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Pastor Debbie

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September has been a full month. The Kids Hope affiliation agreement for our church and Haskins Elementary has been completed and our Kids Hope director Vicki Ratzlaff has begun her training and we want to reach out everyone to support this important mission endeavor. We need you to pray about and consider becoming a mentor and/or a prayer partner. Through a Kids Hope USA mentoring program, elementary students meet once a week for one hour with a mentor – a mentor who is there just for them. This one-on-one attention can make a world of difference for a student in need of the support of another caring and consistent adult in their life. Prayer Partners are needed for each mentor and student team. This is such a wonderful way to put our faith to work in our community.

Saguache has had a good participation at Dinner with our Neighbor. On the second Thursday evenings of the month.

Our Methodism 101 has had a good start and everyone who has been involved states they are learning a lot. I have recorded the sessions and I can make those recordings available if you are unable to join us on Tuesday evenings.

We completed our Atlas of the Heart sermon series and September 25th is a Hymn Sing. October 2, 2022 is a visit from Franny Crosby. October 9th, Mike Norris will be filling the pulpit. Then October 16th is Church in the Wildwood at Beaver Creek Youth Camp will happen and both Center and Saguache folks are invited to join everyone at Beaver Creek. After the church service, the fundraiser dinner and silent auction will occur. The invitation should be in this newsletter. You can join via Zoom, but since I will not be here, you would have to log on at your home computer or phone unless someone chooses to take that responsibility on at the churches. On October 23rd we will begin It's A Wonder-ful Life sermon series. The last Sunday in October we will again be honoring our loved ones as the Day of the Dead and All Saints Day focus. November 6th we will continue our It's a Wonder-ful Life sermon series and celebrate Veterans Day.

This is a reminder about Center's October's One Church Board Meeting October 11, 2022. At the August 9th meeting, Jeff Rainwater joined us to talk about Table for All and whether Center wishes to participate. Saguache will be introduced to it this Sunday during the common meal. Both churches have been given all the information on this program and will need to decide whether we are going to apply for the grant and to participate in the resources provided if either church is selected as one of the twenty church in Mountain Sky Conference. If you wish to access those materials of information, then please refer to the September newsletter.

October 21-22, 2022 will be the business portion of Mountain Sky Annual Conference which will be online. Jeannie Norris has Saguache delegate, and there is room for someone from Center to be a delegate.

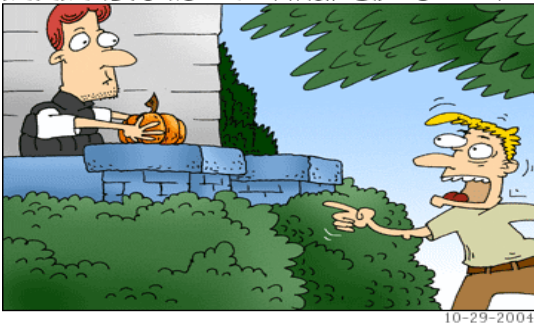
We will be preparing for Charge Conference for both churches. Our date is TBA (to be arranged.) We hope everyone will be able to participate. I do wish to remind everyone on November 13, 2022, we will celebrate A Table for All.

Our Advent study will be Angels of Christmas with the sermon series Angels Among Us. I hope you join us for this Advent season. Please let me know if you wish to participate so I can get a study book for you.

September 22nd I will be traveling to help my aunt celebrate her 100th birthday. On September 26th, I will be headed to Lander, WY for RIM and Clergy Orders. Sunday, September 25th each church will be having an end of summer Hymn Sing. Then I will be participating in the Bishop's Spanish Immersion October 3 – 15, 2022. I would appreciate prayers for this mission endeavor.

"The night is far gone;
the day is at hand. So
then let us cast off the
works of darkness and
put on the armor of
light."

Romans 13:12



AHA ... THAT PUMPKIN CONFIRMS YOUR SUPPORT OF HALLOWEEN AND, ERGO, YOUR IDENTITY AS A NEFARIOUS, PAGAN, DEVIL-WORSHIPPER!

Joke of the Month

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon: with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

He sat down. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: "Shall We Gather at the River."

