



# United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

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Open Minds.  
Open Doors.**

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**ReThink Church!**  
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**United Methodist Women**  
The UMW will host a Spring Tea on Saturday May 5th - 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! Those wishing to set and decorate a table will find a signup sheet on the UMW table in the narthex. Also, everyone is encouraged to bring a goodie or two to share, however if you just want to come, that's perfectly OK. There is a signup sheet for food as well. There is no charge to attend.

**Women's Book Club**  
The book for this month is *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Please join us at the parsonage, 0211 Golden Eagle in the Terrace at 6:30 May 9th. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you'd like. Call Robyn for more info (303) 903-8249.

**Summer Children's Church Teacher Needed: Paid position** to start on June 3rd. Responsible for simple curriculum, craft and snack for our children ages 3 years old-5th grade during the summer months of June, July, and August. Would consider a shared position of every other week. Contact Cynthia. 970-376-0109 or [children@umcofeaglevalley.org](mailto:children@umcofeaglevalley.org)

**Rainbow Trail Vacation Bible School**  
2018 VBS will be August 13-17. You will find more information and the requested forms on the home page of the church website, [umcofeaglevalley.org](http://umcofeaglevalley.org) or you may pick them up at the church office.



**Buckhorn Camp**, a UMC Camp outside of Fort Collins. Cynthia Sibley has had a discussion with the director and we are hoping to make stronger ties with this camp for our youth and for our congregation in the UMC. There are several options for camp. Family Camp registration is now available. Go to <http://www.buckhorncamp.org/summer-camps.html> for more information.

**When was The United Methodist Church created?**  
WE CELEBRATE OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BEING UNITED!  
Here at the UMC of Eagle Valley, we were around long before this union as a Methodist church in Eagle from the late 1800's.  
But something special happened 50 years ago....

The United Methodist Church was created on April 23, 1968, when The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church joined to form a new denomination.

Uniting the two churches had been in the making for more than 10 years. Two years before the union, the General Conferences of each church separately approved the Plan of Union.

On April 23, Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, representing The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of The Methodist Church joined hands at the constituting General Conference in Dallas, Texas. In unison, the two bishops, 1,300 delegates and 10,000 visitors recited these words:

"Lord of the Church, we are united in Thee, in Thy Church and now in The United Methodist Church. Amen."

To make the union happen, each denomination made compromises. The racially segregated Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church was eliminated, women clergy were assured the right to be ordained and have full clergy rights, and the Methodist practice of life tenure for bishops was adopted.

The Uniting Conference also approved the development of an official insignia for the new church and the cross and flame was adopted later that year.

Late in the conference, delegates realized that the work of actual uniting could not be completed in 1968. A special session of General Conference was approved for 1970. It met in St. Louis.

Thus these two churches, each with distinguished histories and influential ministries in various parts of the world, came together to become the largest Protestant denomination at that time.

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☞ Serving Our Congregation and Community ☜

## Pastor's Corner

☜ Pastor Sid Spain



- (5) UMW Spring Tea (New fellowship hall, 10 am)
- (6) Education Sunday (church, 10 am)
- (9) Women's Book Club (Parsonage, 6:30 pm)
- (13) Mother's Day
- (20) Day of Pentecost
- (20) Confirmation Class (Youth room, 6:00 pm)
- (27) Trinity Sunday
- (27) Peace with Justice Sunday (special offering)
- (28) Memorial Day

**UMC of Eagle Valley**  
(333 2nd Street)

**Worship**  
(10:00 am - 11:00)  
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- **Simple Supper**  
Monday (6:00-7:00)
- **Food Pantry**

Monday (5:30 - 7:00)  
Tuesday (10 - 12)  
Thursday (12 - 2)  
Second Saturday (9-11)

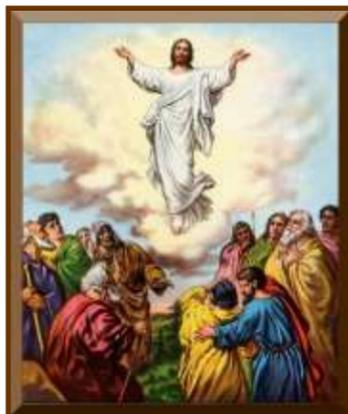
This summer I begin a two-year study program with the Learning School of the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) headquartered in Albuquerque. Franciscan Richard Rohr is the founder and director of the Center, and I have been reading his books for years. A few weeks ago I received the first four-book reading assignment for the course—*The Naked Now* by Richard Rohr, *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening* by Cynthia Bourgeault, *Merton's Palace of Nowhere* by James Finley, and *Joy Unspeakable* by Barbara Holmes. I'm to finish the books in time to participate in an online orientation in July. The first of several physical journeys to the Center in New Mexico is scheduled for August.

I share this with you because, to one degree or another, you will be my fellow travelers on this two-year journey. Inevitably, my experiences and reflections with the CAC will influence and sometimes shape my sermons and prayers, my teaching and my informal conversations with you. My spiritual disposition will be influenced by what I read and how I respond to my experiences with the small community of students also selected for the 2018-2020 Learning School.

As we expect these will be my last two years as your pastor, I want to give you as much of myself as possible—as much as I am able to give and as much as you are willing to accept or tolerate. The inevitable confluence of the time I spend in study, reflection, contemplation and prayer, and my public life in the church and community will significantly shape who I become and how I express myself in the coming months. In addition to the occasional and relatively routine times we spend together, such as in worship or over coffee on Sunday morning, some of you may choose to interact more deliberately. I am willing to have more personal, intimate meetings to discuss how it goes with our souls. I am willing to share in book discussions or short small group studies. I am willing to try another contemplative worship service or have a committed time of centering prayer during the week with those of you who want to nurture your spiritual growth in a more committed and disciplined way. I am mostly good with however you want to share the journey—in small or large ways.

