

February 2016

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**“Joyfully to love
all, Serve all and
to share Jesus
Christ with the
world!”**



Pastor's Ponderings

**“THE COMMUNITY
SUNDAY SUPPER:
Hearts Beating for the
Hurting”**

There is a powerful new ministry in our church that began the first Sunday of this year: The Community Sunday Supper. We have committed to serving supper every Sunday night, 52 weeks a year from 5 to 6 p.m., to those who need a good meal and those who have fallen on hard times.

Our United Methodist Youth led the way, under the direction of our Youth and Children's Ministry coordinator, Becky Clark. I was extremely proud of these young people as they and many of their parents set up, prepared the meal, served the meal, sat and visited with our guests, and cleaned up afterwards.

There were two guests that first Sunday of the year. The next Sunday evening, there were nine guests, as the Mary and Elizabeth United Methodist Women's Circle volunteered to host the meal. In addition they hosted three men who were there on their own, a father came with his son, and two mothers came with their sons.

I am tremendously grateful to be part of a church that has a heart for healing the hurt and hopelessness in our community. By the food, we help feed people's physical hunger. By the fellowship, we help feed their spiritual and emotional hunger; and in the process, we find our own hunger to live out our God-given purpose to love people in concrete ways being filled.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO SERVE? We need couples, families, groups of friends, Bible study groups, church committees—everyone with a servant's heart—to pitch in. Please sign up on the board in Baldrige Hall.

Thank you for your compassion that reflects Christ's love to the world—starting right here in Montrose.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Steve

P.S. We will have a volunteer training once a month and the next one is Feb. 7^h at 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



Committee Spotlight



Board of Trustees



To be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us from the congregation. Included in this is the future of our church facility, grounds, welfare, safety and comfort of all who enter our doors.”

The Board of Trustees is the steward of the church building and property of the Montrose United Methodist Church. The proper upkeep and management of the property ensures that (1) disciple-making ministries are effective and (2) the legal and insurance requirements related to the MUMC are satisfied. A physical plant that is “well-groomed” and attractive is much more welcoming, safe, and hospitable than one that shows signs of benign neglect.

Sub-committee of the 2015 Board of Trustees are:

- Transportation Committee: Coordination of the Sunday and other ministerial uses of the bus, and keeping the bus properly and appropriately serviced.
- Sanctuary Committee: Continuation of plans for the up-grading of the sanctuary to include electrical, lighting, and audiovisual renovations.

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.



Have you ever wondered what you could do to help those less fortunate individuals you encounter?

Here is an idea, put together **Blessing Bags**. Blessing Bags are gallon Zip Lock bags comprised of essential items, to be given to those who have fallen on hard times. The Mission Committee would like to have an **All Church activity** during the **Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 9th 5:00-7:00 p.m.** to compile these bags. Please bring items to make one or two for yourself to have on hand in your vehicle to distribute as needed. If you have extra items we will make a supply of bags to have at the church, so when you run out you can replenish your supply. Missions will provide the Zip Lock gallon bags and a Resource Food Flyer to get started. If you don't bring anything to make a bag it's okay, we will have some items available, as we want everyone to be able to participate.

Below is a list of items needed to make your Blessing Bags;

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Chapstick

Small packages of Kleenex

Wet wipes

Comb or small brush

Fast food coupons

Energy bars or package of nuts

Socks or feminine products

“Hot Hands” Hand warmers packets

Small deodorant

You can be creative, customize your own bag for a man, women or child. **What a great way to start our Lenten season!**



Our Mission Focus for special offerings during Lenten will be to these three great programs.

Your gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** are the foundation of all United Methodist Committee on Relief work, by covering the cost of doing business. This means all contributions designed for specific programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR basic expenses are covered.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) will be our international offering recipient. Your gifts to UMCOR respond to Human Suffering caused by Natural disaster, disease or the inhumanities of wars.

Grand Mesa Camp will be our local offering recipient. By supporting Grand Mesa Camp it allows for camp experiences to our youth and families. Your support helps with upkeep to the facilities to keep it operational. Without this, camp would be non-existent.



