



United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

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UMW Bazaar and Chicken Noodle Dinner



Scriptures for the month of December

December 4th: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
 December 11th: Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28
 December 18th: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
 Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14
 Christmas Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14
 December 31st: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 37:1-11; 1 Peter 1; John 15:1-8



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Serving Our Congregation and Community

Events and Church Happenings:

- **Saturday, December 3th**
- Hanging of the Greens 9:00 am
- Christmas on Broadway 4 - 7 pm
 - **Sunday, December 4th**
- Communion
- **Advent 2**
 - **Friday, December 9th**
- All Committee Reports Due
 - **Saturday, December 10th**
- **Parsonage Open House 4-7pm**
 - **Sunday, December 11th**
- Children's Christmas Program (during Worship Service 10am)
- **Advent 3**
 - **Sunday, December 17th**
- **UMCEV Charge Conference 10:00 am**
- Christmas Food Basket Assembly Fellowship Hall 9-12
 - **Sunday, December 18th**
- Pastor's Pantry
- **Advent 4**
- **No 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm Service**
 - **Saturday, December 24th**
Christmas Eve
- Worship Services:
 4:00 Gypsum
 6:00 Eagle (Family Service)
 8:00 Eagle
- **Sunday, December 25th**
Merry Christmas!!!
- **No 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm Service**
 - **Saturday, December 31st**
Watch Night Service 7:00pm

Sundays in Eagle

(333 2nd Street)

10:00 am

Traditional Worship

Children's Church

- **Grades:** K - 2 & Grades 3 - 5
- **Nursery:** Newborn - 2 years old

6:00 pm

Contemplative Service

Sundays in Gypsum

(118 Eagle Street)

4:00 pm

Chapel Service

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Sid Spain

Two words that appear in many of the scriptures used during Advent are *wait* and *wake*. December is a month of waiting in the church and around the world. Ask any child about December waiting. In December worship we wait in anticipation of the birth of Christ, and we wait for his second coming, the day of his appearing to fully realize the kingdom of God on earth and to set the world right forever. We wait for Christ like a child waits for Christmas morning, forward-leaning, joy-anticipating. Hope and the thrill of unknowing, the familiar mystery of it, are all part of our waiting. We wait.

The scriptures tell us to wake up and be awake. Our souls do slumber through the December days; our spirits nod off as the waiting goes on. While our minds and our bodies hurry to exhaustion toward Christmas, our souls slumber and our spirits doze. Shopping and home-grown and community-planned festivals fill our calendars and capture our attention. It is easy to lose our focus in the hurry and to drift away from any sense of the Spirit of the season. For many of us, church or even a simple time of prayer, become another appointment on a busy calendar or an easy option to neglect. In a season of escalating hurry and exhaustion we need to hear the steady sound of those one-syllable Advent words, *wait* and *wake*. What a blessing they can be; what a relief they can bring to our weary, drowsy souls and spirits.

I remember what it was like to wait on the edge of my days and to hear my father calling me to wake up. Dad was a fisherman. Early in the week he would tell me we were going fishing on Saturday. During the week I would check the tackle box for hooks and bobbers, and test the line on my reel and pole. Finally Friday would come and I'd go to bed early. Dad believed the sunrise should find us at the lake, our first cast racing the sun to the water's surface. The wait was always worth it and, no matter how deeply I slept, when I heard his voice I woke up.

Advent waiting and wakefulness is like that. There is simplicity and purity in the call to step aside from the rush and crush of our traditional December days and to wake up to the Spirit and to the breathtaking loveliness and promise waiting for us in every breath we take. We wait for something special, the most special of all things, and we listen for the voice of our Father calling us to wake up to the best of all days.

Inspirational Thought

"We may not be physically asleep; quite the opposite. But in our wakefulness to worldly ways, we fall asleep to the spiritual season, and so we need a wake-up call".—Lillian Daniel



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Christmas Week



Christmas doesn't end on December 25th. We will celebrate the season of the birth and coming of Christ until Epiphany, the 6th of January. The labyrinth will be placed in the fellowship hall on Tuesday following Christmas Day and available for prayer and meditation at scheduled hours throughout the week. On Saturday night, December 31st, we will gather for a traditional watch-night service at 7:00 pm. We will use **John Wesley's Covenant Service** to help shape our worship on New Year's Eve.

Parsonage Open House



Christmas Eve Services

This year's open house will be on Saturday the 10th of December from 4:00 to 7:00. The Spain family invites you to come for the entire gathering or to stop by whenever and for as long as you can. There will be plenty to eat and drink, time to take a breather from a hectic week and catch up with others in the church are doing.

