Blessing of the Backpacks, Teachers & More, August 26th in Worship!

It is August and the beginning of the school year is weeks away! This year we are asking all our students to bring their bags and backpacks to worship with them on August 26th so that we can say a blessing over them. This blessing will extend to our students and teachers as well! As we begin another school year, we recognize all of the hands that touch the lives of our students; from teachers, to administrators, to classroom aids, to bus drivers, to office attendants, to coaches, to cafeteria workers and more. During worship on this day we will bless all of these hands, as well as bags, that God may continue to call us to the work of mentoring our young people! Hope you can join us for worship!

All Church Camping

Don’t miss out on the fun! Join us August 10-12 at Rifle Mountain park for our all church camping trip. Enjoy the natural beauties of the area, World Class Rock Climbing, Rifle Fish Hatchery, Fishing/Playing in East Rifle Creek, Visit Rifle Falls State Park, or relax with friends.

Please RSVP by August 8th with a total head count, if you plan to join us for meals, as well as what your camping accommodations will be (Camper, tent, RV etc.)

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Gratitude can wash over us like a cool breeze on a hot day, and it can leave us just as quickly. Thankfulness is a daily practice I adopted when I was small, and one I’ve had to cultivate. We often talk about gratitude in November near Thanksgiving – our time to be thankful because a holiday reminds us to be. However, I’ve found that the best time to be reminded of the good things in my life is now; in every moment, we are called to be present, and in that presence, we are called to be thankful.

Recently, former Pastor Steve Reinhart wrote a question on his Facebook page asking for ways in which people say prayers with their children at nighttime. My response was “Thankfuls”. Growing up, when my parents would tuck us into our beds, we would go around and say something we were thankful for. Each taking a turn, several of us a once if we shared a room, or back and forth if it was just each of us in our own room. This routine became knowns as “Thankfuls”. And if ever a parent would forget, we would remind them, “We didn’t do thankfuls!”

A lifetime of giving thanks to God before bedtime has helped me with my attitude, my relationships, and my sleep. It’s hard to fall asleep when one’s mind is focused on the chaos and the clutter and the to-do lists, but easy when looking at all the ways one is fortunate. This has become a holy practice for me and I offer it to you for two reasons.

First, when I am thankful for all that God is doing in my life and in the lives of those around me, I am happier and much more content. Second, in my prayers have been each of you. Every one of you. I am thankful for God placing me in this church
to be able to serve as your pastor and I am thankful for the ways in which each of you have cared for me. This past month has been especially difficult and you have shown your love and support in so many ways and I am so grateful for each of you. I will have back surgery in Grand Junction at St. Mary’s on August 13th. (I will be sure the office is updated with my status and thanks in advance for your prayers!)

And lastly, we are called to be thankful in all things. The apostle Paul talks at length about thankfulness and our practice of gratitude in all circumstances. So I commend this practice to each of you.

Thank you for being the people of God that I get to be in ministry with here in Montrose, and thank you for serving Christ along with me.

See you at the end of the month for the Blessing of the Backpacks!

Holy land Pilgrimage,
Jan. 28 – Feb. 6

Bishop Karen Oliveto has invited Clergy and people from each congregation to join her on a pilgrimage to the Holy land. This trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel to places where Jesus lived, ate, taught and healed. While the trip cost is $3250, it covers airfare, meals, sight-seeing, tour transportation and more. Pastor Lisa is excited to share this experience with you as well! Deadline to sign up is August 30th. For more information, pick up a brochure from the Welcome Center in Baldridge Hall or email Pastor Lisa, revlisap@gmail.com (see more pages 4-7)
Join Bishop Karen Oliveto and the Mountain Sky Area

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Jan. 28 - Feb. 6, 2019

www.eo.travel • 800-247-0017
January 28 & 29 - USA to the Holy Land
Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight. You will be welcomed at the Tel Aviv airport by our representative and transferred to your hotel to enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

January 30 - The Galilee
Worship as you sail across the Sea of Galilee. Visit Capernaum, center of Jesus’ ministry in the Galilee, and visit the synagogue built on the site where Jesus taught (Matt. 4:13, 23). On the Mount of Beatitudes, contemplate the “Sermon on the Mount” (Matt. 5:7). Explore the Church of the Fish and the Loaves at Tabgha, traditional site of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10). See the Chapel of the Primacy, where Peter professed his devotion three times to the risen Christ (John 21). In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue. Recall Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist at the Jordan River.

