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We are excited to welcome Alanna Garcia as our new church secretary! As many of you know, Hannah will be stepping down from her role to pursue exciting new opportunities. We want to express our sincere gratitude to Hannah for her dedicated service to Center United Methodist church. Her commitment and organizational skills have been invaluable, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Alanna brings a wealth of experience in technology and a passion for supporting an organization. We're confident her skills will be a tremendous asset and will keep our church running smoothly. While Alanna will be working part-time as she attends college, her dedication and organizational skills will ensure a seamless transition. A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Kids Hope program! Recently volunteers gathered for a special dinner hosted by Kids Hope to celebrate their incredible dedication. Special recognition goes to Vicki Ratzlaff for her outstanding leadership of this vital ministry. Thanks to her tireless efforts and the commitment of all the volunteers, Kids Hope continues to make a positive impact on the lives of children in our community. We are so grateful for your compassion and willingness to give your time and energy to these deserving children! The Bible study based on the movie *The Chosen* continues to meet at Janet's house on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Join us as we explore Jesus' teachings, analyze pivotal moments, and share our own interpretations. Looking ahead, we have exciting events coming up in June:

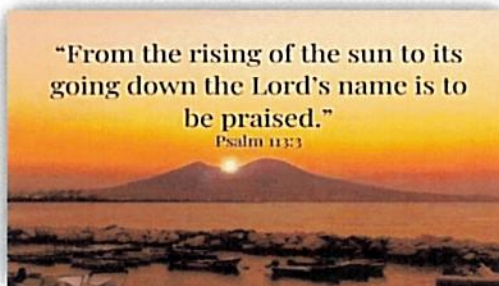
- ❖ Young Voices of Colorado Concert: Join us on Sunday at 9:00 a.m., June 9th for a beautiful performance by a talented youth choir, the Young Voices of Colorado directed by Jena Dickey.
- ❖ Luke Yates Concert: Acclaimed gospel singer Luke Yates will be performing a special concert at our church on Tuesday, June 11th in the early evening. Prepare for an evening filled with uplifting music and a powerful message. Invite your friends and family.
- ❖ Annual Conference: June 20-23 at Casper WY. We don't have an equalization member yet. Please contact me or the church council chair if you can be a delegate. I consulted the DS and advised that Alamosa's delegate can represent Center too. Yet it would be best if we had one.

Who is an equalization member? In the UMC, laypeople can attend the annual conference as equalization members to balance the decision-making power with clergy members. There are two ways to become one: hold a leadership position at the conference level or be elected as a lay delegate by your local church. The number of equalization members matches the clergy attendees, ensuring equal voice for both groups. I'm thrilled to announce that I will be transitioning to a full-time appointment at Center United Methodist Church starting July 1st! I look forward to continuing to serve alongside all of you and building a vibrant future for our church community.

God bless you all!

Rev. Amos Kariuki

"From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised."
Psalm 113:3



"He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'
~ Revelations 21:5

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."
John 16:33 (KJV)

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, 1st, and 2nd Grade.

Anna's Mission Inc.

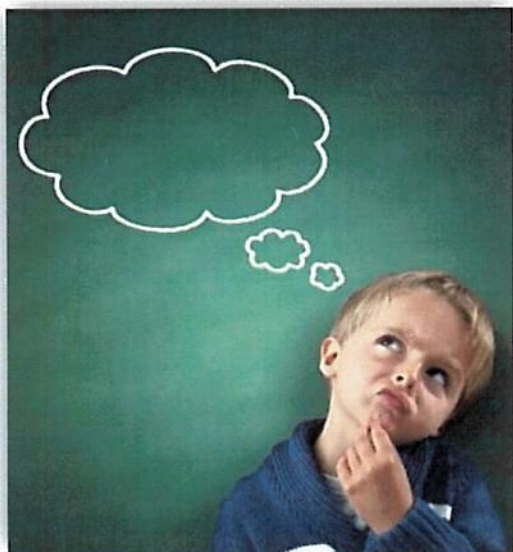
(Ready to Go bags for domestic violence victims).

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.

