Village Event, January 15, 5–7 p.m.

Join us for a pizza and game night! We will have tables set up with various board games, card games and the Wii will be set up to the big projector.

This is an event for everyone: 6 months to 96 years-old!

Cost: $10 per family or $5 per person  
Where: Baldridge Hall  
RSVP by Jan. 15th to: familyministries@montroseumc.org

Young Adult (20-45 yrs) Game Night

Join in on a fun-filled evening of playing games with friends, Friday January 10th from 6-9 p.m. Please bring a appetizer or dessert to share. In the “House Next Door” AKA the “Annex” on S. 1st street in between the church and the church’s Community Garden. Have a game you love and want to share? You are welcome to bring it!

This is the same night as “Parents Night Out” so parents can drop their children off in a fun, safe and close location for the duration of the game night. To learn more about “Parent’s Night Out” please see page 8.
Pastor Lisa’s Lines

The new year is here! We are ushering in the year 2020! I am certain that there are some people who didn’t think they would live to see this day—because of age, or because they were certain the world would end before this.

With the new year comes new opportunities to say “yes” to that which brings joy and nourishes our souls. As well as say, “no” to things we did out of obligation last year, but that sucked the joy right out of us.

As we begin this new year, here at the church, we begin Confirmation class—a class for our youth that helps them learn about the church, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the service we are called to as Christians.

This class will meet for 8 sessions and each youth participant will choose a mentor from the congregation to go through the class with.

I know that each one of us is busy. Each one of us has many reasons to say “no” to a youth, if they were to ask us to be a mentor. However, it is my deep desire that if asked, we will instead, say, “yes.”

If a youth from our congregation gets up the courage to invite you to be their mentor, it means they look up to you, they respect you, and they want to learn from you.

When our youth need us, we say, “yes” and step up to the challenge.

See you in worship,

Pastor Lisa
The Brown Bag book Club will meet in the alcove (back of the sanctuary). This month’s meeting will be November 19, 11:45 a.m. This month’s selection: Everything, Everything” by Nicola Yoon

Be in Prayer for our Adult Belize Mission Team

2020 Participants
Dale & Suzanne Carter
Sandy Cave
Butch and Becky Clark
Jeromy DeJulio
Kathy Devor
Nancy Johnson
Jessica Meiners
Lisa Petty
Maddy Ross
Danny & Andrea Wood

The majority of our work will be in Corozal Belize working on the parsonage for the Methodist Pastor. We will also be working some at the Libertad Methodist school. We leave January 14th and return January 25th. Please pray for this team as they travel and for the lives changed through is trip.
During daily lunch served by Shepherd’s Hand Lunch: Oct. 17, 2019

The Healing Power of Music: A Much Anticipated lunch meeting of Lela Ala (97) and Roger Heer (74).

By Donnalee Brown, "shirttail relative" of Lela Ala.

Roger, who often plays the piano after eating lunch with his friends, responded when the name, Lela Ala, came up. "She let me play the pipe organ here and we knew each other the whole time she led the music here at this church for ten years. She was so kind to me. She is my friend! I would really like to see her again!" he said. "Music saved my life when polio hit me at age five. My parents set up a table with a record player and the 33 1/3, 45s and 78s, records I could play by myself and listen over and over again. My legs didn't work then, but I learned to read music and later to play the piano.

"The doctors gave me ten days to live when they first diagnosed anemia. So they used a dose of vitamin B 12, the very first time to use it. Then the polio diagnosis came. By help of the Lord, I lived. He did a Miracle and I lived a lot longer than any ten days!"

Roger offers the Shepherd’s Hand Lunch mealtime prayer of thanksgiving often, so movingly sincere. "So you say Roger wants to see me again? Yes, I will go to lunch, but I don't play the piano anymore!" Lela Ala said.

After going by public transit and making her way down to lunch in her motorized chair, she exclaimed: "I haven't been here in this MUMC basement in years! It is wonderful to feed the hungry people and I am hungry too!" After lunch, she took herself over to the piano where Roger was seated on the bench playing a familiar tune. She managed to maneuver her wheelchair sideways; Roger scooted the bench away, she played with her right hand and soon they were playing three-handed familiar songs that a small group of friends began to sing along with.
On the ride back to Valley Manor, Lela remarked how wonderful it was to have her Barbershop Singers there with her!

Lela sat in the Valley Manor lobby and became reflective and recalled more about her music and the early polio.

"Mama, I can't raise my arm!" she had said. I was ten years old. My parents made seven trips to Denver Children's Hospital, six trips on the train from Redvale, one trip in a car. My dad, Charles Ross, who was a Scottish tenor, sang to me on every trip. I learned my songs by ear that way, and have always been able to remember the tunes and lyrics and find the keys. I even became a piano teacher. The music saved me many times."

The doctors at first said "There is no cure for infantile paralysis." "Mama, my teacher, Mr. Hopper, and those boys make fun of my arm hanging like a rag! I don't want to go to school!"