January 31 - Cana, Nazareth, Megiddo & Caesarea
Visit the Franciscan Wedding Chapel in Cana, site of Jesus’ first miracle, before continuing on to Nazareth, Jesus’ boyhood home (Matthew 2:23). Look out over Tel Megiddo (Armageddon) to view one of the most important archaeological sites in Israel. Today’s last stop is Caesarea, a center of the early Christians where an angel visited Cornelius, the first Gentile believer (Acts 10), and where Paul was imprisoned for two years before appealing to Caesar.

February 1 - Jericho, & Mount of Olives
As you stop in Jericho to view the ruins of the city conquered by Joshua (Josh. 6:1, 2, 20), in the distance you can also see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus (Matt. 4:1-11). Visit the Mount of Olives, where Jesus ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9-12). Walk the Palm Sunday road and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane and envision the scenes of the night before Jesus’ crucifixion (Matt. 26:36-44).

February 2 - Jerusalem & Bethlehem
In Bethlehem, visit the cave revered as Jesus’ birthplace and see the Church of the Nativity constructed over the site (Matt. 1:18-25). This afternoon visit various United Methodist sponsored mission sites, before returning to Jerusalem.

February 3 - Jerusalem & the Old City
Walk the Cardo, the ancient main street of the Old City. Explore ancient Jerusalem at the Teaching Steps and the Western Wall. View the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle (John 5:1-19). Sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne and experience its rich acoustics. Visit Herod’s Antonia Fortress, where Jesus appeared before Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1), and follow in Christ’s steps on the Via Dolorosa (“the Way of the Cross”). At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, take time to reflect on His sacrificial love.

February 4 - Masada and the Dead Sea
Today visit Masada and the Dead Sea. Ascend by cable car to Masada, Herod’s legendary mountaintop fortress which became the last desperate stronghold of the Jewish Zealots against the Romans. You can still look down on the remains of the Roman camps and the siege ramp below. Continue to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. End your day with a dip in the salt and mineral laden waters of the Dead Sea.

February 5 - Jerusalem
This morning, explore the poignant exhibits of Yad Vashem, Israel’s Holocaust Memorial. Drive to Mount Zion to visit the House of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was questioned the night of His betrayal (Matt. 26:57). Meditate on the events of the Last Supper as you visit the traditional location of the Upper Room (Mark 14:12), visit the Garden Tomb for a time of reflection and communion.

February 6 - Return to the USA or Enjoy an Extension.

Two Units of CEU Credits Available

$400 Scholarships available for Clergy & $250 Scholarships available for Clergy spouses!
Send an e-mail to scholarship@travelwithus.com to apply and confirm your eligibility.
OPTIONAL EXTENSION

WONDERS OF PETRA & DEAD SEA—$998*
February 6-11, 2019

Feb. 7 Visit Mt. Nebo & Madaba. Overnight in Petra or at the Dead Sea.
Feb. 8 Explore Petra. Travel to the Dead Sea area for a late dinner and overnight.
Feb. 9 Free Morning at the Dead Sea. Cross border back into Israel. Dinner in Jerusalem.
Feb. 10 Return to USA.

*All prices reflect a 4% cash discount.
Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

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YOUR ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:
- Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing
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- Most of luggage & additional fees may apply, and the price to details
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- Daily Buffet Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches
- First Class Hotels & much more!
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Landon Farley 08/01  A.L. Grant Jr. 08/15
Sandy Eastman 08/03  Bev Powell 08/15
Kelly Thompson 08/03  Don Stoutt 08/15
Tracy Moore 08/03  Acacia Sharrow 08/15
Barb Cencich 08/05  Connie Pittenger 08/18
Jack White 08/06  Gin Miller 08/20
Simon Bray 08/07  Janet Rogers 08/21
Tom Hurshman 08/08  Anne Grant 08/24
Pat Lukert 08/10  Donna Hale 08/25
Jerry Skees 08/10  Paul Zaengger 08/27
Kim Ficco 08/10  Paul Burke 08/27
Cindi Loesch 08/11  Mary Black 08/30
Shane Forrest 08/12  Dwayne Bramer 08/30
Roy Rogers 08/13  Kenny Jewell 08/30
Richard Mills 08/13  Dave Segal 08/31
Jane Forni 08/13  Niels Meewis 08/31
Dyllan Pittman 08/13  

