Each of you have a commitment to this congregation. This commitment is not only showing up to worship on Sunday mornings, but also to uphold the mission of the church in creating disciples of Jesus Christ. Part of this mission includes walking along side our young people as they learn more about Christ and the church. As your pastor, I am charging each of you with this beautiful and loving task.

With a new Confirmation group staring, January 28th, each student will be selecting a mentor from the congregation. A mentor is someone who walks this journey with them, commits to time together, being present at some classes, and being in prayer for and with them on this walk.

It is hard enough for young people to ask adults for things, let alone someone they look up to, admire, and want to walk this journey with them. IF YOU ARE ASKED BY A CONFIRMATION STUDENT, TO FILL THIS ROLE, YOU CANNOT SAY NO. This student has thought carefully about who they trust, will confide in, and want with them. Please DO NOT tell them you are too busy, just can’t, or won’t make this commitment for them. It is too important for them, the life of the church, and our collective mission of building the kingdom of God. In the coming weeks, pray about how you may be able to rearrange your schedule, and make time for a student if you are asked.

Thank you in advance for loving our students and loving like Jesus in this way. – Pastor Lisa

February Newsletter Deadline is Monday, January 22!
Submit your articles and information about upcoming events to Rachael in the church office via email to secretary@montroseumc.org
Your help is appreciated in getting the information out for all our upcoming events!
Pastor Lisa’s Lines

At some point in our adult life, we stopped making goals and allowing our children, spouse, parents or friends or job to dictate how we spend all our time and energy. What happened to remembering that we are autonomous beings? We are individuals and life has a way of changing things up on us whether we like it or not. Children grow up, spouses don’t always have the same interests, aging parents pass away, jobs change. When we focus on who we are, who God has created us to be, we can fully realize passion God has placed in us and use it to build God’s kingdom.

Jesus says to his disciples in the Gospel of Luke, “For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?” (14:28) He calls them begin to understand the cost of discipleship – knowing what you are getting into before you commit to it, knowing the plan set before you.

This new year I implore you to find your passions, set out goals and create plans to further build the kingdom of God here in this place.

See you in worship,
Pastor Lisa

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday

Lent is early this year, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. While many will be busy celebrating the sweetheart love of Valentine’s day, I hope you will all take time out to seek the unconditional love of Christ and the ways we are called to share it with the world. It is a perfect day to celebrate love, perhaps just different than the romantic type.

The journey to the cross – the sacrificial love of Christ, begins with Ash Wednesday. Between Ash Wednesday and Easter is the season of Lent – a time we reflect on God’s love for the world through the life of Christ. Join us for prayer throughout the day as the sanctuary will be open from 7 a.m. till our worship service at 7 p.m. If you can’t make worship and are interested in the remembrance that comes with ashes, Pastor Lisa will have a “Ash on the Go!” station set up from 12 to 1 in the ally by office, and will also be at Coffee Trader from 7:30 to 9 a.m.
United Methodist Women

Upcoming Happenings

Jan. 8 - Mon. - Executive Board Meeting - Baldridge Hall - 9:00 A.M. Both 2017 and newly elected 2018 members are encouraged to attend.

Jan. 10 - Wed. - 11:30 - Luncheon - Hostess - Mary & Elizabeth Circle - Program: Installation of 2018 Officers
- President: Sally Burrichter – Vice President: Sharon Hayes - Secretary: Linda Pavlich - Treasurer: Micki Kintner

Circle Meetings

Jan. 18 - Thurs. - 5:30 P.M. - Mary and Elizabeth Circle
Jan. 25 – Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. - Mary Olive Circle
Jan. 25 – Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. – Hope Circle
Jan 25 - Thurs. - 1:30 P.M. - Faith Circle

Consult Weekly Bulletin for Hostesses. We welcome all newcomers!

Have a blessed New Year!

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

Community Outreach

Montrose UMC is responsible for delivering Hot Meals on Wheels to senior citizens in the "North" area. This is a ministry of service to seniors who are in their homes, but less able to get out and provide their own lunches. Pastor Lisa has asked us to work on our love toward others - this is a nice and easy way to bring that love to some of our neighbors!

Several of our faithful drivers will be gone during the winter months, so we need some new volunteers. We pick up the meals at the Homestead kitchen, in the building across the street from the Senior Center. You would only have to drive ONE DAY each month, and Trish will provide you with a calendar and a list of other drivers. You will not have to drive alone; we use a "buddy system" as far as possible. Some of our drivers do not currently have a Buddy so riding with them will teach you the ropes.

If you are willing to drive even ONE DAY each month, please contact Trish Gray (pbgray@gmail.com or 970-209-8852). If you are willing to be an occasional substitute, please let Trish know.

