

"Joyfully to love all, Serve all and to share Jesus Christ with the world!"

Religions"

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"Christianity and the Religions of the World"

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Women's

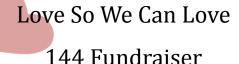
Birthdays

Vai Vaaltaass	01/02	Namary Eighaning	01/10
Kai Koeltzow	01/03	Nancy Fishering	01/19
Laurene Barnett	01/03	Paul McDermott	01/20
Kathy Zelazny	01/03	Jay Hadley	01/20
Emma Harris	01/05	Deidra Manary	01/20
Marian Ferguson	01/05	Katie Garner	01/21
Graham Thompson	01/05	Arlene Hawley	01/21
Carol Dolan	01/08	Jackson Ward	01/21
Alice Watson	01/08	Shirley Langland	01/24
Tayllor Pittman	01/09	Brian Dodd	01/24
Janey Smith	01/10	Elaine Babcock	01/25
Dick Baker	01/14	Mary Pilkington	01/26
Cristy Harris	01/14	Annie Hauck	01/26
Rod Britten	01/15	Bill Jones	01/28
Bob Dawirs	01/15	Nancy Abel	01/28
Norm Brooks	01/15	Bob McCulloch	01/29
Chad Evans	01/15	Loretta Euwer	01/30
Zella Gibson	01/17		

Anniversaries

Bob & June Mathes 01/04 Joel & Shane Forrest 01/07 Ron & Marie Stonestreet 01/05 John & Bev Powell 01/28 Bob & Pam Shippy 01/07 Bob & Betty Gorsline 01/29





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1 John 4:11 "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"

We invite you to spread God's love by supporting our youth group on their mission trips. God calls us to "love one another" and our high school youth will love the youth in Belmopan Belize, continuing work on the United Methodist High School. There will also be a trip to Denver to work with Urban Ministries that is open to all youth.

Here is how it works: you select an envelope with a number on it and place that amount in the envelope and return the same envelope to the offering plate, church office or youth representative. If all 144 envelopes are returned the youth will raise \$10, 144! With this successful fundraiser and your support we will not be doing any others in 2016 (except for the pumpkins!)



Children's News



Our wonderful children's Christmas pageant!



Winter Sunday school Theme's for January

Our Deep Blue Sea Sunday school curriculum will focus on these areas for January:

"Search For A King"

"Talk With Teachers"

"Come To The River"

"Change The Water"

"Born Anew"

There is an APP for Apple &
Androids devices called
Deep Blue Adventures

Fat Tuesday
Pancake Supper
February 9th
Watch for an
email to sign up to
help!



There will not be a "Tween" Night in January

January 2016



Watch for information next month about our family activity at "Get Air" the trampoline park in Grand Junction. We will go as a group **February 21**st!

Community Sunday Suppers every Sunday night starting Jan. 3rd

Montrose UMC is living out their vision of being a "light to the neighborhood" by providing a meal to all who need it. This is a great opportunity for your family to serve those in our community who need a little extra help. There is a sign up sheet in Baldridge Hall. A single family can volunteer or perhaps a couple of you would like to share it. It's a new project so we are not sure how many to expect yet but you can plan to feed about 40 people. The vision for this meal is that it would provide food to anyone who needs it in a "café' style setting with friendly conversation. We will have a volunteer training once a month and the first one is Jan. 4th at 6:30 pm. Come and find out what it's all about! You can also contact

Becky at 970-209-6977 or children@montroseumc.org







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Youth News

December Mission project—sharing God's love and light



Youth Intern

I am very excited to introduce <u>Katie Walker</u>, our new Youth Intern! She will be helping with Youth group and focusing on growth and outreach!



No Tween group in January! Sorry!

Dates to Remember

January10th
YLC registrations due
January 18th
Belize payment due!

