Join us for worship, **Thursday, December 20th at 7 p.m.** in the Sanctuary for a time of contemplation, prayer stations, comfort and inspiration. The season is one of joy, but we don’t always feel joyful. This service is a space and time to acknowledge pain, loss, hurt and grief in all its forms, especially around the holidays. We hope that you will join us for this service of hope.

**December Family Celebration**

**Let’s Go Sledding!**

We are hopeful that there will be snow this year—forecast calls for snow on Friday and Sunday! If we do indeed get snow, we will move forward with our plan to go sledding on **Sunday December 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**. Please eat lunch before you come, but snacks and hot chocolate will be provided by the church. Dress warm and bring your sled. We will meet up at Cerro Summit at 1 o’clock.

This is a family event, please plan on attending as a family.
It’s that time again! We have had Christ the King Sunday and finished out our liturgical year, and begin again with Advent. Advent is generally thought of as a time of waiting. We wait for the arrival of the Christ Child at Christmas. The funny thing is, we know this story already; we’ve been here year after year, waiting, and we know the ending. We know everything about this story, and yet every year, we make this journey to Bethlehem again.

This year, I’ve chosen a book that allows us to suspend what we know and attempt to bring fresh eyes and ears and feelings to this time of getting ready. Magrey deVega has written a book titled, “Awaiting the Already” which I will be preaching through and using as a study guide in our Bible studies on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings. deVega invites us to await that which we already know; to slow down and take a closer look at each of the gospel accounts of the birth narrative (or in John’s case – the prelude – since there is no birth narrative).

I hope you’ll join us in worship during all four weeks of Advent as we journey together, hearing the words of the prophets and the baptizer John crying out in the wilderness, and Joseph the step-father of our Messiah, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary and the Angels. I pray that this time together is meaningful and we can take time to remember God’s gifts of hope, peace, joy and love.
“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David” – Luke 1:68-69

See you in Worship,
Pastor Lisa

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**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

There were 107 boxes available, only 1 was not taken and will be saved for next year, and 102 were returned and sent on their way to needy children. This means there were 4 boxes taken and not returned – if you were one of those people I would hope you would save the box and use it next year as there is a cost to provide them. The breakdown for the boxes that were returned is shown below:

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As you can see the 5 – 9 age group is very popular so maybe next year some of you will select a different group. I noticed a couple of you had some new, great ideas in filling your box. One person who provided a water bottle filled it with school supplies and socks making good use of every bit of space. Well done, thank you, and God bless all who returned a box. The boxes from the Montrose area are headed to Denver for processing, and then onward to their final destination. I will let you know what country your boxes went to when I find out.
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.

Upcoming Happenings

Mon December 3. - 9:00A.M. - Executive Board Meeting - Baldridge Hall

Wed. December 12, 12:00- Program: Music at noon
12:30 Luncheon-Hostess– Executive Board - $5.00 per person-
First time guests free.

Circle Meetings

Dec 13- Thurs. – 7:00 P.M.-Mary and Elizabeth Circle-
Hostess: Becky Clark- Co-Hostess: Jenny Hurshman- Program &
Devotions: Deidra Manary

Dec. 6- Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. - Mary Olive Circle– In in Room 1.
Hope Circle– No December Meeting

Dec. 6-Thurs. - 1:30 P.M.-Faith Circle– cookie Exchange, Hostess: Kris Schledewitz, Program & Devotions: Connie Pittenger

We welcome all newcomers!
MUSIC OF THE SEASON

MUSIC @ NOON

December 5th, 12th, 19th – Music at Noon!
Join us for a short concert at noon each
Wednesday during Advent!
December 5th: Robin Freed and friends on
harp and organ
December 12th: Connie Stoutt on organ and
the Ringers of Glory handbell choir
December 19th: Martha Ditto from the Valley
Symphony Orchestra and Youth Symphony
Mentor on cello

TAIZÉ
Music & Reflection
by Candlelight

A Sacred Space to Nourish the Soul
7:00 p.m.
2nd Thursdays of the month
Sept—May

Taizé worship is contemplative and communal. There is time for prayer
and reflection, as well as simple songs for centering oneself in God.

