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As we celebrate a Memorial Day Weekend and begin June, our world continues to be in chaos – war, impending war, COVID, the economy, and even Monkey Pox. Most of us are just looking for time off, but unfortunately that may be something we can't do. God has blessed us with so much, it feels sinful to gripe or complain, when so many have it so much worse. May has been Mental Awareness Month and as domestic violence and hate seem to have doubled down, it is no wonder that suicide increases, domestic violence increases, and hate increases. But children of God, we have been called as St. Francis of Assisi prayed "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen." Amid the joys and celebrations of graduation, weddings, and family reunions, let us be about this prayer.

What a joy it was to attend the Elevation Worship Retreat at Lake Tahoe with friends and make new friends. I invite you to join in the process of being remade, reshaped, remolded, repurposed, and for some reborn. God gave me a song during the retreat which I hope speaks to you as it speaks to me. "Like putty in the hands of the master, reshape me into something spectacular, kneading and forming, over and over again and again. Like the clay in the palm of the potter, recreate for your use something new, kneading and forming, over and over again and again. It's all love. It's all grace. Working its way through all time and space. It's all love. It's all grace. Holding the grand design is God's place. Like the dough in the care of the baker, redefine my life to your plan, kneading and forming, over and over again and again. It's all love. It's all grace. Working its way through all time and space. It's all love. It's all grace. In embracing the change to your grand design is my place where I find peace."

We continue our bible study of Ephesians and invite anyone to join us as we continue our journey through Paul's letter. Pentecost is the first Sunday in June, so join as we celebrate God's presence in our midst. June 12th, I will introduce you to a new summer sermon series "*Atlas of the Heart*." I invite to find the book in the library, on kindle, on audible, as we use the scripture and the insights from Brene Brown's book as we seek to connect with God and one another. We will approach this topic in sections throughout most of the summer. The New Legacy Project will be in concert at our church the next day – June 13, 2022 at 7 pm. Please invite the community, family, and friends to this wonderful free concert. On Father's Day, Roy Ratzlaff has graciously agreed to preach June 19th. I will be away at conference, so I appreciate his willingness to serve and bless us that Sunday. I will return on June 26th and begin our sermon series.

As summer approaches, remember to be kind.

"For I know the plans I
have for you,' declares
the Lord, 'plans to
prosper you and not to
harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

Mary Bloxsum turned in an article from the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Muskegon, MI which I would like to share entitled "Our burden."

"The maker and apportioner of life's burdens was pouring over his accounts one day when a weary traveler walked in and dropped his burden upon the floor.

"This bundle is too heavy for me," he complained. "Let me change it for another."

"Of course," agreed the burden-maker. "Choose any one you like."

The traveler experimented with many burdens. Some were too heavy, others too bulky. But finally he stumbled upon one that suited him perfectly.

"I'd like this one," he declared happily.

"Fine," said the burden-maker, "but perhaps I should tell you it's the same one you were carrying when you came in."



Thanks to Mikel Rice

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THEY FALL FOR THIS EVERY TIME

Joke of the Month

Before beginning the service, our pastor read aloud a note he'd been handed moments earlier. "It says here that I should announce that there will be no B.S. tomorrow morning," he said. He tucked the piece of paper into a pocket and added, "I'm hoping they mean Bible Study."

Memorial Day Best BBQ Chicken Ever!

Ingredients

- ½ cup Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 tsp Cajun Seasoning
- 1 tsp Garlic Powder
- 2 ½ Tbsps Brown Sugar
- 1 ½ Tbsps Ketchup
- 6 Skinless, Boneless Chicken Breasts (Halves)

Directions

1. In a large bowl, blend the Worcestershire sauce, Cajun seasoning, garlic powder, brown sugar, and ketchup. Place the chicken in the bowl, and coat thoroughly with the sauce mixture. Cover, and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.
2. Heat an outdoor grill for medium heat, and lightly oil grate. Heat an outdoor grill for medium heat, and lightly oil grate.
3. Discard the marinade, and grill chicken 6 to 8 minutes per side on the prepared grill, or until no longer pink and juices run clear.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/35646/memorial-day-best-bbq-chicken-ever/>

Recipe by: Allrecipes.com)



Live & In-Person From Nashville!



Rick Price Ministries presents:

NEW LEGACY PROJECT

Formerly the Blackwood Legacy

MON – JUN 13 – 7 PM

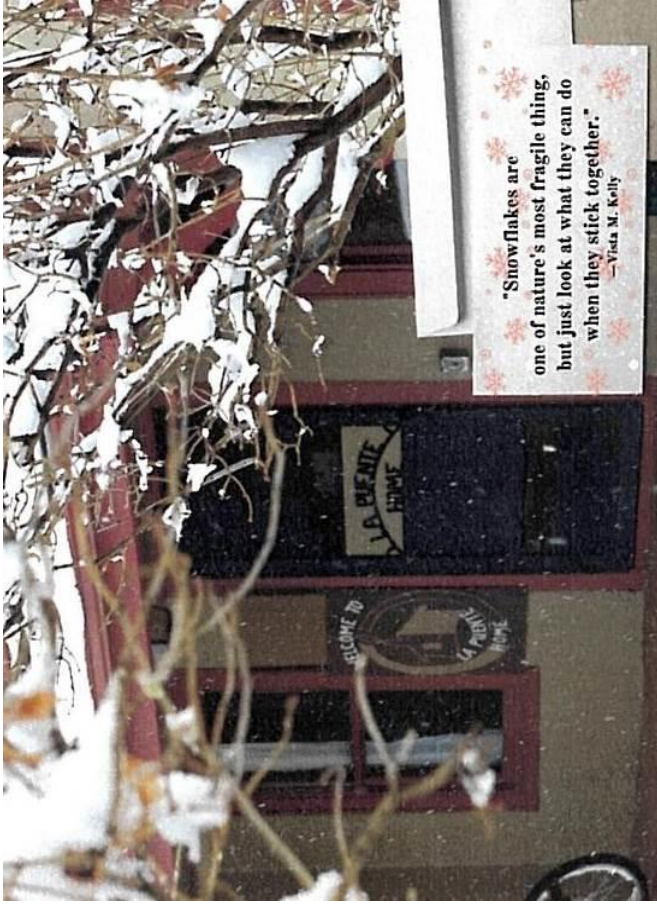
**Center United Methodist Church
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Non-denominational Event – Everyone Welcomed

New Legacy Project, formerly the Blackwood Legacy, blend the best of Country Gospel, traditional and edgy newer Southern Gospel, with today's popular worship music, while staying true to the Gospel Message. This Nashville-based group is known for their flawless harmonies, comedy, and homespun humor. Join us for a memorable time of live music, fellowship and fun! Listen for their new radio single "Born For This" and visit them on Facebook or at

www.NewLegacyProject.com

Admission is free!



Thank you Note from La Puente Regarding Donation of Food Items

Dear Center United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of food items to the shelter. These items are critical for us to be able to provide three nutritious meals a day to guests and community members of the San Luis Valley. We appreciate your support of our mission.

Sincerely,

La Puente guests, shelter staff,
and Ameri Corps members