We hope you’ll join us and invite a friend for our Christmas Eve Worship Services

4:00 p.m. – Children’s Worship
This worship is designed for children, but a thrill for all ages! Join us for an interactive, joy-filled worship service.

5:30 p.m. – Choir, Candles & Carols
This worship includes the Choir, Scripture readings, candles, carols and a special children’s time.
*The Church Bus will be running for this service. Please RSVP with the church office by December 18.

8:00 p.m. – Lessons, Candles & Carols
This service has Scripture readings, Lessons of God’s Gifts, candles, and carols.

11:00 p.m. – Candles & Communion
This service has Scripture readings, Lessons of God’s Gifts, candles, and carols and communion open to all.

January Newsletter Deadline is Monday, December 18!
Submit your articles and information about upcoming events to Rachel in the church office via email to secretary@montroseumc.org

Saturday, December 2, 2-4 p.m.
Annual Advent Festival takes place in Baldridge hall. Advent/Christmas crafts, games, and more! Chili Cook-off & Brownie Bake-Off. (Get an entry form from Baldridge Hall) Join us for some fun to kick-off the Holiday season. All are welcome—bring your friends! More info on page 5.

Lessons & Carols: “Tapestry of Light” — Friday, December 8, 7 p.m.
Two choirs (Montrose UMC and the Church of the San Juans) come together to present a Celtic Christmas Celebration! This concert will be held on Sunday, December 10, 7 p.m. at the Church of the San Juans too!

Music at Noon, Wednesday December 6th, 13th & 20th in the Sanctuary!

*Christmas Eve evening worship times, December 24, times and info on the back page!
Pastor Lisa’s Lines

Advent—the time of waiting—is upon us. Each year, the Sunday before the four Sundays is Advent, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday! The end of the liturgical/church calendar year. We begin anew with Advent. How appropriate that we start the year with waiting!

Most things in life begin with some type of waiting—from the acceptance letter to college, to the call about the job interview, to the birth of a baby and beyond. Sometimes our waiting can be long and arduous and sometimes our waiting can be short and nearly instantaneous. Waiting, in all it’s forms can feel like torture.

So, what if we reframe how we look at waiting? What if instead of torment, we see it as a gift. The gift of waiting allows us to take some time to think about possibilities, to ponder the roads less traveled, to get excited and disappointed all beforehand!

This Advent, we will wait! As a community of faith, we will wait to sing our corporate Christmas carols till right before Christmas! We will wait to finish decorating the sanctuary for the big night of Christmas Eve, and we will wait with open hearts for the Christ child to enter and show us a new way of living and loving in the world.

The season is full of parties, concerts, baking, cooking, shopping, donating and so much more. We don’t need to add any more hurry and worry to it.

What would happen if we leaned into the nudging of God to simply rest and wait for the savior. We know that he is arriving. In fact,

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UMW Circle Meetings

Dec. 7- Thurs at 9:00 a.m.-Mary Olive
Cross & Flame Café Potluck Brunch-White Elephant Exchange-Bring canned/packaged food for distribution

Dec. 7-Thurs. at 1:30 p.m.-Faith
Hostess: Kris Schledewitz-cookie exchange

Dec. 14-Thurs. at 5:30 p.m.-Mary and Elizabeth
Hostess: Deidra Manary

No December meeting for Hope Circle

Have a happy, joyous, blessed, MERRY CRISTMAS!!

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.
UMW is thankful for another very successful Bazaar! We thank all who gave of their support, time, energy, talents, donations, strength, and willingness to serve to make it possible. The proceeds from the Bazaar are all given to mission projects locally, nationally, and globally. Thank you for making this out-reach program possible!

Upcoming UMW Happenings

Dec. 4- Mon. at 9 a.m. Executive Board Meeting,
Baldridge Hall

Dec. 13 -Wed. at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon
Hostesses: Executive Board

12:00 noon- Program: “STOREHOUSE”- Gospel Quartet-
in the sanctuary- Lunch after concert-Bring a guest (spouse, neighbor, new member, friend, significant other, etc.) Being a guest, their lunch will be free.

we know that he’s already arrived! We worship a living God and during this season of waiting, we are simply pretending to wait. It’s a good practice in patience and a good reminder to rest and find comfort in God.

“I waited patiently for the LORD; be inclined to me and heard my cry.”
- Psalm 40:1

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, let us wait patiently for the LORD. Let us find rest in our God. Instead of creating more chaos and confusion, let us create spaces for others to rest in God as well.

Perhaps invite someone over for a cup of coffee and to talk and listen to their heart, not just 15 people for a Christmas party.

