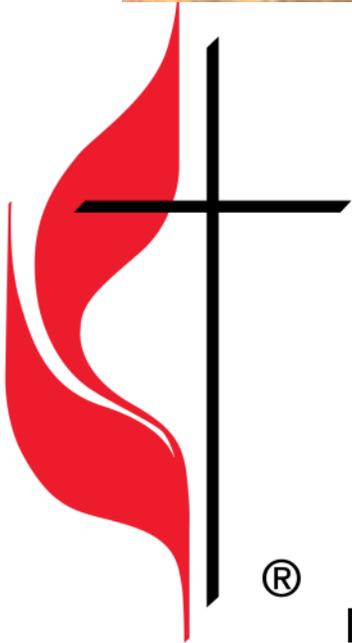




Estes Park United Methodist Church

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Sunday Morning Schedule

9:45 am Service of Worship
10:45 am Fellowship & Refreshment
11:00 am Sunday School

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Church Office Hours
Monday through Wednesday: 9 am - 1pm

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Prayers

Prayers of Celebration: Prayers of celebration for Janis Angermayr's cousin Aaron's engagement to his sweetheart Angie; prayers of thanks for all the cards and donations to EP Good Samaritan Village in memory of Allie Joe Ayres; prayers of celebration that June Gamet is officially in remission; prayers of thanks for all the Marys in our congregation on "National Mary Day".



Prayers of Hope and Healing: Prayers for the family of Shane Bowie (Linda's stepson) who passed away recently; prayers for Maureen Vetter's brother, Wayne, who passed away on March 17th; prayers for the Johnson family and their losses; prayers for Ginny Hutchison's quick recovery from eye surgery and prayers for patience and tolerance while laying with her head down 55 minutes of every hour ongoing; prayers for Lynn Myers; prayers for Arleta Bell's niece's husband, Lon, who has a tumor on his small intestine and is awaiting further information; continued prayers for Dorothy Gibb's grand-niece Sarah who is beginning a slow recovery via intensive treatment for Lyme Disease; for Kathy Levine as she continues immunotherapy; for Susan Neff in her battle with cancer; for the Rowan's daughter, Carolyn Hansen, successfully battling cancer; for the Strandberg's nephew Ken Evans continuing chemotherapy for a brain tumor.

Special Concerns: Prayers of thanks for all the marchers around the world in the March for our Lives; prayers for great job opportunities for Thomas Rosenthal and Carli Hansen who moved to Toronto, Canada on February 1st; prayers for victims of the FIU bridge collapse in Florida.



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Mark your calendars for the April UMW meeting on April 18 in the Fellowship Hall. This year, United Methodist Women are studying Sacred Places: Encounters with God and Neighbors, and this month we are examining the Sacred Places of Gratitude and Hope, which seems most appropriate during this Lenten and Easter season.

Perhaps you have noticed the Gratitude Jar that has been in the Fellowship Hall for the past couple of months. I hope some of you have written something for which you are grateful and added it to the jar. Peggy Beck will present our program, using some of the slips from the Gratitude Jar, so you still have time to include yours.



By Barbara Bailey



Special thanks to Nancy Gunter, our pianist/accompanist/organist, for her musical gifts, talents and dedication to EPUMC. Her many, many hours of service and support to our music program are admired and greatly appreciated. Thank you Nancy!!

June and Jim Gamet have shared their grateful thanks to Kay Myers who made June's very special prayer quilt, and to all those in our congregation who tied the knots of love to wish June a full recovery filled with God's love, peace and grace. Blessings to June and Jim.





“The frog does not drink up the pond in which it lives.”

—*Native American Proverb*

On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day was celebrated in New York City; today, the event is celebrated in some 175 countries. It's a good occasion to reflect on some profound Native sayings and proverbs, because Native Americans have been the keepers of the Turtle Island since time immemorial.

“Only when the last tree has died, the last river has been poisoned, and the last fish has been caught will we realize we cannot eat money.” —*Cree Proverb*
How do we United Methodists demonstrate our care and concern for our Mother Earth?

The United Methodist Church designates one Sunday each year, preferably the Sunday closest to Earth Day (April 22), as a Festival of God's Creation, celebrating God's gracious work in creating the earth and all living things. Many congregations recognize the day in worship; others have special events or projects to observe it.

On April 22, 2018, Estes Park United Methodist Church plans to celebrate this year's Earth Day in our Sunday worship service. United Methodist Women are taking the lead for this Earth Day celebration, and Barbara Bailey, our Lay Servant/Lay Speaker will deliver the message We will praise the Earth with our music, song, and scripture reading.

