



# United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

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☞ Serving Our Congregation and Community ☜

## June

- (2) UMW *First Friday Lunch*  
(Frost Creek, Noon)
- (4) Day of Pentecost
- (7) UMW *Ladies Night Out*  
(Luigi's, 6:30)
- (12-16) Vacation Bible Camp  
(9am-12:30pm)
- (12) Ad Council  
(Fellowship hall, 7pm)
- (17) Church Yard Sale!  
(8:30-1pm)

(18)



**UMC  
of Eagle Valley**  
(333 2nd Street)

**Worship**  
(10:00 am - 11:00)  
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- **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

As spring becomes summer, we are privileged once again to witness God's gift of surging new life. When we open our eyes, we see the extravagant largesse and gracious repetitiveness of our Creative Creator. God takes the familiar and predictable cycle of the seasons, the annual tilting of the planet, awakens the dormant seed of autumn, and gives birth to vibrant color and the symphony of sound. God reaches out to us with love in every season of the year, but no season pulsates with diversity and beauty more than the weeks of late spring and early summer. Every day has its beauty, and every season challenges us to live life to the fullest. We see the handiwork of God in the world and all creation sings with God's voice. Those who look will see the Word of God around them, and those who listen will hear God's voice in the songs of the spheres.

Last month I included the following words in one of my sermons. The words remind us that God's Word is writ large on the canvas of nature, and God's voice sounds throughout the cosmos.

*We hear God's voice in scripture, and we discern God's voice in history.*

*We hear God's voice in nature, in the sometimes-terrible beauty of creation,*

*and we hear God's deep voice*

*in the complex discoveries of science.*

*God is always speaking.*

Many in our congregation are knowledgeable and wise about the ways God communicates through the almost mystical language of higher science. They speak eloquently of the magic and mystery of light, the breathtaking beauty and complexity of the outer reaches of space. I listen as they speak *in tongues* about the subatomic world. I don't understand much of what they say when they really get going—but I feel the wonder of it all in the things they say. I love the thought of endlessly repeating patterns from the stars to the atom—of coherent chaos, and gloriously enter-twined fractals. My scientifically gifted friends see the handiwork of God and hear whispers of love everywhere.

I have other friends who wouldn't know the difference between a quark and a quack. Yet those friends also gaze with wisdom into God's world. They can see the world in a rose or hear God's voice in a lark's song. We all have friends who are poets or painters, craftsmen who work with wood or electricity, friends who dig in the dirt and feel God's pulse in the soil. We know people who are thoughtful and attentive, patient and observant enough to see pain and hope in the eyes of the wandering souls they meet on the street. I could go on for a thousand pages—such is the diversity of the ways God touches us in and through creation, in scripture and in and through each other.





**Rainbow Trails**  
We're ready to go! Rainbow Trails counselors arrive in Eagle on Sunday 11 June and the camp begins Monday morning. Campers will enjoy sharing songs, games and exuberant lessons of faith every morning, Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 12:30. The kids share what they have learned and entertain us in the special family performance and dinner on Thursday evening beginning in the sanctuary at 6:00. Three churches have come together to support this year's program—First Lutheran Gypsum and Mount of Holy Cross Lutheran join us to provide this extraordinary, Christ-centered camp for up to 70 children. We still have volunteer opportunities for those of you who can give some of your time—an hour, a day or all week. Check the church website or call the office if you have any questions.

**Thoughts to Ponder**  
*Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.*  
~~ Ralph Waldo Emerson  
  
*The greater the artist, the greater the doubt. Perfect confidence is given to the less talented as a consolation prize.*  
~~ Robert Hughes  
  
*Not that I have already . . . arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.*  
~~ Paul the Apostle—Philippians 3:12



Welcome Home Cynthia  
and Karen!  
  
We've missed you!

**Scriptures for June**  
**(4) Pentecost** Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39  
**(11) Trinity** Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20  
**(18) Father's Day** Genesis 18:1-15; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8  
**(25)** Genesis 21:8-21; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

**Is it Time for You to Join the Church?**  
Years ago one of my friends said there are times in everyone's life when they have to make a decision about the nature of their commitments. She said, "*We have to write in ink in some of those places where we've only written in pencil.*" I think we were talking about some friends that had lived together for several years but were still debating the idea of getting married. That is certainly not the only place where some of our commitments are soft. I remember times when my dad would ask me, "*Are you going to fish, or just cut bait?*" Same idea.  
  
