



United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

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Women's Book Club

The book club will not meet in November. The next meeting will be Wednesday evening, December 13th, 6:30 at the parsonage (0211 Golden Eagle Drive). December's book is *A Christmas Carol*, by Dickens. Please bring a light appetizer to share. December is also the month that the ladies exchange gifts. Gift should be of \$20 value or less. Enjoy the book and come ready to share your thoughts. If you don't have time to read the book, plan on coming anyway. Call Robyn Spain for more information (303) 903-8249.

Holiday Food Baskets

Every year our church hosts the event where we fill boxes (baskets) with food for Thanksgiving dinner for people in the community that need a little help. All are welcome to help on November 18, 9am in the basement.



Luke Kulh and Moria Horn are making noodles!



United Methodist Women

The annual Chicken Noodle Soup and Bazaar will be November 11th, 9:30-3:30 this year. If you haven't attended this event before, you must. It kick starts you into the Christmas spirit with lots of great things to browse and buy for family and friends on your Christmas list. And you will absolutely need to try some of the famous UMW Chicken noodle soup! There will be homemade pies too.



Noodles wouldn't be the same without our experts Donna and Diane Gress.



New floors, new windows, new cabinets, new appliances, new tables, NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL! It's beautiful and spacious. Thank you all who donated your time and money!

Thank You Todd Horn, Daniel, Elizabeth Basso and renovation team! Job well done!

Pastor Sid led the dedication service on October 22nd.



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☞ Serving Our Congregation and Community ☜

November

(1-10) Office is closed

(5,19) Confirmation
Classes
(youth room, 6:30-7:30pm)

(11) Veterans Day

(11) UMW Chicken Noodles soup and Bazaar
(Brush Creek pavilion, 9:30-3:30)

(12) Youth Meeting
(youth room, 5pm)

(18) Holiday Baskets
(basement, 9am)



(23) Thanksgiving Day

(28) Noodle making for Christmas on Broadway
(basement, 4pm)

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

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Recently I was thinking about one of my best friends, and I realized a special quality that made him among the *best*. I haven't seen Stan for years, but his benevolent memory still comes into the room sometimes. What made him a *best friend*? Stan cared enough about me to tell me the truth when I needed to hear it, whether I wanted to or not. Over the years he proved his love for me in many other ways. He visited me when I was sick. He sat silently with me when I was depressed. Stan knows some of my most glaring flaws, but he refuses to join others in a *criticism fest* at my expense. Why do I believe that? I believe it because I never heard Stan cruelly criticize anyone behind his or her back. Stan was far from perfect himself, but he was always a committed truth teller and never a gossipy complainer.

My mother used to say, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." I try to follow her advice, sometimes I succeed, but Stan seemed to get and assimilate a special dose of my mother's kind wisdom. One of the reasons Stan was so good at avoiding the kind of criticism that sullies our lives, hurts others, and bruises or breaks friendships and damages community, is that he spent most of his words appreciating and encouraging others, not judging or criticizing them.

Still, Stan was never shy about getting in my face if he thought what I was doing was misguided, hurtful, wrong, or fell significantly short of my commitment to Christ. Stan didn't feel like he had to straighten me out all the time. I know he bit his tongue now and then, because the *little* truth wasn't worth the possible hurt. I know he let many of his insights and comments fade into distant shadows without a whisper. He knew he could be wrong with his judgment, and he knew some things simply don't matter. He didn't spend his time constantly measuring other people by his own standards. Mostly he just enjoyed people and life.

Stan believed Jesus makes a difference in our lives and he was strong enough and willing to remind me of the practical ways that difference shows itself. Even though Stan was compassionate and careful with his words, he refused to indulge in the niceties of avoiding or ignoring the obvious—especially when the obvious was unhealthy for the soul. Refusing to face the truth about ourselves, refusing to accept and share the unconditional love and acceptance of God, and refusing to value friends who care enough and have the courage to tell us the truth is unhealthy for the soul.

