Daylight Savings – Set your clocks one hour ahead starting Saturday night, March 9th so you are on time to worship for the First Sunday in Lent on March 10th!

Paint Potluck & Socialize
Sunday March 31st 12:30—2:30 p.m.
All paint supplies & guidance included
Please RSVP by March 26 to church office
Each family will get to create a painting to take home and one to help decorate the children’s area!
Bring a dish to share!

March 6th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, a time for reflection and recommitting ourselves to the service of Jesus. On Ash Wednesday, Pastor Lisa will impose ashes (make the sign of the cross on your forehead or hand with ashes), as a reminder that we have come from dust and to dust we shall return. Below are three times and locations:

7 a.m.- 8 a.m. Coffee Trader on Main Street
12 noon – 1 p.m. Drive-Thru Ashes in the Alley off of Park Avenue by church
7 p.m. – Montrose UMC Sanctuary for a short worship service
Pastor Lisa’s Lines
Lisa’s Lines for March Newsletter

Transfiguration Sunday – the first Sunday in March this year – the Sunday we celebrate all things being made new.

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In the life of the church, this particular Sunday is one of the most intriguing to me. In the church calendar and the life of Jesus; it come after the waiting and the birth, and the time in the temple as a boy, and as then the baptism by John in the Jordan. But chronology stops here. We encounter Jesus up on a hill being transformed before two of his disciples who want to build a monument on this location to commemorate this experience.

After this mountain top experience, we go straight down the mountain and back up a step to the wilderness and temptation of Jesus for 40 days! It is an odd place to be, but also the best place to be before committing to braving the wilderness.

When life changing
events happen, we often want to set up shop and stay in those places. We want to do everything possible to remember them, to honor them and to live them. However, the best way to live these transcendent moments is to move forward – to really live and share them with others. Take the experience of being transformed in your heart and allow it to permeate everything you do and say.

By the time each of you read this article in the March Newsletter for the church, our Special Session of General Conference in St. Louis to decide some directions and language for the United Methodist Church as a global denomination, will be over.

Regardless of the outcome of this conference, it is my hope and prayer that we continue to follow Christ up the mountain to be transformed; that we continue to live out our call to love all our brothers and sisters throughout the world; that we will never stop granting grace and showing love to those who are different from who each of us may be. For God loves diversity and finds beauty in all of God’s creation.

May we move forward off the mountain, reminding people of the transfiguration of Christ and the transforming power He has.

“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” – Luke 9:35

See you in worship and out in the world,

Pastor Lisa
Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, we replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. We will find courage in our wilderness with a sermon series based on Brene Brown’s book, “Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone”

As we embark on our journey together, you are invited to read along, or simply hear sermons that will hopefully inspire you through any wilderness wandering you may be doing. As we begin with Ash Wednesday, you are invited to seek out practices that may focus your attention on God more, or give up habits that draw you away from the Lord. However you feel comfortable observing the season of Lent, we hope you’ll do it here at Montrose UMC.
The Poetry Of Lent

Every journey needs a guide - and what better guide to the 40 days of Lent than the beloved poet, Mary Oliver?

Winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, Oliver is widely celebrated as an accessible, insightful observer of the natural world, the life of faith, and the interplay between the two. Imagine a six-week journey with Oliver at your side, illuminating ancient passages of scripture; provoking bite-sized meditations on key Lenten themes; and pointing toward everyday practices for individuals, families, and congregations. All you need is this devotional, a Bible, and a copy of Oliver’s wonderful collection, Devotions (the poems can also be found online).

The booklets will also be available at the welcome center on March 3rd. If there is not a copy in the passageway when you go to look for it, please request one in the office.
Did you know about our great nursery programs?

**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: $15 per child  Ages: 6 Months– 6 Years

Weekly Quick Care Activities:

- Week of 3/4/2019  Under the Sea Week
- Week of 3/11/2019  The Very Hungry Caterpillar Week
- Week of 3/18/2019  Toy Story Week
- Week of 3/25/2019  Puppy Week

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**Need a moment alone?**

**Try Quick Care**

Every Tuesday & Thursday Morning

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

$15.00 per child

Not a member?  Not a problem.

Open to the Public!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
CHURCH OFFICE 970–249–3716

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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. Ages: 6 months-10 years

3/8/2019 Under the Sea

Join us while we create under the sea crafts and play water themed activities...you might get a little wet!

3/22/2019 National Puppy Day Celebration

Join us while we celebrate cute puppies through puppy crafts, making puppy chow desert and finishing the night watching 101 Dalmatians.