"Mother got her piano when she was married in 1914.. In one of the first photos of me, I am a baby sitting on the piano bench. That bench is where I wanted to be all the time. But now, I can tell you, it is not easy to play the melody with my right hand while sitting up to the keyboard sideways!" I just move my electric wheelchair around until I can reach some keys."

"One doctor did do surgery on my deltoid muscle on my left side when I went for my sixth visit to Denver. My seventh visit was considered a first success with polio surgery. I could crawl my left hand across the piano keys, I could raise my arm! I spent hours on that piano bench, dreaming of playing with two hands all the songs my parents played for me on our Victrola. I memorized the tunes, some lyrics, and soon had both hands moving and my heart and mind so lifted!"
I assured Lela she could go to lunch at MUMC whenever she would like to. She was appreciative and said "This was a special time today and I will have the memory, but won't be going again."

Roger is writing his own songs now with The Joyful Sound music director at All Saints Church. His latest song is:” America, America Honor the Glory, Red, White and Blue, we stand on Freedom, we stand on Love, and honor Glory to the Red, White and Blue.”

Raising awareness of the historical changes in medical treatment of polio can happen behind the scenes right here at MUMC. I visited with a new acquaintance, Cynthia Reiss, at the Mary Olive Circle Meeting. She shared a personal experience with polio while being a nursing student at Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital in 1964. She was responsible for the care of a patient in an iron lung, dealing with the emotional impact on both the young woman patient and herself. So from the era of Little Lela Ross at age ten in 1923 through the sixties, the dread of infantile paralysis existed for families across the world.

Now, we can be thankful for the Salk vaccine that has basically eradicated polio world-wide and can appreciate our history of scientific research that has relieved us from epidemics of scarlet fever, diphtheria, influenza, typhoid fever and measles that many of us know devastated members of our own families many years ago.

We can appreciate the Polio Awareness fundraising which will take place in Ridgway in 2020 at the Ouray County Ranch Museum. We will raise funds to pay for the refurbishing and transport of an iron lung to be displayed there.

That iron lung was used to save the life of Vera Junek at age 17. She is the mother of Joan Chismire, Director of the museum. So we have work to do to raise awareness of our progress, and now we can pray for the discovery of an Ebola vaccine.

Figure 3 Vera Junek with the "Iron Lung" that saved her life as a youth.
Thank you to each one of you for your generosity to the work of this church this past year. On behalf of all the committees in the church, all the ministry programs in the church, and the missions we do outside of the building itself, I want to extend a huge THANK YOU!

We could not do the work we do in the community or throughout the world without your generosity. Thank you for your continued commitment in the 2020 year as we look at the visions for 2025!

Thank you for upholding your membership vows to the Montorse United Methodist Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness. Without you, we would not be able to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” (Our denominational vision)

2020 will have it’s own challenges and excitement and I can’t wait to face all of it, with all of you.

It is my absolute joy and honor to serve as your pastor at this time.

Blessings to each one of you,

Pastor Lisa
Join us for **Parent’s Night Out** on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month.  The price is as follows; $15 per child or $30 Family Max.

**January’s Themes:**

1/10  Snow !!
Giant Snowflakes, Snowmen, Hot Chocolate!

1/24  Glow Party
Everything GLOWS

**RSVP Required by THURSDAY for PNO**
Call or Text Debby @ (714) 824-7475
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 Year

Activities for January
January 2, Snowflakes
January 7 & 9, Snowmen
January 14 & 16, Hats & Mittens
January 21 & 23, Polar Bears
January 28 & 30, Penguins

QUICK CARE WILL BE CLOSED
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Kathleen Zelazny 01/03  Arlene Hawley 01/21
Sherry Rose 01/04  Pati Thompson 01/21
Marian Ferguson 01/05  Jackson Ward 01/21
Kathryn Burke 01/07  Nita Gilbert 01/24
Carol Dolan 01/08  Elaine Babcock 01/25
Janey Smith 01/10  Annie Hauck 01/26
Lindsey Meewis 01/12  Nancy Abel 01/28
Dick Baker 01/14  William Jones 01/28
Kathleen Mihaly 01/14  Robert McCulloch 01/29
Josephene Nash 01/14  Craig Taylor 01/29
Lee Ann Riddoch 01/14
Rod Britten 01/15
Norman Brooks 01/15
Robert Dawirs 01/15
Nancy Fishering 01/19

Anniversaries

Joel & Shane Forrest  
January 07
Bob & Pam Shippy  
January 07
David & Margaret Goodhue  
January 12

Bev & John Powell  
January 28
Don & Kathy Koeltzow  
January 31
Sunday School

Do Big Things For God RIGHT NOW

Sometimes kids think they have to be grown ups for God to use them, but the Bible is full of stories of kids that God used.

