



The Grapevine
Newsletter
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United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley

∞ Serving Our Congregation and Community ∞

Events and Church Happenings:

- **Sunday, November 6th**
 - Communion
 - Sunday, 6:00 pm Contemplative
- **Friday, 11/11/11**
 - **Special Day of Prayer**
 - **Veteran's Day**
- **Saturday, November 12th**
 - UMW Bazaar & Chicken Noodle Dinner at Brush Creek Pavillion
- **Sunday, November 13th**
 - Sunday, 6:00 pm Contemplative
- **Sunday, November 20th**
 - Pastor's Pantry
 - Christ the King Sunday
- **Thursday, November 24th**
 - Thanksgiving Day
- **Monday, November 28th**
 - UMCEV hosts Simple Supper



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

November marks the end of another Christian year. We begin our new year with the season of Advent on Sunday, November 27. Every year December comes with a rush of activity, the list of things to do can be daunting. Each year, along with the inevitable shopping and obligatory seasonal parties, we have to choose where we will spend the treasure of our time. In earlier generations it was different; the choices were fewer. As temperatures dropped following the harvest and moth balls were shaken out of winter coats, our grandparents settled down. There were still chores to be done on the farm, and our city-dwelling ancestors still punched the clock at work, but the rhythms of the day slowed for everyone. Before skeleton-like television antennae cluttered the skyline, the nights were quieter and there was less to do—but we didn't know that then. We read books, played board games, listened to the radio, crafted and tinkered, ate dinner together at the table, and talked to each other.

We shouldn't over-romanticize those days, and we can't go back. For all that is lost and all that is gained in the parade of years, these are our days, this is our generation. We have much to be thankful for, but some of the "much" is like a parasite leeching the deep and enduring things of beauty from our lives. Some of the "much" is like a narcotic, dulling your awareness of your own life, its breathtaking sublimity and its life-confirming pain.

Every Sunday I look at your faces as I preach. While I preach I also pray, and I wonder at the mystery you are. I wonder if any of my thoughts strike a spark in your soul; if any of my words take root in you, ready to grow into something nourishing and good and lasting. Does **God's Spirit touch your spirit in a way that stays with you**—a comforting caress or a twinge of regret, anything that nudges you awake.

The odds are stacked against us in the November-December rush of **"much", but with God's help we can beat the odds. I've selected the books I'll read in November; they focus on helping a congregation deepen its spiritual life, its prayer, meditation, and sense of community family. I expect those books to fuel my sermons and my conversations in December as we begin a new year. I want to find ways to help us fan the sparks of God's Spirit both as individuals and together. We can counter the extinguishing gusts of the seasonal rush, find a deeper and steadier rhythm and flow, and cultivate habits that fan the flames of faith, hope and love. I'll need your help, of course, your commitment and your ideas of how to help each other grow in the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



UMW NEWS

- Our next UMW meeting is on Sunday, November 20th. We will meet in the Fellowship hall at 12:00 noon.
- The Christmas Gathering & Gift exchange will be on Sunday, December 11th.
- All women of the Church are welcome to come to our meetings for a GREAT time of Fellowship!

MORE NOODLES!!! We had so much fun making noodles on October 15th! We made 25 batches, but we still need more. Come join us on Saturday, November 5th in Fellowship Hall at 9:00am. We will be making enough to package these and sell at the bazaar.

UMW NEWS - Bazaar and Chicken Noodle Dinner

Teri Nelson

Our World Famous Chicken Noodle Soup & Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 12th at the Brush Creek Pavillion from 10am - 3:30pm. The meal includes a bowl of soup, a piece of pie and a beverage. There will be over 20 booths with vendors offering their wares or services. What a GREAT time to get some of your Holiday shopping done!

