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Again, I want to thank all of you who continue to help me during my recuperation. I am grateful for your help in reaching my next step toward ordination. The Board of Ordained Ministry has approved me to be presented to this year's Clergy Session at annual conference in Colorado Springs June 22-25th with the ordination service to take place at First United Methodist Colorado Springs at 9 am. Both Center and Saguache services will be cancelled with hope that several folks will travel to Colorado Springs to worship as a conference during the ordination service.

As both Center and Saguache begin their work on the Table for All program, please keep the team members in prayer as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance for our future.

Our Trinity District Gathering will be **April 21-22 In-Person (Friday/Saturday) Location Wiley UMC.** Workshops: Friday 2 pm- 4 pm Gathering: Friday 6 pm-8:30 pm and Saturday 9am-3pm. Please register for the sessions that you will be able to attend on the conference website. Registration will only be online this year along with registration cost. Friday - \$15; Saturday - \$15; \$30 for Both. We are excited to meet in person. The online business District Meeting will be May 6th from 9-11.

We are thankful for Rev. Nancy Mead's presentation at Center's last community potluck. She is leading laity and clergy in planning a Chautauqua weekend, June 2-4, 2023 at Beaver Creek with an inspiring weekend of worship, arts and informative lectures. Gene Haning has posted information at www.beavercreekevent.com and will update it with registration information. Please put it on your calendar and plan to be part of this exciting event. June 4th during this weekend will be Church in the Wildwood.

We are moving toward the Passion Week and completing our Lenten Study by Matt Rawle *Jesus Revealed* at 6:30 pm both in-person at Center and virtually. It focuses on Jesus' "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John. It has been a very good study. April 2nd is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We will be hosting our Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 8, 2023 @ 2 pm. A special thank you goes to those folks who have taken empty Easter Eggs and are filling them for the children to hunt for. We will need a lot of help so please consider volunteering to help in this event. Center is planning a Community Potluck April 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm followed by the Maundy Thursday service in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. We will be observing the Stations of the Cross. Then Good Friday at 6:30 pm at Center, our service will focus of the Seven Last Words of Christ. Both service will also be on Facebook Live and Zoom. Easter sunrise service at Center will be 7:30 am by the front steps. Folks may choose to stay in their cars as drive-in sunrise service. Both Center and Saguache will have their regular service times.

Also April 26, 2023 is Administrative Assistant Day, so take this time to let Hannah know how much we appreciate her and all she does. April 23, 2023 will be Native American Sunday. Get the word out in May we will host a Mother's Day Tea for the ladies of our community Thursday May 11, 2023 at 1:30 pm with a special presentation from Anna's Mission. More details will follow.

Also, it's that time again for staff evaluation including the pastor, as well as congregation evaluation, so you can choose to have the assessment emailed to you or pick up a hard copy.

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• "We know that Christ has
• been raised from the dead
• and he will never die again.
• Death no longer has power
• over him. 10 He died to sin
• once and for all with his
• death, but he lives for God
• with his life. In the same way,
• you also should consider
• yourselves dead to sin but
• alive for God in Christ Jesus."
• ~ Romans 6:9-11
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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.

<https://annasmisioninc.com/>

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

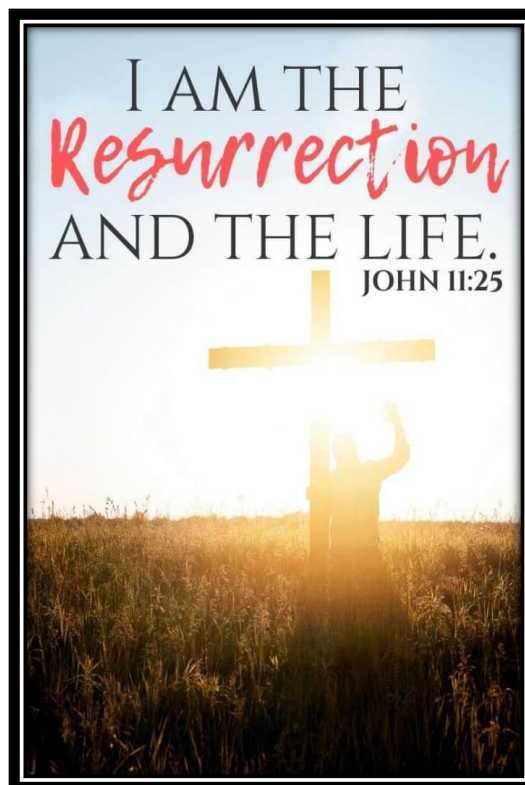


Table for All Grant

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!

Italian Brunch Torte

Recipe by: TasteOfHome.com

Ingredients

- 2 tubes crescent rolls, divided
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 6 oz fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 7 large eggs
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 tsps Italian seasoning
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 1/2 lb thinly sliced deli ham
- 1/2 lb thinly sliced hard salami
- 1/2 lb sliced provolone cheese
- 24 oz roasted sweet red peppers, drained, sliced, and patted dry.



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Place a greased 9-in. springform pan on a double thickness of heavy-duty foil (about 18 in. square). Securely wrap foil around pan. Unroll 1 tube of crescent dough and separate into triangles. Press onto bottom of prepared pan to form a crust, sealing seams well. Bake until set, 10-15 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add spinach and mushrooms; cook and stir until mushrooms are tender. Drain on several layers of paper towels, blotting well. In a large bowl, whisk 6 eggs, Parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning and pepper.
3. Layer crust with half each of the following: ham, salami, provolone cheese, red peppers and spinach mixture. Pour half the egg mixture over top. Repeat layers; top with remaining egg mixture.
4. On a work surface, unroll and separate remaining crescent dough into triangles. Press together to form a circle and seal seams; place over filling. Whisk remaining egg; brush over top.
5. Bake, uncovered, until a thermometer reads 160°, 1 to 1-1/4 hours, covering loosely with foil if needed to prevent overbrowning. Carefully loosen sides from pan with a knife; remove rim from pan. Let stand 20 minutes.

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/italian-brunch-torte/>



On Sunday, February 19 our congregation celebrated our Table for All Sunday. We highlighted the work of the Table for All Fund and raised awareness about the initiative of our conference to support diverse and inclusive churches and ministries.

We took up an offering and prayed for all the churches that would be supported by the fund and the partnership. We then signed cards of encouragement for each congregation entering the first cohort. That's you! We send our love and support, and we are praying for you as you do the work God has called you to do!

Praying for you!
Mary Kay Siskow
Much love to you!
Ashwin Nicholas
Praying for you!
Jared + Valorie
Sending love + prayers your way -
Ann B.
God bless you!
Ruthe Uccerone

Blessings,

Jared E. Stine

Pastor Jared Stine &
The people of Columbia Falls UMC



COLUMBIA FALLS
United Methodist Church

Prayers for you all
♥ Jen George

Prayers -
Patti + Mick
Holm

May you feel God's arms
wrapped around you.
Stacy Fortkueven

Love and grace to you!
Robin

Prayers for your
Church + congregation.
- Denise Erickson

God Bless!
Sue

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
Psalm 61: 1-2

PRAYING for your church!
D. Good
Prayers for you all,
Paul Welton
God Bless Sue.
Kris + Andy Marvin
May you know God's arms wrapped around holding you close!
Stacy Fortkueven

Blessing on your journey of love
Nancy Fleck
God bless you!
Ruthe Uccerone
Best wishes and prayers for new beginnings!
Jared + Valorie
Way to go!
we are praying for you!
Jared + Valorie

Prayers for you
Jen George
Grace & love to you,
Robin
Thinking of your church
Denise Erickson



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