



DOVER CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION TRIP July 13TH through the 16th 2018

This is an independent Christian church in a town of 400 people that averages approximately 100 in attendance each Sunday from a membership of 135. It was my childhood church until my family moved away when I was 6 years old.

The mission was to put new siding and a new roof on an aging mobile home which was the residence of a widow of that congregation. Keep in mind this was Oklahoma in July. We worked in 100 degree temperature with 90 plus percent humidity and for the most part little or no wind. Several of the team members brought extra t-shirts, as one would get soaked with sweat they would change to a new one. At any given time there were 15 of us working on the project, plus several ladies at the church that made us a hot lunch each of the two days.

We were able to completely reside and install new skirting on the mobile home in that two day period. Over the next couple of weekends the roof was installed and the siding was painted.

This crew was made up of everyday people. Most of whom had two jobs. They farm the family land and have a 40 hour a week day job. At the end of the second day we joined in a prayer circle and dedicated the work to the Lord then all went their separate ways.

The feeling you experience after contributing to one of these missions certainly drives home the fact that we as Christians all know all too well. *IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE.*

Jay Corr



Women's Book Club

The next Women's book club meeting will be Wednesday evening, October 3, 6:30 at the Spain's new home, 543 McIntire, in old Eagle. The book is *Breakfast With Buddha*, by Rolland Merullo. 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 questions (303) 903-8249.



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 or 860-235-5105. This is an easy job (approx. two hours a month) and you get to meet and socialize with a fun group of women!

2018 Women's camp trip



Noodle Making



United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

Serving Our Congregation and Community

October

(2) Pastor Sid preaching, 2:00

(3) Women's book Club

(7) World Communion Sunday, Isabella Shirk Baptism

(8) Columbus Day

(14, 28) Confirmation (6-7:30pm)

(14) Barbara Meese's last day.

(21) Laity Sunday

(27) Noodle Making

(31) Halloween 

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

I regularly try to find ways to help us all grow in faith, understanding, and service in the name of Christ. I know many of you want to grow, nourish the wisdom of your souls, and find ways to live more purposeful and full lives—lives overflowing with a surfeit of grace. We want to walk closer with Jesus.

How can we become wiser and more fully alive? Of course, good things already happen in our community, but many if not most of us feel there can be more. Traditional answers to our spiritual yearnings are more Bible studies, and more small groups for prayer, spiritual reading, discussion, accountable fellowship, and service. We've made efforts to schedule and provide those kinds of opportunities, but more often than not our efforts have been frustrated—often by the incredibly busy schedules of many in our congregation.

One of the challenges to building a more nurturing community is the exponential growth of organized activities for our children and youth, many of them scheduled for Sunday morning or requiring hours of travel to activities and competitions. For most young families, the idea of a day of rest or Sabbath is a fantasy, unrealistic and unattainable.

I am a great fan of youth sports, dance, theater, and commitments to groups like 4H and scouts. Good coaches, leaders and teachers are potentially among the most positively influential people in our lives. But a truly rich and abundant life is not realized without balance, and without intentionally working with God's Spirit to build a strong core of values and spiritual wisdom. Our current culture of organized youth activities is simply out of balance.

Last month I heard several stories about how secondary activities were threatening to take over a family. One young man goes from school to training for a sport and arrives home late in the evening several nights a week. He only has time to eat, bathe, and go to bed. The irreplaceable harmonies of quiet time with family are lost.

Busy, busy, busy days, all well-intentioned, crowd out moments we need to spend together consciously and unconsciously sharing our truest values.

If we shuttle our children from one event to another, one season of sport to another, or from one regional gymnastic competition or theatrical audition to another, we turn over too much of who they are becoming to other people and to inarticulate cultural values that are very different from God's dream of the way we are to live together. Some of our most precious values as citizens of a free country and as Christians are being eroded by our busy, breathless passion to stay active.

We don't need to single out our culture's almost frantic devotion to youth sports and activities. How many of us fill our days with similar activities and diversions? What proportion of our time is spent in prayer and contemplation, or in substantive, inquisitive reading that nurtures our relationship with God and expands our understanding of the world compared to the time we spend watching television? What are we doing to become more competent human beings, knowledgeable and increasingly able to penetrate the superficialities of an increasingly shallow world?

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Pastor's Corner continues.

I don't want to make any of this sound burdensome or odious. A truly spiritual life is not about dismal hours of self-denial and boring Bible reading. A measure of self-denial and time to read the Bible are good things, but the rhythms of authentic spirituality cover the landscape of human being. A truly spiritual life is an adventure—disciplined and free. There may be spiritual moments in an organized soccer game, but surely the possibilities of creative growth and wonder are greater when we allow a child simply to *play* in the park—the world of imagination is a spiritual wonderland. There are television programs that inspire and enrich our lives, but something else happens in the silence and soft light of a good read. What roads we travel when we sit with friends and simply talk about our lives, now and then touching on the things that really matter to us!

