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Pastor Debbie

What a wonderful Passion Week and Easter celebration. I want to thank all who participated in the Bible Study *Jesus Revealed* and Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. I especially want to thank all the folks who helped fill Easter Eggs and helped with Center's community-wide Easter Egg Hunt. It was well attended and everyone had fun. I also want to thank our Resurrection Singers at Center and their beautiful specials for the Easter worship. Sunrise Service at Center and Center's and Saguache's worship services were wonderful and have started spring emerging to live as Resurrection believers.

Trinity District Gathering in Wiley UMC was held this past weekend. This is the link for viewing Friday evening is <https://youtube.com/live/utbJWYJkVY?feature=share>. Saturday's link is unavailable. Lori Sanchez and Leona Hoag were named as our Quiet Disciples this year. We are very proud of both of them. Whenever I receive the certificates, we will celebrate at each church in awarding them. May 9th will be the District Business Meeting via Zoom. As soon as I have the link, I will forward the information.

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. I want to thank Kitty and Lewis Entz, Janet Myers, Roy Ratzlaff, Lori Sanchez, and Charleen Schaeffer from Center and Noreen Gros, Bill Hazard, and Jeannie Norris from Saguache for participating in the Table for All Zoom meeting March 31st. The in-person retreat is May 19-20 (Friday 10-4 and Saturday 9-3) somewhere in the southern Denver area. July Zoom retreat is July 11 & 12 from 5:30 – 8 pm. August Zoom retreat is August 15 & 16 from 5:30 – 8 pm. In September each church will meet with Jeff at a time suitable to that church. The October Hachaton dates are to be determined. It will be a 2 ½ day retreat, where we meet and work with a team outside of our conference.

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. Center folks need to return their assessments to Kitty and Saguache folks need to return their assessment to Jeannie and Mike. My self-assessment is included in this newsletter.

May 4th is our National Day of Prayer. As in years past, the Center sanctuary will be open for individual prayer between the hours of 9 am up to Center's Community Potluck at 5:30 pm.

Our next study which will begin Wednesday May 3rd at 6:30 in Center in-person and on Zoom. Our next study is Adam Hamilton's *Christianity and World Religions*. If you wish to join, the books are available online at Cokesbury, Amazon and Kindle. You can download a sample on Kindle. If you want a hard copy and don't have an Amazon account, I have ordered 3 large print and 2 regular paperback books. They haven't come in yet. They will be \$15 each.

Center will host our Community Potluck on May 4th at 5:30 pm with a Cinco de Mayo theme. Saguache will host our Dinner with Your Neighbor on May 11th at 5:30 pm. We hope you will join us and invite your neighbors.

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 2 pm (which is a change from previously published as 1:30 pm) with a special presentation from Anna's Mission.

This first week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week. I want to thank those who have helped in the Teacher Appreciation goodies. I also want to thank our Kids Hope Director, mentors, prayer partners, and supporters who have help to launch successfully this year's program. It does take a village.

Rev. Nancy Mead's 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. There is a flyer including in this newsletter.

Also Saguache Church is making plans for a 150-year celebration in the coming months. More information will be coming soon.

Drummond Hall continues to be used by the Viking Club for piano lessons 4-7 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays throughout the month of May. 4H is meeting in Drummond Hall on scheduled Sunday afternoons and some week evenings throughout May.

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• "When the day of Pentecost
• came, they were all together in
• one place. Suddenly a sound like
• the blowing of a violent wind
• came from heaven and filled the
• whole house where they were
• sitting. They saw what seemed to
• be tongues of fire that separated
• and came to rest on each of
• them. All of them were filled
• with the Holy Spirit and began
• to speak in other tongues as the
• Spirit enabled them."
• ~ Acts 2:1-4
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Center's

Easter



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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://annasmissioninc.com/>

We appreciate all donations and prayers for Domestic Violence Survivors.

Kids Hope Report

As the school year and our Kids Hope program are coming to an end I would like to thank our dedicated volunteers. Both Mentors and Prayer Partners for all their time and for a great first year. I would also like to thank all of our faithful supporters who have donated supplies and funds towards our program.

I will be sending out assessments to both the teachers and parents for each student we were able to meet with, so that they can give us feedback on our program this year.

I am looking forward to next year's program and will be recruiting new Mentors and Prayer Partners to add to the program this summer so that we will all be trained and ready to start with the start of the new school year.

But Jesus called them to him, saying. "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God".

(Luke 18:16)



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!

German Apple Cake

Recipe by: TasteOfHome.com

Ingredients

Cake

- 3 large eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsps ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt

Frosting

- 8 oz of cream cheese, softened
- 2 tsps butter, softened
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar



Tasteofhome.com

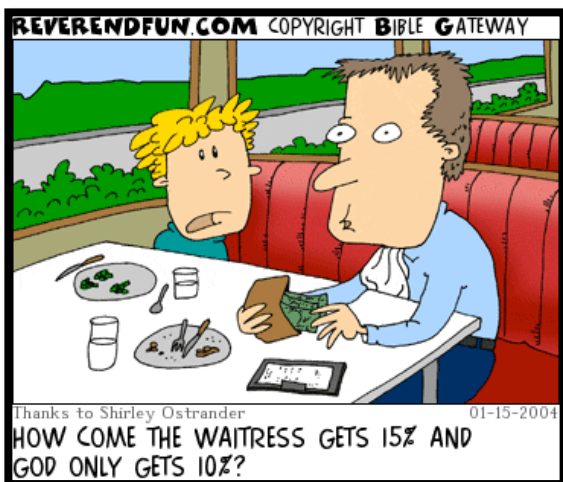
Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat the eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla. Combine the flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt; add to egg mixture and mix well. Fold in apples and nuts. Pour into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake at 350° until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 55-60 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.
2. In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and butter. Add confectioners' sugar, beating until smooth. Spread over cake. Refrigerate leftovers.

Did you know:

Cinnamon comes in two basic types: Ceylon and cassia. Ceylon cinnamon's delicate, complex flavor is ideal for ice creams and simple sauces. The spicy, bolder cassia cinnamon (often labeled simply as cinnamon) is preferred for baking.

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/potluck-german-apple-cake/>



When the Advocate comes,
whom I will send to you from
the Father—the Spirit of truth
who goes out from the Father—
he will testify about me.

John 15:26

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