HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
The Journey we take from Palms to Passion & Praise

Palm Sunday Worship, April 14 – 8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Join us Sunday morning for worship as we waive palms and sing! We remember Jesus as the celebration for Passover was approaching! (Then join us for pancakes)

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 18 – 7 p.m.
This night, we celebration of the Passover feast, remembering Jesus’ promise for a new covenant. Join us in Baldridge Hall for worship in the round, communion and prayer stations.

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, April 19 – 7:30 p.m.
A service of extinguishing light, exceptional music by choir and strings, scripture, original readings, and art. This sanctuary service is not the end of the story, but a necessity to grace.

Easter Bible Reading Vigil, April 19-21
We keep vigil by continuously reading the Bible in the Sanctuary from the close of our Good Friday worship to Easter morning worship. The Sanctuary will be open to hear the words of the prophets, Christ, and the early church. Sign up to read or just come to listen. (Details on page 22)

Easter Morning Worship, April 21 – 8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Come celebrate a glorious Easter morning in the sanctuary as we rejoice in our Risen Christ! Invite your friends and family for worship & fellowship all morning long.
I cannot begin to express how thankful I am to be with you here in this time. I keep hearing the words of Esther in my head, “for such a time as this”. While I am no Esther, I do feel that I understand her appreciation for time. As I write this, I realize that I have been in ministry of some type or another for just over 20 years – from Youth and Family Ministries Director to Leadership Development, to being a full time Pastor.

Having been a full-time solo pastor for the past 7 years, I have come to appreciate the ways the church year ebbs and flows, the people of God and their willingness to seek deep meanings in their daily work outside of the church, and the people I have been privileged to work with. However, in this work, especially this past year, I have not kept healthy boundaries. I have not kept a regular Sabbath or rescheduled my days off if it is taken up by unforeseen circumstances. I have not loved myself the way I am expected to love others.

There has been much discussion around our United Methodist Book of Discipline recently. There are paragraphs that give instructions for how to order the church, who is authorized to bless communion, and how to buy, sell and use property and nearly everything in between. In this book is the recommendation for pastors to take four weeks of Renewal leave for every four
years of full-time ministry. This leave is to renew and refresh and must be authorized by the District Superintendents and Staff Parish Relations Committees.

At the recommendation of our District Superintendent, I have requested six weeks of Renewal to begin after Easter (April 24–June 2). I have arranged for some amazing preachers and worship services in my absence. You will have access to a nearby United Methodist minister and our Congregational Care Team. I have every ounce of faith that our staff will step up and do whatever is needed in my stead (which they do all the time even when I’m around).

That said, my soul is weary and my heart aches. In my short career as a pastor I have buried over 50 people, grieving with families and loved ones; I have sat with people who have been diagnosed with terminal illnesses and talked about life for their families after they are no longer present; I have laughed and cried with God’s people – with you, and our brothers and sisters at other churches and across the denomination.

It is my deep desire to be the healthiest, non-anxious leader I can be as your pastor. During this renewal I will take time to simply BE without DOING. I will spend time at home, at retreat centers, and with my family. I hope that in refocusing my energies and seeking to put back in place habits that have helped me keep healthy boundaries, I will return refreshed and ready for ministry as we continue to build the kingdom of God here in Montrose.

During this time, I solicit your prayers not only for me, but for my family, and encourage you to do a few things:

1. Show up to worship for the amazing services, guest preachers and each other.
2. Continue to pray for our church as we live into where God is calling us to be, and how we may serve our community with the love of Christ.
3. Check in with our fantastic staff to see if they need anything in my absense.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Blessings,

Pastor Lisa
Vacation Bible School is coming!
June 10-14, 2019
9am-12pm

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event for the children. Please sign up in Baldridge Hall.

We will also need many supplies donated. Check the following list or the list in Baldrige Hall to see if you are able to donate any supplies.

For questions, contact Teresa Waxler at 303-598-5140 or teresa@waxler.org

Volunteers: To sign up online go to vbs.pro.events/p/0b4a2b

From Staff Parish Relations Committee:

When Pastor Lisa came to the Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting with the request for Renewal leave it was taken seriously by the whole committee. We are all in agreement the Renewal leave should be approved; and while Pastor Lisa is away healing, praying and refocusing SPRC will be working to see what we can do to assist her better when she returns.

Should you have any questions or concerns you can reach out to any of your SPRC representatives for further discussion.

We want to thank each of you for your continued support of this church and our Pastor, Lisa and her family.

