissioned as a provisional elder. I covet your prayers during this very sacred and special time.

The following day, November 7, 2021 at 2 pm, Beaver Creek Youth Camp will be hosting their annual fundraiser. This year it will be a little different in that all the churches **are invited to join via Zoom. Center will have a late soup lunch with Gene's Rocky Mountain pie and my pralines while we join online for the dedication of the new roof at camp and the live pie auction. Silent auction items are already online for bidding which will finalize that day. Check out bccyc.com for items and to bid. Saguache is in the process of deciding whether they will be joining from Mike and Jeannie's home where goodies will be enjoyed as well. More information concerning Saguache will be announced as we make plans.**

November 8-20, 2021, I will be on my educational trip to Italy with my New Testament professor, Rev. Dr. Eric Smith. Roy has graciously agreed to preach on November 14, 2021 and hopefully I will be back to preach November 21st. Then the following week, I will travel to be with family during Thanksgiving, but I will be back for November 28th as we begin our season of Advent. During my absence, if you need me, I will only be reachable by email. Rev. Nancy Mead has agreed to be our emergency spiritual leadership. You may call the church office and talk to Hannah or leave a message and Hannah will talk to Rev. Nancy Mead about the need. Thankfully because we are United Methodists, we have a connectional network. If you have an emergency, someone will be able to help you. Our wonderful laity are only a call away. I do appreciate this time for learning and reconnecting with my loved ones.

We have some exciting things beginning the end of November and throughout **December. You don't want to miss it. Our Advent Bible Study will be taken from Charles Dickens The Christmas Carol which will begin for Center, Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at noon for in person study with a light lunch provided and 6:30 pm via Zoom for those who cannot make the in-person study. At Saguache, the Advent study will be during our Sunday**

*"I can endure all
these things through
the power of the one
who gives me
strength."*

-Philippians 4:13

*"Let your roots grow
down into Him, and
let your lives be built
on Him."*

-Colossians 2:7

2 luncheons beginning November 28, 2021. I hope you will join for a wonderful bible study about the redemption of Scrooge. Also we are excited to have an artist opportunity with Sips and Ceramics. Hannah has more details in the newsletter.

I hope our previous sermon series and bible study The Treasure Principle has inspired us to give our time, our talents, our gifts, and our offerings to the Lord especially as we draw close to the Advent Season. There will be devotion booklets for the Advent Season available for those interested on November 28, 2021. I will again do daily Advent moments on Facebook Live following the devotion booklet. These will take place at noon daily beginning November 28, 2021.

Our Charge Conference will be December 15, 2021 with the time to be arranged – probably that evening via Zoom. It is my prayer that many of you will be able to participate. In preparation for Charge Conference, Center's November One Church Board 6:30 pm meeting on November 9th will be in-person and via Zoom to complete all the reports required. Your input is important. Please plan to attend and participate. Saguache will be working on their reports during our after worship lunches.

As we begin to prepare for Advent Season, please plan on joining us for Christmas Eve service - **Saguache is at 5 pm and Center is at 7 pm.** Center's service will be on Zoom for those who cannot join us in person.

Sips and Ceramics

Join us November 27th and December 4th at 2pm for some fun painting a ceramic nativity scene! We only have 4 and they will be first come first serve so please RSVP via email or phone if you would like to participate. If we have more interest than we have supplies we do have nativity ornaments that can be painted. We will also have sparkling cider and non-alcoholic bubbly drinks for you.



Charge Conference
We will be having our charge conference on December 15, the time will be announced at a later date.

Donate to Beaver Creek Christian Youth Camp & Retreat Center

Donations may be made by cash or check at all locations of the Beaver Creek Appreciation/Benefit Event on Nov. 7, 2021.

Donations may be made by sending a check or money order in the provided envelope or another envelope to:



Beaver Creek Youth Camp
PO Box 186
South Fork, CO 81154



Donations may also be made by credit card at

<https://www.beavercreekcamp.org/Payments.html>

Please be aware that Beaver Creek is charged a fee for credit card processing so cash and checks are preferred.