Montrose United Methodist Church · 19 S. Park Avenue · 970-249-3716
Have you taken an acolyte training? Will your family be at a Christmas Eve Service?

If so, we need acolytes at each of our services.

December 24th 4:00 p.m.
December 24th 5:30 p.m.
December 24th 8:00 p.m.
December 24th 11:00 p.m.

Please let Sarah know if you are available.

You have a gift waiting for you!

Sarah has created Advent Family activity bags for each family. Please pick them up from Sarah at your earliest convenience.

The activity bags will include daily and weekly devotionals, crafts/activities with some materials and other great information!
Christmas Pageant

Anyone ages 3-18 is invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant. We need a variety of youth and children to participate in the following ways: backstage help, actors/actresses, ushers, Bible readers, etc. We will need parent help during all rehearsals and performances. Thank you in advance!

Rehearsal Dates:
December 5th 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
December 12th 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal:
December 15th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*

* Lunch will be provided

Performance:
December 16th @ 9:45 a.m.*

* Please meet downstairs in Park Ave. at 9:00 a.m.
“PLARN” workshop
First Tuesday of each month
1:00p.m.—3:00p.m.
Cross and Flame Café Space
Bring clean bags, scissors and sprit!

To Sleeping Mats.

Did you know about our great nursery programs?

Need a moment alone?

Try Quick Care
Every Tuesday & 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

We Welcome You!
Join us for Parent’s Night Out on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. As of September 1st we will be increasing the price of PNO. The new price will be as follows; $15 per child or $30 Family Max.

12/14/2018 Christmas Crafts
Join us as we make Christmas crafts and decorate cookies to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

12/28/2018 Frozen Night
Join us for a chilly yet fun night! We will make crafts and games related to the cold and finish the night by watching the movie Frozen.

Please RSVP for PNO to Shelly at 970.417.9277

Quick Care runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Drop your child(ren) off for developmentally appropriate activities while you run errands, attend doctor’s appointments or enjoy a morning of relaxation.

Price:
$10 per child or $20 Family Max.

Quick Care & Parent’s Night Out are open to the community!
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December 2018
Birthdays

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Barbara Kastellic 12/01  DeLoris Taliaferro 12/23
Sharon Becker 12/04  Laurie Hadley 12/23
Joan Rivers 12/07  Eva Preslan 12/26
Gary Preslan 12/09  Joyce Simerson 12/27
Sheila Reeves 12/10  Cathy Evans 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
Jeromy DeJulio 12/18

Anniversaries

Jerry & Shirley Lehl 12/07
Jim & Sally Burrichter 12/14
Tom & Bonnie Lamb 12/15
Ross & Annie Hauck 12/15
Kent & Joyce Simerson 12/19
Ray & Carol Ross 12/21
Norm & Dena Brooks 12/26
Orville & Gladys Kline 12/28
Simon & Amber Bray 12/31
Christmas Around the World

During December we will be traveling to different countries to learn about Christmas in different cultures.

December 2nd: Mexico & Australia
December 9th: France & Japan
December 16th: No Sunday School– Christmas Pageant
December 23rd: One Room Sunday School in Park Avenue Hall (Downstairs)
December 30th: No Sunday School. There is only one worship service at 10:00 a.m..

December Memory Verse Challenge

This year we will be memorizing 2 important pieces to the Methodist worship; The Lord’s Prayer and the Apostle's Creed. Each month we will build on to the previous months verse. We will work on The Lord’s Prayer this fall. As always, come find Mrs. Sarah during the Sunday School hour to recite your verse & earn a prize. All kids that can recite both pieces in May will earn a grand prize.
UMYF Schedule

Each Friday we will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Baldridge Hall unless otherwise listed.

December 7th – 30 Hour Famine Parts 1 & 2
Parking during drop off and pick up times will be difficult due to Lessons and Carols. We will meet down in the Children’s Area. Please ring the door bell on the Children’s door to be let in.

December 14th – 30 Hour Famine Parts 3 & 4

December 21st – Youth Christmas Party @ Farley’s
Please meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. to ride the bus or meet at the Farley’s 6:00 p.m. *See upcoming email for the address.

We will enjoy dinner, gift exchange and a movie. This year for our gift exchange we will focus our gift on silly Christmas socks. $5 limit for sock exchange. Please wrap your gift before you come. We will return to the church by 9:00 p.m. or pick up at the Farley’s at 8:45 p.m.

