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Klara and Katherine McCorvey were baptized September 3rd. Mom (Kristen), Dad (Scott) and other family members were there to witness this very special event.



Eleven of Red Canyon High School student are taking a nine week "Volunteer" class and look where they've been working. Yes, our church and food pantry. Our very own Misty Clark helped make this happen! Teacher, Deb Schmuck helped Eleno Velez direct the kids in things that needed to be done. The students, cleaned, organized, moved the fridge out of the kitchen, moved other furnishings, unloaded Wal-Mart food donations and some outdoor work. What a crew! Eleno had a nice spread for lunch and everyone is happy.



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∞ Serving Our Congregation and Community ∞

Pastor's Corner

∞ Pastor Sid Spain

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It's all happening outside the window—so much happening at the same time. Wind blows, leaves change, sun shines in the meadow, rain sprinkles a nearby hillside, snow powders a distant peak. The river runs clear and cold; an ancient memory of freezing awakens in tumbling, stiffening water as temperatures begin to fall toward thirty-two. The moments are volatile. It is October.

Autumn is a season that invites walking prayer. Bundle up, slip a raincoat and a bottle of water into your backpack, and choose a path. Walk by the river or wend your way along Brush Creek. Drive to Sylvan Lake, circumambulate, find a trail along the road—or simply walk around the block outside your front door. Plunge gently into the intoxicating sights, sounds, and smells of a Colorado autumn.

In walking prayer we go into the world desiring and rightfully expecting to see and experience God's presence. Walk with a friend sometime, but also plan a time to walk alone. Silence and solitude will soften and expose your soul to the volatile, autumnal wildness of our mountain home. Listen to the symphony of sounds emerge from silence. Feel the ever-presence of God in solitude. Pray—softly, slowly, gently.

We are surrounded by inexpressibly wonderful, even magical beauty that sings, whispers and pulsates with God's presence. Allow the steady flow of God's giving, God's goodness, and God's grace to sweep over and envelop you. Immerse yourself in the eternal moment—and pray . . . softly, slowly, gently. Expect the Holy Spirit to help you fit together some of the pieces of your puzzle. Expect gifts of perspective and peace.

Come to me all you who labor and are carrying heavy burdens and

I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

for I am meek and humble of heart, and

you will find rest for your souls.

(Matthew 11:28-29)

Do not let this season of sacred opportunity pass you by.



October

(1) & (15) Confirmation meetings
(6:30 pm, Youth room)

(6) UMW *First Friday Luncheon*
(Frost Creek, noon)

(14) Noodle Making
(9:00 am, Church basement)

(24) Noodle Making
(6:00 pm, church basement)

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



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)



Join the Church

The next opportunity to formally join the church is Sunday morning, 22 October. A brief meeting to discuss membership will be held following worship on Sunday, 8 October. Take time to pray about the decision, *your* decision, to step forward and publicly join this community of faith, this congregation of the United Methodist Church.



Confirmation Classes begin

Our first Confirmation classes begin this month. We will meet on Sunday evenings, 1 and 15 October, from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Youth Room. Pastors Dan Tisdell and Sid will both teach the course, using materials from *Confirm*, a Methodist program, and several engaging Lutheran resources. We have begun to identify mentors to work with each of our confirmands. Please remember these fine young people in your prayers in the coming months.

A Morning Prayer for the Glories of Autumn

*On this new day, O God,
I thank you for clean air that fills my lungs,
for water to drink and stream over the rock,
for light that creates life and shines on my path,
for soil that grows fruits and vegetables,
fashions hills and valleys,
and makes homes for creatures in burrows and trees.
Let me see Earth today with gratitude
and feast my senses on its beauty;
in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Thoughts to Ponder

You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.

~~Mark Twain

*... most of our problems are psychological in their manifestation,
but spiritual in their solution.*

~~Richard Rohr

*The idea is to write it so that people hear it and it slides through the brain
and goes straight to the heart.*

~~Maya Angelou

Scriptures for October

- (1) Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
- (8) Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 13-20; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- (15) Exodus 32:1-14; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- (22) Exodus 33:12-23; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
- (29) Deuteronomy 34:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46



Christmas on Broadway

It is not too soon to begin to plan our participation in this year's Christmas on Broadway. We need a full cast of volunteers to prepare and serve our famous chicken noodle soup, and be part of our community live Nativity parading down Broadway and presenting in the park. For years, Jeff and Caryn Yarger have faithfully coordinated and worked the serving booth in front of the *Nearly Everything Store*. They have decided to retire from that service, so we need to fill in their absence. In addition to cooks, we will need (1) four people to serve soup in front of Batson's, (2) at least one "runner" to deliver soup from the church, and (3) at least two people for the final cleanup at the church after the event. We also need four large coolers for the soup.

