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Eli Mirelez, son of Jasmine and Jason, grandson of Robyn and Jay Bryant, and great grandson of Fred Bapp was baptized on 27 August. A wonderful extended family of grand-parents, aunts and uncles joined the celebration.



This is the third year the Women of the church enjoyed an overnight camping trip at Yeoman Park. Cynthia Sibley and Pat Eddings provided the warm and cozy beds of their RV's for all eight that stayed the night. We all brought an appetizer, salad or dessert and sat around the campfire at night, and enjoyed a lovely breakfast and campfire in the morning. It was a loving and peaceful time.



United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

☞ Serving Our Congregation and Community ☜



Pastor's Corner

☜ Pastor Sid Spain

We are offering several studies beginning in September or early October. Samples of the available studies are on display near the front door of the church. The following short-term studies are offered:

The Wesleyan Way: A Faith That Matters by Bishop Scott Jones
(8 sessions);

The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith by Chris Folmsbee
(3 sessions);

Forward: A Small Group Journey Toward a Full Life in Christ by Nick Cunningham
(7 sessions);

Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You by John Ortberg
(6 sessions);

Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture by Walter Brueggemann
(6 sessions)

Many of you will remember several of the *Soul Keeping* videos when they were used in worship last year while Pastor Sid was away. The study by Dr. Brueggemann, one of the foremost Old Testament scholars of our time, is more academic than the other studies. We will also offer a longer Bible survey course:

Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

with two parts (Old and New Testaments) of 12 weeks each for a total of 24 weeks. The course is a shortened (*Fast Track*) edition of the earlier two-year *Disciple*.

This study will begin with the New Testament.

Plans are to offer the studies at three times during the day—a breakfast meeting (mostly coffee and toast) for those who want to get together early before work; mid-day for the United Methodist Women (and anyone who wants to join them); and evening. Please indicate your “interest” on the sign up sheets—study and time of day.

Detailed plans, times and places, will be published once we see where your interests lie. We can meet at the church for all these studies—the new fellowship area will be one of our best options—but it would be nice for smaller groups to meet in homes. Please use the sign up sheet to indicate your willingness to host a small group study—even occasionally.

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September



(13) UMW Ladies Night
Out
(6:00, Pastatively)

(17) First Confirmation
meeting
(6:30 pm, Sanctuary)

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

(22) Fall begins

(23) Noodle Making
(9:00 am, church
basement)

**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)





Scriptures for September

- (3) Exodus 3:1-5; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
- (10) Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
- (17) Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
- (24) Exodus 16:2-15; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Continuance of the
Pastor's Corner



Tentative plans are for each group to **meet every other week** and use the week in between to better master the material. Each course will include the homework assigned in the study *and* a "prayer" assignment prepared by Pastor Sid. Sid will facilitate initial sessions, but will recruit some of you to facilitate meetings as well.

The studies have four goals: (1) learning the material; (2) sharing insights in a small group setting, (3) exploring and practicing ways of personal and small group prayer; (4) learning to lead a group or stepping up to use your already-developed facilitator skills.

Again, you will find sign up sheets alongside the studies. Please indicate your interest in any of the courses, *and* indicate the time you are willing to meet. If you are interested in more than one of the studies, please prioritize your choices. Any of the studies can be repeated in the future. Scheduling is important because Sid also plans to teach a new Confirmation class this year and next.

Be on the lookout this year for other opportunities for learning and personal growth (Stacey Horn includes an article on another such opportunity elsewhere in the newsletter). Take advantage of a way to grow in your faith this year.



Two Thoughts to Ponder

*A brother came to Abba Poeman and said:
Abba, a variety of thoughts are coming into my
mind and I am in danger.*

*The old man took him out in the air and said:
Open your robe and take hold of the wind.
And he answered: No, I cannot do it.*

*The old man said:
If you cannot do it, neither can you prevent those
thoughts from coming in.
But what you should do is stand against them.*

*Abba Isidore of Pelusia said:
Living without speaking is better than speaking
without living.
For a person who lives rightly helps us by silence,
while one who talks too much merely annoys us.
If, however, words and life go hand in hand,
it is the perfection of philosophy.*

~~Desert Wisdom: Sayings of the Desert Fathers
Translated by Yushi Nomura

A Way to Better Understanding and Personal Growth

Discover who God made you to be! We discover our true identity—who we are, and what we are to do with our lives—in our temperament. We can only become our best when we understand the unique inner design that drives us to think, feel and act the way we do.

Temperament may be considered our "hard wiring" at birth, our inner design. It also provides a deeper understanding of others—their stressors, likely reactions and motivations in personal relationships. Starting with understanding ourselves, we can begin to understand others, ways they are similar to and different from us.

Ray W. Lincoln, PhD., temperament psychologist, and theologian is the author of *Innerkinetics*, a book resulting from a four-decade study to understand temperament and its impact on personal development and everyday relationships. Whether you want to improve the quality of your marriage, your parenting, or your work relationships, Dr. Lincoln's insights provide you with practical, actionable solutions that can help you make the change you desire in both your personal and professional life.

Go online (<https://www.raywlincoln.com/temperament-key/#/intro>) for more information and a practical introduction to the insights that can come with understanding temperament—or call me: Stacey Horn, 970-440-1324.



Confirmation

The new Confirmation cycle begins Sunday evening, 17 September. Students are being identified and contacted now. As in recent years, Pastor Sid and Pastor Dan Tisdell of 1st Lutheran Church in Gypsum will share teaching responsibilities for the studies, activities, and service projects for the two-year program. With the exception of holidays and unexpected conflicts, classes will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings of every month beginning at 6:30. Again, the first orientation meeting will be the 3rd Sunday of September. Parents, and adults interested in mentoring students should attend the first meeting. The first organizational meeting will be in the sanctuary—Sunday, 17 September, at 6:30. Subsequent confirmation meetings will be held in the youth room.



United Methodist Women

Our next *Ladies Night Out* will be September 13th, 6pm, at Pastatively's across from the Eagle City Market. The sign up sheet is at the church on the UMW table. Mark a star* by your name if you need a ride or contact Judy Williamson (970)328-4144.

September 23rd will be our third Noodle making session. Come be a part of the famous UMW Chicken Noodle Soup which is served at the Annual Chicken Noodle Soup and Bazaar event in November and Christmas on Broadway. We meet at the church basement starting at 9:00 am. Men are needed to kneed.



Women's Book Club

The book club meets Wednesday evening, September 20th, 6:30 at the parsonage (0211 Golden Eagle Drive). September's book is *Paris Letters*, by Janice MacLeod. 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).



Joel Bogertman was baptized by his Grandpa, Rev. George Hunsberger on July 30th!



- 9-01. Dale Mosier
- 9-02. Josh Farmer
- 9-03. Chris Boyd
- 9-03. Klara McCorvey
- 9-06. Amy Casey
- 9-07. Teri Nelson
- 9-08. Elizabeth Basso
- 9-09. Gerry Bortz
- 9-11. George McCollum
- 9-13. Vince Jones
- 9-15. Francis Reynolds
- 9-15. Randy Schapiro
- 9-16. Claytie Crabb
- 9-16. Karen Lee
- 9-19. Carrie Wild
- 9-19. Maureen Henderson
- 9-21. Raenette Johnson
- 9-22. Miles Kipp
- 9-25. Maya Belback
- 9-26. Molly Fiore
- 9-26. Robert Habiger
- 9-26. Pam Westfall
- 9-27. Teegan TerBush
- 9-28. Barbara Meese
- 9-28. Mike Pritchard
- 9-28. Caitlyn Yarger
- 9-29. Tom Allen