



# United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

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The beautiful Gifford ladies were our Greeters on Palm Sunday.



Our lovely Easter fellowship hosts have provided a delicious brunch for the past three years now.



**Pilgrims Cynthia Sibley and Caryn Yarger on their journey to Santiago.**



This be the man in charge of the church renovation. His name is Todd Horn in case you didn't know. He along with the reno committee (Bobby Henderson, Tom Allen, Jeff Yarger and Elizabeth Basso are making it Happen!

Day 8: Okay, let's be clear. The two days prior to our official start, we walked 5.5 miles one day and 9 the next so we have really been walking for 10 days! But yes, we officially completed Day 8 and it was a doosey! We walked out of Bilbao and through a suburb, did some food shopping and had a cafe con leche at a little cafe. We were also able to get some other essentials and were back on the road. Had lunch near an old church in a park.



\$15 was found in the old shower room lockbox. Now in the Alms box.



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☛ Serving Our Congregation and Community ☚

## May

- (4-8) Office closed.  
(Louise is away)
- (10) Men's Book Club  
(Youth room, 6.30pm)
- (10) Women's Book Club  
(Parsonage, 6:30)
- (10) UMW Service Project  
(Fellowship hall, time TBA)
- (13) UMW Spring Brunch  
(Fellowship hall, 10:00am)
- (14) 
- (28) Education Sunday  
(Recognition of graduates during worship)
- (29) Memorial Day 

## Pastor's Corner

☛ Pastor Sid Spain

One of the books I am reading this month is Richard Rohr's newest, *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation*. It is a stimulating and inspiring read about one of the most confusing and important doctrines of the Christian faith. Instead of being a tortuously difficult teaching many Christians ignore or consign to the dustbin of history, the doctrine of the Trinity is emerging as one of our most crucial teachings for the twenty-first century. I expect to reference the book frequently during the summer, beginning with Trinity Sunday on 11 June.

For today, however, I want to reflect on something Rohr asserts early in the book. Among some introductory comments about the nature of community or relationship intrinsic to God's essential *being*, Rohr writes:

*People who are toxic, psychopathic, or sociopathic are always those who cannot maintain relationships. They run from them. Usually, either they are loners or they make all relationships with them very difficult.*

Rohr continues:

*I once met a psychiatrist who made a statement to me that I thought at first was an overstatement. He's older than I am, and he said, "Richard, at the end of your life, you'll realize that every mentally ill person you've ever worked with is basically lonely."*

After acknowledging that there are some physical reasons for mental illness, he continues: *Every case of nonphysiologically-based mental illness stems from a person who has been separated, cut off, living alone, forgetting how to relate. This person does not know intimacy and is starved for communion.*

It is one of the reasons we resonate so powerfully with the benediction promise we hear and echo at the end of our worship services. *God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.* The community and communion we share in the church, in our families, and with our friends are life-saving, life-enriching blessings beyond our ability to fully appreciate. We can be creatively alone and discover the many gifts of solitude precisely because we are not lonely. The more alive we become in relationship with God in Christ, the more aware we are of our connection to each other and to the whole of creation.

We are not alone—and though each of us is called to serve God in a variety of different ways, we are all called to reach out to the lonely. We exist in the sanctuary of God's love, and we are called to be a welcoming sanctuary for every lonely soul we meet. The gift we have received is the gift we offer to others.

Rohr focused on the loneliness of the mentally ill, but many academic studies agree that loneliness has become epidemic in our country, in large part because of the isolation ironically caused by our use of social media. The lonely are with us in countless ways and places.

In the days and months ahead, be on the lookout for the lonely wanderers among us. Look at them and see them, give them the gift of your attention and your invitation. They will see your welcome in your eyes and hear it in your greeting. They will be drawn to the Christ who lives in you. Welcome them to the sanity and lavish community of love always emanating, always pulsating from the heart of God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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)



**May 4th**  
**National Prayer**  
**Day**

**Thoughts to Ponder**  
*Science cannot tell us how to live or what to live for, writes Wilfred M. McClay, history professor at the University of Oklahoma. Nor can science help people know how to deal with the weight of guilt we feel, a sense of guilt compounded by the fact that in the modern world people have little language to describe the guilt or account and atone for it. Increasingly, people deal with guilt by scapegoating and shaming others or by taking on the role of victim, which ostensibly frees them from moral accountability. The persistence of guilt in modern life suggests the need to retrieve the language of sin and moral absolution with lies at the heart of Western religions (Hedgehog Review, Spring).*  
~~The Christian Century, April 26, 2017