Our Northside Mission

The Missions Committee is coordinating meals for the Northside Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, March 9th. The meal will consist of soup/chili, bread, a veggie tray and desserts. We will be serving approximately 30 people. The meal components will need to be delivered to the school by 3:30 pm. If you are interested in serving our community locally by providing a part of the meal please contact Jennifer Hurshman, 249-8611.

Youth News

Westside Weekend March 4-6
Cedaredge, Co
“Irrevocable” Romans 11:29
“God’s call is irrevocable”

Westside Weekend is an event for United Methodist Youth (and friends of course) from all over Western Colorado. This year our theme will focus on Finding God's love in others, how to be the church outside of church, encountering Jesus, how to relax with God. We will spend time learning about God’s call for each of us. This is a great event for younger youth who have not been to an event before. There are workshops on Saturday, lots of group activities, games, worship, great music with “Seeking Still” our local Montrose worship team.

Cost is \$105.00 per person. Scholarships are available to anyone who needs some help, just let Becky know!

Registration forms are on the bulletin board in Baldridge Hall and can also be found on the Montrose UMYF Facebook page. **Please return your completed form by February 10th.**



LOVE SO WE CAN LOVE

144 FUNDRAISER

STARTING FEBRUARY 7TH THERE WILL BE 144 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BALDRIDGE HALL. THEY ARE NUMBERED 1 TO 144. YOU TAKE AN ENVELOPE AND PUT IN THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT MATCHES THE NUMBER. FOR EXAMPLE IF IT'S # 45 YOU PUT \$45.00 IN THE ENVELOPE. IF ALL 144 ENVELOPES ARE RETURNED WE WILL RAISE \$10, 144! PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS BOTH NEAR AND FAR TO PARTICIPATE. WITH A BIG FUNDRAISER LIKE THIS WE WILL NOT DO ANY OTHERS FOR 2016 (EXCEPT THE PUMPKINS OF COURSE).

Youth Group (UMYF) Sunday nights 5:00-7:30

Dinner/games/devotions

For all 6th-12th grade youth

February 7

Sunday Supper &

Capture The Flag

February 14th

No youth group—school long weekend

February 21

Get Air in Grand Junction

1:45 pm leave Montrose

February 28th

Dinner at Sunday supper

"Ball games"

"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 lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."



Grand Mesa Church Camp Truly, an Enigma

By Connie Pittenger, Trustee

When you visit Grand Mesa Church Camp, located at over 10,000 ft. in elevation, you become overwhelmed by God's handiwork—not just in the camp itself but from all of the beautiful scenery which can be view from

the camp. Grand Mesa Camp will be celebrating its centennial next year (2017). That's correct. This camp has been around since 1917. My mother went to this camp as a young woman as did I. The physical plant has changed in the last 100 years but not the feeling of closeness to God you get when you are there. Grand Mesa Camp is jointly owned by the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Grand Mesa Baptist Assembly.

The current administrative structure of the United Methodist side is called the Grand Mesa Methodist Camping, Inc. This structure is composed of two sub-groups. One of those groups is called the Camp Coordinating Council (CCC). This group provides the programming for the individual camps, of which we now have five: Senior High Camp, Mid-High Camp, Elementary Camp, Family Camp, and Young Adult Camp. This group is responsible for finding the counselors, cooks, nurses, and other staff necessary as well as the curriculum for each of the individual camps. Becky Clark is currently the co-chair of the CCC. The CCC is an owner-rental group of the Grand Mesa Christian Association.

The other sub-group is the Methodist Trustees, of which I am a part as well as Stan Hayes. This group has the task of working with the Trustees of the Grand Mesa Baptist Assembly to maintain the physical plant of the camp and to ensure enforcement of the Rules and Regulations that go with having a camp. Both of these individual Trustee groups form the Grand Mesa Christian Association (GMCA). GMCA sets up the rental fee for each rental group whether it be an owner-rental group or non-owner-rental group. This rental fee can be in excess of \$10,000 each year for the CCC.

The Methodist Trustees have traditionally, for at least 50 years, collected monies from the individual United Methodist churches on the Western Slope of Colorado to pay for this rental fee. A portion of the money being collected from this year's Lenten Offering will be sent to the Methodist Trustees to pay Montrose UMC's portion of this rental fee.