My concerns and thoughts are too plentiful and complex to exhaust in this short article, but we need to talk about the ways we are being herded through our lives by forces we only think we control. Our secular culture works to dictate lesser values and shape us into patterns of behavior that stunt our growth as human beings. One of the great works of the church is to help us all develop holy habits—rituals and rhythms of life that enrich and enliven instead of dull our senses and atrophy our values. What new ways can we discover, what old ways can we revitalize, to help us be more awake and more alive as we walk, talk, do and be with God—together?

Scriptures for October

- (7) Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
- (14) Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
- (21) Job 38:1-7; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
- (28) Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

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. We Methodists will be one of the parade leaders with our traditional Nativity float. At the end of the parade, our nativity players will 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 players to wear the beautiful costumes created by Sharyn Smith; we need creative people to help decorate the float (we really want to step up the color of our parade presence this year); 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). Recruiting begins soon. Step up, work hard, and enjoy the fruits of your holiday labors! Check out the city website for more information. <http://eaglechamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/christmas-on-broadway-1044>

Thought to Ponder

Our dreams reveal to us the basic truth of life: years are biological; the spirit is eternal. The number of our years does not define us. There is in the human being a life force that never dies.

It is the life force that proves to us that age does not fossilize us.

Down deep, where our souls live, we stay forever young.

It is this surging, driving force that brings us to the bar of life every day of our lives, whatever our age, however much we have been through, prepared to live life to the hilt again.

~Joan Chittister

Laity Sunday

The third Sunday of this month, 21 October, has been designated *Laity Sunday* by the Mountain Sky Conference (formerly the Rocky Mountain Conference). The Conference newsletter identifies that Sunday this way:

Laity Sunday is a Special Sunday established by the General Conference and scheduled for the third Sunday in October. This day provides a focused opportunity to celebrate the ministry of all Lay Christians.

We have something **very special** planned for Laity Sunday this year. Thanks to a generous anonymous contribution, we will enjoy the special, powerful musical ministry of a black gospel group from Denver, a group that performed in Vail earlier this year. Plan coming early to find your seat; we expect a standing-room-only crowd. The performance will last about 45 minutes; the entire service will be about an hour and 15 minutes long. You won't want to miss it. Mark your calendar and look for more information.



Barbara Meese



We are really sorry to have Barbara Meese leave Eagle, even as we celebrate her move to be near her family in Texas. Barbara has been a faithful, creative and stalwart member of the church and the entire community. One of the first to welcome Pastor Sid, Robyn, and Denny to the church, Barbara ministered in many ways; lay delegate to Annual Conference for several years, co-lay leader for at least two years, a steady, driving presence in United Methodist Women, organizer and coordinator of the annual Christmas Bazaar, and a trusted advisor and confidante to her many friends. She also shared her gifts with the wider community, transforming the Eagle Visitors Center into a warm, welcoming place for visitors while making it financially stable and profitable. Barbara's shared her faith in tangible ways with many transients, stranded and needy—always including the church in finding ways to help those in greatest need. We will miss you, Barbara, in more ways than we can say!

Isabella's Baptism

We are blessed to be celebrating Isabella Shirk's baptism on Sunday, 7 October. It will be a rich, sacramental Sunday—a beautiful child's baptism, and the celebration of Holy Communion on World Communion Sunday. Count on a short sermon that day!

One of Isabella's godparents, Spencer, Jake Shirk's youngest brother, will not be able to join us in person. He had planned to be here, but an unexpected Navy deployment came up following Hurricane Florence. Hopefully, Spencer will be able to be with us online in the sanctuary. The blessings of our sacraments blended with the wonders of modern science!

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 the trees, hanging the 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 either Saturday, 1 December or Sunday afternoon the 2nd. Saturday is also Eagle's annual Christmas on Broadway. We need many hands that day, some working in the kitchen making chicken noodles, workers in front of Batson's and shuttling noodles, many decorating the church or working on the float for the parade (see other article). Firm plans will be published by the beginning of November.

Parsonage Christmas Party

This will be the first time the Spain's annual Christmas party will be in their new home, 543 McIntire Street, at the corner of McIntire and 6th. The location will be different, but everything else will be pretty much the same: plenty of good food prepared by Robyn and a selection of drink including steaming cups of mulled apple cider, likely football 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 bite to eat before moving on to another holiday commitment.

Mark your calendars now.



- 10-03. Bob Westfall
- 10-06. Donna Gress
- 10-06. Dave TerBush
- 10-07. Sam Boyd
- 10-07. Leslie Lee
- 10-07. Amanda Lingle
- 10-09. Jack Sibley
- 10-11. Todd Horn
- 10-11. Emily Pritchard
- 10-12. Ceily Patriacca
- 10-12. Isabella Shirk
- 10-14. Judy Clock
- 10-14. Jeremy Cossette
- 10-15. Scott Lingle
- 10-15. Scott Miller
- 10-17. Katherine McCorvey
- 10-17. Christie Plymell
- 10-18. Ella Hooper
- 10-18. Darlene Pritchard
- 10-19. Grace Packer
- 10-22. Noah Arnhold
- 10-22. Cristian Basso
- 10-22. Mary Kessler
- 10-22. Christy Pope
- 10-23. Steve Quiring
- 10-25. Kurt Keiser
- 10-25. Cindy Scullin
- 10-30. Bill Harris
- 10-31. Fred Rosa