



## Chicken Soup day is coming soon!

Many hands make for less work AND lots of fun - a win win!

Here is how you can help:

### 1. Sign up to donate a chicken or two!

Chicken can be the entire bird OR it can be pieces of chicken, it's all what you are comfortable working with.

PLEASE JUST STEWED CHICKEN IN LOTS OF WATER - NO ADDED VEGGIES OR SEASONING

- a touch of salt is OK

PLEASE BRING THE BROTH ALSO - we need lots of broth.

Birds need to be deboned and can be done ahead of time and frozen!

### 2. Pies, Pies and more Pies!

Home made pies, please (crusts can be store bought)

### 3. Sign Up to help in the kitchen at church OR at the pavilion! Both are a lot of fun!



### UMW is seeking a Social Director

Duties include setting up monthly "First Friday Lunches" and quarterly "Ladies Night Out" dinners. If interested please contact Cindy Walker at: [CwalkArt@gmail.com](mailto:CwalkArt@gmail.com) or 860-235-5105. This is an easy job (aprox. two hours a month) and you get to meet and socialize with a fun group of women!

Congratulations Isabella!



Isabella Shirk's  
Baptism (above & right)

Noodle making  
(below)



### Many events in the Food Pantry!

Every year the down valley Elementary and Middle schools along with the police and sheriff departments compete in which school will collect the most non-perishable food to donate. They'll bring the collected food & money to the United Methodist food pantry. This year the drop-off will be November 2nd, 10am. November 3rd, 2:30, will be the "Fill the Vans" food drive, where Epic Mtn. Express will collect food at City Market, then deliver to the food pantry. November 10th, 11:30, Eagle Valley High School will bring in their collected food. Finally, November 17th, 9am, the annual Holiday Food Basket assembly will be held. This is where we build boxes of Thanksgiving dinner items to give to folks in the community that are food insecure. Volunteers are needed to help in all events (unload, sort and stock, pack). Under Sheriff, Mike McWilliam will bring inmates from the jail, but don't worry, they aren't dangerous, they're actually very helpful. Thanks Mike!



## Pastor's Corner

☞ Pastor Sid Spain



(1-9) Church office is closed

(4) Molly Fiore is preaching!

(4) Daylight Savings (set clocks back)

(7) Women's Book Club (6:30, 543 McIntire, Eagle)

(10) A Craftsman's Christmas Market (9:30am-3:30), BC Pavilion

(11,26) Confirmation class (6-7:30pm)

(18) Mile High Gospel Choir will be joining us in worship

(22) Happy Thanksgiving!

Last month I began my twelfth year as your pastor. I spent some time reflecting on the changes we have seen in the past decade; only a few of you remain from the dedicated group that welcomed me in 2007, a few months after Robyn, Denny and I returned to Colorado from Sicily, Robyn's last tour of duty in the Navy. Most of the first seven years I commuted from Lakewood every week, two hours over two passes and through many audiobooks. Usually I left Denver at 5:00 Sunday morning, and returned to my family Tuesday afternoon following lunch at the Senior Center. Robyn and Denny moved to Eagle fulltime after her father died in 2014, and Denny started high school in the Valley. While it is hard for me to believe I have been here over eleven years, it is harder to believe I will retire in less than two years—which brings me to the point of this month's Pastor's Corner.

As the leadership of the church begins to prepare for a new pastor, the reality of our financial resources becomes a serious concern. As a retired naval officer I am fortunate to have a comfortable pension and medical insurance. Because I officially serve the church half-time, the church does not pay into the Annual Conference pension or medical coverage programs—a savings of approximately \$50,000 a year. In order to afford a full-time pastor in the prime of his or her ministry, the church must increase its annual giving by that \$50,000 shortfall. In order for the bishop and cabinet to appoint a fulltime pastor to Eagle, they must see that the church can afford a fulltime appointment. That means we need to demonstrate a steady level of congregational giving to comfortably meet the obligations of such an appointment. That means we need to increase our annual giving in 2020 by at least \$50,000.

The increase will do two things. First, the increased revenues for 2019 and the first six months of 2020 will be held in reserve to ensure we have the money to pay the salary, pension, and medical insurance of the new pastor and her or his family. Second, the new level of giving will assure the Conference that the church can sustain its pastoral support for the future. I cannot over-emphasize how important it is to begin to address this need now.

Your ministry in Eagle Valley is more important and expansive than you may realize. Historically the Methodist church has been the leader in ministry in countless ways not only to those who worship here, but also to the wider community of our neighbors. Our particular, Methodist witness to God's love in Christ has a unique and integral place in the quality of life throughout the Valley. Whenever you have the time, I would love to sit with you and count some of the ways the ministry of your church makes a difference in our community.

My years of ministry in Eagle are one link in a chain of devoted pastoral and lay ministry. As clichéd as it may sound, I truly believe the future of UMCEV will be stronger and more impactful than its past. Your commitment is essential to that Spirit-inspired, purposeful future, when souls will be nurtured and shaped, lives healed and saved. Gifted leadership is essential to the realization of that future. The faithful, generous choices we make in the upcoming months will say much about who we are as God's people, and much about our determination to be even more fully alive and effective in the Spirit for years to come. (Continued on next page)

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)



Pastor's Corner continued.

Our church and the Valley deserve and need the pastoral leadership of a man or woman with the education, experience, energy, and spiritual maturity necessary to meet the challenges of our time and place. I look forward to building on the strengths of our community as long as I am here; there is much to do in solidifying, strengthening, and expanding our programs of education, spiritual growth, and service to others. But *now* is the time to listen to and support some of our leaders as they pray and work to discern and mark out a path to God's future for us. Continue to pray about your role in that future, in part about your financial giving, to ensure we have the leadership we need to sustain the good we have done and press on into new fields of ministry. Now is the time.

