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**Pastor’s Ponderings**

“Five Marks of a Methodist”

I am excited to tell you that I will begin a new sermon series the Sunday after Easter. The basis for the series will be a book call *Five Marks of a Methodist* by United Methodist pastor, Steve Harper. (With a name like “Pastor Steve,” it has to be good! 😊) This five-part series will share some of what makes the United Methodist Church distinctive as well as what ties us to traditional,
Here is the schedule for the sermons:

April 3  “A Methodist Loves God”  
–Matthew 22:34-40

April 17 “A Methodist Rejoices in God”  
–Matthew 5:1-12

April 24 “A Methodist Gives Thanks”  
–Colossians 3:15-17

May 1 “A Methodist Prays Constantly”  

May 8 “A Methodist Love Others”  
–1 John 4:7-12, 19-21

I look forward to delving deeper with you into a greater appreciation for our United Methodist heritage while, at the same time, discovering just how powerfully God can work God’s miracles of healing, hope, and help through the people called “United Methodists” right now and long into the future.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Steve

Save the Date!

Tween Night

April 22nd

With Spring break We Have Moved to the 4th Friday. Be sure to invite a friend or two!!

Grand Mesa Family Camp July 22-24

www.grandmesacamp.com
Children’s News

June 17-19
East Elk Creek Group Campsite at Blue Mesa Reservoir

We hope you can join us this year for the church camping trip. The East Elk Creek campsite is beautiful with lots of tree’s, a small lake and a creek that runs through. The fishing is great and the kids can play in the creek safely. There is a large pavilion with picnic tables for community meals. There is no cost except for your food! It’s a great spot for those with campers or tents. Contact Becky for more information.

Vacation Bible School
June 13-16

Our theme for Vacation Bible School this year is “Thailand Trek”- God Loves The World

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

God loved the world. God didn’t just love you, your neighborhood, your community, he loved the entire world. We hope your children can join us for our 4 day morning program. Watch for more information soon!
Maintenance Help
The Methodist Men are available to assist members of our congregation with minor maintenance repairs or help in moving if you are relocating. We are especially happy to help the elderly, single women of our church who may not want to get up on their roof and start up a cooler for the summer as an example. Unless you have an emergency we are not looking to do normal weekly chores such as lawn mowing. But if you are in need we will consider all requests. Please contact Stan, Vernon, or the office.

Craft Fair
The Methodist Men are again sponsoring our spring fund raiser – The Craft Fair. Please check out the items on display in Baldridge Hall and see if there is anything you can’t live without. Many of the items are made by our members and offered by silent auction. We would also encourage participation by folks outside our church family so tell your friends and others about this event. The proceeds will be used for our parking project so we hope you find something you like.

City Market Card
Have you registered for the Methodist Men to get the Community Rewards yet? If not it is very easy, just please do this – call City Market @ 1-800-847-0683 and ask for the community rewards program and give them the UMM number #10187. That’s it and thank you very much, the UMM
The Rocky Mountain Conference continues to partner with the Northern Cheyenne community to build up their fire protection. Hearing of the destruction caused by fires on the Northern Cheyenne reservation and their challenges of weather and distances, last year’s Annual Conference session pledged to buy a fire engine and partner with the Northern Cheyenne to enhance their fire protection infrastructure.

**April 10, 2016 is Native American Ministries Sunday**, one of the six United Methodist special Sundays with offerings. One half of the offering is sent to the general United Methodist Church to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students and one half of the offering is used to support the Rocky Mountain Conference’s initiatives with Native Americans. This year’s Rocky Mountain Conference Native American Ministries Sunday offering will help support the Northern Cheyenne Fire Protection project.

The purchase of the fire engine was the beginning of an intentional long-term relationship based on education, volunteering, and mutual sharing. The Rocky Mountain Conference, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana have joined together in this partnership. Plans are developing for Volunteers In Mission teams to build fire garages and rehabilitate houses in 2016 and 2017, and for educational immersion opportunities in the summer of 2017.

Your generous gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday will help support these projects.
Youth News

Potluck and Parent Meeting April 24th
5:45 pm
Please come to this very important potluck and
meeting. We will be introducing some structure
changes to the Youth Ministries program and we
need your participation and input. Bring a dish to
share and an open and willing spirit. There will be
time for fellowship too!

Save The Date!