The rental fee goes to pay for the up-keep of Grand Mesa Camp. These expenses include, but are not limited to: Camp Manager's salary, all types of insurance for the camp, utilities, trash service, workman's compensation, supplies for repairs, and the site fee for the US Forest Service.

As you can see, even in all of its beauty, Grand Mesa Camp can be an enigma. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself, Stan Hayes, or Becky Clark. We will do our best to help you sort out this enigma.





Upcoming Happenings

--**Monday, February 1:** Executive Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

--**Wednesday, February 10:** Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Program: International Projects-Angela Pashayan

Hostesses: Mary Olive Circle

NO RESERVATIONS are needed. Just come and join us.

Cost of Luncheon is \$5.00

UMW started 2016 with the theme: "Soaring High on the Wings of Joy"

The officers for 2016 were installed by Pastor Steve at the January 13 Luncheon. They are as follows:

President: Sharon Hayes

Vice President:

Connie Pittenger

Secretary:

Sharon Moslet

Co-Treasurers:

Linda Pavlich /Ruth Heath

Members at Large:

Sharyl Waldron, Kathy Koeltzow

& Jennifer Hurshman

Children/Youth Representative:

Becky Clark

Spiritual Growth:

Patricia London

Social Action:

Sherry Neill

Program Resources:

Trish Gray

Membership & Nurture:

Merry Hatcher & Lorie Cribbs

Chair of Mary & Elizabeth

Circle:

Miki Kintner &

Deidra Manary

Chair of Mary Olive Circle:

Trish Gray & Karen Elliott

Chair of Hope Circle:

Joan Dunham &

Mary Lou Jeffers

Chair of Faith Circle:

Kris Schledewitz &

Bonnie Lamb

The 2016 yearbooks were distributed at luncheon on January 13th. Come to the February luncheon to pick yours up or get yours from your Circle Chair so you will be informed about the up-coming year.

Circle Meetings in January

Mary and Elizabeth: Thursday, Feb 18, 5:30 p.m.

Hostess: Deidra Manary

Meet at the church, go snowshoeing/hiking at Black Canyon, return to Cross & Flame Café for super

Mary Olive: Thursday, Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m.

Hostess: Trish Gray

Hope: Thursday, Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m.

Hostess: Mary Lou Jeffers


Charity: Thursday, Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m.


Hostess: Glenda Cowles

Faith: Thursday, Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Linda Goodhue

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	<p>1</p> <p>7am UMM breakfast</p> <p>9am UMW Ex board</p> <p>5:30 Missions Ministry</p> <p>5:30 Communications</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1-3 prayer shawl ministry</p> <p>3:00 Staff meeting</p> <p>7:00 SPRC Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3:00 Worship</p> <p>5:30 Bell prayer</p> <p>6:45 Sound</p> <p>8:00 Celebration</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship</p> <p>9:15 & 10:30 fellowship</p> <p>9:45 Sunday school/all ages</p> <p>11:15 & 12:30 Sunday Supper Training</p> <p>5:00Community Sunday supper</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00 Caregiver Support</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1-3 prayer shawl ministry</p> <p>2:00 Adult Opportunities</p> <p>3:00 Staff meeting</p> <p>5-7 Fat Tuesday pancake supper</p> <p>7:00 Stew/Finance</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3:00 Worship</p> <p>5:30 Bell prayer</p> <p>7:00Ash Wednesday service</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship</p> <p>9:15 & 10:30 fellowship</p> <p>9:45 Sunday school/all ages</p> <p>5:00Community Sunday supper</p>	<p>15 <u>MLK holiday</u></p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>7am UMM breakfast</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:45 BBBook Club</p> <p>1-3 prayer shawl ministry</p> <p>3:00 Staff meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3:00 Worship</p> <p>4:00 Congregation</p> <p>5:30 Bell prayer</p> <p>6:45 Sound</p> <p>7:00 Arche</p> <p>8:00 Celebration</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship</p> <p>9:15 & 10:30 fellowship</p> <p>9:45 Sunday school/all ages</p> <p>5:00Community Sunday supper</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:00 Caregiver Support</p>	<p>23 <u>newsletter deadline</u></p> <p>1-3 prayer shawl ministry</p> <p>3:00 Staff meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>3:00 Worship</p> <p>5:30 Bell prayer</p> <p>6:45 Sound</p> <p>8:00 Celebration</p>
<p>28</p> <p>8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship</p> <p>9:15 & 10:30 fellowship</p> <p>9:45 Sunday school/all ages</p> <p>5:00Community Sunday supper</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:45 Ad Council</p>		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ship planning</p> <p>practice</p> <p>ds of Faith</p> <p>ration Voices</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9-11 Quick Care</p> <p>10:45 prayer group</p> <p>1-3 prayer shawl ministry</p> <p>7:00 Taize Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6-9 Parent's Night Out</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:30 music teams practice</p>
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<p>ship planning</p> <p>practice</p> <p>ds of Faith</p> <p>ration Voices</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9-11 Quick Care</p> <p>10:45 prayer group</p> <p>1-3 prayer shawl ministry</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:30 music teams practice</p>
	FEBRUARY	2016	