Spiderweb Pumpkin Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 48 Gingersnap Cookies
- ½ Cup pecan pieces
- ½ Cup salted butter, melted
- 4 (8oz) packages of cream cheese (room temp)
- 1 ½ cup white sugar
- 4 eggs (room temp)
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 ½ tps pumpkin pie spice blend

Recipe by: Smart Cookie (Allrecipes.com)



Allrecipes.com

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Spray a 10-inch springform pan with cooking spray and wrap the outside with foil.
2. Pulse gingersnap cookies into fine crumbs in a food processor. Transfer to a medium mixing bowl. Pulse pecans in the same food processor bowl until finely ground. Add to the cookie mixture and mix in melted butter. Press the cookie and pecan mixture into the bottom and halfway up the sides of the springform pan.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown on the edges, about 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Reduce the oven temperature to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C).
4. Beat cream cheese with sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, stopping occasionally to scrape the sides of the bowl, until smooth and creamy, about 3 minutes. Add eggs 1 at a time, beating just until combined and scraping the sides of the bowl after each addition. Beat in vanilla extract. Pour about 1/2 of the batter into a different bowl and set aside.
5. Add pumpkin puree and pumpkin spice to the batter in the stand mixer bowl and mix until combined.
6. Transfer 1/4 cup of the plain batter into a piping bag or plastic storage bag. Spread the rest over the pie crust. Top with the pumpkin cheesecake batter.
7. Pipe remaining plain batter into 5 concentric circles on the top of the cheesecake. Drag the tip of a toothpick or small knife out from the center of the batter to the edge, wiping it down between each pull, to create a spider web effect.
8. Place the springform pan in the bottom of a roasting pan; fill roasting pan halfway up with warm water to create a water bath.
9. Carefully transfer cheesecake to the oven and bake until edges are set, top is no longer shiny, and center is still a little jiggly, about 1 hour and 10 minutes.
10. Carefully transfer cheesecake to the oven and bake until edges are set, top is no longer shiny, and center is still a little jiggly, about 1 hour and 10 minutes. Turn the oven off and prop the door open at least 4 inches. Leave the cheesecake in the oven for an additional 30 minutes.
11. Remove cheesecake from the oven and water bath. Run a knife around the edge to prevent sticking and cool on a cooling rack for 30 minutes more. Cover loosely and chill for at least 6 hours, or overnight.
12. Run a knife around the edge of the pan and carefully remove the sides of the springform pan. Slice and serve.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/276573/smart-cookies-spiderweb-pumpkin-cheesecake/>



BEAVER CREEK EXPERIENCE

WORSHIP

LUNCH & AUCTION

16 October

Worship begins 11:00AM

Lunch & Auction to follow

at Beaver Creek or online via zoom:

www.GetTogetherOnline.org



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Lunch

MEAL OPTIONS



The Berkstresser The Willow

The Rustic The Columbine

The Sullivan The Aspen The Green Cathedral

The Meadow The Cedar The Ramada

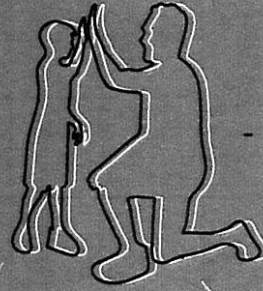
The Pine

silent auction on site:
ski tickets; arts & crafts;
gift certificates; etc.



WALKING TOGETHER

Mentoring makes a difference



THE NEED

All children face challenges, but some hurdles are bigger than others, and sometimes kids need a little extra support to build resilience and hope.

Our local elementary school needs people willing to build positive, caring, one-on-one relationships with students, to walk alongside them as friends and cheerleaders.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Kids Hope USA mentors (supported by behind-the-scenes prayer partners) spend one hour per week talking, reading, playing, and listening to a child at school. Research shows that by helping a child feel loved and valued, the child can better learn, grow, and succeed.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Will you be that someone who shows up once a week to share unconditional love with a child?

Learn more by visiting kidshopeusa.org/volunteer or contacting our church's Kids Hope USA Program Director.

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MENTOR QUALIFICATIONS

- Consistently visit one student for one hour each week during the school day.
- Commit to maintaining confidentiality and following program rules.
- Attend our church regularly.
- Successfully complete the screening and training process.

PRAYER PARTNER QUALIFICATIONS

- Believe in the power of prayer.
- Faithfully pray for a mentor and student each week.
- Contact the mentor on a regular basis for prayer requests.

mentor

one child

one hour
a week



For over two decades, Kids Hope USA mentors have been trained and equipped to build and sustain caring and safe relationships with children. Volunteer today! Contact our church's KHUSA Program Director or church office.