



United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

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Women's Book Club

February's meeting will be February 28th, 6:30 pm, at the parsonage, 0211 Golden Eagle, at the Terrace in Eagle. The next book is *Land of Mango* by Dorothea Frank. Please bring a light appetizer to share. If you don't have time to read the book, plan on coming anyway.
Call Robyn for more info (303) 903-8249.



Boys Scout Sunday

February 11th is Boys Scout Sunday!

A handful of our local, Pack 229 scouts will be offering their services for worship, greeting, hosting fellowship and possibly reading scripture.



Food Ministries

Simple Supper: Speaking of Boys Scouts...

- The local Pack 229 served up a yummy spaghetti dinner at Simple Supper on January 15th. There was plenty to go around, even some gluten free noodles in addition to their regular pasta! The boys were so cute preparing, serving and cleaning up. Big thanks to the parents and our very own Andrea Arnhold, one of the pack leaders! Andrea's son, Noah is the one on the left. One of the scout leaders is pointing to Noah to start the introduction of the pack.

- On the 22nd, our church hosted the Supper. Eleno Velez roasted two rib roasts that were donated by Costco. It was delish! Some of the Methodist women and Buster (Everette Case) pitched in to prepare, serve and clean. Don Gress said the blessing.

Food Pantry:

The Division of Wildlife donated a deer recently. It came in very well packed with different cuts. If you or anyone you know would like a little assistance in the grocery department, please come in or direct them to the United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

The pantry hours are on the front page.



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women are off to a busy start this year; check out our "projected" calendar on the UMW page of the church website.

The next *First Friday Lunch* will be February 2nd at Gourmet China on Chambers St. at 12:00 noon. The sign up sheet is on the UMW table in the foyer at the church. Please put a star by your name if you need a ride or contact the office (970-328-6598). All of our social events are for all the women of the church. See you soon!

Also mark your calendars for our Dinner Social, *Ladies Night Out*, February 7th at Luigi's on Capitol St, Eagle Ranch.

The First Friday Lunch in March will be on March 2 at Real Jalisco at 701 Chambers St. in Eagle at 12:00 noon. There will be a sign up sheet at the church as well. Put a star by your name if you need a ride or contact the office. Looking forward to seeing you!

UMW will again be collecting items for health kits for our first fundraiser of the year. Due to the many natural disasters both in our country and throughout the world we felt health kits are of dire need. There are lists of items for the kits on the UMW table and on our website. As always, cash donations are welcome. Please contact **Robyn Spain** (303-903-8248) for more information.

If anyone is interested in assisting with a UMW Facebook page I would love to talk to you! Please email me (Cindy Walker) at: cwalkart@gmail.com or call me at: 860-235-5105. This wouldn't have to be a long term commitment, but some guidance in getting it set up and instructions on how to manage it would be much appreciated.



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☞ Serving Our Congregation and Community ☜

February

(2) Youth meeting
(basement hall, 4:30pm)

(2) UMW *First
Friday Lunch*
(Gourmet China, noon)

(3) Youth meeting
(UMC, 8:30am)

(4) Health Kits end

(7) UMW *Ladies Night
Out*
(Luigi's, 6:30)

(11, 25) Confirmation

(11) Boys Scout
Sunday

(12) Ad Council
(Fellowship hall, 7pm)

(13) Fat Tuesday dinner
(basement hall, 6pm)

(14) Ash Wednesday
(services, noon & 5:30)

(15) Lenten Study begins

(19) Presidents Day

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

Pastor's Corner

Some of you will remember this story from a sermon last year. We were in a water taxi on our way to San Pedro Island in Belize. Denny and I were sitting in the stern of the boat with a handful of locals. One of our companions, a Rastafarian, was obviously delivering a basket of fruit to the island. I asked him, "How many trips do you take a day." He replied, "Ah mon, I don't take trips; I make journeys."