Genesis says it was God who created the very first Earth Day: "The second day God said, 'Let there be space to divide the waters into two parts.' And it was so. God called the space Sky. 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place and let dry land appear.' ... God called the dry land Earth and the waters that were gathered together, Seas. God saw that it was good." [Genesis 1:9-10, New Revised Standard Version]

Our General Board of Church and Society works with ecumenical partners through Creation Justice Ministries to rally Christians on behalf of protecting God's creation. The United Methodist Church is among 37 national faith bodies, including Protestant denominations and Orthodox communions, working with Creation Justice Ministries to protect and restore God's creation. Resources to mark Creation Justice's Earth Sunday (the same day as Festival of God's Creation) can be found at www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday.html.

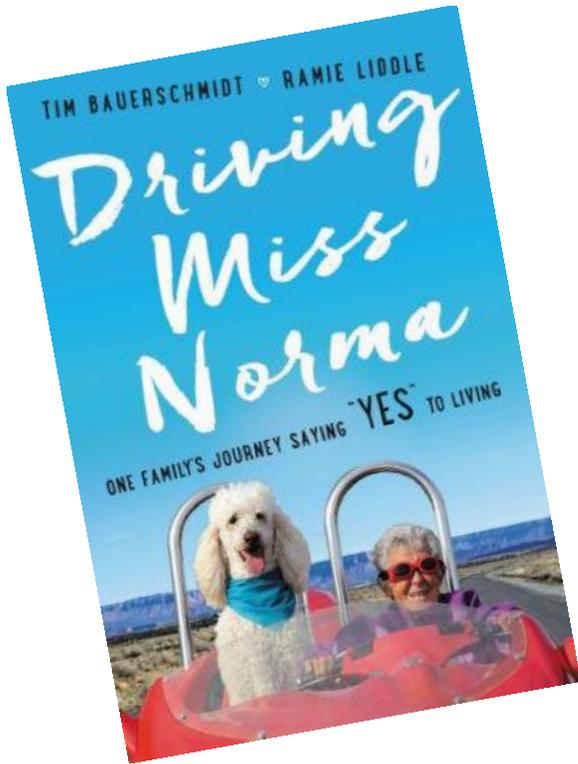
We United Methodists, along with Christians throughout the globe, join with our Native American sisters and brothers, remembering the words of Chief Standing Bear:

“When a person does a piece of work which is admired by all, we say that it is wonderful; but when we see the changes of day and night, the sun, the moon, and the stars in the sky, and the changing seasons upon the earth, with their ripening fruits, anyone must realize that it is the work of someone more powerful than humanity.”

Pastor Tom



Women's Devotional Group



The WDG will begin their next book on April 10. The book is "Driving Miss Norma: One Family's Journey Saying 'Yes' To Living," by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddell. The books are now being ordered. The cost is about \$14.

This group meets almost every Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to about 5:15 in the multi-purpose room in the Assisted Living section of the Good Samaritan Village, 1902 Ptarmigan Trail. All are welcome! Feel free to contact RoJean Werner at 970-232-8815 or r2werner@yahoo.com if you would like a book or have questions.

By RoJean Werner

Library Corner

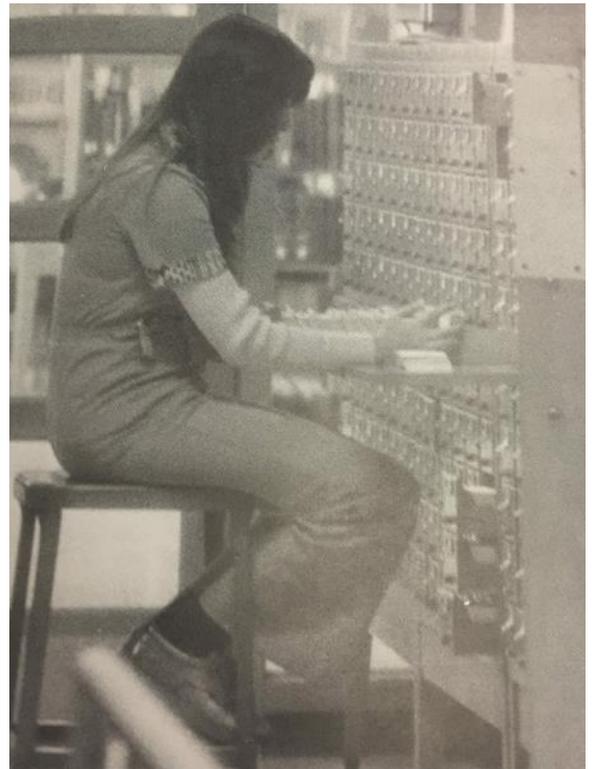
Do you miss the delights of an old fashioned card catalog? Well, we have our very own, very well maintained, card catalog right here in Anderson Hall. It documents one of the best church libraries I have ever seen.

