# AUGUST 2024

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You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

. ~Matthew 5:14,16

Do not be anxious about

anything, but in every situation,

by prayer and petition, with

thanksgiving, present your

requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

Pastor Amos

Greetings!

After a several-year hiatus, Vacation Bible School returned from July 15-18. I am delighted to report that it was a resounding success, with approximately 25-30 children in attendance. We had a wonderful time and I extend our sincere gratitude to all teachers and volunteers for their invaluable contributions to the event. A special thank you to Lori Sanchez for her exceptional leadership in directing the program. On the final day, we welcomed nearly 60 people, including parents and guardians. In addition to learning new songs, the children enjoyed learning a Swahili song, "Wana baraka wale waombao," which translates to "They have blessings, those who pray."

The Mountain Sky Conference has been assigned a new bishop elected at the Western Jurisdictional Conference in July. Her name is Kristin Stoneking and there is more information about her in this newsletter.

In the fall, I would want us to engage in a visioning process for our church. The process will help us to better understand our church's mission and values, and to identify the steps we need to take to achieve our goals. We'll be inviting all members of the church to participate in this process, and I hope that you'll be able to join us. More information will be shared.

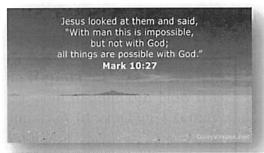
This month's events are listed below:

- August 7 We shall host the schoolteacher's lunch at 11 am.
- ❖ August 6th at 6:00 pm there will be the Crystal River Concert.
- ❖ August 11-Church in the park at Saguache at 10: 00 am.
- ❖ August 13--Church Council at 6:30 pm.
- ❖ August 20—A Table for All meeting. Time TBD
- August 28-30—A Table for All Meeting at Salt Lake City for 2 delegates from each church. Janet Meyers and I will attend.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Rev. Amos Kariuki God bless you all!

Rev. Amos Kariuki





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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: <a href="https://lapuentehome.org/donate/">https://lapuentehome.org/donate/</a>

#### 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.

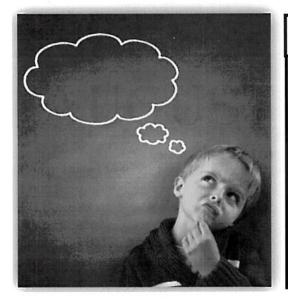
(Ready to Go bags for domestic violence victims).

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.

Christian "Vocal" Band Crystal River from Lubbock, TX is coming to Center, CO! A true love for music that was nurtured in a "close knit" family environment, along with a sincere desire to reach out to people with God's message has made Crystal River an important instrument for God in today's world. With Christian songs ranging from mellow contemporary to country and southern gospel as well as other styles, and with personal testimonies covering a wide variety of topics, this group has been on the road since August of 1980. With over 50 recordings to date, and with appearances on the TBN and Primetime Christian Television Networks, as well as a "daily" radio program that can be heard worldwide through Facebook and the internet, Crystal River has had the opportunity to reach many souls with the message of God's love through song, music, and testimony. Born, raised, and still headquartered in Lubbock, TX, Crystal River tours extensively to all parts of the United States sharing their music, personal testimony and many of their "family" experiences that so many people relate to. Come and meet the Gonzalez brothers Joel, Carlos and Hector and their nephew Tom and enjoy a fun moment of Christian music and heartfelt worship!





### Something to Think About...

- We will be having 50+ this month on August 10th
- ❖ Worship Committee will be meeting August 5th at 9:00am
- ❖ There will be Church Board meeting August 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm
- Our Chosen bible study Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at Janet's house. 6pm. We are currently on Season 3
- ❖ A big summer concert is coming to Center UMC on Tuesday August 6 at 7:00 pm. Crystal River.
- August 7 We shall host the schoolteacher's lunch at 11 am
- ❖ August 11-Church in the park at Saguache at 10: 00 am
- August 20—A Table for All meeting. Time TBD

#### **Kids Hope Report**

Kids Hope has been taking the month of June off. Now it is time to start thinking about getting ready to for a Fun, Exciting, and Challenging 2024-2025 school year.

To help support our Mentors and students we could use the following supplies:

#### Games:

Card games: Spot it, Uno, Phase 10, Go Fish, Old Maid. Deck of playing cards, Dice, Dominoes, Candy Land Chutes and Ladders Guess Who, Connect Four, Jenga, Sorry, Puzzles Legos

#### Art Supplies:

Watercolors, Yarn or String, Glue Sticks, Construction Paper Card Stock, Notebook Paper, Washable Markers, Colored Pencils Magazines for collages (child-friendly)

Stickers, Erasers, Stamps and stamp pads (different colors) Paint Brushes.