Beth McCorkle, Chair;
Janice Becker, Ginger Bollinger, Dale Carter, Kathy Devor, Kim Ficco, Chris Tarman, and Nancy Zaenger
Vacation Bible School Donation List

For use during VBS
elastic bracelet string (33 feet)
Hex Nuts size ?--(120)
red wire—30 feet
green or blue wire--(50 feet)
pipettes (120)
cheap paper plates (400)
coffee filters (100)
beach balls (6+)
glow sticks (Short or bracelet sizes)(60)
handkerchiefs (Lifesavers (hard mint) (60)
plastic gallon size jugs (milk or water)-washed (12)
post it notes
single colored stickers
black or brown sheet that can be made into strips
3 ounce dixie cups (400)
Misc. Craft Items:
  construction paper
  pipe cleaners
  yarn
  tissue paper
  popsicle sticks
  feathers

For decorations:
card board
large cardboard tubes
paper towel tubes
foam insulation tubing
paper grocery bags
blue cellophane
red cellophane
blue plastic table cloths
green butcher paper
red tissue paper
yellow tissue paper
orange tissue paper
tan or white sheet that can have holes put in it

To Borrow:
Large buckets-(5 gallon) (2-3)
Small buckets (5-6)
Hula hoops (4)
Roman Soldier costume
tunic for slave costume
pretend flowers and greenery
stuffed jungle animals
Up Coming Happenings

April 1– Mon - 9:00A.M.
- Executive Board Meeting
- Baldridge Hall

April 10 - Wed.-11:30- Luncheon-Hostess– Faith Circle-
Program: “A Call to Prayer and Self Denial and baby shower
for Sarah Seymour

$5.00 per person-First time guests free.

April 21– Sun– Eater Sunday

Circle Meetings

April 18- Thurs. – 7:00 P.M.-Mary and Elizabeth Circle-
Program: Maundy Thursday Service at Church Devotions:
Jenny Hurshman

April 25– Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. - Mary Olive Circle– Hostess:
Karen Elliott Co-Hostess: Lee Ann Riddoch, Program &
Devotions: Anne Grant

April 25– Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. – Hope Circle- Hostess: Marie
Stonestreet

April 25-Thurs. - 1:30 P.M.-Faith Circle- Hostess: Bonnie
Lamb Co-Hostess: Kris Schledewitz, Program & Devotions:
Connie Pittenger

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.
April Family Celebration/ 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 such as monthly family celebrations, Fall Festival and the Family Camping Trip.

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.

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 April 16, 11:45 a.m. this month’s selection: The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick
**ALL ABOUT ME**

**Name**
Amber Palmer

**My Birthday is**
1/12/85

**My family**
- Doctor: My husband
- Adrien:
- Gabriel:
- Sons:
- My daughter

**Three words that describe me...**
- Nice
- Caring
- Quiet

**In my spare time, I like to...**
- Hike
- Draw
- And paint

**My favorite things...**
- Color: Blue
- Book: All of them
- Food: Mexican food
- Subject: Art
- Hobby: Painting
- Place to visit: Hawaii
- Sport: Soccer
- Store: Target

**In the future, I’d like to...**
- Have an animal
- Rescue place
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 4/1/2019: Nursery Rhymes Week
- Week of 4/8/2019: Farm Animals Week
- Week of 4/15/2019: Easter Week
- Week of 4/22/2019: Earth Week

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*For more information contact Church Office 970-249-3716*
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.

**4/12/2019  Colorado Day!**
Join us as we celebrate all things Colorado. We will learn all about our state, create a Colorado flag and make trail mix.

**4/26/2019  National Pretzel Day**
Join us as we play games that twist your body into a pretzel, make homemade pretzels and learn how to dance to the Twist.

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

Quick Care & Parent’s Night Out are open to the community!
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Jessica Meiners 04/01  Callie Armentrout 04/14
Douglas Zelazny 04/01  Micki Kintner 04/16
Bonnie Lamb 04/02  Betty Winter 04/18
Ryan Shipley 04/02  Kent Simerson 04/20
Janice Becker 04/03  Joe Evans 04/22
Gus Bray 04/06  Monte Haugland 04/23
Lola Howard 04/08  Beckie Pendergrass 04/24
Suzi Reick 04/10  Adam Seymour 04/24
Dylan Farley 04/10  Sharon Jewell 04/26
Mike Richardson 04/11  Darlene Gott 04/28
Ginger Bollinger 04/11  Nancy Johnson 04/30
Ken Van Skiver 04/14  Steve Gray 04/30

Anniversaries

Butch & Becky Clark 04/04
Dave & Kirstin Copeland 04/14
Jerry & Erin Skees 04/14
Nancy & Walt Rule 04/16
Kevin & Jessica Meiners 04/17
Joe & Kim Ficco 04/18
John & Nancy Fishering 04/29
Joe & Caroline Evans 04/29
Ed & Karen DeJulio 04/30
From Grocery Bags...

“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.

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
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.

- April 7th: Lent Lesson #3
- April 14th: No Sunday School—Palm Sunday Brunch
- April 21st: No Sunday School—Easter Holiday
- April 28th: Experiments in Faith—Pressure Cooker

April 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.