Please RSVP for PNO to Jessica @ (970) 275-0999

Quick Care & Parent’s Night Out are open to the commu-
Meet our nursery workers!!
**ALL ABOUT ME**

**Name:** Jessica Meiners

**My birthday is:** April 1st

**I'm really looking forward to this year because...** It will be learning a lot of new things.

**My favorite things...**
- **color:** Purple
- **book:** Nora Roberts Novel
- **food:** Shrimp, Shellfish
- **subject:** Reading
- **hobby:** 4-Wheeler Racing
- **place to visit:** Beach
- **sport:**
- **store:** Hobby Lobby

**Three words that describe me...**
- Happy
- Loving
- Quiet

**My family**
- Kevin
- Tylaine
- me

**In my spare time, I like to...**
- Read
- Go Camping
- Ride 4 wheelers
- Garden
- Go to the Movies

**In the future, I'd like to...**
- Travel and visit as many places as I can.
Upcoming Happenings

Mar. 1– Fri World Day of Prayer—Come—Everything is Ready (Luke 14:15-24)
Mar. 4 - Mon. - 9:00 A.M. - Executive Board Meeting - Baldridge Hall
Mar. 8—Friday International Women’s Day- #BalanceforBetter
Mar. 13 - Wed.-11:30- Luncheon-Hostess—Mary Olive Circle- Program: “Our Israel Adventure” by Kathy Koeltzow and Sharon Hayes-
$5.00 per person-First time guests free.

Circle Meetings

Mar. 21- Thurs. – 7:00 P.M.-Mary and Elizabeth Circle- Hostess: Kathy Devor- Program: Kathy Devor Devotions: Janice Becker
Mar. 28– Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. – Hope Circle- Hostess: Mary Lou Jeffers
Mar. 28-Thurs. - 1:30 P.M.-Faith Circle- Hostess: Barbara Nagoda, Program & Devotions: Barbara Nagoda
We welcome all newcomers!

**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.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Montrose United Methodist Women will be hosting a Women’s Health and Wellness Fair on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. We would like to invite you to attend this event. The goal is to promote a healthy lifestyle for women of all ages and to build awareness of services that are available in the Montrose community.
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Clayton Garner 03/04  Sharon Hayes 03/22
Alicea Vigil 03/04  Gwen Carlile 03/23
Carol Erickson 03/05  Richard Hanna 03/24/
Bob Shippy 03/06  Margaret Krabbe 03/24
Kianna Koeltzow 03/06  Helen Wild 03/25/
Megan Waxler 03/09  Jessie Purcell 03/28
Joan Dunham 03/10  Lisa Armentrout 03/28
Ruth Heath 03/11  Sue King 03/28
Tom Lamb 03/11  Patrick Farley 03/30
Stan Hayes 03/11
Vern Dunham 03/13
Kyle Armentrout 03/14
Kevin Meiners 03/15
Jerry Lehl 03/17
Jennie Anderson 03/18

Anniversaries

Don & Jeanne Allen 03/25
Jim & Jan Rexroad 03/29
A.L. & Anne Grant Jr. 03/29
Lee & Karen Elliott 03/30
Kenny & Sharon Jewell 03/31
Bill & Phyllis Jones 03/31
From Grocery Bags…

“PLARN” workshop
First Tuesday of each month
1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Cross and Flame Café Space
Bring clean bags, scissors and sprit!

To Sleeping Mats.

Taizé Service

Join us for a time of prayer, music
and connection with God

Second Thursday
September—May
7:00 P.M.
Montrose UMC Sanctuary
Cultivate community: 2nd Annual
Community Garden Open House!

Dig In: Presentation Topics
* Water and Conservation
* Worm Farming & Composting
* Community Building
* Synergy With Animals and Gardening

Local Vendors and Partners
* CSU Extension, High Desert Seed, Eatin’ Greens, Build-a-Soil, Billy Goat Farms, Master Gardeners, Montrose Botanical Garden, Valley Food Partnership, Niagara Community Garden, Wovoka Ranch, Yurtsstead Farms, Sharing Ministries, etc.

Tuesday March 12th, 2019
4pm-6pm
19 S Park Ave Montrose CO

Valley Food Partnership
Home of the Growing Healthy Communities Coalition

Hosted in collaboration with the Montrose United Methodist Church
Brown Bag Book Club

The Brown Bag book Club will be meeting in the alcove (back of the sanctuary). This month’s meeting will be March 19, 11:45 a.m. this month’s selection: Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan
Sunday School

The Bible is full of stories of people who have shown incredible faith in God. Kids will learn about these examples of faith as well as learn some cool science experiments to help them remember each story.

March 3rd: Experiments in Faith—Rainbow in a Bottle

March 10th: Experiments in Faith—Magnetic Cereal

March 17th: Experiments in Faith—Parting the Red Sea

March 24th: Lent Lesson #1

March 31st: Lent Lesson #2

March 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 Apostle’s Creed this spring. As always, come find Mrs. Sarah during the Sunday School hour to recite your verse & earn a prize.