Grand Mesa Camp

- Senior High Camp: July 3-8
- Young Adult Camp: July 8-10
- Mid High Camp: July 10-15
- Family Camp: July 15-17
- Elementary Camp: July 18-22

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Jan. 29-31, Glenwood Springs

This year, we will be focusing on "Ministry on the Margins". Keynote sessions will offer ways young people can welcome their neighbors and embrace the diversity in their communities. Workshops and breakout sessions will offer more hands-on resources. This is a great opportunity for all youth 6th-12th grades to learn some leadership skills and mix with other Methodist youth from all over Colorado. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Registrations due by Jan. 10th.



Youth Group
—(UMYF)

Sunday nights 5:00-7:30 Dinner/games/devotions. For all 6th-12th grade youth



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January 10th

Ouray Hot Springs Pool \$9.00. Depart the church at 4:45 return 8:30 p.m. Bring a sack supper to eat on the way up.



January 17th

Dinner at Sunday Supper Ultimate Spoons

January 24th

Dinner at Sunday supper "Survivor"



Jan. 29-31 Youth Leadership Conference Glenwood

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord life up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedr
JANUARY	2016		
3 Communion Sunday	4	5	6
8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship	7am UMM breakfast	1-3 prayer shawl ministry	3:00 Worship
9:15 & 10:30 fellowship	9am UMW Ex board	3:00 Staff meeting	5:30 Bell prac
9:45 Sunday school/all	5:30 Missions Ministry	7:00 SPRC Meeting	6:45 Sounds o
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1P CHARGE CONFERENCE 5:00 Sunday suppers begin			
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8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship	1:00 Caregiver Support	1-3 prayer shawl ministry	3:00 Worship
9:15 & 10:30 fellowship		2:00 Adult Opportunities?	5:30 Bell prac
9:45 Sunday school/all ages		3:00 Staff meeting	6:45 Sounds of
5:00 Sunday suppers		7:00 Stew/Finance	8:00 Celebrat
17	18 MLK holiday	19	20
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24	25	26 newsletter deadline	27
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of Faith	1-3 prayer shawl ministry		
ion Voices			
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of Faith	1-3 prayer shawl ministry		
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ion Voices	1-3 prayer shawl ministry		
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2016 Board of Trustees' Projects

All three of these projects have become foremost in the minds of the 2015-2016 Board of Trustees. Currently we are negotiating with Big Sky Studio of Pagosa Springs to have ten stained glass windows in the office areas renovated. The cost for this project is covered by very generous donations by Jean Balderston just



STAINED GLASS RENOVATION

prior to her death, and by memorial monies from the Hans Croeber Memorial. However, stained glass repair and renovation will be a "forever issue" facing current and future Boards of Trustees as the building shifts, lead ages, windows bow from the weight of the glass, and damage occurs either accidently or intentionally.



BALDRIDGE HALL

We have had leaking issues in both Baldridge Hall and the passageway for several years due to an aging roof. Spot repairs have been made; however, the roofing experts have noted that we do have a roof that is over 25 years old and is need of replacement – especially the supporting structure. The

Board has bids out for a membrane re-**ROOF REPLACEMENT** placement (which was used to replace the roof/dome in the historic section of the church). This will be costlier, BUT

will have much more longevity.

Because of our recent break in and other concerns related to church vandalism, break-ins, safety for staff and congregants etc., the Board of Trustees has a security committee determining cost of security interior and exterior cameras as well as retrofitting areas of the church that are less secure. This project will take several years to complete and will in



Making our Church Safe for All

several years to complete and will involve discussions with Administrative Council.

The Board of Trustees will have fund raising projects in the future to help finance all of these ventures. In the meantime, if you would like to make a personal support of one or more of these endeavors, donations may be made to Montrose United Methodist Church Capital Expenditures with a notation of (1) stained glass, (2) Baldridge Hall roof or (3) Safety and Security.



For those who have lost a loved one, or know someone who has lost a loved one there will be a new "Grief Share" series of 13 weeks beginning January 28th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at The Cross Roads Victory Church on Hillcrest Ave. This is a non-denominational group striving to assist those who are grieving. For any questions - please call: Judy Martin at 249-0631.