Birthdays

Clare Willis	02/01	June Mathes	02/17
Jim Goesch	02/02	Trish Gray	02/18
Katie Walker	02/02	Kristi Garner	02/18
William Hawley	02/03	Abbie Harrison	02/18
Kathy Devor	02/04	Hal Miller	02/20
Jan Rexroad	02/05	Donna Brown	02/20
Ken McBryde	02/05	Jack Ward Sr.	02/20
Jon Coddington	02/05	Bill Reiss	02/21
Breyana Shipley	02/06	Marshall Pendergrass	02/21
Linda Goodhue	02/07	McKinley Kane	02/21
Roberta Unruh	02/07	John Lambert	02/22
Delphine Love	02/08	Carol Bucy	02/22
Ann Shaw	02/11	David Goodhue	02/24
Spencer Harris	02/11	Emily Vigil	02/25
Marsha Goesch	02/13	Katelyn Skees	02/25
Jennifer Hurshman	02/13	John Reick	02/27
Marge Hanna	02/14	Bob Boecking	02/28
Chuck Moslet	02/15	Nadine Ward	02/28
Butch Clark	02/15	Travis Evans	02/28
Sue Gunter	02/16	Chuck Best	02/29

Anniversaries

Marshall & Beckie Pendergrass	02/04	Harold & Yvonne Williamson	02/14
Harold & June Whittle	02/05	Chuck & Judy Best	02/20
Wayne & Ruby Brew	02/10	Paul & Kathy Harris	02/24
		John & Suzi Reick	02/27



The new board of Trustees met for it's first meeting on January 21. Members on the committee include:

Barb Sharrow, Chairperson
Barbara Kastellic, past Chairperson
Paul Zaenger, Secretary
Ray Ross
Emily Vigil
Mariah Hutto
Rick Moslet
John Pavlich
Simon Bray
Nancy Johnson as staff liaison
Pastor Steve

As a committee, we would love to hear from you about your ideas and needs. Please contact any trustee to forward your ideas. We meet every third Thursday at 7 pm in the alcove of the sanctuary.

The committee reaffirmed that we will replace the roof on Baldrige Hall as our highest priority this year. (See January newsletter for more details). The estimate we've received indicates that we need to raise \$50,000 to accomplish this task. We have received a \$10,000 gift from Hans Croeber Memorial fund to begin this critical task. If anyone else would like to contribute, simply write Baldrige roof on the memo line of your check and we'll ensure the gift goes to replacing the roof.

The committee will continue to look into security ideas and upgrades. Stay tuned for more information regarding those ideas. We also decided to make it possible for folks working in the sound booth to control the lighting as well as the sound. We will also redo the stained glass windows in the office area this year.

Love on Christmas

Can you see love? Love is like the wind. You can't see either of them with your eyes but you can feel their effects. You know wind because you see it blow leaves and you feel it on your face. You know love through a facial expression, a touch, a memory, or the joy it creates in the heart. Love pours leaks into the actions of those giving or receiving it.

I saw love Christmas day.

I sat in the floor in front of the Christmas tree so I could match the socks that our congregation had donated to adorn our "giving tree". We called it the mitten/hat tree but it also held socks, stuffed animals, and a few clothing items for whom-ever had needs. In my mind I nicknamed it the "giving tree".

