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☞ Serving Our Congregation and Community ☜

United Methodist Women

 The First Friday Lunch on March 2nd is canceled due to lack of attendees.

The First Friday Lunch in April will be on April 6 at Asian Fusion on route 6, in Gypsum, at 12:00 noon. There will be a sign up sheet by the stairs in the foyer of the church. If you need a ride put a star by your name or call Mary Arnold at 970-347-7627. Hope to see you there. All women are welcome to join us.

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 appreciated.

Women's Book Club

 The next meeting will be April 4th. The book is *Eat Pray Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. 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.

Food Ministries

Simple Supper:

Recently Simple Supper was hosted by many young men of the community! Pack 229 Cub Scouts hosted in January and the Eagle Valley Basketball team hosted in February. It's great to see these fellows participate in this great ministry!

Food Pantry:

Recently the United Methodist/Eagle Valley Community Food Panty received a nice letter and certificate of recognition from Food Bank of The Rockies that states Eagle had 24,062 Meals Rescued in 2017!

Though it is sad that there are so many food insecure families in our community, we are so happy and blessed to be able to facilitate and distribute food regularly to these families.

Very soon we are hoping to open the food pantry on one or two Saturdays every month so that no one goes hungry because they can't make it to the pantry during the week. We are looking for volunteers to fill these shifts on a regular basis. Don't worry we want to make it where you would only need to volunteer once every few months. The time will likely be a two hour shift from 9 :00-11:00 am. Louise Carter, Linda Wasser and Eleno Velez will be passing out flyers at City Market as soon as we get volunteers signed up. The flyers will have the new Food Pantry schedule in English and Spanish.

Any ideas or feed back are appreciated!



Ruth

Our very own Ruth Lenz turned 95 this year! Her daughter Nancy and 23 friends from church celebrated at a lovely dinner party at Luigi's in Eagle Ranch. Ruth is a remarkable woman with the wit of a much younger woman. She gives all the women inspiration and hope that it is possible to live a long healthy and happy life. Thank You Ruth! We love you! Happy Birthday!

Fat Tuesday (aka Mardi Gras) Supper

 Breakfast for dinner is always good, but the hands of our guys that prepared it made it GREAT! Pastor Sid, Kim Albrecht, Eleno Velez, Mike McWilliam, Jay Corr and Everett Case made eggs, sausage and pancakes. Terri Fischer made the King cake. Yum!!

March

- (1,8,15,22, 28) Lenten Study (Sanctuary, 6:30)
- (4,18) Confirmation meeting (Youth room, 6:00)
- (9) Youth progressive dinner and lock in.
- (11) Happy Birthday Pastor!
- (11) Talk with Molly Fiore (see inside for details)
- (11)UMCOR Sunday (special offering collected)
- (11) Daylight savings begins (set clocks forward)
- (17) St. Patrick's Day
- (25) Holy Week begins (see inside for services)



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

Like some of you, my morning devotions this Lent have included meditations from the booklet, *Finding Peace in Lent, Reflections on the Saint Francis Peace Prayer* by James E. Adams. I was in Orlando for the first week of the reflections and I'm sure the focus of the *Prayer* helped shape my experience of the Disney parks throughout the week. Saint Francis spent many hours in solitude and silent prayer, and during those hours God's Spirit turned his attention away from himself and out toward and into the lives of others. The *Prayer*, one of the most enduring results of divine focus, is a timeless treasure of our Christian heritage. Pray the peace prayer of Saint Francis slowly and often, and journey from the narrow places of self-concern into the wide world of God's giving heart.

The parks were crowded with thousands of people, all shapes and sizes, colors and styles. Some of the people were giddy with pleasure, children unable to contain their excitement; others looked glum, apparently *enduring* the hours in the Magic Kingdom. They didn't seem to realize they were in the *happiest place on earth*. Some swung from mood to mood during the day, and by day's end most of the passengers on the bus or monorail were stupefied, exhausted with the gluttonous hours of sights and sounds and sugar. For the most part, the surging multitude was thoughtful and considerate. There were jostling exceptions to thoughtfulness, of course, but I never wanted to attack anyone for being rude or inconsiderate. There were, however, endless opportunities to judge others, there always are—for the way they looked or sounded, for the way they handled their stroller or motorized wheelchair. After all, almost all of them were different from me.

The *Prayer* altered the way I wandered the parks. As I promised in my last sermon before the trip, I thought of you and prayed for you every time Robyn and Denny went on an extreme ride. By the second day I included the clusters of passersby in my prayers. I think I began to channel Francis. A simple prayer took shape. *Lord, help me see them as you see them. Help me love them as you love them.* "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

What a relief it was, to be *with* them, unobtrusively, secretly on their side, and not apart from the surging flow of humanity—the motley, endlessly changing, always complex and complicated *commune*-ity of God's children.