 **June 12 – June 16, 2017**  
**9am–12:30pm**  
**United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley**  
**333 2nd Street, Eagle, Colorado**  
**\*Sponsored by.... First Lutheran Church of Gypsum, Mount of the Holy Cross Lutheran, United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley**  
**\*Ages 4-completing 5th Grade**  
**\* To register: [www.umcoeaglevalley.org](http://www.umcoeaglevalley.org) or (970) 328-6598**

**Vacation Bible Camp**  
The crew from Rainbow Trails will join us again this year for our annual summer program. Three churches, Holy Cross Lutheran in Vail, First Lutheran in Gypsum, and we Methodists, are sponsoring this year's camp, 12-16 June. Registrations have already begun and the camp promises to fill up quickly. Contact the office or go to the church website for more information and to register your child or children. Don't wait too long or space may not be available.



**Scriptures for May**  
**(7)** Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10  
**(14)** Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14  
**(21)** Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21  
**(28)** Acts 1:6-14; 1Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

**Baptism and/or Joining the Church**  
Several people in the congregation have asked for dates when they or members of their families can be baptized. While we can celebrate the sacrament of baptism most Sundays of the year, Pastor Sid suggests those who are interested consider the last three Sundays in May (14, 21, 28). Sundays, 11 June and all of July are also available.  
The same Sundays are also good days to join the church. Pastor Sid needs to meet personally with any who are interested in baptism or membership. Please contact him if you want to schedule a date or simply discuss any questions you have.

 **Reminder: Education Sunday, May 28th!**

**Men's Book Club**  
The men's book club meets Wednesday, 10 May, beginning at 6:30 in the Youth Room, upstairs in the church. This month's book is *Shadow Divers*, by Robert Kurson. *Shadow Divers* is the story of the deep-water discovery of a World War II submarine off the coast of New Jersey. A story of high adventure, the book is also a journey into the world of deep divers, life-risking treasure hunters who push the limits of the human capacity to exist in alien environments. In addition to being an exciting read, *Divers* challenges the reader to venture into a subculture where men willingly risk their lives to experience life at the edge.

 **Women's Book Club**  
The women's book club meets Wednesday, 10 May, at the parsonage beginning at 6:30. May's book is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Participants usually bring small appetizers to share, but the only requirement is to show up and enjoy the time together. Newcomers are welcome whether or not they have been able to read the book. Call Robyn Spain with any questions—(970) 376-1688.



- 5/02. Gracie Bogertman
- 5/03. Shannon Henderson
- 5/08. Zoe Pier
- 5/09. Pam Albrecht
- 5/09. Nick Deering
- 5/12. Jeanne Mosier
- 5/14. Laura Anzalone
- 5/14. Caryn Yarger
- 5/16. Charla Blizzard
- 5/17. Donna Weber
- 5/18. Tessa Allen
- 5/20. Mike McWilliam
- 5/20. Otis Metz
- 5/21. Shontee Karbasi
- 5/27. Dave Kurt
- 5/29. Kari Pier
- 5/30. Liberty Farmer

**United Methodist Women**   
**NEW SERVICE PROJECT - MOMS**  
Mark your Calendars for Wednesday, May 10th, time TBA.  
Our United Methodist Women will be learning more about MOPS ([vailmops.com](http://vailmops.com)) and how we can assist with their cause.  
MOPS stands for Mother's Of Preschool children. It is a grassroots movement that believes moms are world influencers. The program is designed for mothers of children - newborn through Kindergarten. Join us and learn how we can be a local partner of this worthy cause.  
Contact Pam Albrecht for more information: [pamalbrecht282@gmail.com](mailto:pamalbrecht282@gmail.com)  
  
Please join us for a UMW Brunch on May 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. (the day before Mother's Day) All are invited! Dress up in your favorite spring outfit and bring your children, guests and friends for a fun spring celebration!  
This year instead of our annual Spring Tea, we decided to have a Spring Brunch!  
Look for sign-up sheets on Sunday for a dish to share and PLEASE sign up you and any guests so we know how many to plan for.  
  
LOOKING AHEAD - Please mark you calendars!  
\* First Friday Lunch, June 2nd at Frost Creek  
\* Ladies Night Out, June 7th at Luigis in Eagle  
\*First Friday Lunch, July 7th at Gypsum Creek Grill (the golf club)