Thank you all for your continued support of our ministry to Haskin Elementary and their students.

God Bless Vicki J Ratzlaff



PARPON ME SIR ... WE ARE JUST A FEW MINUTES OUT FROM THE BENEDICTION AND I NEED YOU TO RETURN YOUR PEW TO ITS FULL, UPRIGHT POSITION



## Fried Zucchini

# Ingredients

- Zucchini
- Eggs
- Cornmeal

- · Olive oil
- Salt and pepper:

Recipe by: Kelsey Dimberg



Tasteothome.co

### Directions

- 1. <u>Step 1: Prep the zucchini</u>: Cut the zucchini into 1/8-inch-thick coins. Crack the eggs into a shallow bowl and whisk until blended. Pour the cornmeal into another bowl or flat plate. Dip the zucchini coins into the egg and coat them with cornmeal.
- 2. Step 2 Fry: Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. When the oil is hot, place the zucchini in the pan without crowding them together. You'll probably need to fry them in a few batches. Fry over medium heat until the zucchini is lightly browned, one to two minutes. Flip each piece and fry until the other side is golden brown, another one to two minutes.
- 3. <u>Step 3: Season and serve</u>: Sprinkle the hot zucchini with salt and pepper and serve immediately. https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/fried-zucchini/



# Welcome Kristin Stoneking, the new Bishop of the Mountain Sky Conference!



From Bishop Karen Oliveto:

Dear Beloved Siblings of the Mountain Sky Conference,

This past week, the delegates to the Western Jurisdiction Conference prayed, discussed, and discerned episcopal leadership for our jurisdiction. Two new bishops were elected and consecrated: Bishop Kristin Stoneking and Bishop Sandy Olewine. We give thanks to God for the mantel of leadership these two individuals have taken on.

Bishop Kristin has been assigned to the Mountain Sky Conference!

Bishop Kristin has served churches in Kansas and California. In addition, she has been a campus minister at UC Davis, was the Executive Director of the Fellowship for Reconciliation, served as a District Superintendent as well as the Director of Ministry Innovation and Congregational Development in the California-Nevada Annual Conference, and most recently was appointed as the Associate Professor of United Methodist Studies and Leadership at Pacific School of Religion. She holds a PhD from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. She is married to Elizabeth Campi and they have two young adult children, John and Paloma.

Karen Oliveto says, "I have known Bishop Kristin since she was a seminary student at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. I have watched her live into her call, following the leading of the Holy Spirit as she continually stepped out in faith to serve in unexpected and unusual ways. While grounded in a love of the local church, she has sought to bring the Gospel mandate of love into communities that have been fractured by violence and oppression. She has a deep pastoral heart and a bold prophetic voice.

Bishop Kristin will begin her tenure in the Mountain Sky on September 1.



# News from Darryl & Sandi Holland

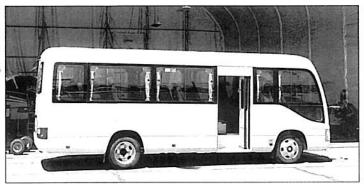


#### A New Ride

Part of flying as a passenger may involve a ride from the terminal to the airplane in a bus. This is normal for many MAF flight operations in various countries around the world. Our program in Central Asia has been providing this service to our passengers for years. Our old van has faithfully served our passengers for years, living through two engines and an

evacuation. Now, retirement is here. Oh, the stories it could tell!

In May, we were able to replace it with something newer! Our hope is not only to provide better service but also to show those traveling on our planes that we do care about them. Their work in remote locations is vital to sustaining life and sharing Christ's love. And who knows what stories this new van will someday tell!



All aboard!

### **Celebration and Challenges**

Last fall the Central Asia flight program completed 25 years of working and serving the people living in very remote and primitive conditions. In May of this year, we were able to celebrate this milestone. This was an encouraging time for us and for our national staff who play an integral role in reaching these remote locations.



God is in the storm

Yet, even after 25 years, changing governments and shifting cultural and religious norms provide challenges. We really shouldn't be surprised as various hurdles arise. Though desperately needed, the love of Christ given in practical ways is not welcome by some.