RSVP for Beaver Creek Appreciation/Benefit Event at 2:00 p.m. on November 7, 2021
Please print your name and information below, check the appropriate boxes and return this card in the provided envelope.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ (to save plans change)

I/We plan to attend the Beaver Creek Event at the location checked below with _____ in the party.

- Alamosa UMC
- Center UMC
- Monte Vista UMC
- Mosca UMC
- Pioneer United Church
- Sargent Community Church



I/We plan to join the Beaver Creek Event by Zoom with _____ in the party and request that a Zoom invitation and link be sent to this email address _____

I/We regret that we will not be able to attend the Beaver Creek Event.

Please see other side for information about donating to Beaver Creek.

Beaver Creek Appreciation/Benefit Event

You are cordially invited to a Beaver Creek Appreciation/Benefit Event at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 7, 2021, at a place of your choosing.

Many of the Beaver Creek Camp Commission member churches will host a chili and soup meal in their respective buildings. There will also be Rocky Mountain (Derby) pie and Pralines for dessert. All of the sites will be connected by Zoom, and those who cannot go to one of the churches may also join by Zoom.

We'll dedicate the new roof on Rustic Lodge and explore how Beaver Creek is "rebranding" itself to reach a larger population without losing its Christian identity.

There will be an auction of donated items ranging from gift certificates to fine art, and, of course, there will be a pie auction. (If you would like to donate to either auction, please call (719) 588-7627).

I hope you will join your friends and neighbors for an exciting afternoon of fun and support of Beaver Creek. Please RSVP as soon as possible, so proper plans can be made.

The Twelve Disciples

Who was Andrew?

The Apostle Andrew is the brother of Simon Peter and is mostly known by his notoriety of being the first apostle called to Jesus. He might be most known for being the first, but he played an important role in the feeding of the 5,000. Unlike **Phillip who goes straight to dismissing Jesus' notion of feeding 5,000 people**, Andrew finds a source of food but questions Jesus how he could feed so many with so little. He **sets the stage for the miracle Jesus will perform and doesn't write off the notion of feeding everyone as impossible**. He believes in Jesus and the power of the lord, even if he may not understand how it works. He is a true follower of Christ. **He doesn't discard his faith in Jesus when the path he is on seems impossible**. He instead puts his faith in Jesus and simply asks how it will be done. He brings the food to the lord and trusts him to perform a miracle. He is a great example for us to follow. Just asking the lord to solve our problems might not get us very far, but if we look for a solution and trust in God, the Lord will provide.

This month we celebrate St. Andrews Day on November 30th and in Scotland this marks a huge celebration. There are many stories as to how Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland, but most revolve around a battle King Angus took part in. It is said he saw an X in the sky (a symbol of how Andrew was crucified) and swore if he won this battle he would be forever more their patron saint. If you look at the **Scottish flag you will see the St Andrew's cross within**. It is also amazing how his personality is reflected in the people who have taken him as their patron saint. They are some of **the most welcoming people on the planet and they don't let life's troubles stop them**. If you would like to join in on the celebrations you can do so via the internet at <https://www.visitscotland.com/see-do/events/st-andrews-day/>

Finance Report

As the end of the year draws near our ever growing need for your financial help increases. We are -\$29,627 in the hole right now. However with our faith in God we will make it through these rough times. And our little church will rise above these financial needs.

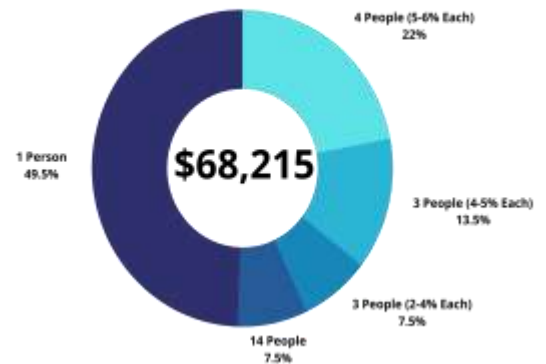
Oh Lord, mighty in power, I thank you in advance for the financial blessings that are coming to us! I know that you will meet all our needs according to your glorious riches. Father, we put our trust in you. Amen.

