



Chautauqua Weekend Proposed Schedule

Friday Night: Worship & Camp Meeting

Saturday Afternoon: Recreation Time (Jeopardy, Scavenger Hunt, Nature Trails, Baseball, Metal Work)

Friday & Saturday Night: Arts (Creede Theatre, Society Hall, Big Band in Monte, Peter & the Wolf Community Orchestra)

Saturday Morning: Education (Birds & Owls, Elk Management, Rio Grande Museum, Hispanic Culture in the Valley, Shady Ladies Reenactment)

Sunday Morning: Religious Education (Circuit Rider Reenactment, Walking through the Bible Lands, Holy Land History)

Rainbow's End/ LaPuente

Make clothing, household items, and furniture donations to Center's Rainbows End. Make canned food donations to Center's Rainbows end or LaPuente in Alamosa. Make monetary donation to LaPuente though the church or online at:
<https://lapuentehome.org/donate/>

Kids Hope USA

(Haskin Elementary)

Art Supplies: paper (manila, construction, cardstock, notebooks), crayons, washable markers, pencils (colored & #2), scissors (child safe), glue sticks, yarn or string, child friendly magazines, stickers, stamps and stamp pads, rulers, watercolors, pipe cleaners.

Games: board games, chess, checkers, dice, dominoes, etc., child friendly card games (Spot it, Uno, Phase 10, Go Fish, Old Maid, basic playing cards)

Outdoor Activities: balls, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk

Books: for Kindergarten and 1st Grade.

Anna's Mission Inc.

(Ready to Go bags for domestic violence victims).

Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Body soap, Shampoo/ conditioner, Body lotion, Deodorant, Comb/brush, Razors, Small box of tissues, Gift cards to Family dollar or Dollar General.

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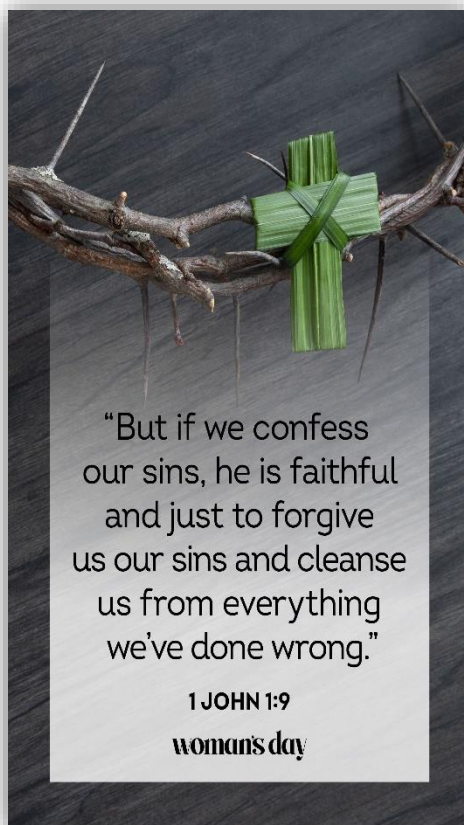
We appreciate all donations and prayers for Domestic Violence Survivors.

Kids Hope Report

Our Kids Hope program is up and running. We have four Mentors and five Prayer Partners who meet weekly with their students. Several other students are begging to go with our mentors each time they meet with their students. So if you were on the fence before about volunteering, please visit with one of our Mentors and let them tell you about the smiles, excitement, laughter, happiness, and fulfillment they experience each week.

Thank you for all the fabulous donations we have received for this program. Contact me if your heart is moved to become a part of this amazing program.

Yours in Christ,
Vicki Ratzlaff, Director of Kids Hope



"But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong."

1 JOHN 1:9

woman's day

Anna's Mission

Anna's Mission, Inc. is making strides to be of more assistance to more DV survivors all the time. We met with the Saguache and Rio Grande County DV Advocates, who were very receptive to our program. We have given both counties supplies of our "Ready to Go Bags." In Pueblo County, we are partnered with the YWCA to assist them in any way we can.

We are working on setting up a meeting with the Otero County DV Advocates/Sheriff's Office. And have been in contact with the Alamosa County DV Advocate and will meet with her Friday, February 24th.

