



United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

Serving Our Congregation and Community

Events and Church Happenings:

- **Sunday, June 5th**
- UMW Sunday
- **Sunday, June 12th**
- New Members Welcomed
- Youth Bible Study 10:00 am
- Trustees 12:15 pm
- **Monday, June 13th**
- Ad Council Mtg. 6:59 pm
- **Thu-Sat, June 15 - June 18**
- **RMCUMC Annual Conference**
- **Sunday, June 19th**
- **Father's Day**
- Pastor's Pantry
- **Sunday, June 26th**
- Youth Bible Study, 10:00 am
- Trustees 12:15 pm
- **Monday, June 27th**
- UMCEV hosts Simple Supper

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Sid Spain

We finished the formal days of our Confirmation studies in May, but as we know, this important milestone in the Christian life is part of a greater journey of faith. I will miss our Sunday evenings together; each of these young people is a bright, engaging, very much alive individual, and together they are a model of the joy and mutual affection possible in Christian community. It was a blessing to be with them.

A few weeks ago we focused on the nature of the commitment they were considering. I reminded them they were under no compulsion to be confirmed. They were making a personal choice and testifying to their personal faith. We talked of faith and confession, sin and salvation, worship and service, grace and goodness. Although the subject of sin had come up before, that evening they had some specific questions.

"What if I'm just having a bad day and say something cruel to someone. Is that a sin?" "Is it really a sin to say bad words?" An interesting discussion ensued. Then we talked about being two-faced or hypocritical. They were all over that!

I spent the next couple days thinking about hypocrisy. During those days I was intimately involved with some people who were not conventionally religious (if there is such a thing these days). They were, however, struggling with huge questions of faith, not abstractly but personally and painfully. Late one night I realized that hypocrisy is more complicated and more diverse than I had thought. Pure and calculated hypocrisy is an ugly thing, an intentional masking of the truth to deceive others for personal gain—unjustly garnering their respect or admiration. **Among the first rank of those I've thought of as hypocrites are** those who pretend to be religious when they are not, kind when they are cruel, caring when they are self-absorbed. That is a lonely hypocrisy, ugly, lonely and sad. But there is a softer hypocrisy, those hypocrites like most of us, whose sincere desire to be good sometimes spills over into pretence.

Secret acts of kindness
known only to God
are blessings
beyond words
in the human heart.

~ Pastor Sid Spain ~
Sermon, 15 May 2011

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

Sundays in Gypsum
(118 Eagle Street)

4:00 pm Chapel Service

Lately I've begun to recognize another hypocrisy, a mirror image of the hypocrisy I've always assumed. I meet people who are staunch and determined not to be religious, certainly not to betray any obvious spiritual inclination. I've realized many of them are holding something at bay, unwilling to admit or even acknowledge a persistent rumbling of another reality, a Presence deep in their hearts (they would probably only talk about their "hearts" with their cardiologist). Theirs is another soft hypocrisy, something they recognize in moments of unexpected loss or distress, unexpected beauty or tenderness. Like all hypocrisy it leaves us fragmented, lonelier and sadder, denying the deep and graceful truths that make us whole.



Be a Part of the Historical Church Cookbook by Robyn Spain

Hello, Folks! The church cookbook is really on its way. We're using a publishing company recommended by a member of the church that will make the book look professional. We're also including about 25 recipes from a wonderful 1912 church cookbook the Gress family gave me. Some of you will recognize names of those who contributed 100 years ago, and you'll enjoy reading their recipes. One says to *use a chicken, preferably one that is a year old*. Okay, they had chickens in their backyards then!

I do have 16 recipes without names; please check the list at church and if one of the recipes is yours, please add your name. If you have recipes to add, please type them onto the following website. I will type the ones that have already been provided. It is very easy to use the website, and I hope to have at least one recipe from everyone in the church. Have fun.

Directions

Go to www.typensave.com. Hit Login. Contributor: your name or the name of the person providing the recipe. Group Login: yummyfoods . Password: g39ws.

Click on add recipes upper left corner. Fill in: contributor (should already be there), recipe title, category section (not subsection), ingredients, directions, and recipe notes.

The recipe notes section is where you put any special preparation hints and/or historical notes about the recipe. An example would be, "My grandmother, Betty Smith, brought this over with her from Ohio in 1884 in a covered wagon." Or something like, "My dad always loved this when my mom fixed this for Christmas." After you enter the recipe notes hit the check spelling and preview recipe buttons. Make corrections or edit as necessary.

Be sure you contribute at least one recipe so you can be part of our church cookbook history.

Inspirational Thought

The native mountaineering guides in the Himalayas, known as sherpas, are intimately acquainted with the face of Mount Everest. However, they know it only from one side—the view from their home valley. They have been known to respond in disbelief to images of Everest taken from the other sides. Their disbelief changes to one of amazement when they realize that something with which they are so familiar can have other sides to it.

(from Jacob Bronowski's *Science and Human Values*, quoted in *The Christian Century*, May 17, 2011)

2011 Sunshine Mountain Preschool Graduates



Congratulations!