The struggle is ultimately a spiritual one. When the dark clouds of resistance build, we can rest assured in the One who controls the storm. He has His purposes, and He will see us through. Thanks for your prayers!

### Family Fun

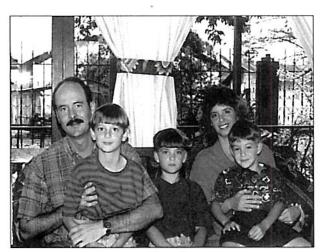
In June we were able to spend a week together as a family at the beach. We had not all been in the same location at the same time for over six years! Some of us have gotten taller and have more children! Others have simply grown older. Hey, but I still have all my teeth! Can't say the same for my hair though.

Thanks for being a part of our team! Your prayers and support do mean a lot.





Team Holland 2024



Team Holland 1996

### Pray for:

- Darryl's travel to Central Asia the first of August
- Wisdom as our Central Asia team plans for 2025
- Continued open doors with several Asian governments
- New opportunities for work in other countries

#### Praise for:

- Darryl passed his refresher maintenance training
- Safe travels between the US and Central Asia
- A great time at the beach with our family
- A new country director for the work in Central Asia

#### **Contact Information**

Support Address: Mission Aviation

Fellowship

PO Box 47, Nampa, ID 83653

Make checks to: Mission Aviation Fellowship

Indicate that support is for Darryl and Sandi Holland

OR

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Donate Online: www.maf.org/9470

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MAF missionaries raise support for a pooled fund out of which MAF covers salary, housing, benefits, and staff-related ministry expenses. MAF exercises discretion over the use of missionary support to carry out its mission and care for its staff.

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# Prayer List

(C) - connected to Center UMC

(S) - connected to Saguache UMC

### Prayer is offered for:

# All those in need of prayer for surgery as well as health concerns

Ed's Mom

Nina Barton

Linda Clutter

**Betty Crites** 

Lewis Entz

Kathy Garcia

Carla Gollihugh

Bea Gutierrez

Linda Mix

Gerald Myers

Cory Myers

Jolene Robinson

CJ Robinson

Charleen Schaeffer

Don (Charleen's Brother)

Cloetta Spearman

**Everett and Sharon Windhorst** 

# Our seniors as well as those in care facilities

Ray & Bobbie Abbott

Dora Mae Crawford

Jolene Robinson

Linda Warsh's mom

Sharon Warwick

Lois Willis

Linda & Dick Wilson

# Those suffering and/or going through difficulties

Unspoken requests Eisenhauer Family

### The concerns of the local community

Poor, homeless, lonely, and victims of violence Those traveling to and from the valley Firefighters, police, volunteers, military and their families —fires and disasters

### The Nation and all in authority/ welfare of the world

Where war, disease, disasters, violence and injustice prevail

# The church universal—Table for All teams

Churches in war-torn places
Disaffiliated churches and those who remain
Clergy and their Families
Missionaries around the world

# Prayers for those who are grieving and lonely

Family of Dick & Marilyn Eagles Family of Matthew Medina (Dick & Linda's Grandson)

Pastor Amos' Family through the death of his Mother-in-law and sister



\*\*Please let church office know if anyone else should be included on our prayer list, or if folks have been blessed by answered prayers and can be removed from the list.

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First responders and military



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CUMC Service** 9am (IP & O)	Worship Committee 9am (IP & O)	Crystal River Concert @ 7:00pm	School Luncheon for Teachers @ 11 am Chosen Bible Study 6pm (IP)			50+ Lunch
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Church in The Park in Saguache at 10:00 am		CUMC Council 6:30pm (IP & O)	Chosen Bible Study 6pm (IP)			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
CUMC Service** 9am (IP & O)		A Table for All Meeting @ TBD	Chosen Bible Study 6pm (IP)			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CUMC Service** 9am (IP & O)	8		Chosen Bible Study 6pm (IP)			



- 1- Julie BakerJ.J. Mondragon
- 2- Ray & Bobbie Abbott (1954)
- 6- W.T. Mondragon
- 7- Hannah Metzger
- 10-Kay Cooper
- 11-Linda Mix
- 12-Shaelynn Mondragon
- 20-Mike and Rhonda Entz

- 21-Skip and Sue McClure (1970)
- 22-Lewis Entz and Kitty Bigley-Entz
- 23-Ryan Mix
- 25-Ashley Warsh
- 26-Emberly Spearman