### Confirmation

This month's Confirmation meetings will be on the second and fourth Sundays, 11 and 26 November. We meet in the youth room from 6:00 to 7:30.

### Molly is Preaching Again

Pastor Sid and Robyn will be away Sunday, 4 November, attending Sid's 54<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in Washington, DC. Molly Fiore will lead us in worship that Sunday. Molly was accepted into the Master of Divinity program at Iliff last month and will begin her formal seminary study in January. We are blessed to have her in our church, and each of us has a role to play to encourage and help equip her for decades of ministry in service to Christ. Keep Molly in your prayers as she embarks on this remarkable journey—and be blessed in her ministry to all of us.

### Thoughts to Ponder

*The beauty of the earth is a constant play of light and dark, visible and invisible. We perceive and participate in that beauty through the interplay of senses and spirit. Our senses are lanterns that illuminate the world.*

*Beauty is never simply in the mind alone. Beauty awakens us through what we hear, touch, taste, scent, and see.*

*The great traditions have always recognized that beauty is a mysterious presence. Beauty envelops the heart and mind.*

~~John O'Donohue

*The Invisible Embrace Beauty:  
Rediscovering the True Sources of Compassion, Serenity, and Hope*

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*I arise today  
through strength in the sky:  
light of sun  
moon's reflection  
dazzle of fire  
speed of lightning  
wild wind  
deep sea  
firm earth  
hard rock*

*I arise today  
With God's strength to pilot me:  
God's might to uphold me  
God's wisdom to guide me  
God's eye to look ahead for me  
God's ear to hear me  
God's word to speak for me  
God's hand to defend me  
God's way to lie before me  
God's shield to protect me  
God's host to safeguard me.*

~~St Patrick, *The Deer's Cry*



### Scriptures for November

- (4)** Ruth 1:1-18; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
- (11)** Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
- (18)** 1 Samuel 1:4-20; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8
- (25)** 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



### Christmas on Broadway

The Eagle community will begin its holiday celebrations on Saturday, 1 December, with the annual Christmas on Broadway parade. Once again we will serve chicken noodles in front of Batson's. Our Nativity float will be one of the parade leaders. At the end of the parade, our nativity players move from the float and create a tableau in the park. People will pause at the Nativity on their way to the bonfire, children will peer into the manger, and cameras will flash to record small-town family memories. We need a cast of characters to wear the beautiful costumes created by Sharyn Smith; we need creative people to help decorate the float (better than ever before); we need a driver and willing hands to help make the transition from float to park, and back to the church. *Does anyone have access to a sheep, a goat, or burro?*

We can decorate the float Friday evening (30 November) or Saturday morning (1 December), and join in the Hanging of the Greens Saturday afternoon (see other article). Signup sheets are in the foyer and will be passed around during fellowship. Step up, work hard, and enjoy the fruits of your holiday labors!

### Hanging of the Greens

In past years only a handful of people have taken part in the annual *Hanging of the Greens* when we decorate the church for Christmas. We're hoping for greater participation this year; it would be wonderful to have an intergenerational celebration, decorating trees, hanging garlands and wreaths, while sharing Christmas cookies and hot chocolate. Christmas music will be playing and a Christmas movie will be shown for our children and the young at heart. Please be part of this rich holiday tradition, a time for the whole family. We will decorate at the beginning of Advent, coming together Saturday, 1 December. Saturday is also Eagle's annual Christmas on Broadway. We need many hands that day, some working in the kitchen making chicken noodles, workers serving in front of Batson's and shuttling noodles, many decorating the church or working on the float for the parade (see other article).

*Lunch will be served at the church Saturday for all who come and take part in this busy day!*

### Parsonage Christmas Party

The annual Spain family Christmas party will be in their new home, 543 McIntire Street, at the corner of McIntire and 6<sup>th</sup>. As before, there will be plenty of good food prepared by Robyn and a selection of drinks including steaming cups of mulled apple cider. Expect a football game on the television, a movable feast of friends from church and the neighborhood, a children's Christmas video, and a possible visit from Santa Claus. This year the party will be Sunday afternoon, 16 December, from 12:00 to 3:00. Come and stay for the whole time or drop in for a drink and a bite to eat before moving on to another holiday commitment or to the cozy warmth of your own home. Mark your calendars now.



- 11-02. Steve Mallory
- 11-04. James Quenon
- 11-07. Joel Bogertman
- 11-09. Lily Pier
- 11-09. Michelle Quenon
- 11-09. Josh Sibley
- 11-10. Pat Eddings
- 11-10. Tim Quealy
- 11-12. Jason Mirelez
- 11-13. Jeff Kenney
- 11-14. Janet Southerlan
- 11-15. Christina Stadfeld
- 11-15. Jeff Yarger
- 11-17. Lynn Kelly
- 11-20. Will Packer
- 11-21. Scotland Farmer
- 11-21. Diane Holmes
- 11-22. Dylan Barker
- 11-23. Marita Bledsoe
- 11-24. Priscilla Bapp
- 11-24. Chase Cossette
- 11-25. Mikaela Gifford
- 11-26. Judy Williamson
- 11-27. Gage Harper
- 11-29. Mary Arnold
- 11-30. Charlotte Anzalone
- 11-30. Robyn Spain



### Women's Book Club

The ladies meet Wednesday, 7 November, at 6:30 at 543 McIntire Street at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and McIntire in Eagle. This month's book is *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules*, by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg. This is a great opportunity to read an entertaining book and share an evening with a fun group of ladies. A bottle of wine will be uncorked, soft drinks will be provided, and participants bring a variety of tasty snacks to share. Read the book (or don't) and come for a lively evening.