December 28th – NO UMYF – Holiday

Sunday School

Time: 9:45-11:00
(Starting after Mystery Box)

December 2nd: Communion Sunday – Youth stay in worship together
December 9th: Christmas Around the World
December 16th: No Sunday School – Christmas Pageant
December 23rd: One Room Sunday School w/ Children
December 30th: No Sunday School. Only 1 worship service at 10:00 am.
Parent Volunteers Needed:

December 21st during the Youth Christmas Party @ Farley’s

6:00– 9:00 We will need 3 volunteers to help set up/ run the hot chocolate bar and pancake bar. As well as clean up towards the end of the night.

December 21st

Food and drink donations. Sarah will have a list of needed items, closer to the event date.

December 23rd 9:45-11:00

As the holidays get near and things start to wind down for the year our Sunday School teacher’s have earned a Sunday or two off. Sarah is looking for 3-4 adults to help during the Sunday School hour. All activities will be planned, we just need you to be the hands to help run it!

Please let Sarah know if you are available to help during any of these events.
Bibles & Board Games @ Starbucks

We will not meet on the following dates; please encourage your youth to participate in the Christmas Pageant!

December 5th
December 12th

We will meet at Starbuck’s on December 19th from 3:00-4:00. YAY!

Mission Trip

Don’t forget to take the Mission Trip questionnaire. The link can be found in the weekly email or on our Facebook page.

The questionnaire will be taken down on December 5th!

Santa’s Cabin Reminders

We are still looking for workers on the following dates:

December 8th 4:00-7:00 Inside & Outside

December 23rd 4:00-6:00 Outside

If you were unable to make the training, please contact Sarah to set up a time to meet. Cabin work schedules are handed out during this meeting as well as going over the daily operations and expectations.
Thank you for supporting our Children and Youth in their October mission project; Trick or Treat for UNICEF. They were able to send $475.50 to help children from all over the world. We could not have done this without your unending support, thank you!

Thank you to all who volunteered their time, donated baked goods or other supplies to our 2018 Fall Family Festival! We hosted over 180 people over the 3-hour event where fun and laughter could be heard throughout the church. Thank you!
Hunger isn’t just. But your hunger can be.

JUST HUNGER.

OUR YOUTH GROUP IS DOING WORLD VISION’S 30 HOUR FAMINE.

WHAT: For 30 hours, we’ll skip meals to raise funds that will help feed hungry children around the world.

WHY: Every five seconds, a child under 5 dies—and nearly half those deaths are from hunger-related causes. That’s why we’re taking action now!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. **Give.** Every $40 we raise helps feed and care for a child for one month. You can make checks out to World Vision and give them to the contact person below, visit our fundraising page at [https://youth.worldvision.org/team/20790](https://youth.worldvision.org/team/20790), or text 30HFGIVE to 44888.

2. **Volunteer.** We need your help to make our Famine weekend a success! There are lots of ways to help out.

3. **Pray.** Ask for God’s grace over our event and our fundraising, and that we grow deeper in our love for Him while helping change hungry kids’ lives.

WHEN: January 4th-5th

OUR GOAL: We’re raising $500 to help feed and care for 13 kids for a month.

CONTACT: Sarah Seymour @ familyministries@montroseumc.org

1.800.7.FAMINE (1.800.732.6463) | 30hourfamine.org

World Vision
30 HOUR FAMINE

30 Hour Famine: Students loving God and fighting hunger.

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December 2018
Hey Youth put this on your calendar!
Join us on January 4th-5th for a 30 Hour Famine Lock in! This is an educational yet fun weekend as we fast to raise money to help feed children all over the world. We will prepare during UMYF in December to learn more about hunger around the world. More information will be coming out closer to the event through our weekly emails and Facebook posts.

Important Upcoming Dates:
January 4th-5th: 30 Hour Famine Lock In
January 13th: Family Celebration
February 3rd: Family Celebration
February 24th: Youth Sunday
January Newsletter Deadline is Monday, December 17!

Submit a Publicity Form (found in the outside church office) with details of an upcoming event to Rachael in the church office via email to:

secretary@montroseumc.org