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Pastor Amos

A new appointment calls for a lot of adjustments for the pastor and the church members. I am getting used to the surroundings and I am learning a lot. I have realized that I must keep myself constantly hydrated because this is a high-altitude environment.

The teachers' appreciation luncheon was successful. I was glad to meet the teachers and staff of Center Consolidated School. I commend you all for the partnership this church has formed because it is part of the mission to make a difference in the lives of others. The donation for school supplies is an indication of your commitment to help students achieve their goals. I had the honor of presenting a check of \$ 200 to boost one of the school programs. A school tends to be a microcosm of the greater community; by working with it, we can learn more about the community around us and seek ways to be more engaged in community development and building.

A Bible study The Chosen has been meeting at Janet Myers home on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study is the official companion to season 1 of The Chosen, the groundbreaking television series. It parallels each episode, connecting readers to the Bible in a brand-new way. The book includes a deeper look at Isaiah 43 and its fulfillment in Jesus and the lives of his followers. It also features script excerpts, quotes, and illustrations from the show and guiding questions. You are encouraged to be part of this exciting study.

The laundry room in the parsonage has a new floor. The carpet was removed and replaced with vinyl flooring. As you are also aware the bedroom curtains are too old and outdated. A quote to replace them has been made. Thanks to the church council for making that decision.

To enhance the quality of our worship new microphones and a new laptop for Zoom will be purchased. I use a laptop purchased by First UMC Alamosa and we shall purchase a monitor for use while I am in Center.

So many keys are out there, and it is important we have them in a central place for proper custody. If you happen to have a key for the church, please contact Hannah. **We have activated the building use policy to include members. There is still no charge to members, but members must sign the rental agreement knowing that any damages will be their responsibility and if there is a second offense regarding damages, all privileges for renting will be revoked.** If you want to use the church building for some function, also contact Hannah to sign a contract.

Till next time, God bless you all!

Rev. Amos Kariuki

“Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest.”

~ Exodus 34:21

“You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.”

~ Isaiah 9:3



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

I want to invite all Kids Hope USA Mentors and Prayer Partners to be sure to attend our church service on Sunday, September 17, 2023. We will be kicking off our start back at Haskin Elementary School.

It is exciting this year as the new principal will allow each Mentor and teacher to set their own time to meet. This will eliminate the problem of meeting at the students' noon recess time.

The Library has graciously said I can take a three-drawer file cabinet to put Kids Hope supplies in. So there will be some new games, notebooks, scissors, pencils, crayons, construction paper, glue, pipe cleaners, rulers, etc. As well as some books donated to the Kids Hope program. They will have the Kids Hope USA Center United Methodist Church name in them so we don't confuse them with the schools. This will ensure the Mentors do not have to carry these supplies in their bags.

Come and join us for an excellent service on Sunday, September 17, 2023, as we share God's love with the children again this school year.

Yours in Christ,

Vicki Ratzlaff, Director of Kids Hope

Something to Think About...

- ❖ We will be having our community dinner on September 7th at 5:30pm. We welcome those who attend to bring dishes they wish to share.
- ❖ Our Chosen bible study will continue to be hosted at Janet's house and the time has been moved to 6pm. All are welcome, and those who wish to join via Zoom need to contact Janet.
- ❖ There will be a community dinner next month, held on the usual first Thursday of the month. Please bring your favorite dishes!

Our Wonderful Grand Marshalls: Dick & Linda Wilson



Zucchini Cheese Drop biscuits

If you're looking for a fast, veggie-forward pasta dish that doesn't involve red sauce, then look no further. Snap peas and fresh basil flavor an easy white sauce in this tasty, weeknight dinner treat. This healthy pasta dish is just 20 minutes from stove to plate!

Ingredients

Recipe by: Christopher Michel

- ¾ cup zucchini
- 1 ¼ tsp salt
- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- ½ cup cold butter, cubed
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup shredded mozzarella
- ¼ cup shredded parmesan
- 2 Tbsp finely chopped sun-dried tomatoes, patted dry
- 2 Tbsp minced fresh basil or 2 tsp dried basil
- 1 cup 2% milk



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425°. Place zucchini in a colander over a plate; sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon salt and toss. Let stand 10 minutes. Rinse and drain well. Squeeze zucchini to remove excess liquid. Pat dry.
2. In a large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder (adjust for high altitude), and remaining salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in zucchini, cheeses, tomatoes and basil. Add milk; stir just until moistened.
3. Drop by scant 1/3 cupfuls into a greased 13x9-in. baking pan. Bake until golden brown, 22-26 minutes. Serve warm.

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/zucchini-cheese-drop-biscuits/>