For the Nativity we need, (1) a flatbed truck and driver, (2) someone to coordinate decoration of the flatbed—that includes lights (colored and spotlights), hay bales, the manger, and an animal or two (if possible), (3) hay bales 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. Finally, of course, we need a cast of characters to don 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!

United Methodist Women



The next *First Friday Lunch* will be on Friday, October 6, at Frost Creek at 12:00 noon. This is a longer drive so I suggest we meet at 11:30 at the church to car pool. The sign up sheet is on the UMW table at the church or call Mary Arnold at 347-7627. Please put 2 stars by your name if you want to car-pool and 1 star if you need a ride from your home. The leaves should be lovely out there at this time of year! The Noodle making dates for October are the 14th, 9:00am and 24th, 6:00pm. More hands means less work.

Women's Book Club



The book club meets Wednesday evening, October 25th, 6:30 at the parsonage (0211 Golden Eagle Drive). October's book is *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd. Please bring an appetizer to share. 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.

Intelligent Disagreement

Like many of you I am deeply distressed about the state of our democracy and the mindless cacophony of our disagreements. We have stopped talking *with* each other and descended to shouting *at* each other. A toxic abyss between us grows greater as people on all sides of every issue become more intolerant, seemingly unwilling even to listen to those who disagree with them. The following is an excerpt from an address I recently read in *The New York Times*. It is from a lecture Bret Stephens gave at the *Lowry Institute Media Award* dinner in Sydney, Australia in September. The address is entitled *The Dying Art of Disagreement*. You might consider looking up the full article.

Intelligent disagreement is the lifeblood of any thriving society. Yet we in the United States are raising a younger generation who have never been taught either the how or the why of disagreement, and who seem to think that free speech is a one-way right: Namely, their right to disinvite, shout down or abuse anyone they dislike, lest they run the risk of listening to that person — or even allowing someone else to listen. The results are evident in the parlous state of our universities, and the frayed edges of our democracies.

Yes, we disagree constantly. But what makes our disagreements so toxic is that we refuse to make eye contact with our opponents, or try to see things as they might, or find some middle ground.

Instead, we fight each other from the safe distance of our separate islands of ideology and identity and listen intently to echoes of ourselves. We take exaggerated and histrionic offense to whatever is said about us. We banish entire lines of thought and attempt to excommunicate all manner of people without giving them so much as a cursory hearing.

The crucial prerequisite of intelligent disagreement — namely: shut up; listen up; pause and reconsider; and only then speak — is absent.

As Christians we have much to say, much to share, but we should be among the first to hear Stephens' concern and counsel. Consider the wisdom of James 1:19—

Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. This is because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness.



- 10-03. Bev Kunkel
- 10-03. Bob Westfall
- 10-06. Donna Gress
- 10-06. Dave TerBush
- 10-07. Sam Boyd
- 10-07. Leslie Lee
- 10-07. Amanda Lingle
- 10-09. Jack Sibley
- 10-11. Todd Horn
- 10-11. Emily Pritchard
- 10-12. Ceily Patriacca
- 10-14. Judy Clock
- 10-14. Jeremy Cossette
- 10-15. Scott Lingle
- 10-15. Scott Miller
- 10-16. Rick Arnhold
- 10-17. Katherine McCorvey
- 10-17. Christie Plymell
- 10-18. Ella Hooper
- 10-18. Darlene Pritchard
- 10-19. Grace Packer
- 10-19. Marv Southerlan
- 10-22. Noah Arnhold
- 10-22. Cristian Basso
- 10-22. Mary Kessler
- 10-22. Christy Pope
- 10-25. Brooks Blizzard
- 10-25. Kurt Keiser
- 10-25. Cindy Scullin
- 10-30. Bill Harris
- 10-31. Fred Rosa