Habitat Build Day

Calling all those with a heart for missions! Our all-church Habitat Build Day is Saturday, February 10. We'll be working inside at the build site on Park Avenue, 8:00 - 3:00. Lunch will be provided. Come for all of the day or just a few hours. There is a sign up sheet in the breezeway.
Children's News

January 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 Verse:
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:17

Challenging Verse:
Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. John 6:29

Family Celebration

Saturday January 20th, Sledding @ Cerro Summit

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we have a family day filled with sledding, hot chocolate and fellowship. Please bring your sleds, warm clothes and a snack to share.

Lunch and hot chocolate will be by donation.

Please RSVP to Sarah by January 18th.

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

Activities for January

January 12th: Happy Feet & Penguin Celebration

January 26th: Snow, Snow, Snow. Join us as we celebrate snow, snowmen and make ice cream in a bag.
**Tween Night**

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
1st & 3rd Fridays of the Month  
Grades 4th–8th

January 5th: No Tween  
January 19th: Goals, Goals, Goals

**Did you know about our great nursery programs?**

**Need a moment alone?**

**Try Quick Care**

Every Thursday Morning  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

$10.00 per child  
$20.00 family max

**Not a member?**  
Not a problem.  
Open to the Public!

For more information contact  
Shelly Hubbard 417-9277

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Sarah will be at a Youth Conference in Dallas, Texas from January 4th–13th.  
She will be available by phone or email during that time.

**Sunday School News**

We will be changing a few things in the children’s area starting in 2018. We feel that we do not have enough kids in each classroom on Sunday mornings to offer all the classes we currently have available. We will be consolidating into a 2 room Sunday school program, which will require less teachers and provide more children in each room for participation during activities.

The new classes will be Pre-K / Kindergarten and 1st-4th grades.

Our new curriculum will be All-in-One Bible Fun which is endorsed by the United Methodist Church. This curriculum comes in 4 books; Heroes of the Bible, Fruit of the Spirit, Stories or Jesus and Favorite Bible Stories. Each book has 13 lessons filled with crafts, games, bible stories and more.
United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) Sunday’s 12:30-2:30
Grades 5th–12th

January 7th: No UMYF
January 14th: New Year, New Me
January 21st: Priorities – So much to do, so little time.
January 28th: Confirmation

We will no longer be serving lunch with youth group due to a lack of volunteers to bring meals each week. Please have your child eat before coming to youth group.

Bibles and Board Games @ Starbucks
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
We will resume on January 17th. Sarah will buy the 1st drink for all participants. If you bring a first time friend, you will receive a $5 gift card.

Brown Bag Book Club
The Brown Bag book Club will be meeting in the alcove (back of the sanctuary) from now on. This month’s meeting will be Jan. 16th at 11:45. This months book will be

The Eagle Catcher by Margaret Coel

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all your cards of support and good wishes. How can I not get well with all that power working for me?

- Gwen Carlile
Birthdays

Laurene Barnett 01/03  Nancy Fishering 01/19
Kathy Zelazny 01/03  Deidra Manary 01/20
Kai Koeltzow 01/03  Paul McDermott 01/20
Sherry Rose 01/04  Jay Hadley 01/20
Marian Ferguson 01/05  Pati Thompson 01/21
Graham Thompson 01/05  Arlene Hawley 01/21
Kathryn Burke 01/07  Jackson Ward 01/21
Alice Watson 01/08  Katie Garner 01/21
Carol Dolan 01/08  Linda Haugland 01/22
Tayllor Pittman 01/09  Brian Dodd 01/24
Lindsey Meewis 01/12  Elaine Babcock 01/25
Dick Baker 01/14  Annie Hauck 01/26
Kathleen Mihaly 01/14  Bill Jones 01/28
Bob Dawirs 01/15  Nancy Abel 01/28
Norm Brooks 01/15  Bob McCulloch 01/29
Chad Evans 01/15

Anniversaries

Ron & Marie Stonestreet 01/05  David & Margaret Goodhue 01/12
Bob & Pam Shippy 01/07  John & Bev Powell 01/28
Joel & Shane Forrest 01/07  Bob & Betty Gorsline 01/29
Bob & June Mathes 01/11  Don & Kathy Koeltzow 01/31

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CONFIRMATION

If you or your child is currently in 6th grade or higher, we want to invite you to be a part of what will surely be an exciting spring with Confirmation 2018. Confirmation is a class for youth-designed to teach and facilitate discussion on theology, the Bible, God, Jesus and the world. It is a time for youth to discover who they are in light of God’s creation and to decide on their own about this whole “Christianity” thing.

Have you already been confirmed? We have a place for you! We need ex-cons (Experienced Confirmands) to help others along their faith journey. You will have special privileges and opportunities that will come with this role. Are you interested in being an ex-con? If so contact Sarah to learn more about this exciting opportunity.
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