Anniversaries

Scott & Lisa Armentrout 08/05  Mark & Cathy Evans 08/17
Ronda O'Brien & Todd Moser 08/05  Van & Janey Smith 08/20
Stanley & Ramona Cornforth 08/07  Adam & Sarah Seymour 08/20
Jon & Rachael Coddington 08/07  Dick & Elaine Baker 08/20
Ken & Norma McBryde 08/14  Steve & Trish Gray 08/20
John & Erica White 08/17  Bob & Cathee Nielsen 08/21
Community Bible Study

The mission of Community Bible Study is to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring, in-depth Bible Study, available to all. Day Classes are for women and children of all ages.

What We Do: Classes meet weekly for approximately 30 weeks, following the local school calendar. Study materials contain questions relating to the portion of the Bible being studied. Each week members read and answer those questions prior to attending the class. On class day members meet with their discussion group, known as a Core Group, to discuss the lesson. Each Core Group of approximately 15 members is facilitated by a trained leader who seeks to build a personal relationship with each person in the group. Once per month fellowship meals are incorporated into the class day. These special times of sharing are designed to build relationships among group members. The class concludes with a 25-30-minute teaching given by a trained Teaching Director. These teachings offer additional insights into the week’s passage and contain a challenge to personally apply the lesson to daily life.

We meet on Wednesdays September through May from 9 to 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church on Niagara Rd.

We will be studying Moses this coming CBS year. If you are interested, please talk with Trish Gray, Jennifer Hurshman, Kathy Koeltzow, or Deidra Manary. If you are ready to register, please contact Alana Diaz, Class Coordinator at 970-765-6178, or montrosecbs@yahoo.com

If your schedule does not fit Wednesday mornings, call Alana about the Remote Core Group that will be meeting one evening a week. She can answer all your questions! Come join us!
Attention Families;

All Children and Youth will need to update their universal permission form for the 2018/2019 year, the old forms expire on September 1st. Please pick up a Children’s form for preschool-4th grade, and a Youth form for 5th grade-12th grade. Forms are located in the church office.

Please contact Sarah Seymour with any questions or concerns.
WANTED

Who: Anyone over 18, that has a love for God and wants to share God's love with our Children and Youth!

What: Children's & Youth Sunday School Teachers
When: Sunday's from 9:45-10:45

* All Materials Will Be Provided* Please Contact Sarah Seymour for more information or to see the curriculum. familyministries@montroseumc.org or (303) 594-1126

There will be an informational meeting on August 26th during the 9:45 service in the Children’s Area.

Children's Curriculum: Board Games– Biblical Lessons Based on Board Games.

Youth Curriculum: The Bible Project
Annual Celebration

Friday and Saturday, September 14-15, 2018
"Courage to Live Well"

Make it a vacation and bring your family! Activities in Durango, include but not limited to ...hiking, biking, rafting, climbing, shopping. Honeyville store, tour Mesa Verde, soak in hot springs, and tons of great restaurants.

Utah/Western Colorado District UMW
United Methodist Women’s August Schedule

Monday August 27 Executive board meeting 9:00 a.m.
Meetings this month
Mary and Elizabeth Circle Thursday Aug. 16 7:00 p.m.
Hostess: TBA
Mary Olive: No Meeting
Hope Circle: No Meeting
Faith Circle: Thursday August 23 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.

United Methodist Women’s August Schedule

Wednesday, August 1st, Bell Choir Meets; NO SOUNDS OF FAITH; Praise Team meets
Sunday, August 5th, Bell Choir Plays; no Sounds of Faith

Wednesday, August 8th, Sounds of Faith and Praise Team meet; NO BELLS

Sunday, August 12th, Sounds of Faith 8:15 Service

Wednesday, August 15th, NO BELL CHOIR or SOUNDS OF FAITH; Praise Team WILL meet

Sunday, August 19th, Sounds of Faith 11:15 Service

Wednesday, August 22nd, Sounds of Faith and Praise Team meet; NO BELLS
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 Aug. 15, this month’s selection: True Sisters by Sandra Dallas