Hello, my name is Alanna Garcia. I recently graduated from Center High School. I am very excited to be a new part of this family. I am currently 18 years old and will turn 19 in June. I am the oldest of 2 siblings. I have a pet dog named Milo. I really enjoy the artistic side. designing logos, drawing, and using online content creators. I have always aspired to be part of an organization like this. Growing up I always knew that business was something I wanted to do. Having my own desk and office to decorate has been a little dream of mine. I am beyond blessed. These wonderful people took the leap of faith and brought me in. I always believe things happen for a reason and I believe this opportunity presented itself to me for a reason. I am starting college in the fall. I am attending Adams State University. I am going to major in business management and minor in finance. I will also be signing up for an online Real - Estate class. I am seeing this new job as a step forward in the right direction. I am looking forward to working and seeing every single one of you. I have had the best trainer these past few weeks and it's so sad she must leave but I will be making her proud. I appreciate the patience and the attention to detail she has put into training me. I have been around the church for a few years now and have made wonderful connections with the people in the church. I was introduced into the church by Ms. Schaeffer, and I have been a part of all the events the church has held. Being able to be part of something me and my family have been involved in for a while is amazing and I would not have it any other way. Thank you all for this opportunity!



Something to Think About...

- ❖ We will be having 50+ on June 8th at 12pm. This will be a potluck, so please bring your favorite dish!
- ❖ Worship Committee will be meeting June 10th.
- ❖ The One Church Board will be meeting on June 18th at 6:30pm.
- ❖ Our Chosen bible study is on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at Janet's house at 6pm. We are currently on Season 3.
- ❖ Sunday, June 9th, Joyous Voices Children's Choir will be joining us during the services. All are welcome and encouraged to join.
- ❖ Luke Yates will have a concert at the church June 11th at 7pm. Please invite your friends and family and get the word out!
- ❖ Annual Conference will be held June 20th – June 23rd at Casper Wyoming.

Kids Hope Report

We had an end of year party for all of the students, parents, family, teachers, support staff, prayer partners, and Mentors. In Drummond Hall and on the lawn, on Saturday May 18th. Miss Kitty fixed us an excellent Taco Bar with both hard and soft shells as your option. Other members of the congregation donated cookies, popsicles, guac, queso, tortilla chips. Roy Ratzlaff brought his lawn games. There were people 14 people who attended. I handed out Thank you gifts to the Mentors, Prayer Partners, and support staff. On Tuesday May 21st Miss Vicki handed out thank you gifts to the teachers and support staff of Haskin Elementary School during their end of year awards ceremony. Thanking them for allowing our program into the school and their classroom's.

Thank you everyone for your support of our program this year. I look forward to another great year in the 2024-2025 school year. If you know of someone that might be interested in becoming part of our program, please give them my contact information so that we can discuss the possibilities that we have.

God Bless
Vicki J Ratzlaff



Thanks to Greg Ballos 12-06-2006
HEY LOOK, THE GRASS REALLY IS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE!

**As we have therefore opportunity,
let us do good unto all men,
especially unto them who are
of the household of faith.**

Galatians 6:10 KJV



Cherry Delight Dessert

Ingredients

Crust:

- 1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted

Filling :

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed (3 cups)
- 1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling

Directions

1. In a bowl, combine the graham cracker crumbs, confectioners' sugar and butter. Press onto the bottom of a greased 8-in. square pan.
2. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth; fold in whipped topping. Spread over crust. Spoon pie filling over top. Refrigerate until set, about 1 hour.

Recipe by: Amy Glander



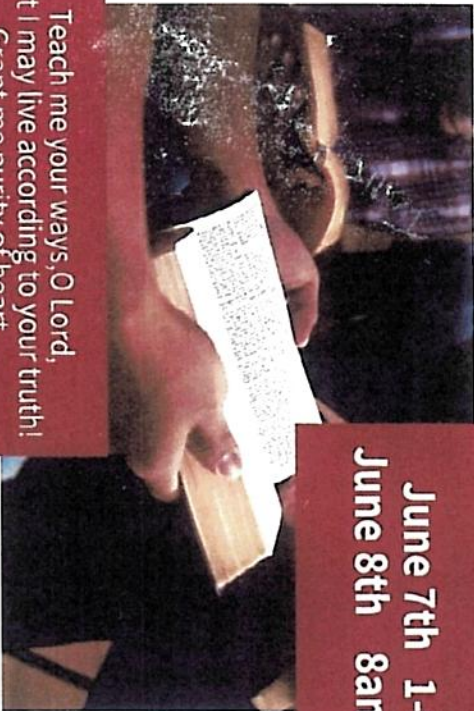
Tasteofhome.com

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/cherry-delight-dessert/>



Transformed by Truth Seminar

In this age of relative "truth," come and explore
how to know, understand, and live in God's Truth



June 7th 1-6 pm
June 8th 8am-5pm

Teach me your ways, O Lord,
that I may live according to your truth!
Grant me purity of heart,
so that I may honor you.
Psalm 86:11

Speaker: Robbie Harrington from Ancient Promise International

Location: Ski Hi Conference Center, 2389-2499, Sherman Ave
Monte Vista, CO 81144

Sponsors: Living Water, First Presbyterian of Monte Vista,
New Life Fellowship

Contact Ken Dalby at (719) 850 -1905 for more information.