Buy someone’s meal or drink if you notice they’ve had a long day or seem to need a pick-me-up.

Or maybe just find time to do an errand for someone who needs time to rest in God.

My hope and prayer for each of us as we approach this time of waiting would be to create space for waiting to happen, for resting to happen, in order that God’s message of unconditional love would shine bright for all this Christmas.

I hope you’ll join us for one of our special Christmas Eve worship services and invite a neighbor a friend to attend with you!

See you in worship,

Lisa
Pastor Lisa
December Memory Verse Challenge

Each month, work with your parents to memorize either the easy bible verse or the more challenging bible verse or both. Once you have it memorized, come find Mrs. Sarah during Sunday school recite the verse and earn a prize. Bonus point if you take home the month’s coloring page & bring it back nicely colored. Each month you can earn up to 3 points. Each verse you memorize will enter you into a grand prize to be drawn in May.

Easy: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. John 3:16

Challenging: And the Angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2: 10

Christmas Pageant

Please join us on December 10th as our kids present; “Journey to Bethlehem; Follow That Star!”

The pageant will take place during the 9:45 service.

Parents Night Out:

This is a great opportunity to have some adult time while your kids are well cared for! Parents Night Out is open to the community so tell your friends about it.

Hours: 6:00—9:00 p.m.

The cost is $10.00 per child with a family cap of $20.00

December 8: Christmas decorations and Christmas presents

December 22: Polar Express, hot chocolate and painting winter crafts
Did you know about our great nursery programs?

**Tween Night** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
1st & 3rd Friday of the Month

- **December 1st:** Holiday Family Feud
- **December 15th:** Reindeer Games

**Sunday School**
The Children’s Department has purchased gifts for each of the kids to help them celebrate the Advent season and we will begin passing them out on December 3rd. If you are unable to attend, please contact Sarah Seymour to schedule a drop off time.

There will be no Sunday school on December 10th (Christmas Pageant).

There will be a one room Sunday school option available on December 24th.

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**16th Annual All Church Advent Festival**
Chili and Brownie Cook Off
Saturday December 2nd
2 p.m.—4 p.m.

Chili Categories:
- Family Friendly
- Spicy Green Chili
- Unique Ingredients

*Prizes will be awarded to winner of each category

One of the Hottest events of the year! We will have various advent crafts, games and decorations in the children’s area downstairs and Park Ave. Hall.

Whether you want to cook & compete or just want to eat & enjoy the festival games / crafts, you’re bound to have a whole lot of fun!
United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

December 3rd: Christmas Lights
    Please bring an assortment of baked cookies.
December 17th: Christmas Party
    Please bring $10 and a wrapped white elephant gift.
    White elephant gift’s should be no more than $5 & gender neutral.
December 24th: NO UMYF… Merry Christmas!
December 31: New Year New Me

Winter Fun Days
Join us on December 29th and January 2nd from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. We will have a day filled with adventure & fellowship. Invite a friend to come join in on the fun.
December 29th: Ouray Hot Springs & Box Canyon
    Please bring $20 dollars, swimsuit and a towel. Snacks will be included.
January 2nd: Get Air @ the Silo
    Please bring $15 dollars. Snacks will be included.

"PLARN" WORKSHOP
First TUESDAY of each Month
Room 1 (downstairs) 1 to 3 p.m.
Bring clean bags, scissors, and spirit!

To Sleeping Mats

January 2018 – With the new year, we will be looking at scriptures we need to spend more time with! We will work through Rev. Adam Hamilton’s “Half Truths” for the month! Join us in worship.

January 7 — “Half Truths” – John 3:16
January 14 – “Theology of Reasons” - Deuteronomy 30:19-20a
January 28 —“Handle It, already” – 1 Corinthians 10:13, Psalm 46:1-2

Brown Bag Book Club
Join the Brown Bag book club next year for many more interesting books! They meet the third Tuesday of the month at 11:45 in Baldridge Hall.
Birthdays

Gladys Kline  12/01  Jeromy DeJulio  12/18
Barbara Kastelic  12/01  Maddy Ross  12/18
Sharon Becker  12/04  DeLoris Taliaferro  12/23
Ray Snyder  12/06  Eva Preslan  12/26
Joan Rivers  12/07  Joyce Simerson  12/27
Gary Preslan  12/09  Cathy Evans  12/27
Sheila Reeves  12/10  Stacy DeJulio  12/27
Carol Parker  12/10  Amber Bray  12/27
Paul Jeffrey  12/10  Beth McCorkle  12/28
Tina Shipley  12/12/  Julee Wolverton  12/28
Carol McDermott  12/12  Richard Moslet  12/30
Dave Eddy  12/13  Sibyl Baker  12/31
Dale Carter  12/14  Laurie Dodd  12/31
Barb Sharrow  12/16  Laurie Ranum  12/31
Erma Hale  12/18