Life-changing truths have a way of coming out of nowhere, showing up when and where we least expect them. That afternoon in the company of my dreadlocked friend, I stopped taking trips. Since then I only make journeys. Someone with no imagination might ask, "What's the difference," but most of us know the difference. We take trips in black and white; journeys are made in technicolor.

We are barely conscious when we take trips, cruising on autopilot, lost somewhere in our thoughts, oblivious to the things happening around us. We make journeys wide-awake. We are alert and attentive to our surroundings when we journey. We see things, really notice them—the flow of the canyon roof against the sky, the crisp white of snow against a red canyon wall; we feel things—rough, smooth, hot, cold; we hear things—a river sound, the bass and the treble in song on the radio; we might even smell something—fresh or decaying.

On a journey we realize something is going on around us. We are alive in a world of living things. We may take a trip alone, but there are always companions on a journey—loved ones, strangers, wild creatures on the wing or in the underbrush. We can enjoy solitude on a journey, but we are never alone.

The mystics of every religious tradition and none share a conviction about the value of spiritual wakefulness. Call it attentiveness or mindfulness; seek it in prayer, contemplation, or meditation; nurture it in curiosity, study, safari, or intrigue—whatever strikes the chord deep in your soul, find it and cultivate it. Life is a journey and the endlessly creative God is our closest companion. It is another one of the reasons I love traveling with Jesus. There is always more—more going on and more coming. "Ah mon," don't settle for anything less than being fully alive.





Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day that has been honored by Christians for well over ten centuries, falling at the beginning of Lent, a six-week season of preparation for Easter. In the earliest centuries, Christians who had been identified in persistent sin had ashes sprinkled on their bodies as a sign of repentance, even as Job repented "in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6). Around the tenth century, all believers began to signify their need for repentance by having ashes placed on their foreheads in the shape of a cross. Ash Wednesday is a day for serious reflection on our frailty and mortality, but ultimately it is not a depressing holy day; the sign of the cross is a sign of hope in God's salvation and triumph over death on Good Friday and Easter. We will have two brief worship services on Ash Wednesday, 14 February—one at noon and one at 5:30 in the evening.

Charge Conference

Last month's shared charge/church conference in Glenwood Springs went very well. We joined churches from Meeker, Rifle, Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Basalt, and Aspen to share our annual reports for 2017, plans for 2018, and to vote on key policy issues for our individual churches. Steve Mallory, Louise Carter, Marcia Wild, Molly Fiore, and Robyn and Sid Spain represented Eagle. District Superintendent Marv Vose officiated at the general meeting, shared greetings from Bishop Oliveto, and led us in worship before we separated into church working groups. Not only did the joint meeting save the district superintendent hours of preparation, travel and meeting time, the gathering also allowed us to meet new Methodist friends and to share ideas and concerns about ministry in our region. The shared meeting will likely be a frequently used model for the future.

Thought to Ponder

The state of one's heart inevitably shapes one's life; it is ultimately the place where everything is decided.

- A courageous heart will go forth and engage with life despite confusion and fear.
 - A fearful heart will be hesitant and will tend to hold back.
 - A heavy heart will make for a gloomy, un-lived life.
 - A compassionate heart need never carry the burden of judgment.
 - A forgiving heart knows the art of liberation.
 - A loving heart awakens the spirit of possibility and engagement with others.
- Indeed, the mystical tradition would suggest the heart is beautiful precisely because it is where God dwells: the heart is the divine sanctuary.

~~John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us*

Scriptures for February

- (4)** Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
(11) 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45
(18) Isaiah 43:18-25; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12
(25) Hosea 2:14-20; 2 Corinthians 3:1-6; Mark 2:13-22



Lenten Study

Pastor Sid is offering a study for Lent this year. We will read and discuss Adam Hamilton's *Final Words from the Cross*. As usual, there is some difficulty working with the calendar (school break and special services during Holy Week) but with flexibility the group can finish the study during Lent. Two meeting times are suggested, one at lunchtime and another in the evening. The study will begin Thursday, 15 February, the day after Ash Wednesday. The following week is winter break and Pastor Sid will be out of town. The group can discuss meeting on their own Thursday, 22 February. We will meet Thursdays 1, 8, 15 and 22 March, and Wednesday, 29 March, during Holy Week. A final meeting will be Thursday, 5 April, following Easter. Registration sheets are in the narthex. Please indicate when you want to meet, at midday or in the evening. We need to order materials right away, so sign up now and contact any of our other members or friends you think might want to join us.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

News from Children's Church...