I noticed someone had left two pairs of boots under our "giving tree". One pair was covered in dust and sitting on a paper sack. I went to move them so I could re-arrange the stuffed animals and found that they were very large heavy

boots and had dirt caked on the soles. I was thinking about the people who would join us for dinner and praying over our donated items when a bubbly smiling lady approached. She asked if she could help me in reaching the socks located at the top of the tree. She gave me all the socks and then took a couple of steps toward the boots. She picked one of them up and said "these belonged to my sweetheart". She touched a hat on the tree and said "this was his hat". Her eyes twinkled, her lips smiled, and her face radiated with warmth that only true love can create. In that short moment, I saw amazing unconditional love. She proceeded to tell me that her sweetheart had passed away and she thought that someone else could use his boots. She chatted on about how he worked outside in the cold winter weather and how he enjoyed being outdoors.



All the while, her eyes continued to twinkle and her smile grew. I just listened contently until she said she needed to return to the kitchen to finish readying the food for Christmas dinner.

As she walked away, I thought about what courage it took for her to give those boots to someone else. I have lost loved ones but never a spouse. So I could only imagine how much she must have missed the love of her life. I continued to match the socks and I continued to pray. I prayed that God would send someone through our doors with big feet who could use those boot. I prayed that the love and joy that appeared on her face could somehow be transpired to the heart of the person receiving those boots.

As Dinnertime approached and people started arriving, I looked closely at everyone's feet. I knew we only had the two pairs of boots and there would probably be more need than our donations could fill. Those were going to be some

big boots to fill. I kept thinking about the love and courage it took her to give up those boots. I imagine it is the same courage it takes to keep going when life is headed into a valley with job loss, illness, inability to pay bills, or a significant need with no way for it to be met. As I kept praying, an older tall man dressed in winter work clothes came in. His boots were a bit worn and cracked. He had large feet (appropriate to his height). He made his way to a place behind the tree in the hallway out of the way to patiently wait his turn. I walked over, tapped him on the shoulder, and asked "can you use a pair of good boots". He nodded yes so I motioned him to "follow me". We began to chat and he smiled. He began to tell me about his life. He is a block mason by trade and winter always slows his work down. He walks most everywhere except when his boss picks him up for work. He said he enjoyed working outside and working/making things with his hands.

He apologized for wearing his dusty work clothes into the church. I told him that God really didn't care about what kind of clothes any of us wore in the church and he had no reason to apologize. His smile was the same radiant warm courageous smile I had seen earlier. I asked him if he needed socks and he said "no, there were already socks in the boots". We both laughed when he showed me that indeed each boot did contain a very thick new wool sock. I tried to give him a few more pairs of socks but he said "someone else might need them" more than he did and one pair was enough.

As he slung the boots across his shoulder, a little dirt fell from them. I thought to myself, may the love, joy, and courage of the person who gave those boots embrace the new owner like the dirt that adhered to those boots the last time her husband wore them.

Much like love and wind, so God's spirit is continually moving through us invisible yet with purpose.

John 3:8 "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going." So it is with everyone born of the spirit.



Missing

The church owns an old set of hand bells that we would like to sell. But two bells are missing. The A6 and B6 bells. If anyone knows or has heard anything about these two bells please contact the church office.



The Methodist Men Present

Valentines / Sweetheart /

Important Person – Dinner.

Come one, come all!

Saturday, February 13 in
Baldridge Hall. Enjoy a delicious
baked chicken or pork
chop dinner with all the
trimmings. Tickets are now
on sale after church, in the
office, or contact Vern or Stan.