March’s Verse; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
What is Happening While Sarah is on Maternity Leave?

Activities will still continue to happen as normal!

Thank you to all of the Children’s Action Committee members and Jessica Meiners, Nursery Coordinator, for keeping programs running while Sarah (and Adam) enjoys bonding time with their new little one.

If you have specific questions, pertaining to one group please contact the representative for that group, if it is a general question or you are unsure who to contact please contact Jessica Meiners. Contact info can be found in the church directory or through the church office. Sarah will be unavailable to answer questions during this time.

**Sunday School Rep:** Andrea & Danny Wood

**Youth Starbucks Rep:** Kevin Meiners

**UMYF Rep:** Megan Farley

**March Family Celebration Rep:** Megan Farley

**April Family Celebration Rep:** Adam Wright

**Vacation Bible School:** Teresa Waxler

**Any other questions or concerns:** Jessica Meiners

(970) 275-0999
Palm Sunday Brunch

When: April 14th
Time: 8:30-12:30

What: Join us on April 14th as we host a Palm Sunday Brunch for the church! This is the one fundraiser a year for our Family Ministry Outreach Programs. Funds are used to host our monthly Family Celebrations at a low cost to all families participating.

Volunteer Sign Ups will be posted down in the Children’s Area starting in March. We need volunteers to sign up to bring various egg casseroles, sausage, pancake toppings, pancake mix, etc. as well as sign up to work a shift in the kitchen either cooking, serving or cleaning up.

Questions? Please see Adam Wright, CAC Member, or Jessica, our Nursery Coordinator, with any questions about this event.

Lent 2019

Stop by the Children’s Area to pick your Lenten Family Devotional packet starting March 3rd.

These packets are similar to the ones we handed out during Advent and are based on a curriculum that you can color with your kids.

Each packet will have one set of family devotionals.

If your family needs more copies; please grab them from the extra copy folder when you pick up your packet!
UMYF Schedule

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

March 1st—Devotion: Keep Focused
March 8th—NO UMYF
March 15th—Devotion: Perseverance
  Game: Alien Invasion
March 22nd—No UMYF—Spring Break
March 29th—Devotion: Comparison

Sunday School

Time: 9:45-11:00
(Starting after Mystery Box)
Curriculum: Jesus is _______. A study on who Jesus is.
March 3rd: Youth stay in worship service & sit together at the front.
March 10th: Youth stay in worship—Westside Weekend Retreat
March 17th: Jesus is _____ Lesson 1
March 24th: Jesus is _____ Lesson 2
March 31st: Lent in a Day
Parent Reminders for volunteer times:

March 1st: Megan Farley & Teresa Waxler UMYF Leaders
March 15th: Becky Clark & Tayllor Pittman UMYF Leaders
March 29th: Erica White UMYF Leader

Community Garden Clean Up—April 6th
  * 1-2 Volunteers needed to help organize the youth and make sure they stay on task.

Palm Sunday Brunch

We need parent volunteers to help at the Palm Sunday Brunch. See Palm Sunday Brunch on the back of this newsletter for more information.

Montrose Food and Wine Festival Fundraiser to support Grand Mesa Camp.

  Date: May 18th
  Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We will need parents and youth to help clean up after the Food and Wine Festival. Funds raised from this event will go to scholarships for Grand Mesa Camp.
Bibles & Board Games @ Starbucks

We will meet on the following Wednesday’s in March;

March 6th 3:00-4:00 @ Starbuck’s
March 13th 3:00-4:00 @ Starbuck’s
March 20th NO Starbuck’s– Spring Break
March 27th 3:00-4:00 @ Starbuck’s

Please make sure to communicate if your youth will be attending or not! Jessica Meiners will be running this event each week. Please contact her with any questions or concerns while Sarah is on maternity leave.

Jessica (970) 275 - 0999

Mission Trip 2019

Date: July 30th– August 7th
Location: Colorado Road Trip

On the Colorado Mission Road Trip we will stay in 3 different cities; Pueblo, Littleton, and Meeker. During our stay in these 3 cities we will complete 5.5 days of mission projects ranging from working in a food bank to helping a local UMC church complete a few projects. We will visit a Dinosaur park, join the rest of the youth of the Mountain Sky conference for UMC Youth day at Water World, and watch a Rockies baseball game to name a few.

Mission Trip Registration forms are available on the youth table in Baldridge Hall.

Registration forms and first deposit are due March 15th.
April Newsletter Deadline is **Monday, March 18!**

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

secretary@montroseumc.org