Looking for a book on a certain topic? Flip through the card catalog. We might just have something useful to you.

If you have forgotten exactly how those cards work, ask me and I'll help you out! We have both non-fiction and fiction books, just waiting to be checked out.

Happy Reading!

By Janis Angermayr



New Mission Tree Project

Did you ever wonder about the tree in the back of the sanctuary?

It is our Estes Park UMC Mission Tree!

Continuing the work started by Maureen Vetter, beginning this spring we will begin highlighting the missions sponsored by a variety of groups in our church, including ways all church members can participate.

In February we highlighted the HIV-AIDS project sponsored by the Reconciling Methodist Network, and UMW and Friendly Stitchers are jointly highlighting a special Earth Day project in April.

Watch throughout April for news regarding how you can be involved with this project, which is shaping up to be a fun one!

If you would like to help as we highlight different Mission projects, contact Lee Criswell.



By Janis Angermayr

Hospitality Events



Join the **Lunch Bunch** for fun and socializing on Sunday, April 15th @ 11:30am at Poppy's.

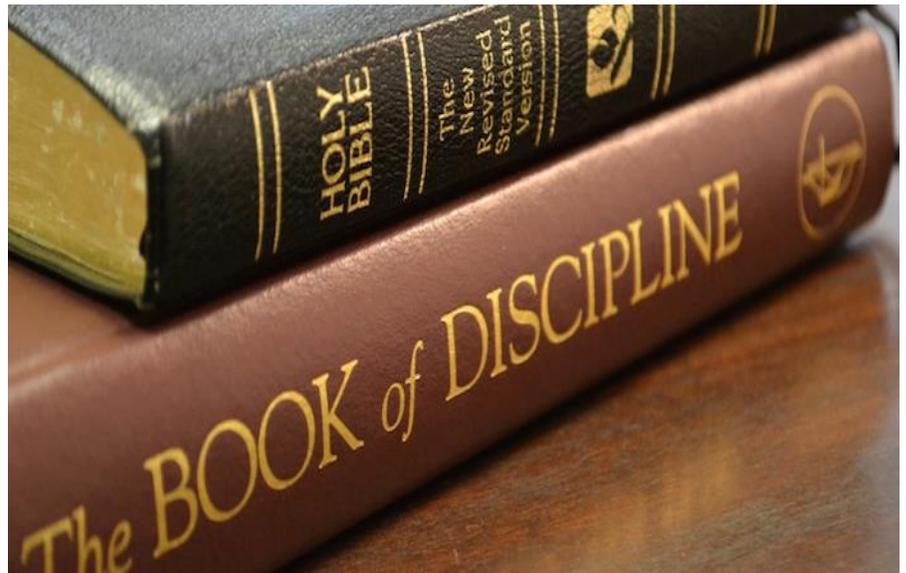
From Kay Myers

Reconciling Ministries

Top 10 Reasons to be a Reconciling Ministries Congregation: #8 and #7

Last month we provided reason #9 of why the UMC of Estes should continue our affiliation with the Reconciling Ministries Network.

We continue our count-down...



Reason #8: to build and strengthen relationships within our church families. The *Reconciling Process* takes seriously the fundamental importance of human relationships. The wholeness God envisions for us is unrealizable where brokenness in human relationships persists. We can help overcome separation and find healing and wholeness in meaningful conversations regarding the Church's inclusion of marginalized and historically mistreated groups. This leads us to **Reason #7:** which is to be a relevant, vibrant and

effective family of active faith that reaches out to all groups. We are guided not by standards of corporate success, but by the Wesleyan expectation of being made perfect in love. As several of our current parishioners have pointed out: God is Love.

From Dave Diggs



Reconciling News



The Reconciling Challenge is coming to EP UMC after Easter ! Expand your definition of inclusive by doing the challenge and enjoy an RMN logo pin by participating and meeting the challenge ! More information will be coming when we launch !

Spring Arts 4 AIDS coming to EPUMC on May 2nd, 10am-12pm, in the Fellowship Hall.