Donations can be mailed to Center UMC at P.O. Box 626, Center, CO 81125. and for the Saguache UMC at P.O. Box 184, Saguache, CO 81149 For your convenience you can make your donations by text at 719-628-1830 (then just follow the prompts). Or online at our website www.umcofcenter.com the link is on the front page.

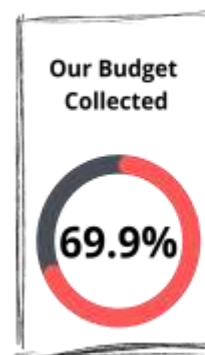
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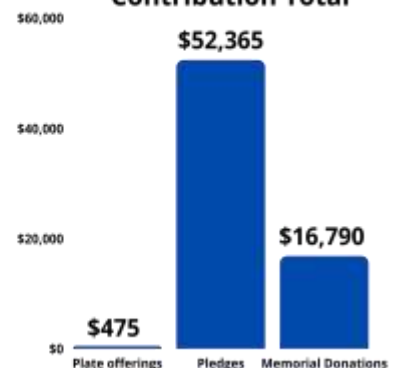
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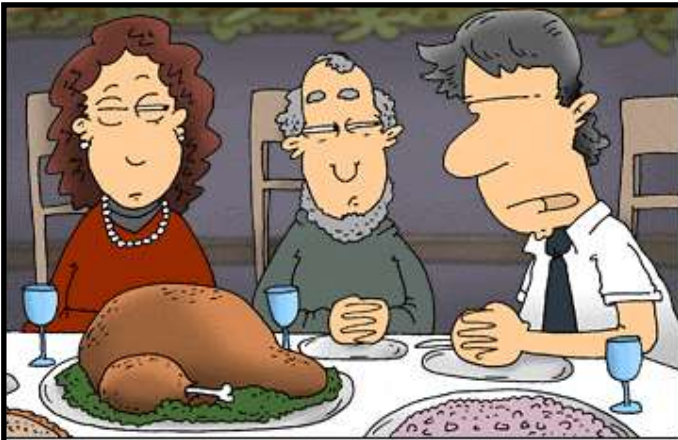


We still need to bring in \$29,627 to meet our budget



Contribution Total





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ITEMS OF THANKS, EXCEPT FOR ITEM 4.B,
BUT WITH THE FOLLOWING THREE AMMENDUM

Joke of the Month

One day God called Jesus and his helpers into a meeting. God said that he wanted them to create a data base on heaven's super computer. He said He wanted them to list everyone who had ever been born and all the good and bad things that each had done since the beginning of time. They all said they could do that and so they sat at their keyboards for hours, then days and weeks. Finally they were almost done when there was a power failure in heaven and the computers all went off. Only seconds later the lights came back on and all the computers started to re-boot. There was much crying and gnashing of teeth and pounding of keyboards as this happened. Down at the end of the table sat Jesus with a big smile on His face. Jesus Saves!

Pan de Muertos (Mexican Bread of the Dead)

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 tsp active dry yeast
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp anise seed
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 tsp orange zest
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 Tbsp orange zest
- 2 Tbsp Sugar (topping)

Recipe by: Stephanie Watts (Allrecipes.com)



Directions

1. Heat the milk and the butter together in a medium saucepan, until the butter melts. Remove from the heat and add them warm water. The mixture should be around 110 degrees F (43 degrees C).
2. In a large bowl combine 1 cup of the flour, yeast, salt, anise seed and 1/4 cup of the sugar. Beat in the warm milk mixture then add the eggs and orange zest and beat until well combined. Stir in 1/2 cup of flour and continue adding more flour until the dough is soft.
3. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic.
4. Place the dough into a lightly greased bowl cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until doubled in size. This will take about 1 to 2 hours. Punch the dough down and shape it into a large round loaf with a round knob on top. Place dough onto a baking sheet, loosely cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place for about 1 hour or until just about doubled in size.
5. Bake in a preheated 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) oven for about 35 to 45 minutes. Remove from oven let cool slightly then brush with glaze.
6. To make glaze: In a small saucepan combine the 1/4 cup sugar, orange juice and orange zest. Bring to a boil over medium heat and boil for 2 minutes. Brush over top of bread while still warm. Sprinkle glazed bread with white sugar.