Every best friendship has these two qualities—the willingness to be honest enough to speak the timely and important truth, and the willingness to be humble enough to listen to the truth—especially when the truth pinches our pride or disrupts our feelings of self-righteousness. That is the kind of friendship we have with Jesus, and that is the kind of friendship he expects us to have with each other. True love demands that we share caring, compassion truth *when it matters*. True humility demands that we hear and heed the truth when someone cares enough about us to say it.

*Give correction to the wise and they will become wiser still.
The wise [man] accepts reproof. ~Proverbs 9:8-9*



Thought to Ponder

To go where healing love is needed, and give it in a way it can be received, often means acting in the teeth of our own interests and preferences, even religious interests and preferences.

Christ risked his reputation for holiness by healing on the Sabbath; he touched the unclean and dined with the wrong people; he accepted the love and companionship of a sinner (that most wonderful of all remedies for the wounds of sin). He loved with God's love and so went straight to the point: What can I do to restore my fellow creature and how?

~~~From *The Light of Christ* by Evelyn Underhill

### Parsonage Christmas Party

The annual parsonage Christmas party will be Sunday afternoon, 10 December, from 12:00 to 3:00. Robyn plans her traditionally sumptuous spread and, once again, Sid will serve mulled cider. Mark your calendar and come for a good time with a remarkable group of people.

### Charge Conference

Churches from Eagle, Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Aspen, Rifle and Meeker will join together for a combined Charge Conference this year. District Superintendent Marv Vose will preside at the conference which will be held at the Methodist Church in Glenwood. The conference begins at 2:00, Sunday afternoon, 7 January 2018.

### Scriptures for November

(5) Joshua 3:7-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

(12) Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

(19) Judges 4:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

(26) **Reign of Christ** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

### Stewardship Month

November is Stewardship Month. As we envision a refreshed and dynamically creative future, we need to identify and budget our financial resources to meet the challenges of the coming year and decade. UMCEV has always been a force for good in the community. In this new century we will continue much of the good we have done for generations, and we will identify new ways to serve our neighbors, share the good news of life in Christ, and honor God in worship and in acts of mercy and justice. In an increasingly fragmented society, people are looking for signs of hope and goodness, places of welcome and meaning, a community where healing of the heart and healing of relationships take place. We need to bring the light and breath of the living Christ to the suffocating darkness of anger, division and violence we see in the world.

Our financial giving is about much more than money and much more than maintaining an institution. We give to bring life to the dying, hope to the despairing, food to the hungry—spiritual and physical life and nourishment. We become a place where courageous change-makers/peace-makers can find a home, a place of sustenance and encouragement, and a base of operation. Each of us can share in clarifying a vision of who we are and what we are called to do—a vision we can be passionate about. Be part of the vision and pray about giving to God's eternal movement of grace. You and we are gifts from God meant to be given away.

### What a Difference an Invitation Can Make!

**ENEMY LOVE:** Derek Black is the son of Don Black, the brains behind Stormfront, a major white nationalist website. His mother, Chloe, had been married to David Duke, who is Derek's godfather. Some white nationalists consider Derek the heir to leadership of the white nationalist movement. After Derek was outed as an anti-Semite on his college campus, Matthew Stevenson, the only Orthodox Jew on campus, invited Derek to a Shabbat meal. Derek then became a regular at Shabbat meals and eventually renounced white nationalist ideas.

(Forward, August 24—reported in *The Christian Century*, September 27)