Operation Christmas Child

Congratulations! Our church, MUMC, filled 125 shoeboxes which brought great delight and a very important message to some very needy kids around the world. The boxes from our area were sent to Mexico & Central American countries. The totals were:

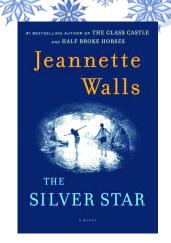
<u>Age</u>	<u>BOY</u>	<u>Girl</u>
2 – 4	8	7
5 – 9	35	35
10 – 14	<u>17</u>	23
	60	65



The total for the Montrose area was 1,038 boxes (our 2nd time over 1,000) and for all of western Colorado was 9,067. Our church had approximately 25 boxes taken that were not returned so if you took a box and were unable to return it this year just please keep it for next year as it can still be used. I can tell you that a special delivery of boxes, some from every US state, were sent to the recent refuges that have escaped to Europe who are victims of the wars in the Middle East. To all of you who participated – good job and God thanks you very much!

Brown Bag Book Club

Our selections have been made for 2016 and we are starting off with "Silver Star" by Jeanette Walls. We'll meet on January 19 in Baldridge Hall at 11:45 a.m.



Committee Spotlight

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

This committee oversees all matters that have to do with the paid ministry staff or our church including hiring and salary. The SPRC comprises of nine voting committee members serving staggered three-year terms, and includes ex-official the Past Chair (when having served as Chair in third year of term on committee), the Lay Leader, and Pastor. Members of this committee serve from 2 to 6 hours a month.

Not sure what each committee does? What kind of time commitment it will be or want to know more? Please check out our website www.montroseumc.org and click on the "Groups and Ministries" tab, then "Church Committees" There is a document with all the places you can volunteer, how much time is required and what the responsibilities include.

The Congregational Care Committee welcomes our new and returning members to our first meeting of the year on January 20th at 4:00 p.m., downstairs in room 1. We look forward to seeing everyone and to discuss our mission to touch the lives of those unable to leave their homes.



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

Upcoming Happenings

--Monday, January 4: Executive Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

--Wednesday, January 13: Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Program: Installation of Officers and Membership

Donation (Pledge) Service

Hostesses: Mary & Elizabeth Circle

NO RESERVATIONS are needed. Just come and join

us. Cost of Luncheon is \$5.00

The **BAZAAR** was a **HUGE** success, thanks to everyone who assisted in any way. After all the expenses have been paid and the last minute donations have been tabulated, the final total profit of the Bazaar is close to \$8,000. Thanks again to everyone who assisted in making this Bazaar such a success. The individual breakdown of profit will be given out at the luncheon on January 13th, if you want more details.

The 2016 yearbooks will be distributed at luncheon on January 13th. Come to the luncheon so you can get your new yearbook and be informed about the up-coming year.

Circle Meetings in January

Mary and Elizabeth: Thursday, Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m.

Hostess: Tracy Reinhard, Johnson Elem

Mary Olive: Thursday, Jan. 28, 9:00 a.m.

Hostess: Karen Elliott

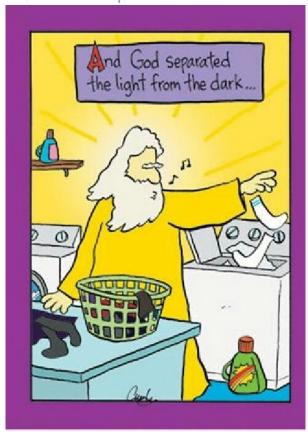
Hope: Thursday, Jan. 28, 9:00 a.m.

Hostess: Joan Dunham

Charity: Thursday, Jan. 28, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: June Dodgen





Sunday Worship Attendance

Date	Number in Attendance
December 6	268
December 13	364
December 20	248
December 27	142
December Average	256

November 2015

Offerings	November 2015
Income:	36,316
Expenses:	29,490.58
Building Fund:	51,080.23



January 2016