Memory Verse: “I can do all this by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.” -Philippians 4:13

January 5th– John the Baptist
January 12th– Joseph
January 19th– Miriam
January 26th– Samuel

We will have classrooms for the following ages:

Infants & Toddlers– Location: Nursery

Preschool (3 yrs. old) through Kindergarten– Location: Room 12

First Grade Through 4th Grade– Location: Room 10

For complete information on the Children’s Ministry please see the ”January MUMC Kids Newsletter”
UMYF (Youth Group)

12:30-2:30 Every Sunday  Baldridge Hall

Play List—Bible Lessons Based on Popular Songs

Using the lyrics from today’s hits to examine what it means to find God’s purpose & direction for your life.

GPS—Finding Direction

Finding God’s direction for your life.

January 5th- Play List- Blank Space

January 12th- Play List- Royals

January 19th- Play List- Brave

January 26th- GPS- Enter Destination **

**Confirmation Parent Meeting & Regular UMYF (for those who have already completed confirmation or are not old enough)

During Spring 2020 UMYF will run a little different. When it is a confirmation week, we will host UMYF at the same time as Confirmation class. This means we will rely on parent help to make this happen. We will all start together, play a game or two, then split off into 2 groups. The regular UMYF group will have a preplanned activity & a devotion, while the confirmation class works on that week’s lesson.
Confirmation 2020

If 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 2020. 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. In preparation for the beginning of class there are several important things you should know. Our Confirmation class will be meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on certain Sundays in the Youth Wing.

To register a student for Confirmation, Please obtain form(s) from Sarah and have them turned back in by Monday, January 20th, 2020.

Meeting this deadline will give us a week to finalize plans and work with our teaching staff.

- A mandatory orientation for Confirmands and parents will be held on Sunday January 26th, at 12:30 in the youth wing. In this combined session for parents and students, we will have schedule information, plans, expectations, opportunities and other orientation information. This will afford us an opportunity to “get acquainted,” and to help us prepare for our Confirmation time.

**Confirmation Sunday is Pentecost Sunday—May 31, 2020**

Mark your calendars now!
Bibles & Board Games

Who: All Youth

When: Every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Rotates Between Starbucks & Sonic

Join us on Wednesdays, when the youth get out of school early, for a yummy treat, short devotional and some board game fun! Due to popular demand, we will rotate between Starbucks and Sonic every other week. To keep drop off and pick up simple we will all meet at Starbucks each week. On weeks that we will go to Sonic, we will meet at Starbuck’s and walk over as a group, then walk back in time for pick up at Starbuck’s.

Please let Sarah know if your youth is planning to attend.

January 8th- Starbuck’s
January 15th- Sonic
January 22nd—Starbuck’s
January 29th- Sonic

For complete information on the Youth Group please see the “January Youth Ministry Newsletter”
Upcoming Happenings

--Monday, January 6: Executive Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

--Wednesday, January 8: Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
   Program: Installation of Officers and Membership Donation (Pledge) Service. Distribution of 2020 Yearbooks
   Hostesses: Executive Board
   NO RESERVEDS are needed. Just come join us. Cost of Luncheon is $5.00. First time attendees are free.

The 2020 yearbooks will be distributed at the luncheon on January 8th. Come to the luncheon so you can get your new yearbook and be informed about the up-coming year.

Come join us as we kick off the “Let Your Light Shine, Ignited for Justice” year.

Circle Meetings in January

Mary and Elizabeth: Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m.
   Hostess: Announced in Yearbook

Mary Olive: Thursday, Jan. 23, 9:00 a.m.
   Hostess: Announced in Yearbook

Hope: Thursday, Jan. 23, 9:00 a.m.
   Hostess: Announced in Yearbook

Faith: Thursday, Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m.
   Hostess: Announced in Yearbook

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.
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

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.
Online Giving

Online giving to the church is available through our web site, www.montroseumc.org, and by texting to (970) 475-8575.

Using our web site, select “GET IN TOUCH” and then “GIVING.” This will take you to a page with a form to fill out. Enter how much you would like to give and then choose either “Credit Card or ACH Transfer from your back account. By default the money you give will go into the General Fund through the account “41001 Envelopes and Tithes.” You have the option to choose another account with a drop-down menu. You have the option to choose “one time gift” or, with a drop-down menu, a recurring gifts of “weekly,” “every 2 weeks,” “monthly,” or” yearly.” You will be sent a receipt by email.

When you text to (970) 475-8575 the first time you will be prompted to enter your payment detail, either a credit card or bank account from which to give. Breeze, our church wide computer management program, will remember your payment information, so the next time you want to give simply enter the amount and send. The default is to give to the General Fund. If you want to give to another fund, enter the amount followed by one of the following keywords:

- Music
- Pastors Discretion
- VBS
- UMCOR
- Garden
- Building
- BelizeMsn
- Sun Supper
- Lunch
- Parent’s Night Out
- NOMADS
- Quick Care
- BelizeKids
- Advent
- Advent
February Newsletter Deadline is Monday, January 12
Submit a Publicity Form (found taped to Rachael’s desk, or emailed upon request) with details of an upcoming event to Rachael in the church office via email to: secretary@montroseumc.org