### Advent and Christmas

**Advent** begins on Sunday 3 December. That means the last Advent Sunday is **Christmas Eve** this year. Consequently, we will celebrate the last Sunday of Advent at our customary worship service at 10:00, and light our Christmas Eve candles and sing Christmas carols at 4:30 and 8:00 that evening.

Although there will be no worship service on Christmas Day, we will serve a **Christmas Day Simple Supper** that evening. Expect Christmas music and a Christmas reflection. We're asking our regular diners to let us know if they are coming. You are welcome to join us—just let us know you plan to be there.

### Youth Activities

Youth in 6th to 12th grade are invited to join in on our youth group activities, a joint effort with UMC of Eagle Valley and First Lutheran Church of Gypsum. We have also invited those from Mt of the Holy Cross Lutheran to join with us. Leaders are Cynthia Sibley from UMC and Pastor Dan Tisdell from First Lutheran. We are looking forward to adding more leaders with Samantha Pritchard coming on board soon! We are currently meeting each month and are getting ready to be a part of the Christmas Program on December 10th. To be included in the communication on youth activities, email [youth@umcofeaglevalley.org](mailto:youth@umcofeaglevalley.org) to add your name to the list.

Next Meeting will be Sunday, November 12 in the UMC Youth Room at 5:00...pizza will be served. 🍕

### Christmas Program 2017

Our annual Christmas program will take place on December 10th during the Sunday morning service. Youth and our younger children will be participating along with the choir. The younger set will be receiving CD's to practice Christmas carols at home and during Children's Church. Costumes for all! Middle and High School youth will be handling the dialogue this year and there will only be one additional practice for the elementary children, to be determined... 🎅

Don't miss this annual event! Guaranteed to put you in the spirit of the holiday. Questions? [children@umcofeaglevalley.org](mailto:children@umcofeaglevalley.org) or [youth@umcofeaglevalley.org](mailto:youth@umcofeaglevalley.org)

### Vacation Bible School 2018

We are in search of a director of VBS for next summer. If it seems early to discuss, we think so too but Rainbow Trail will need our commitment by December. This is a joint effort with First Lutheran Gypsum and Mount of the Holy Cross. Cynthia would be happy to train you and provide support materials. [csibley0109@gmail.com](mailto:csibley0109@gmail.com)

November 11th is Veterans Day. Thank You Pastor Sid, Robyn and all who served and are still serving.



THE MYSTIC CORDS OF MEMORY, STRETCHING FROM EVERY BATTLEFIELD AND PATRIOT GRAVE TO EVERY LIVING HEART, SHOULD SWELL INTO A MIGHTY CHORUS OF REMEMBRANCE, GRATITUDE AND REDEDICATION ON THIS SOLEMN OCCASION.  
—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

### Christmas on Broadway

Mark the date: **2 December!!** Now is the time to volunteer to be part of this year's Christmas on Broadway. Pastor Sid, Robyn and Louise plan to serve soup in front of Batson's. We need a crowd of cooks to prepare the soup, (\_\_\_\_)\* one person to deliver it from the church to Broadway, and at least (\_\_\_\_) two people to clean the kitchen at the end of the evening. We also need the loan of four large coolers to transport the soup. Contact Jamie Bates, (970)471-0111.

For the Nativity we need, (1) a flatbed truck and driver (\_\_\_\_), (2) a small crew (\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_) to coordinate decoration of the flatbed—includes setting up lights (colored and spotlights), generator, hay bales, manger, (3) hay bales both for the float and pre-set in the park, (4) sound system and lights set up in the park, (5) a crew to clear the park and un-decorate the truck. Contact Pastor Sid, (970)376-1688.

Finally, of course, we need a cast to wear the beautiful costumes created last year by Sharyn Smith. We need Mary (\_\_\_\_), Joseph (\_\_\_\_), a baby doll Jesus (\_\_\_\_), three wise men (\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_), and two shepherds (\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_). Contact Pastor Sid now to be part of the festive evening of outreach and witness. Volunteer early before all the great opportunities are taken!

**\*please check off and turn in your commitment**



- 11-02. Steve Mallory
- 11-05. Allyson Metz
- 11-07. Joel Bogertman
- 11-09. Lily Pier
- 11-09. Michelle Quenon
- 11-09. Josh Sibley
- 11-10. Pat Eddings
- 11-10. Tim Quealy
- 11-14. Janet Southerlan
- 11-15. Jackson Lounsberry
- 11-15. Christina Stadfeld
- 11-15. Jeff Yarger
- 11-20. Will Packer
- 11-21. Eldon Bindley
- 11-21. Scotland Farmer
- 11-21. Diane Holmes
- 11-22. Dylan Barker
- 11-23. Marita Bledsoe
- 11-24. Priscilla Bapp
- 11-24. Chase Cossette
- 11-25. Mikaela Gifford
- 11-26. Judy Williamson
- 11-27. Gage Harper
- 11-29. Mary Arnold
- 11-30. Charlotte Anzalone
- 11-30. Robyn Spain