Snow warning! Due to the over abundance of ski programs, we are experiencing a reduced attendance in our children's programs.

Ah, winter is here and with it...snow, or at least enough to ski on the mountain every weekend. We know how lucky we are to live in a community in which sports and the pursuit of healthy, outdoor activities for children and families dominate the landscape. On the other hand, we want to be sure to remind you that we are still here. We will be ready for a meaningful time with kids, to make them feel good about being a part of our church family, to feel loved and honored, welcomed and accepted.

Many thanks to the teachers who are providing support for our programs even though we are low in numbers. If you would like to supplement our program and be a fill-in teacher for us, please visit the church website, www.umcofeaglevalley.org and look for the Children's Church Teacher sign up page on the left hand side. You can sign up for a single Sunday. We are only covered for the first three Sundays of the month and need help covering the last Sunday in the 1st to 5th grade room and also giving Cindy Scullin, our preK-K teacher, a break as she is the only teacher for that age group. If you are currently a teacher but know you cannot fulfill your commitment in the foreseeable future, letting us know helps in planning.

In addition, we are looking for ways to stay connected to children while they are away on the mountain...so be looking for materials available on our website or even in snail mail. If a weekday program is something of interest, please let us know. And stay safe and warm out there...

Cynthia Sibley and Deb Gifford: children@umcofeaglevalley.org

Youth Activites!

- **Friday, Feb. 2nd:** Meet at the church to make breakfast burritos to be given out at the Snowshoe for Peru the next day. Be here by 4:30 and we will make the burritos...taking us about 2 hours.
- **Saturday, Feb. 3rd:** Meet at 8:30 at UMC. We will consolidate cars and drive up to Sylvan Lake and set up a table to give out the burritos and serve orange juice. If you want to participate in the snowshoe race, the cost is \$25 for registration. Go to <https://corazondeesperanza.org/snowshoe5k/> to register.
- **Friday, March 9:** Progressive Dinner and Lock in.

Contact Cynthia at youth@umcofeaglevalley.org for more deails. Thanks!



Fat Tuesday (aka Mardi Gras) Supper

We missed it last year, but once again we are indulging (some would say gluttonously) the night before Lent begins. The supper begins at 6:00, Tuesday evening, 13 February, in the downstairs fellowship hall. Our youth group may be involved in preparations, but we will certainly need a few more cooks. Contact the office to volunteer.



- 2-01. Ashleigh Kipp
- 2-01. Vivian Kipp
- 2-01. Amy Packer
- 2-02. Sonia Arnold
- 2-02. Marcia Keiser
- 2-03. Steve Johnson
- 2-04. Laura Emrich
- 2-06. John Blizzard
- 2-07. Ruth Lenz
- 2-07. George Lewis
- 2-07. Liz Lounsberry
- 2-08. Luke Kuhl
- 2-08. Randall Reynolds
- 2-08. Thomas Reynolds
- 2-09. Guadalupe Martinez
- 2-12. Linda Carr
- 2-13. Justus Johnson
- 2-15. Rick Patriacca
- 2-16. Carrie Cossette
- 2-16. Don Gress
- 2-17. Karolyn Harper
- 2-19. Sandy Anderson
- 2-19. Ian Casey
- 2-21. Doug Crabb.
- 2-21. Avarri Kuhn
- 2-26. Caris Miller
- 2-27. Brady Blizzard
- 2-27. Meg Hartley
- 2-27. Jade Ann Kenney
- 2-28. Samantha Pritchard