April’s Verse: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
Save the Dates!
As we all start to plan activities for Summer 2019, here are some important dates to put on your calendar.

**Vacation Bible School**
Theme: Shipwrecked!

Dates: June 10th-14th
More information will be available mid April in Baldridge Hall and on the church website.

**Summer Fun Days**
Theme: World Explorers—Let’s See Where God Takes Us!

Dates: June 24th-28th
More information will be available mid April in Baldridge Hall and on the church website

**Grand Mesa Camp**
Dates: Elementary (3rd-5th Grade) July 8th–12th
(Sarah will be directing elementary camp!)

Family Camp July 19th-21st
More information and registration will be available mid April on the Grand Mesa Camp website.
https://www.grandmesacamp.com/
**UMYF Schedule**

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

**April 5th** – Easter Lesson

**April 12th** – No UMYF – Please join us at the Palm Sunday Brunch

**April 19th** – No UMYF – Holy Week

**April 26th** – Earth Day – Genesis 1

**Sunday School**

Time: 9:45-11:00

(Starting after Mystery Box)

Curriculum: Jesus 101—A 4-week foundation study on the life of Jesus, who he was and why he came to earth.

April 7th: Youth stay in worship service & sit together at the front.

April 14th: No Sunday School—Palm Sunday Brunch

April 21st: No Sunday School—Easter

April 28th: Jesus is ____ Lesson 3
UMYF Parent Sign Up Reminders:
April 5th: Megan Farley & Lisa Petty
April 26th: Wood’s & Becky Clark

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.
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.

Community Garden Clean Up Day

The youth have been asked to help with the community garden clean up day on April 6th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please put this date on your calendar!

Questions? Contact Lorie Cribbs @ loriec01@charter.net
Bibles & Board Games @ Starbucks

Join us as we start the new year of Bibles and Board Games!

We will meet on the following Wednesday’s in January:

April 3rd: 3:00-4:00 @ Starbucks’
April 10th: 3:00-4:00 @ Starbucks’
April 17th: 3:00-4:00 @ Starbucks’
April 24th: 3:00-4:00 @ Starbucks’

Please make sure to communicate if your youth will be attending or not!

Girls & Guys Day Out

Join the UMM & UMW Mary Elizabeth Circle as they take the girl’s and boy’s out for an adventure!

When: April 28th 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Who: UMM & Youth Boys will go bowling
UMW Mary & Elizabeth Circle & Youth Girls will go to Amazing Glaze.

Please contact either the men’s or women’s representative to RSVP & get final details.

Stan Hayes:
sshayes@bresnan.net
Cathalee Nielson:
Easter Weekend Bible Vigil

- Feel like you want to “do something” for Lent? Complete your Holy Week experience by joining our continuous Bible reading that begins at the close of the Good Friday service and concludes with the opening of the Easter Sunday celebration. You can read or witness, alone or with others. Readers read the Bible aloud in the sanctuary for a one hour time slot; witnesses listen, relax (bring your knitting or other pastime if you wish), and are free to move about the sanctuary as pleases for two hours. It’s a simple yet spiritual way to participate in the transition from the darkness of the Crucifixion to the brightness of the Resurrection.

We have been doing this for thirteen years and begin each year at the place in the Bible which we left off at the previous year. Every year we get numerous comments from folks on how much they liked being part of the vigil, and how meaningful it was to them. If you are unable to commit for an hour or two over the weekend, consider stopping by for a few minutes (or longer) to listen. The sanctuary door facing South First Street will be open 24 hours and outside lights will stay on.

Call Nancy Zaenger at 240-6191 or 209-2175 for details or to sign-up. She will also be in the breezeway after each service on Sunday with the sign-up board and to answer questions.
Thank you very much.

We want to thank everyone for all of your love, compassion, hugs, prayers, cards and everything else you have done for Debra and us on our journey with Debra.

Thank you, also, for your memorial gifts in Debra's honor to Durango Hospice of Mercy and to the Debra Lehl Memorial Scholarship Fund at Fort Lewis College. Thank you, too, for all of your gifts and for the beautiful flowers.

Thank you to everyone who made Debra's service so beautiful, special and heartwarming. You went out of your way to make sure every detail was taken care of. Thank you very much. Thank you, also, for the very nice meal after Debra's service. It was very much appreciated and was very good.

Thank you for being such a wonderful part of Debra's life. Debra has been truly blessed to have so many caring and loving friends and family.

Debra's motto was "Be Kind. It is easy." For Debra it was easy to do. With all of your kindness you are certainly living Debra's motto.

If anybody did not get a chance to sign Debra's book at the service, please let us know. We want to make sure you are included.

Thank you so very much. You are in our hearts always.

Debra Lehl's Family
May Newsletter Deadline is Monday, April 15!

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:

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