Belize Meeting
April 24th
4:30-5:45
This will be a
team-building meet-
ing for participants
only; parents don’t
need to be there

UBS
June 13-16
This We need your
help! Station Lead-
ers, group leaders,
help with set up…
there are many ways
to help out even if
you can’t be there

Camping Trip
June 17-19
Youth can come
with or without
families! Hopefully
you all will want to
come! It’s free ex-
cept food!
Tween Night will be April 22nd 6:30-8:00 pm

Grand Mesa Methodist Camp

Elementary July 18-22
Mid High July 14-18
Senior High July 10-14
Family & Young Adult July 22-24

The Time of Your Life!

Register by June 15
www.grandmesacamp.com

Grand Mesa Camp is located at
26269 Old Grand Mesa Road
Contact Anna Marie Gorman, Camp Registrar
at 970-243-4824 or gmcc.registrar@gmail.com

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**Sunday**
- 4:30 music teams practice

**Monday**
- 8:15 9:45 11:15 worship
- 9:15 10:30 fellowship
- 9:45 Sunday school/all ages
- 5:00 Community Sunday Supper
- 5-7:30 youth group

**Tuesday**
- 7am UMM breakfast
- 9am UMW Ex board
- 5:30 Missions Ministry
- 5:30 Communications
- 1:00 Caregiver Support
- 11-3 prayer shawl ministry
- 3:00 Staff meeting
- 1:00 Lakeland Music Ministry

**Wednesday**
- 3:00 Worship planning
- 5:30 Bell practice
- 6:45 Sounds of Faith
- 8:00 Celebration Voices
- 3:00 Staff meeting
- 7:00 Stew/Finance
- 3:00 Worship planning

**Thursday**
- 9-11 Quick Care
- 10:45 prayer group
- 1-3 prayer shawl ministry
- 7:00 Taize Service
- 6-9 Parent’s Night Out
- 6:30-8 Tween Night
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- 7am UMM breakfast
- 11:45 BB Book Club
- 2:00 Adult Opportunities
- 1-3 prayer shawl ministry
- 3:00 Staff meeting
- 3:00 Worship planning
- 5:30 Bell practice
- 6:45 Sounds of Faith

**Friday**
- 8-11 Quick Care
- 1-3 prayer shawl ministry
- 7:00 Trustees
- 7:00 Community Garden
- 6-9 Parent’s Night Out

**Saturday**
- 4:30 music teams practice
- 10a-12 Community Garden meeting
- 4:30 music teams practice
- 7p MAPA Trivia Night
- 4:30 music teams practice
- Youth Yard Sale @ 3809 Pine Marten Circle
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**Sunday**
- Youth Yard Sale @ 3809 Pine Marten Circle
Birthdays

Douglas Zelazny 4/01
Ryan Shipley 4/02
Bonnie Lamb 04/02
Janice Becker 4/03
Gus Bray 4/06
Annie Barnhart 04/09
Suzi Reick 4/10
Mike Richardson 4/11
Ginger Bollinger 4/11
Callie Armentrout 4/14
James Harris 4/15
Tom Pilkington 4/16
Micki Kintner 4/16
Betty Winter 4/18
Brad Bingaman 4/18
Joe Evans 4/22
Beckie Pendergrass 4/24
Sharon Jewell 4/26
Boo Gilbert 4/27
Lola Howard 4/28
Emily Wolverton 4/29
Nancy Johnson 4/30
Steve Gray 4/30

Anniversaries

Butch & Becky Clark 4/04
Dick & Annie Barnhart 4/12
Jerry & Erin Skees 4/14
John & Nancy Fishering 4/29
Joe & Caroline Evans 4/29
Ed & Karen Dejulio 4/30
We are bagging food for 226 students, 15 schools in Montrose and Olathe. We have 9 delivery drivers and two teams of baggers. The Montrose High School Honor Society bags every other Monday afternoon. Our other baggers make up the bags every other Tuesday at 3. My group consists of 6-14 folks that are extremely efficient at bagging. Gwen Carlisle and Joyce Clark make up our double bags ahead of time. Karen Elliot, Sharyl Waldron and Carol Erickson are several of my exceptional baggers. It takes a lot of people to make this come together each and every week. If you would like to volunteer please contact Suzi Reick at 240-4350.

The Missions Committee would like to thank the following individuals for contributing food and/or transport of dinner items to the teachers and staff during Parent/Teacher Conferences at Northside Elementary on March 9th. The staff was very appreciative!
Thank you: Becky Clark, Glenda Cowles, Karen DeJuilio, Carol Erickson, Tania Hajjar, Sharon Hayes, Marty LaBarr, Bonnie Lamb, Celie Matteson, Ann Shaw, Clare Willis and Julee Wolverton. You all made this local outreach opportunity a blessing and a light into our neighborhood!