We greatly appreciate your donations to fill our "Ready to Go Bags." and monetary gifts that help us provide the survivor's immediate needs (housing, utilities, food, and personal belongings).

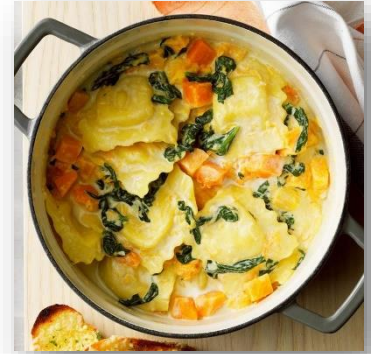
We appreciate your dedication to our community.

Ravioli with Creamy Squash Sauce

Recipe by: TasteOfHome.com

Ingredients

- 1 Package of Refrigerated Cheese Ravioli (9 oz)
- 3 Garlic Cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsps Butter
- 1 Package of frozen cooked winter squash, thawed (10 oz)
- 1 package of fresh baby spinach (6oz)
- 1 Cup Heavy Whipping Cream
- 1/3 Cup Vegetable Broth
- ¼ tsp Salt
- 1 Cup Chopped Walnuts, toasted



Tasteofhome.com

Directions

1. Cook ravioli according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a Dutch oven, saute garlic in butter for 1 minute. Add squash and spinach; cook until spinach is wilted, 2-3 minutes longer. Stir in cream, broth and salt. Bring to a gentle boil; cook until slightly thickened, 6-8 minutes.
2. Drain ravioli; add to squash mixture. Toss to coat. Sprinkle with walnuts.

2023 Directories are Available!

The Directories for this year are available and can be picked up at both Center and Saguache churches. If you live out of the area, contact the church office and we can email you a copy of it.

Table for All Grant – Accepted!

We are celebrating Center and Saguache for receiving the Table for All Grant! The next step for both churches will be to form a team that will lead their church through the process. Some members of the team will be invited to attend three in-person retreats and all members of the team will be invited to attend the online gatherings (at least one every other month). This team will share discoveries with the congregation and help leaders of the church to facilitate conversations and decisions needed to make short-term decisions for sustainability and ideas for neighbor-centered ministries. **We are looking for people who are: devoted to the health of the church, committed to its mission to your community, and exhibit a willingness to consider new ways of being church. They ask that we select a team of 6 to 10 to participate.** The conference will cover the costs of four from each church to participate in the gatherings. More may attend, but the individual will need to cover the costs for travel and lodging. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining the team!

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GREAT, THERE WENT OUR CHANCES FOR WINNING THE FATHER & SON BOWL-OFF

Nothing in all
creation will ever be able
to separate us
from the love of
God.

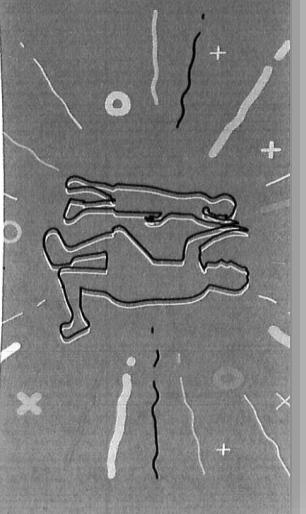
Romans 8:39



Compassion
for the world

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:

Vicki Patzlar (719) 588-3579
purple.vic30@gmail.com

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.



one child
mentor
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.



Greetings Members of the Mountain Sky Conference,

Near the end of the October session of the 2022 Annual Conference, we shared that the session information for AC 2023 would be announced as soon as possible with considerations of budget, church availability, and needs of the conference. After meeting with various stakeholders, we have decided AC 2023 will be in-person, hosted by First UMC, Colorado Springs, CO. We will also host the conference online, assuring those who wish to participate virtually, will be able to via the experience set up through technology provided by GNTV.

Save the Dates for Annual Conference 2023: June 22-25

- In-person Location: First UMC, Colorado Springs, CO
- Ordination Worship Service will be Sunday, June 25th, 2023

Please be on the lookout for more information in the early spring. Registration will open after Easter and will be open for a six-week period. Options for special meals and childcare will be available.

Peace to you during this Advent season,

Rev. Annie Arnoldy

Director of Connectional Ministry

Superintendent of Leadership Development