**Palm
Sunday,
Holy Week,
and Easter
Worship**

Our **Palm Sunday** worship service will begin at the usual 10:00 hour, 25 March. **Holy Thursday** worship begins at 6:00, 29 March and **Good Friday** at 6:00, 30 March. We will have two services at 8:00 and 10:00 on Easter morning, 1 April.



Lenten Study

The group continues to read and discuss Adam Hamilton's *Final Words from the Cross*. We plan to meet Thursdays March 1, 8, 15 and 22, and Wednesday, March 28, during Holy Week. A final meeting is planned for Thursday, April 5, following Easter.

Thoughts to Ponder

Christian existence is a joyful nonsense. In a culture of self-realization, the Christian call is to renounce self; in the face of noise, silence is the preference; in a world of competition, the Christian's declaration is that the winners will be losers and the losers winners; in a culture whose economy is intent on consumption, the Christian insists on simplicity; in a culture structured by possessions, the Christian insists upon a high standard of life; and at every point, the Christian exposes the emptiness of fullness for the sake of the gospel's fullness of emptiness.

~~W. Paul Jones, *The Art of Spiritual Direction*

How, then, do we prepare ourselves for death? By living each day in the full awareness of being children of God, whose love is stronger than death. Speculations and concerns about the final days of our lives are useless, but making each day into a celebration of our belovedness as sons and daughters of God will allow us to live our final days, whether short or long, as birthing days. The pains of dying are labor pains. Through them, we leave the womb of this world and are born to the fullness of the children of God.

~~Henri J. M. Nouwen

Scriptures for March

- (4)** Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
- (11)** Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
- (18)** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:2-33
- (25) Palm Sunday** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; John 12:12-16

Lay Leadership Training 20-21 April

We are hosting a Utah/Western Colorado District **Lay Leadership Training** event Friday evening and Saturday, 20-21 April. Two sessions will be taught, the 10-hour **Basic Course** and a special 6-hour course on the creative and effective use of **Church Media**. The basic training will be conducted by two facilitators from the District, and the media training by a member of the Annual Conference staff. Although we anticipate some laypersons and clergy will join us from other churches in the area, this is a wonderful opportunity for members of our church to get this excellent training for ministry in our church and in other churches in the area. Some participants will discover the weekend to be a first step into greater ministry in the Conference, perhaps become a Lay Preacher; others will see it as an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be a Methodist Christian and to serve our community more knowledgeably. Please mark your calendar, pray about being part of the event, and join others to make the most of this opportunity. It would be wonderful to have 12-20 of our members take part in this learning experience.

Happy Birthday!

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| 3-03. Jillian Lee | 3-17. Matt Miller |
| 3-07. Alessia Basso | 3-17. Jack Niswanger |
| 3-07. Cole Harper | 3-18. Wayne Fischer |
| 3-08. Denise Kipp | 3-18. Don Galgan |
| 3-09. Christina Hooper | 3-19. Hailey Gifford |
| 3-10. Sandy Knuth | 3-19. John Packer |
| 3-11. Stacey Horn | 3-22. Anatole Arnold |
| 3-11. Sid Spain | 3-25. Jeanine Kenney |
| 3-12. Matt Barker | 3-25. Juniper Kenney |
| 3-13. Salome Kuhn | 3-26. Eva Martinez |
| 3-14. Nolan Emrich | 3-30. Charise Crabb |
| 3-16. Kirsten McCorvey | 3-30. Ava Rose |



YOUTH!

Join us for a talk by Molly Fiore about helping to acknowledge problems and gain confidence to reach out for help for yourself or your friends.

Learn where to go for help and ways to let adults know who may need support.

Let's talk!

Sunday, March 11

Middle School: 5-6pm

Dinner: 6-6:30pm

High School: 6:30-7:30pm

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About Molly www.mollyfiore.com

For over 10 years, Molly Fiore struggled to find a life that fit. From marine biology to medicine to business training to athletic training, nothing resonated. Desperate to find passion, joy, and happiness, her search ultimately led within. Today Molly enjoys a life of speaking, writing, one-on-one coaching, and corporate trainings. She is passionate about suicide prevention, and works in schools to educate children. Molly is passionate about everything she does, but she particularly enjoys running, hiking, the outdoors, and learning. She lives in Eagle, Colorado with her black Lab.

Molly's commitment to any group is to provide an experience that is fun, thought provoking, and produces a result that participants can use in their lives.

Don't miss this!