Food trucks will be on site.

Coffee and donuts provided on Saturday.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE in memory of

ALTA BERKSTRESSER

will be held on Saturday,

June 15, 2024
at 11:00 a.m.

at Beaver Creek Experience

(Beaver Creek Youth Camp)

0885 County Road 20A
PO Box 186
South Fork, CO 81154

A light lunch will follow the service.

Please RSVP at (719) 588-7627 or
manager@beavercreekexperience.org
by June 7

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to
the Beaver Creek Christian Camp

Scholarship Fund.

Please make the check payable to

Beaver Creek Camp Commission or go to

<https://www.beavercreekexperience.org/Payments.html>

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Sunday, June 9 ~ 9 a.m.
Center United Methodist Church

**Presents : Young Voices, a
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**Please join us for their Concert
and welcome them to the Valley!**



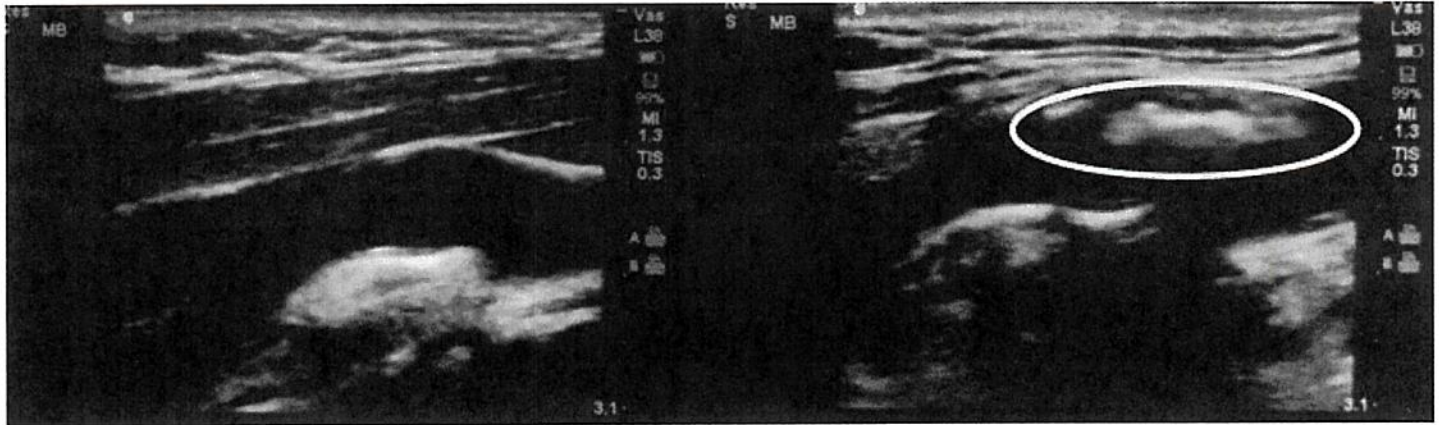
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Where: Alamosa - First United Methodist Church

When: Saturday, June 8, 2024

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Carotid Artery Disease

an ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.



Atrial Fibrillation (AFib)

a 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.²



Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

an ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a life-threatening medical emergency.



Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)

an Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.³

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² <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/atrial-fibrillation>

³ <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease/about-peripheral-artery-disease-pad>

No single screening can detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Screening results are provided to you in about 14 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. Appropriate modification of risk factors (including high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, diabetes and poor diet) is also necessary for cardiovascular disease prevention. Our screenings cannot detect all forms of stroke risk or cardiovascular disease. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Price does not include any applicable review fees. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims nor provide referrals to any physician's group or hospital. If you are unable to attend the screening for any reason whatsoever, we will issue a gift card for the full amount to be used by you, or anyone you choose, for future screening services.