Start looking for a few favorite ties to display for Neckties of Love this summer at our Love Your Neighbor Art Show starting May 6 or find a few you want to give away to create something new at Arts 4 AIDS ! We are looking at Early May dates before May 6 at 10 am to bring your ties for display / creating ! We might have a



tea party too at Arts 4 AIDS creativity group ! You can also bring ties for display all summer to the clothesline ! Be watching for more details during April / May in church publications ! Bring \$5 to donate to UM Global AIDS Fund when you come to the Arts 4 AIDS group on May 2nd at 10am.



Love Knots

Thanks to all who donated, Love Knots and Friendly Stitchers were able to provide many warm items to our Estes Valley neighbors, primarily to My Sister's Place this winter. We were able to donate 12 blankets, 2 throws, 24 pairs of socks, 10 hats, 21 pairs of gloves and mittens, and 12 scarves.

Thank you very much to all who participated in this project.

Love Knots is knitting and crocheting throughout the year in anticipation of next year's project. If you would like to join us, we meet every second Wednesday.

Friendly Stitchers meets the fourth Wednesday and is preparing many sewn items throughout the year.

Come join us!

By Janis Angermayr



Friendly Stitchers



Friendly Stitchers brought 54 teddy bears to be blessed by the congregation on March 11. The bears were then donated to the Emergency Department at Estes Park Medical Center, for children and adults in need of comfort. Many thanks to Kay Myers and Mary Lee Steward who embroidered the faces, and to all the others who sewed bears, stuffed bears, and tied ribbons to make these donations possible. Many thanks also to everyone who has knitted, crocheted, or sewn a prayer wrap for the bin in Anderson Hall.

In April, United Methodist Women and Friendly Stitchers plan a special project for Earth Day, April 22. Check the Missions tree in the narthex for clues! We'll need more help with sewing.

Friendly Stitchers will meet at Criswells' home on the 4th Wednesday, April 25 and May 23, to finish UMCOR kits to go with our delegates to Annual Conference in Ogden, Utah, June 7-10.

By Lee Criswell





April Birthdays

3 Jake Meyer

17 Mari Hirata

7 Donald Bailey

18 Pete Hogue

11 Kathie Dougherty

21 Cindy Grigg



**VOLUNTEERS
IN SERVICE**



Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist	Communion
April 1	Dorothy Gibbs Marilyn Saunders	Kay & Lynn Myers	Dale Beck	Peggy & Dale Beck
April 8	Beverly Briggs Dorothy Scott	Sid Scott Family	Larry Leaming	
April 15	Linda & Larry	Katharine &	Virgil Holtgrewe	
April 22	Arleta Bill Jane Boyer	Peggy & Dale Beck	Larry Leaming	
April 29	Mary Lou O'Neil RoJean Werner	Cay Lacey David Diggs	Larry Leaming	

Greeters - If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date to Greet and are unable to trade or switch your date with another Greeter listed, please contact Katharine Lockwood at 970-586-1602

Ushers - If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date to Usher and are unable to trade or switch your date with another Usher listed, please contact Kathie or Gerry Dougherty at 970-586-2236

Liturgists - Scheduled liturgists may call Suzanne Miller at 970-577-9453 with any needed assistance



CALENDAR

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 10:45 am Adult Education 11:00 am	2 Bridge Club 12:30 pm	3 Exploring Discipleship Team 10:00 am Women's Devotional Group 4:00 pm	4 Sacred Space 7:00 am SPPRC Committee 4:00 pm	5 Bell Choir Practice 4:45 pm	6 Bridge Club 12:30 pm	7
8 Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 10:45 am Adult Education 11:00 am	9 Bridge Club 12:30 pm Finance Committee 4:00 pm	10 Women's Devotional Group 4:00 pm	11 Sacred Space 7:00 am Love Knots Knitting Group 10:00 am	12 Bell Choir Practice 4:45 pm	13 Reconciling Ministries Network 9:00 am Bridge Club 12:30 pm	14
15 Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 10:45 am Adult Education 11:00 am	16 Bridge Club 12:30 pm Ad Council 4:00 pm	17 Exploring Discipleship Team 10:00 am Congregational Care 2:00 pm Women's Devotional Group 4:00 pm	18 Sacred Space 7:00 am United Methodist Women 1:00 pm	19 Bell Choir Practice 4:45 pm	20 Newsletter Information Deadline 12:00 pm Bridge Club 12:30 pm	21
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For all up to date events,
please visit our website at
www.epumc.org; Click "The Latest"

Office is Open: Monday through Wednesday, 9 am to 1 pm.

WDG: Women's Devotion Group
UMW: United Methodist Women
EDT: Exploring Discipleship Team
RMN: Reconciling Ministries

"We welcome and affirm all persons regardless of faith, age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical limitations, or economic status – all means all."



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