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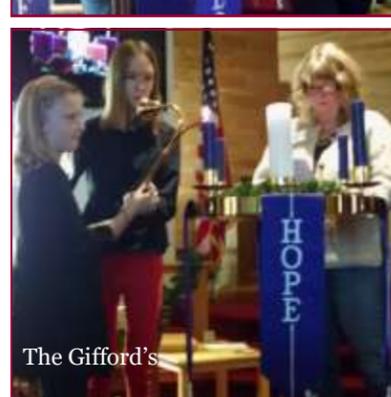
Advent and Christmas Reflections
Advent and Christmas 2016 were everything we could have hoped for. Check this list and allow it to spark your memories of our shared December: the Advent Wreath, Christmas on Broadway Nativity Float and Chicken Noodle Soup, United Methodist Women's Bazaar and Chicken Noodle Soup, Star Power Children's Musical, a Radiant Sanctuary with Golden Stars and Shimmering Tree, Parsonage Open House with too much Comfort Food, Falling Snow, Christmas Eve Candlelight and Giving to Haiti, and Christmas Day with a few in Pajamas.
One of God's greatest gifts is memory—savor these December memories before you pack them away with your Christmas ornaments.



The Yarger's
Christmas on Broadway



The Basso's



The Gifford's



Dale Mosier



Pam Albrecht



Eldon, Sid, John



Christine, Mary, Bill, Raenette



United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

Serving Our Congregation and Community

January



(1) Epiphany Sunday
(Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus)
(There will be Worship service, 10:00 as usual)

(6) UMW First Friday Lunches
(Grand Ave Grill, noon)

(9) Ad Council
(Fellowship hall, 7pm)

(16) Martin Luther King Jr.'s
(Birthday Observance)

(18) Women's Book Club
(Parsonage, 6:30)

(18) Men's Book Club
(Youth room, 6:30)

UMC of Eagle Valley
(333 2nd Street)

Worship
(10:00 am - 11:00)

- Simple Supper Monday (6:00-7:00)

- Food Pantry

Monday (5:30 - 7:00)
Tuesday (10 - 12)
Thursday (12 - 2)

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Sid Spain

The turning from an old to a new year often causes me to remember the image of the Roman god, Janus. Janus was the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, doorways, passages, and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces, one looking to the past and one looking to the future. I can't resist the impulse to think about the passing year even as I look forward to 2017.

Like every year, 2016 was a mix of sorrow and joy. We lost loved ones, some old in years and some far too young to say good-bye to. We welcomed new babies to our family. Strangers became friends. We witnessed too many mindless deaths in our country and around the world, too many children and families suffered displacement, violence, maiming and death. We survived an aberrant, seemingly endless election season, and are left anxiously holding our breaths for what is coming next.

We also witnessed the courage and willingness of common, often unnamed heroes, who sacrificed and took risks to help others struck by natural and unnatural disasters. Remarkable organizations like *Doctors without Borders* and our own *UMCOR* rose up to resist evil and reach out to people in desperate need around the globe. Here in the Valley we joined good souls to share God's love in tangible ways with food and friendship, words, touches, and silent acts of kindness. Sadly, we had moments when we were not our best selves—we had lapses in forgiveness, patience, kindness and judgment. How blessed and liberated we are to know God forgives.

Because of your faithfulness, we anticipate a remarkable new year. Our children's ministry blesses all of us and promises to grow in the months ahead. The ministries of the United Methodist Women were extraordinary last year and are poised to achieve even more. Our Trustees and others are leaning forward with plans for significant renovation, providing welcoming spaces for outreach to new friends. The stability and growth we experienced last year allow us to plan for new, more aggressive missions, locally, regionally, and internationally. We're just beginning to use our media more effectively, and hope to see it expressed in a newly imagined and energized spirit of evangelism.

Thank you all for your faithfulness and prayers in 2016. Across the board, our leaders guided us through challenges and opportunities to a good place. This year, their dedication and vision will take us even further in God's heartfelt purposes for our community. Jesus will inspire your dedication, vision, commitment and love—and together we will become, more than ever before, the Body of Christ.





Epiphany of the Lord



Thoughts to Ponder—about words and the Word

“After much discussion, debate, and research, the Oxford Dictionaries Word of the Year 2016 is *post-truth* – an adjective defined as ‘relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.’”
Wow! Really? Word of the Year 2016?

Where does that leave us?

Jesus, God’s Word in the flesh, once said,
“*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*” (John 14:6)
Are we, then, post-modern sojourners, traveling in an alien land?

Some words will never leave God’s mouth, no matter how hard you listen.

In all the works of Beethoven, you will not find a single lie.
~~Mary Oliver

Music Jubilate!

It is with joy and gratitude that we celebrate Fred Kessler’s commitment to be our church pianist. Fred’s gifted talent will be a blessing to the choir and the entire congregation—and an integral part of our Sunday morning’s praise to God.

Be in prayer and be part of the search for a new choir director to join with Fred in building a new era of music for Methodists in Eagle Valley!

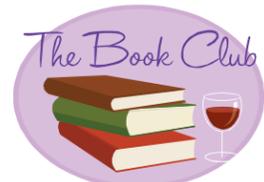


Christmas on Broadway

Molly Fiore and Scott Kostka played the perfect Mary and Joseph for the Live Nativity float. MANY THANKS to Sharyn Smith who made the beautiful costumes!

Scriptures for January

- (1) Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23
- (8) Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17
- (15) Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
- (22) Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23
- (29) Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12



Women's Book Club

The club meets at 6:30 in the evening on the third Wednesday of the month at the parsonage (211 Golden Eagle Drive in the Terrace). They had fun exchanging “White Elephant” gifts in December. The book for January is *Home at Mitford* by Jan Karon. Bring an appetizer if you wish. Contact Robyn Spain if you have any questions, (303-903-8249).



United Methodist Women



The UMW Christmas luncheon at Diane Holmes’ warm and beautiful house, was a blast! Great women, great food, great gifts, and lots of laughs. The UMW will kick off the First Friday Lunch on January 6 at the Grand Avenue Grill on RT. 6, in Eagle, at 12 noon. There is sign up sheet in the narthex or call Mary Arnold at 432-8454. Put a star by your name if you need a ride. We look forward to seeing you after the holidays!

- 1/02 Lina Plymell
- 1/02 Denny Spain
- 1/05 Tage TerBush
- 1/06 Ruth Casey
- 1/07 Pat Quenon
- 1/07 Kezie Lujan
- 1/10 Everett Emerich
- 1/10 Deb Gifford
- 1/10 Brian Stevens
- 1/11 Margaret Collett
- 1/12 Traci Nation
- 1/13 Cary Lee
- 1/15 Trey Kuhn
- 1/16 Rod Carter
- 1/19 Michelle Friedman
- 1/20 Loretta Fischer
- 1/21 Ben Eddings
- 1/22 Christine Allen
- 1/25 Mary Cochrane
- 1/28 Jett Pope
- 1/29 Sandy Houghton
- 1/29 Cassidy Kurt