

United Methodist Women

Every month women of the church get together to enjoy a nice lunch and great fellowship. The next *First Friday Lunch* will be Friday, July 6, 12:00, at the Gypsum Golf Course. Carpooling is always a great idea. The sign up sheet will be on the UMW table in the church foyer.



The UMW Ladies Night Out at the Gypsum Golf Course, June 13. We also celebrated Linda Wasser's Birthday!

Women's Book Club

The next meeting will be **Tuesday** evening, July 17th, 6:30 at the parsonage, 0211 Golden Eagle Drive. We had hoped to meet at the Spain's new house, but it's not ready yet. The book is *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. Please bring a light appetizer to share. If you don't have time to read the book, plan on coming anyway. Call Robyn Spain for more information (303) 903-8249.

Mark you calendars!

The women's annual camping trip at Yeoman Park will be on September 7th this year. More details later.



Weekly Announcements

If you are interested in receiving a weekly email with church and community information, please contact the church office (970-328-6598 or at office@umcofeaglevalley.org). If you want to include your family in our church directory, please complete the "Contact Information" sheet at the church or contact the office.



Judy Clock & Ruth Lenz
our Super Hero's!

KEEP CALM AND SPARKLE ON

Happy Independence Day!

- (6) UMW *First Friday Lunch* (Gypsum golf course)
- (9) Office will be closed
- (14) Noodle Making I (basement hall, 9am)
- (15) Confirmation Class (Youth room, 6:00 pm)
- (17) Women's Book Club (Parsonage, 6:30pm)

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)
Second Saturday (9-11)

Pastor's Corner Pastor Sid Spain

A friend of mine visits dozens of Methodist congregations every year; he is a consultant on congregational health and vitality. One of the things he told me recently is that almost every church he visits begins by telling him what a friendly and welcoming congregation they are. He said it is usually not true, certainly not to the degree the members assume.

Most congregations pride themselves on how friendly they are, and most fail to make the visitor and stranger feel at home. Apart from a word of welcome from an usher when they enter the church and a brief encounter during the passing of the peace, most congregational members virtually ignore the newcomer. The fellowship time after worship is especially notorious for being a time of visitor isolation. Old friends catch up on the news of the past week and share plans for the coming week. It is an understandable dynamic, we want to spend time with friends, but being understandable does not make it acceptable.

Genuine welcome and hospitality are talents we need to work on and care for all the time, talents we must cultivate intentionally. Hospitality is a gift of the Spirit, and although some of us are more hospitality-gifted, all of us are able to cross the line from our familiar, comfortable relationships to at least graciously acknowledge the presence of the stranger.

Whether we see the stranger as a sister or brother we haven't yet met, or as an angel in disguise, or as Christ in our midst, we should always view the visitor as a mystery presence, brimming with stories to share, a life gifted and filled with sacred potentiality—a *mystery presence* waiting to reveal something new and enriching to whomever shows up. Some come with deep needs; their giftedness may be buried under mounds of disappointment, loneliness, woundedness, self-doubt or introversion—but each one is a child of God, a companion on the journey, and a mystery presence.

I tell people we are a welcoming congregation—our doors, hearts, and minds are open. I believe that is true. Still, we are susceptible to giving the stranger short shrift or even ignoring her or him altogether. We are easily distracted in many ways, and we sometimes have a hard time overcoming our own shyness. Each of us needs to venture as far as we can (at least a little across the line of our comfort) to see, speak to, and welcome the visitor.

The more truly welcoming and friendly we become at church on Sunday morning, the more truly welcoming and friendly we will be wherever we are throughout the week. One of the things that happens when we gather to worship is that we invite and allow the Holy Spirit to make us more like Jesus. Look with me at the Gospels again—how was Jesus with the stranger?





Confirmation

Confirmation will meet only one time in July, Sunday evening the 15th, beginning at 6:00 in the youth room. Confirmands are encouraged to bring their calendars to plan for a session in August and our full schedule in the fall.



Rainbow Trail Day Camp/ Vacation Bible School

August 13-17

Time is running out to register your child for the 2018 RTDC/VBS!

Go to our website at www.umcofeaglevalley.org for registration forms and helpers of all ages send an email to children@umcofeaglevalley.org.

Thoughts to Ponder

*It may be true that every prophet is a pain in the neck,
but it is not true that every pain in the neck is a prophet.*

~~ James Finley

*God is asking me, the unworthy, to forget my unworthiness
and that of my brothers,
and to dare to advance in the love which has
redeemed and renewed us all
in God's likeness.*

And to laugh, after all, at the preposterous idea of "worthiness."

~~Thomas Merton

Scriptures for July

- (1) 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
- (8) 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
- (15) 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
- (22) 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
- (29) 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

Molly Fiore's First Sermon

Molly Fiore is a highly educated professional and a deeply empathetic person. Her training and talents were in clear evidence last month when she preached her first sermon and led her first worship service. I encourage you to make time to ask Molly about the experience. You will be spiritually encouraged by what she has to share.

That Sunday in June was a hugely significant step on Molly's journey into ministry. Because you and I are part of this Christian community, we share a measure of responsibility for Molly's growth in understanding and grace. We are instruments of the Holy Spirit who will offer encouragement, insights, prayers, words of appreciation, and the occasional constructive critique as she grows. Each of us can be a small part of what Molly does and who she becomes in the future, even as she blesses our path and enriches our faith through everything she risks as she becomes a more public presence and witness of God's love and grace. Do not neglect this responsibility, and do not allow this mutually nurturing relationship opportunity to pass you by—such times are rare.



Annual Conference

Louise Carter, Molly Fiore, Kalista Farmer, and hundreds of Methodist in the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Conferences attended the 2018 Joint Annual Conference on June 7-10, in Ogden, Utah. Annual Conference is where all business of all churches of the Conference is discussed as a whole. This 2018 Joint Annual Conference included the Rocky Mountain (Colorado and Utah) and Yellowstone (Montana and Wyoming) Conferences. It was voted, almost unanimously, that the two merge together as one Conference—the Mountain Sky Conference. It was a very interesting and enlightening experience. There were many mission breakout sessions. Molly attended Children's Mental Health, Louise and Kalista attended Housing, Safety & Justice Education & Advocacy. It was certainly eye-opening and helpful for our own ministries. There were also many mission booths. To read more about the 2018 Joint Annual Conference go to:

www.mtnskyumc.org/2018jointannualconference



- 7-02. Calvin Bates
- 7-05. Rachel Sibley
- 7-06. Bonnie Wallace
- 7-07. Cindy Walker
- 7-08. Jennifer Pronga
- 7-12. Cathy Schapiro
- 7-13. Frances Galgan
- 7-13. Tracy Kurt
- 7-19. Mariel Belback
- 7-19. Bobby Henderson
- 7-23. Sue O'Neill
- 7-25. Jasmine Mirelez
- 7-27. Everett Case
- 7-27. Asher Miller
- 7-28. Chris Gifford
- 7-28. Marcia Wild
- 7-30. Kim Dirker
- 7-30. Dakota Kurt
- 7-31. Sam Lounsberry
- 7-31. Ed Smith
- 7-31. Sharyn Smith