-Jennifer Hurshman
Mission Statement: The mission of the MUMC Community Fellowship Garden is to create a welcoming space for community and church to share the joy of gardening, to maximize food budgets and to grow healthy, fresh delicious food.

The Community Fellowship Garden Committee was organized to plan and facilitate the fundraising, the construction and the recruitment of gardeners for the Garden. The Garden is located at Mesa and South First – two lots east of the church.

In 2016, we plan to build out the garden with 11 more beds (one of which will be ADA height).

We need volunteers to help us with this endeavor. Please think about joining us in one or more of the following areas

- Join our Committee to help with planning and other tasks
- Help us build the beds, fill them with soil and finish up the pathways
- Sign up to rent a bed for the season and be one of our gardeners.

Committee Chair – Connie Stoutt. Questions? Call Connie at 970-240-9965 or email at dcestoutt@gmail.com

Not sure what each committee does? What kind of time commitment it will be or want to know more? Please check out our website www.montroseumc.org and click on the “Groups and Ministries” tab, then “Church Committees” There is a document with all the places you can volunteer, how much time is required and what the responsibilities include.
Montrose United Methodist Church
Community Fellowship Garden

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Garden Committee: Dick Baker, Elaine Baker, Lorie Cribbs, Nancy Johnson, James Kintner, Carol Parker, Jim Parker, Connie Stoutt, Julee Wolverton

The Garden Committee has begun work on the new season of activity. We completed 11 beds last year and will build another 9 this year to complete the garden plots. We plan to develop a large Communal bed for growing large plants that take up a lot of space such as corn and melons. Also in the plans is the Hans Croeber Memorial Meditation Garden.

A few dates you need to know about:
April 1, 2016 - Application Deadline for returning gardeners to reserve their plots.
April 9, 2016 – New Gardener Application Deadline and First Orientation Meeting at 10 AM
April 21, 2016 – Second Orientation Meeting 7 PM
May 14, 1026 – Gardening Workshop 9-11 AM – also Payment Due Date AND Garden Opening Party

Please let one of us know if you need more information about a plot or if you want to reserve one. We will also need a lot of help when we begin building beds, moving soil into them and finishing the aisle areas between the beds. We need a volunteer list to work from when we set a date for a build day.

Please call me with questions or talk to another committee member. Thank you for sharing in this exciting endeavor.

Connie Stoutt, Committee Chair
Upcoming Happenings

--**Monday, April 4:** Executive Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

--**Wednesday, April 13:** Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

  Program: ‘A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial”
  -Patricia London

  *Hostesses: Faith Circle*

  **NO RESERVATIONS** are needed. Just come and join us.

  Cost of Luncheon is $5.00

  During the forty days of Lent UMW has been observing “A Call to Prayer and Self Denial” ending on April 13 with a special offering being taken at the monthly luncheon. A challenge has been made for each UMW member to give 10 cents for each item of make-up they possess. The money goes toward the UMW International budget that has scheduled a 2016 budget of **$13,922,126.00** mission dollars to be spent. **Every penny counts!** The UMW Western Jurisdiction Meeting entitled “A Fresh Wind Blowing” will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 22-24. Those attending from Montrose UMW Unit so far are: LaDonna Mills-District Missions Coordinator of Program Resources, Sharon Hayes-Local Unit President and Connie Pittenger -Local Unit Vice President.
Circle Meetings in April

**Mary and Elizabeth:** Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.
Hostess: Annie Hauck

**Mary Olive:** Thursday, April 28, 9:00 a.m.
Hostess: Linda Pavlich

**Hope:** Thursday, April 28, 9:00 a.m.
Hostess: Patricia London

**Charity:** Thursday, April 28, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Betty Hayes

**Faith:** Thursday, April 28, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Bonnie Lamb

**The Purpose of United Methodist Women:** The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is: **To know God** and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; **To develop a creative** supportive fellowship; and **To expand concepts** of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The Brown Bag Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday April 19th in Baldridge Hall at 11:45 a.m. This month’s book is:

“A Quilt for Christmas” by Sandra Dallas.
Dear Church Family,

I want to thank my wonderful church family for all the prayers, cards, calls, flowers and concern for me during my recent surgeries.

It made things so much easier knowing I had so much support from everyone.

- Carol Jones

Stain Glass Repair

You may have noticed how bright the office are is without the stained glass windows. “Big Sky Studios” will have the windows for several weeks. All monies that have been donated have been used to do this project. If you would like to see more windows refinished write your check to the stained glass account.

- Board of Trustees

Montrose United Methodist Church

“Joyfully to Love All, Serve All and to Share Jesus Christ With the World!”

(970) 249 - 3716

April 2016

19. South Park Ave