Davis Armitage
Drew Dodds
Armando Fuentes
Catherine Delaney
Rylee Sharkey
Olivia Dawson
Quinn Juif
Adriana Almanza
Ryder Conley

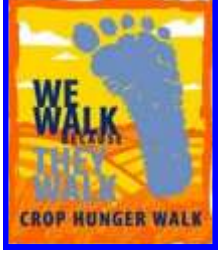
And thanks to
our Director,
Eva Martinez
and her teaching
staff for another
great year!



Crop Walk for Hunger: May 1st,



Thank you to all of the leaders, donors and volunteers who made this wonderful event possible.



The CROP Walk was a huge success! THANK YOU to everyone who participated. We want to thank Pastor Sid for encouraging us to get this event started, the people who volunteered their time, those who donated money, walkers, those who prayed..... Thank you!!!! We had over 200 walkers, and to date, we've raised more than \$11,000! If you are still interested in donating to this great cause, checks can be given to Andrea Arnhold (made to CWS/CROP) or go to www.cropwalkonline.org/eageco.





GET INVOLVED!!!

*Have you considered being a part
of the church leadership?*

If you are interested in learning more about a committee, please contact Pastor Sid at 376-1688, Marcia Keiser (Advisory Council Chairperson) at 337-2254 or Christie in the office: 328-6598.

We will be happy to answer any questions.

Our church is dependent on its Lay (non-clergy) Leadership as well as congregational participation and guidance in order to operate smoothly and offer its community and spiritual events as well as its community and charitable outreach.

[We literally must work together to make it all happen.](#)

[We could use your help now or in the future.](#)

We will be adding to our committee membership in June.

Please think about how you could participate.

No experience required; just a willingness to help
and a love for the church and its congregation.

???? What are your interests, gifts and talents ????

Lay Leadership Groups and Committees:

Money/Accounting? = Finance Committee

Building/Landscaping/Decorating/Maintenance? = Trustee Committee

Human Resources/Guidance? = Staff-Parish Committee

Teacher/Parent/Love for Children? = **Children's Ministry**

Teacher/Parent/Love for Young People? = Youth Ministry

Musician/Choir/Worship Service Enhancement? = Music Ministry

Worship Services/Production/Leading People? = Worship Committee

People skills/Socialite?/Welcoming? = Evangelism & Membership Committee

Other Organizations in our Church that could use your help:

Eagle County Community Food Ministries:

- Simple Supper
- Food Pantry

Men's / Women's organizations

- United Methodist Men
- United Methodist Women



Hooper Baptisms, May 15th



The Grapevine
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Contemplative Service

The Sunday evening
Contemplative
service will be
discontinued
until September.



Left to right: Finn, Christina, Bret & Carson

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.



Fight Cancer - Join the Team - Relay for Life

The United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley has a team and our website is up and running. The date is July 15 & 16th from 6pm-7:00am at Battle Mountain High School if you would like to join you can log-on to Eagle Relay for Life and join the team. If you need more information contact Diane Gress at 328-6921 or diboo21@yahoo.com.



Cancer has taken far too many
of our friends and family! Let's fight back together!!!

June Birthdays

- 6/01 June Sadler
- 6/02 Chris Minton
- 6/02 Seth Kuhn
- 6/04 Ryan Steiger
- 6/04 Sue Terbush
- 6/08 Diane Gress
- 6/08 Jameson Lee
- 6/09 Terrie Fischer
- 6/10 Angela Brown
- 6/10 Lillian Reynolds
- 6/13 Pat McCollum
- 6/14 Erin Cochrane
- 6/18 Jim Duke
- 6/18 Nancy Lyon
- 6/19 Mandy Crabb
- 6/19 Emily Martinez
- 6/22 Fran Jones
- 6/24 Nate Barker
- 6/24 Joyce Chizmadia
- 6/24 Dan Delaney
- 6/24 Juanita Eaton

Opportunity to Join the Church

Several of you have said you want to join the church. We will have many opportunities for you to do that in the coming months, but the celebration of Pentecost is one of the festivals the church has traditionally identified for welcoming new members to the community of faith. We will do that during our worship service this Pentecost, June 12th. Please contact Pastor Sid and/or Christie Plymell if you want to join that day, by profession of faith or by the transfer of your membership from another church.

Sundays 5 and 19 June

Pastor Spain will be out of town two Sundays in June. The United Methodist Women will lead us in worship on the 5th of June, sharing from their rich tradition of ministry and the dynamic on-going work they do in our community and beyond. Dale and Jeanne Mosier will lead our worship on the 19th of June. Dale and Jeanne served in the Peace Corps for many years both in the field and as regional coordinators in Africa. Both Sundays will offer insight and vision into the great variety and powerful, practical effects of the work of the Holy Spirit both in our neighborhood and around the world.



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Open Minds.
Open Doors.

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Photos courtesy of Don Gress

Mother's Day Tea, May 7th, 2011

Scriptures for the month of June

June 5th: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 or 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

OR: Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

June 12th: Pentecost: Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-35; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

June 19th: The Holy Trinity: Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

June 26th: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42