Anniversaries

Roy & Bonnie Owens  12/06
Jerry & Shirley Lehl  12/07
Jim & Sally Burrrichter  12/14
Tom & Bonnie Lamb  12/15
Ross & Annie Hauck  12/15
Kent & Joyce Simerson  12/19

Ray & Carol Ross  12/21
Brad & Connie Bingaman  12/22
Norm & Dena Brooks  12/26
Orville & Gladys Kline  12/28
Simon & Amber Bray  12/31

Santa’s Cabin

Please see the sign up in Baldridge Hall. This will be our last fundraiser before the 2018 summer mission trip and Grand Mesa Camp. Santa’s Cabin will be at the Uncompahrge Events Plaza (the usual spot).

Santa’s Cabin is open during the following times:
December 1st- Timberline Bank 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
December 3rd  2:15-5:30
December 8th Timberline Bank 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
December 9th 2:15-5:30
December 10th 2:15-5:30
December 15th Timberline Bank 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
December 16th 2:15-5:30
December 17th 2:15-5:30
December 22nd Timberline Bank 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
December 23rd 2:15-5:30

Westside Weekend Planning Team

Are you interested in being on the Westside Weekend planning team? The planning team meets 2-3 times before the event to plan. If you would like to be on the planning team, we ask that you have attended Westside Weekend at least once before joining the planning team.

Our next planning meeting will be on December 16th; time TBD.
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*Holy Communion*  
8:15 9:45 & 11:15 worship  
9:15 & 10:30 fellowship  
9:45 Sunday school  
12:30-2:30 Youth Group  
**5:00 Community Sunday supper** | 4  
7a UMM Breakfast  
9a UMW Ex Bd  
9-11 Ballet class  
Noon Women’s Emmaus  
**no Communications**  
**no Missions Ministry** | 5  
9-12 Quick Care  
10a Pastor Bible Study  
11:15 prayer group  
1-3 prayer shawl ministry  
**7:00 SPRC** | 6  
9-11 Ballet class  
12N Music at Noon  
3-4:30 Kids pageant practice  
6:00 Lesson & Carols rehearsal | 7  
9-12 Quick Care | 8  
7pm **LESSONS & CAROLS**  
6-9 Parent’s Night Out | 9  |
| **10 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
8:15 9:45 & 11:15 worship  
9:15 & 10:30 fellowship  
9:45 Kid’s Pageant  
12:30-2:30 Youth Group  
**5:00 Community Sunday supper** | 11  
9-11 Ballet class  
Noon Women’s Emmaus  
1:00 Caregiver Support | 12  
9-12 Quick Care  
10a Pastor Bible Study  
11:15 prayer group  
1-3 prayer shawl ministry  
**7:00 Stew/Finance** | 13  
9-11 Ballet class  
**11:30 UMW luncheon**  
12N Music at Noon  
3 Youth Bible & Games @ Starbucks  
4:30 Bell Choir  
5:30 Praise team  
6:45 Sounds of Faith  
8:00 Celebration Voices | 14  
9-12 Quick Care  
**7:00 Taize worship** | 15  
5-7:30 Emmaus gathering & carolling | 16  
7p Storehouse Gospel Christmas concert |
| **173rd Sunday of Advent**  
9:45 Sunday school  
12:30-2:30 Youth Group  
Christmas party  
**5:00 Community Sunday supper** | 18  
7a UMM Breakfast  
Noon Women’s Emmaus | 19  
9-12 Quick Care  
10a Pastor Bible Study  
11:15 prayer group  
1-3 prayer shawl ministry  
**7:00 Trustees** | 20  
9-11 Ballet class  
12N Music at Noon  
3 Youth Bible & Games @ Starbucks  
4:30 Bell Choir  
5:30 Praise team  
6:45 Sounds of Faith  
8:00 Celebration Voices | 21  
9-12 Quick Care | 22  
6:30 Parker/Ward Christmas concert  
6-9 Parent’s Night Out | 23 |
| **24 4th Sunday of Advent**  
8:15 9:45 & 11:15 worship  
Christmas Eve Services  
4:00; 5:30; 8:00 & 11:00  
**5:00 Community Sunday supper** | 25  
Office closed ALL WEEK  
**3rd Sunday of Advent** | 26 newsletter deadline  
9-12 Quick Care | 27 | 28  
9-12 Quick Care | 29 | 30 |