We will celebrate our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight services three times this year. The first service will be in Gypsum beginning at 4:00. There will two services in Eagle; a service for all the family at 6:00 with the last service beginning at 8:00.

Youth Activities

in December

- Saturday, 12/3, 9am decorate church
- Sunday, 12/4, 10am Straight Talk
- Sunday, 12/11, 4pm FLY
- **Friday, 12/16, 6:30pm Christmas Party at Cynthia's**
- Sunday, 12/18, 10am Bible Study

2011 Church/Charge Conference, December 17th

District Superintendent and former Eagle and Gypsum pastor Steve Goodier will officiate **at this year's conference.** All church committees will present reports to recount our 2011 achievements and identify challenges, plans and goals for 2012. This is an opportunity to hear an account of many of the things we have accomplished this year, consider the goals for the coming year, ask your questions and share your constructive thoughts about who we are as a church and where we hope to go in the coming months. Please mark your calendars and join us for an hour at 10:00 on Saturday morning, December 10th. A time for refreshment and conversation will follow the conference.

UMW Simple Supper on Halloween Night



Grace Kathryn Packer born 10/19/11

End of Year Finances

✉ by Bob Westfall

As we draw closer to the end of the year and ramp up for the Christmas season, Finance would like to encourage you to continue to support our church with your giving. Year-to-date our donations, rent income and weekly offerings stand at \$9,900. Through your generosity, we have met all our obligations this year—and more. We have funded several significant projects including painting the church and repairing the ramp serving our fellowship hall. In the closing weeks of the year, however, our expenditures have exceeded our income and our balance-on-hand has measurably decreased. Some of our unmet needs in 2011 are a request from the Trustees to paint the parsonage and replace the parsonage carpeting. The Staff Pastor-Parish Relations committee is requesting funding for Pastor Sid to attend a 2012 week-long educational retreat in Washington State.

Your Finance committee is studying various resources and intends to organize a Stewardship Campaign in the early spring of 2012. With financial commitments from members and friends we can better forecast the income to help generate an all-church budget for 2012. It has been several years since we have developed and operated under a planned budget.

We urge your continued financial support for the important task of maintaining a fiscally healthy presence in our community. In addition we would ask you to take some time and prayerfully consider making a special gift to your church before year end.

Christmas Food Baskets with Salvation Army of Eagle County

Description: Being a Christmas Food Basket Volunteer is a great way to donate time instead of money. You will help assemble and deliver Christmas food to families throughout the Eagle Valley. These families are suggested to us by Health and Human Services, Eagle Food Pantry and other help agencies in the valley. This is a great activity for friends, families, all ages!

Where: Avon Elementary School
& United Methodist Church in Eagle
Date: Saturday, December 17th, 2011
Time: 9am - 12pm



Children's Christmas Musical

Join us on Sunday, December 11th during Worship Service at 10:00 am **for the Children's Christmas Musical "The Chronicles of Suburbia."** There will be a dress rehearsal during Christmas on Broadway at Health on Broadway at 4:30 pm on Saturday, December 3rd.

Hanging of the Greens

Join us in the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 am. Breakfast is provided. A time of fun and fellowship as we decorate the church for the upcoming Christmas Season.



God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.



December Birthdays

- 12/01 **Jake Borah**
- 12/01 **Kim Borah**
- 12/01 **Joyce Engstrom**
- 12/02 **Maddox Rose**
- 12/03 **Mike Bradbury**
- 12/03 **Misty Clark**
- 12/03 **Ryan Wood**
- 12/04 **Maria Crabb**
- 12/05 **David Metz**
- 12/06 **Daryn Arnold**
- 12/06 **Keenan Collett**
- 12/09 **Bob Holmes**
- 12/11 **Darlene Steiger**
- 12/13 **Shelby Delaney**
- 12/13 **Barbara Ann Fischer**
- 12/15 **Louise Carter**
- 12/16 **Taylor Collett**
- 12/19 **Billy Johnson**
- 12/19 **Jaden Pope**
- 12/19 **Joshua Reichardt**
- 12/21 **Ed Arnold**
- 12/22 **Diane Barker**
- 12/23 **Vanie Habiger**
- 12/23 **Irv Ray**
- 12/24 **Brian Claydon**
- 12/26 **Tonya Farmer**
- 12/26 **Johanna Jensen**
- 12/26 **Cheryl Thomas**
- 12/29 **Jessica Hartley**
- 12/30 **Dylan Fessenden**