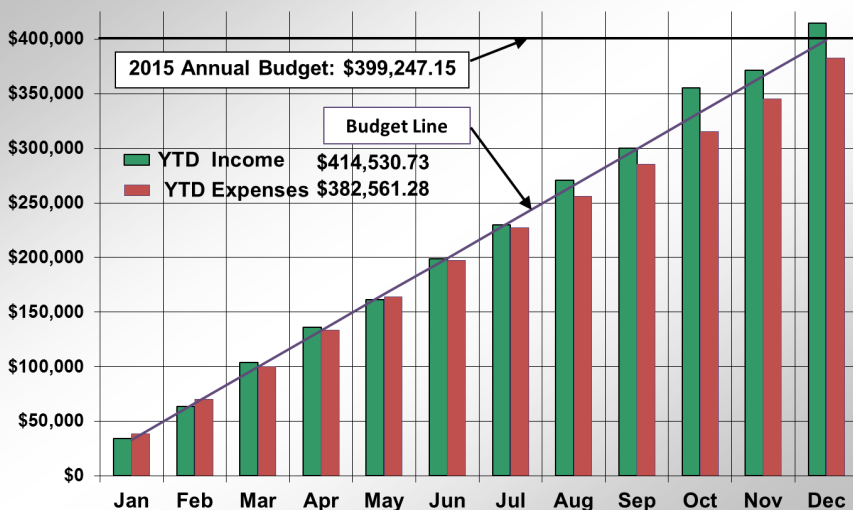
Only \$12.50/person or guest or \$25.00/couple.

Don't miss out on this romantic event!

Church House Collection ®



Montrose UMC Financial Status



Church Council

At the January 03 charge conference, the following slate of leaders was approved:

Church Council Chair	Connie Pittenger	249-4308
conpittenger@gmail.com		
Church Council Secretary	Tonja Clark	318-6574
tonjaclark@gmail.com		
Lay Leader/Vice Chair	Elaine Baker	249-3735
bakerrdbaker59@gmail.com		

Members-at-Large (your representatives on this council) Please speak with them to bring items or questions to the bi-monthly council meetings. You are always welcome to attend meetings in person, but these members are voting members of the council.

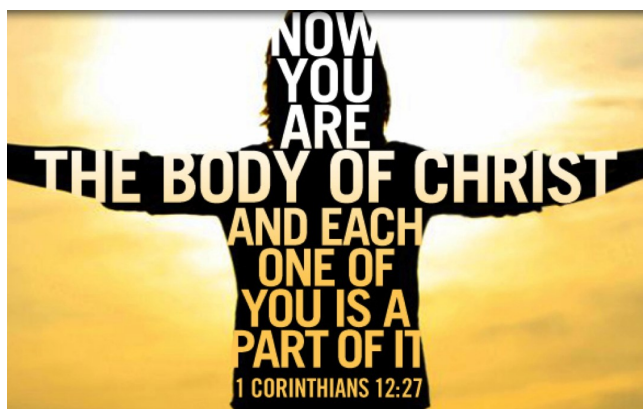
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**Personal Invitation to the
Church Council Meeting**

By Connie Pittenger, Church Council Chair

The Church Council will be having a special meeting on Monday, February 29th, beginning at 6:45 p.m. I am inviting not only the Committee Chairs to attend but also the Committee members and the congregation at large. In the past, the Church Council has had a retreat to set goals and a yearly plan. Last year, we established our goal to “be a light in the neighborhood”. At the last Council meeting in 2015, we expanded that goal to include Sunday Suppers and Blessing Bags. The purpose of the Church Council meeting on Feb. 29th is to make everyone in the church is aware of how each committee and each church member fits together to make our goals become a successful reality. Please come and become a part of our Montrose UMC’s success story. Light refreshments will be provided.





Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 9th

5:00-7:00 pm



Food, Fun, Fellowship!
Come and enjoy all three
and support the Children's
Ministries of Montrose
UMC! The Bus will be
available to pick people up.
Please contact Jim Garner
(970) 209- 4846 to arrange
a ride.

Children's News

February 2015



Pancake Supper

February 9th

5-7 p.m.

\$5.00/15.00 family

February Sunday School

Parables, Sower, Good Samaritan

Stories of The Lost, Forgiving Father

Tween Night

February 12th

6:30-8:00 pm

4-6th graders

Family Fellowship at "Get Air"

Grand Junction

Sunday February 21st

Meet there at 3:00 p.m.

\$12.00 per jumper

(under 46 in. \$6.00)



RSVP to Becky

At children@montroseumc.org or

(970) 209-6977

Sunday Worship Attendance

Date	Number in Attendance
January 3	<u>244</u>
January 10	<u>217</u>
January 17	<u>244</u>
January 24	<u>229</u>
January 31	After print date
January Average:	<u>233</u>

December 2015 Year to date

Offerings	December 2015
Income:	414,530.73
Expenses:	382,561.28
Building Fund:	51,782.23