I have *chosen* to be a student at the Learning School. Nothing we choose to do is without consequence. Whatever the coming days bring, I fully expect to be enriched and renewed, challenged and *disturbed*. When we choose to draw near to God, whenever we choose to welcome God's presence, some disturbance is guaranteed. The Spirit relentlessly disturbs complacency. There is much ground to be tilled, much misunderstanding to be corrected, much soul work to be done, and much life to live.

Listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit in the language of your own hopes and desires and let me know what you hear about the possibilities of our spiritual companionship in the coming months. Together, let's make the most of these swiftly passing days.



### Easter 2018

Our Easter worship services were rich and robust this year. As usual, the early 8:00 service was more subdued than at 10:00, but both services were true celebrations of the Resurrection. Over 300 people came to worship including more than 70 children. Special thanks to Cynthia Sibley, Molly Fiore, Sue Terbush, John Packer, Cindy Scullin, Jennifer Pronga and others who led the children's program downstairs following Early Word. As always the church ensured every child had a bag of memories to take home after the services. The youth made the bread for Holy Communion (picture shown above). The Anzalone and Basso families provided wonderful fellowship food following the large service. The choir, directed by Matt Miller and accompanied by Jenny Roussel, brought special music and led the congregation's enthusiastic singing. Our Easter services have never been better; the energy and joy was palatable both during and after worship. It was truly an Alleluia day! He is risen.

### Thoughts to Ponder

*Love is reckless, not reason.  
Reason seeks a profit,  
Love comes on strong, consuming herself,  
Unabashed.  
Yet in the midst of suffering  
Love proceeds like a millstone,  
Hard-surfaced and straight-forward.  
Having died to self-interest,  
She risks everything and asks for nothing.  
Love gambles away every gift God bestows.*  
~~Rumi

*If . . . I don't have love,  
I am nothing.*  
~~Paul

*Virtually every spiritual tradition that holds  
a vision of human transformation at its heart  
also claims that a practice of intentional silence is non-negotiable.  
Period.  
You just have to do it.*  
~~Cynthia Bourgeault

### Scriptures for May

- (6) Acts 10:44-48; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
- (13) Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
- (20) **Pentecost** Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
- (27) **Trinity Sunday** Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17



### Lay Servant Basic Course and Evangelism workshop

The training went wonderfully well. Thirteen people were certified in the basic course. In addition three people attended Friday night only, one attended Saturday only (so they were not certified, but appreciated the part of the training they were able to attend). We had eight in the evangelism class with Jeremy Scott; two frequent visitors to our church (Presbyterian from Iowa), one person from Montrose, five from our church. The material and Jeremy's leadership were excellent. We will be using several of the outreach techniques he taught. It was a special event in the life of our church and we expect the benefits to be tangible and long-lasting.

### Children's Church and Youth at UMC of Eagle Valley

Another school year is due to end soon and we look forward to celebrating on May 6<sup>th</sup> with our children as we present Bibles to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and recognize the forward motion of our 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders along with our high school graduates who will move to a new level of education or life in the world as a young adult.

We want to thank those who have helped with our children and youth this year. Though biased I may be, the investment we make now into the lives of our younger participants, may be some of the most important work we do at the UMC of EV. These children and young people have something to say about faith, our church, our place in the community and in the world. We just have to listen.....

To those who helped in teaching this year, thanks for listening!

#### 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday partners: Sue Terbush and Amy Packer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday partners: Anna Bogertman and Jennifer Pronga
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday partners: Deb Gifford and Diane Gress
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Deb Gifford

(And we appreciate our subs! Thank you!)

#### PreK-K classroom

Cindy Scullin....the one and only, dedicated to the youngest children.

A special thanks to Deb Gifford who took on the task of organizing and staffing Children's Church this year. Truth be told, she taught 3 Sundays out of 4 and always those 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, remaining faithful to the organization of bulletins, crafts, snacks and setting up each week's program, making it easy for those of us who came in to teach.

On another note, my special thanks also goes to Diane Gress for her support with youth....realizing the value of those meetings and even the traditional all night sleep over in the church known as the lock-in.

We are currently seeking someone to fill a paid position for the summer to teach Children's Church and would entertain 2 people sharing this position. If you or someone you know would like to discuss, email, call or text the church or me.

If you would like to support our programs now or in the future, let us know. The rewards are pretty awesome.

Blessings,

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### Confirmation

The confirmation class will meet Sunday evening, 20 May, from 6:00 to 7:30, in the youth room. That is our only meeting in May and we will not meet in June. We'll publish a July-August calendar after we discuss everyone's summer plans at our meeting on 20 May. Expect confirmation classes to end before Christmas.



## Happy Birthday!

- 5-02. Gracie Bogertman
- 5-08. Zoe Pier
- 5-09. Pam Albrecht
- 5-09. Nick Deering
- 5-12. Jeanne Mosier
- 5-14. Laura Anzalone
- 5-14. Caryn Yarger
- 5-16. Charla Blizzard
- 5-17. Donna Weber
- 5-18. Tessa Allen
- 5-18. Eli Mirelez
- 5-20. Kylee Smith
- 5-20. Mike McWilliam
- 5-27. Dave Kurt
- 5-29. Kari Pier
- 5-30. Liberty Farmer