



He is Risen

United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

Serving Our Congregation and Community

Events and Church Happenings:

- **Sunday, May 1st**
- Communion Sunday
CROP WALK FOR HUNGER
2:00 pm - Eagle Ranch
- **Sunday, May 8th**
- **Mother's Day Tea, 12:00 pm**
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- Youth Bible Study, 10:00 am
- Trustees 12:15 pm
- Methodist / Lutheran 2nd Sunday
in Gypsum at 4:00 pm
- **Friday, May 13th, 5:30 pm**
- **UMW's Freedom Friday**
- **Sunday, May 15th**
- Hooper Baptism
- Confirmation 5:00 pm
- **Sunday, May 22nd**
- Youth Bible Study, 10:00 am
- Trustees 12:15 pm
- Pastor's Pantry
- **Monday, May 22nd**
- UMCEV hosts Simple Supper
- **Friday, May 27th**
Sunshine Mountain Pre-school Graduation 6:45 pm
- **Sunday, May 29th**
Confirmation Celebration
- 9:00am in Gypsum
at 1st Lutheran church
- 10:00am in Eagle
- 11:00 am Reception in Eagle
- **Monday, May 30th**
Memorial Day Holiday
- UMW hosts Simple Supper

Pastor's Corner

✪ Pastor Sid Spain

Once again, the days of Lent have worked their alchemy of grace in me. Under the gray skies of March and April I followed the rhythms of winter turning to spring and the cadence of scriptures designated for the season. I walked the labyrinth and listened to the familiar and ancient chants of monks and other singers. I sat on the riverbank and listened to snowmelt tumble over river rocks. I watched deer nibble at new green grass and looked for bluebirds. I slowed down—and looked—and listened.

Before I go to sleep at night I usually read a few pages of **whatever novel I've chosen for the month, but during Holy Week I read from a small book of poems by Mary Oliver. Reading poetry is not like reading prose. I've never been a speed reader, but I can cover the chapters of a novel at pretty fast pace. It's different with poetry. The book is thin and there are only a few words staggered on each page and large swatches of white with no words at all, but there is no sense in trying to rush over the words printed there. We have to slow down to read poetry, leave time for the words to germinate or ferment in our minds and souls. Poems are slow and thoughtful, antidote to frenzy and the false lure of urgency. It takes time to get to know a poem. I am able to breathe when I read a poem.**

Right before I slipped into sleep a few nights ago, I had a thought. *Jesus is a poem.* Jesus is a poem—it takes time to get to know him. **That's true of all those we love, isn't it? It takes time to get to know them. We have to go slow, to be with them, and look, and listen. I think of the tomes of theology I've read over the years, hours buried in the stacks of the seminary library, more years at my desk preparing for sermons and studies for church and classroom. None of that time was wasted, the hard work of study and thought, wrestling with ideas trying to understand what is true and worthwhile—all an important part of being fully human. But Jesus is a poem and we cannot know him by reading and living fast and furious. We must sit with him, listen to the few words scattered across the day and rest in the white spaces.**

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

7 pm Contemplative Service

Sundays in Gypsum

(118 Eagle Street)

4 pm Chapel Service



Josh Farmer

Please take a moment to thank our Tech Guy, Josh Farmer, for getting our sound and video system fully functional. He has done a great job for us! And he also buffed the floor in Fellowship Hall for the labyrinth!



Fragment

My work is loving the world.
Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird—
equal seekers of sweetness.
Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.
Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.

Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?
Am I no longer young, and still not half-perfect? Let
me keep
my mind on what matters,
which is my work,

which is mostly standing still and learning to be
astonished.

(From *Messenger* by Mary Oliver)

The Alms Box

An ancient but new tradition in our worship on communion Sundays is the small offerings box placed in the center of the aisle in front of the altar. As you come forward to receive communion you are encouraged to make a small offering, a few coins or a dollar or two, money that will be used to help meet emergency needs of people who come to the office during the week. We **don't keep much money in box, but a small, timely gift for food, fuel, or help in finding shelter** can make all the difference for an individual or family in need. This can be a meaningful moment in worship, especially for our children, an opportunity to give prayerfully to help meet the needs of others even as we come to receive the gift of God that satisfies our deepest needs.

Confirmation Service

The 2010-2011 Confirmation class will be confirmed on Sunday, 29 May. A service will be held at 9:00 at 1st Lutheran in Gypsum and at 10:00 in Eagle. A special reception in celebration of their successful completion of their studies and to welcome them into their new role in our congregations will follow our worship service.



Crop Walk to End Hunger; May 1st, 2011

Mark your calendars! We are going to have the CROP Hunger Walk in Eagle Ranch on Sunday, May 1 at 2pm!

This is an effort to raise money and awareness for hungry people of the world and Eagle County.

Of course we want EVERYONE to walk - 1K or 5K. We also need people to help plan and organize this wonderful event. We especially need someone from our church to be a team leader. You would get people so sign up for the walk. If you are interested, please contact Andrea Arnhold at 328-6028 or a_sprung@hotmail.com.



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God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.



Lay Speaker Training

We would like to bring a Lay Speaker training event to Eagle and have as many of you as possible participate. Lay Speaker training is an excellent program that covers much more than the title implies. It does provide training and certification for Conference Lay Speakers, but also provides a quality forum for discussion of theology and relevant church issues of the day. Some who take the training join the pool of Lay Speakers who are available to lead worship services at their home church and in other churches across the state. Others decide not to become Lay Speakers but benefit from the training, gaining greater insight into and understanding of the workings of the church. If you are interested, contact Pastor Sid for more information about this valuable opportunity.

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.

May Birthdays

5/01 Roland Reese
5/02 Doris Andrews
5/02 Pete Nolan
5/03 Shannon Henderson
5/03 Bernice White
5/04 Drew Dodds
5/06 Shari Wood
5/07 Diedre Reichardt
5/08 Jackson Nation
5/09 Nick Derring
5/10 Jimmy Fessenden
5/10 Matt Wood
5/11 Jonathon Hibbs
5/11 Ian Savage
5/14 Caryn Yarger
5/16 Charla Blizzard
5/16 Julie Ridgeway
5/18 Tessa Allen
5/19 Paul Kunkel
5/20 Christina Martinez
5/20 Mike McWilliam
5/21 Ella Bindley
5/28 Rhonda Tatham
5/28 Chris Weathers
5/30 Liberty Foster

UMW EVENTS - Mark your calendars!

Mother's Day Tea

Sat, May 7th; 12:00

All ladies are invited. You can decorate a table or share a table with someone else. There will be a sign-up to bring food items. For more information call Diane Gress @ 328-6921.



Freedom Friday

Fri, May 13th; 5:30

Night out for parents 5:30-10:00 pm. Dinner served. \$7.00 suggested donation. To volunteer or reserve a space for a child call Diane Gress @328-6921



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Holy Week 2011



A Thank you from the Boy Scouts, April 10th



Thank you! Spaciba! Danke Schön! Grazie!
 To everyone, seen and unseen,
 who made our Holy Week activities possible.
 You know who you are, and you deserve Thanks!
Merci! Gracias! Tack så mycket! Obrigado!



Scriptures for the month of May
 Sunday, May 1st: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-6; John 20:19-31
 Sunday, May 9th: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-6; John 20:19-31
 Sunday, May 15th: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
 Sunday, May 22nd: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
 Sunday, May 29th: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