Formally joining the church can be like that. I don't believe anyone should join the church too casually. We're not a club and the nature of our commitment to God and one another goes deep and grows expansively through the years. In Jesus' words, we need to *count the cost* of following him and committing ourselves to the ragamuffin crowd of people called Christian. We need to take a long, thoughtful breath before we put our names on the church rolls.  
  
That said, something important and savory happens when we put down the pencil and pick up a pen at church. Our doors stay open to everyone, and some people have valid reasons for not joining a particular community, but others are simply vacillating with a decision that is important *for them*—a decision they know they need to make.  
  
We're not interested in counting members, but we are interested in people stepping into the deep end of a serious, sometimes inconvenient commitment to Christ and the work of his church. No one can definitively tell you when the time is right, but you will know it when it comes.

**Men's Book Club**  
The Men's Book Club will not meet in June. We will meet Wednesday evening, 19 July, beginning at 6:30 upstairs in the Youth Room. One of the books recommended for July is *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance. There is still time to make other recommendations. Contact Pastor Sid if you have another good suggestion for July or later in the year.  
  
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**Bridge of Love Offering**  
This year's Bridge of Love offering will go to help alleviate hunger and provide drinkable water for suffering families and communities around the world. The money will help support ongoing and new efforts by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Look for the offering jar between now and Sunday, 11 June, both in the sanctuary and during our time of fellowship. In Denver on Saturday morning, 17 June, everything we give will be combined with gifts from all the churches of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference. Drop your spare change or a dollar or two into the jar whenever you walk by it. Pennies become dimes, dimes become quarters, and quarters transform into life-saving dollars that reach into the lives of children and families across the globe.

**Women's Book Club**  
There will be no meeting in June, but save the date for July. On July 12<sup>th</sup> the women will discuss Louise Penny's *The Beautiful Mystery*. Penny is an award-winning, best selling author of many books. Many of her fans agree that the mystery series set in Quebec and the fictional village of Three Pines is her best. *The Beautiful Mystery*, eighth book in the series, is set in a monastery on a remote island in Quebec. The book club meets at the parsonage on Wednesday beginning at 6:30. Robyn will stoke the pizza oven that evening. Ladies are asked to RSVP and bring a simple appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Join the group for a fun evening, a lot of laughter, and a thought or two on the book of the month. Call Robyn Spain with any questions—(303) 903-8249.

**United Methodist Women**  
The *First Friday Lunch* will be on Friday, June 2, 12 noon at Frost Creek. This is a longer drive so I suggest that we meet at the church at 11:30 am to car pool. Please put 1 star by your name if you need a ride to the church and 2 stars by your name if you plan to carpool. This was well attended last year and we need to sign up by May 30 so they can prepare for us. The sign up sheet is by the stairs or call Mary Arnold at 432-8454 or 347-7627.  
  
The next *Ladies Night Out* will be on Wednesday night, June 7, 6:30 at Luigi's on Capitol St. across from the movie theater in Eagle Ranch. We need to sign up by June 4. The sign up sheet is in the narthex.



6/01	Joshua Bissett	6/13	Pat McCollum
6/02	Seth Kuhn	6/14	Amelia Bogertman
6/02	Chris Minton	6/18	Jim Duke
6/02	Ashley Patriacca	6/18	Nancy Lyon
6/04	Sue TerBush	6/18	McCormack Mallo-ry
6/07	Bret Hooper	6/19	Mandy Crabb
6/08	Clelia Basso	6/22	Carson Hooper
6/08	Diane Gress	6/22	Fran Jones
6/08	Jamison Lee	6/22	Bill Walker
6/08	Ginny Miller	6/24	Nate Barker
6/09	Terrie Fischer	6/25	Jay Corr
6/10	Angela Brown	6/27	Kim Albrecht
6/10	Lillian Reynolds	6/30	Anna Bogertman