There are many opportunities for volunteers ~

To sign up for either setting up or cleaning up call Barbara Meese at 280-5200 (or for a booth spot)

To sign up for serving or greeting call Cathy Schapiro at 328-7577

To sign up to bring a pie or two call Ruth Lenz at 328-5449

To donate cooked & deboned chickens with broth call Teri Nelson at 376-7606

To help cook the soup on Saturday, November 12th call Donna Gress at 328-6921



We will be cooking at Eagle Valley Elementary School. Cooked & deboned chickens with broth can be dropped off that morning after 7:00am. Come to the back entrance off second street, first left after going thru the stop sign by the Church. The chickens can be cooked & frozen so don't wait till the last minute ~ just drop them off at the Church and we can get them in the freezer. Don't forget the broth! If you don't have time to cook the chickens, but can donate a couple, please bring them to the Church by Sunday, November 6th.

Most of all ~ Come join us at the Brush Creek Pavillion on Saturday, November 12th for the best soup and pie in the World!

Inspirational Thought

"The movement from illusion to prayer is hard to make since it leads us from false certainties to true uncertainties, from an easy support system to a risky surrender, and from the many 'safe' gods to the God whose love has no limits."

- Henri J. M. Nouwen -

Don't forget to FALL BACK!!!

November 6th is the end of daylight savings.

A Taste of Heaven & History Cookbook

On sale now! \$10.00/copy.

They are wonderful and make excellent Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts. Look for them after church or on sale during office hours.

Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 - 2:00

Last year we set aside October 10 as a day of reflection, prayer and fasting. That was 10-10. This year I ask and encourage you to take time on Friday, 11-11-11, to **fast and pray**. **November 11 is also Veteran's Day**, so there will be many encouragements to say a prayer during the day; to pray for our servicemen and women, those who have fought our battles and secured the peace. We will pray for those still serving in uniform and for those whose uniforms have been packed away, for those who died, those who are wounded in body and soul, and for those who have found a way back to life after the horrors of war. We will also pray for our nation and the world, for the social and economic struggles that impact so many lives, for the quelling of strife and the healing of nations, for our world to increasingly live in compassion rather than conflict. As before, I ask you to fast. Fast from eating all day or from one meal. Fast from your daily soda or cup of coffee. **Consider a radical fast from all media that day; don't turn on the television or radio, don't read the newspaper or open a magazine, avoid your computer and turn off your cell phone.** If that seems like an incomprehensibly hard thing to do, what does it say about our freedom and our bondage? What does it say about our addictions? **It wasn't that long ago that we weren't shackled to cell phones or addicted to email.** Can we do without such things for one day? Is it possible for the world to make it one day without our being *connected*? Maybe we can make another **Connection if we disconnect and pray. Can't do it for day? How about an hour or even 11 minutes?** Turn it off, turn it all off—be still, breathe, settle your soul and pray. Make a commitment; find a way for yourself, your soul and your sanity, for yourself and for all of us. Find a way to fast and pray on 11-11-11.



God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.



November Birthdays

- 11/02 BETSY GILBERT
- 11/04 WYATT BORAH
- 11/04 JAMES QUENON
- 11/05 CHARLIE FESSENDEN
- 11/09 MICHELLE QUENON
- 11/09 JOSH SIBLEY
- 11/10 PAT EDDINGS
- 11/10 TIM QUEALY
- 11/10 BRAD ROSENBAUER
- 11/10 CAROL TATHAM
- 11/14 JANET SOUTHERLAN
- 11/15 JAIDEN HARRIS
- 11/15 JACKSON
LOUNSBERRY
- 11/15 CHRISTINA ROSE
- 11/15 JEFF YARGER
- 11/20 WILL PACKER
- 11/21 ELDON BINDLEY
- 11/21 SCOTLAND FARMER
- 11/21 DIANE HOLMES
- 11/22 DYLAN BARKER
- 11/22 LAURA SAVAGE
- 11/23 JILL WEATHERS
- 11/24 PRISCILLA BAPP
- 11/24 JULIA RHODES
- 11/29 MARY ARNOLD
- 11/30 ROBYN SPAIN

Girl Scouts make Birthday Boxes to hand out to people who do not get a lot for their birthdays. What a fun project and a nice thing to do for our community! Thank you!



The Girl Scout troop presented the church with two beautiful fall wreaths and some books for our Children's library as a Thank You for the use of our church.





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Scriptures for the month of November

- Nov 6th: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
- Nov 13th: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
- Nov 20th: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
- Nov 27th: 1st Advent—Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37