



“JOYFULLY. TO LOVE ALL SERVE ALL AND TO SHARE JESUS CHRIST WITH THE WORLD!”

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**MONTROSE
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

**Pastor's
Ponderings... “The
Lenten Journey to
Resurrection”**

As we move through this reflective season of Lent, it is good to take the opportunity to reflect on our lives. Through the love and grace of Jesus Christ, how will be better people in this “springtime of our lives” season than we were before?

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Start with prayer. Prayer changes things, but just as importantly, prayer changes *us*. The Apostle Paul sets his entire letter to the Philippian church in the context of prayer:

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. —*Philippians 1:3-6*

Later Paul speaks of the miraculous transformation that God will perform in our lives in the way we interact with others and show Jesus' love to the world:

Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. —*Philippians 2:12-16*

When we commune with God in prayer, God's power flows to us in ways that bring authentic, lasting change for the good. We experience true resurrection in this life and get a glimpse of the resurrection into eternal life that God intends for us.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen *in us*!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Steve



Ghana Mission Fund



Recently a dear friend to many in our church and to many children in Ghana, West Africa joined the heavenly angels. “. . . Ghana was the beat of her heart. We honored that part of her life at her service by draping the casket with the fabrics she brought back and the hand carved necklace. She often spoke out loud of wishing she could return

just one more time.” These words were written by Marcia Pearson about her mother Lorene Starbuck. A memorial honoring Lorene and her love for Ghana has been established for the Ghana Mission fund at the Montrose United Methodist Church. If you wish to donate, make the check out to MUMC with “Lorene Starbuck Memorial” in the memo line.

Lorene touched the lives of many children while traveling in Ghana. The Ghana Mission’s Group will miss her very much.



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Children's News



Easter Sunday Family Activity March 27th 10:45-11:15 am

We are having an Easter activity for all children. Kindergarten -6th grade will find 1 set of eggs and then take them to stations in Park Ave. Hall to learn more about the Easter story through crafts and activities.

The preschool children will have an activity in their Sunday school room. We hope your family will enjoy learning more about Easter story together!

Save the Date!

Family Camping

June 17-19

East Elk Creek Campground
at Blur Mesa Reservoir. Lots
of shade, tent and camper
spots and a bathroom!

Grand Mesa Family Camp

July 22-24th

www.grandmesacamp.com

M A R C H 2 0 1 6
Children's News
Vacation Bible School
June 13-16

Our theme for
Vacation Bible School
this year is "Thailand
Trek" God Loves The
World



"For God loved the
world so much that he
gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who be-
lieves in him will not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

God loved *the world*. God didn't just love you, your
neighborhood, your community, he loved the entire
world. We hope your children can join us for our 4 day
morning program. Watch for more information.



MARCH 2016 Youth News



Palm Sunday Pancakes March 20th 7:30-11:30 am

We will be providing a pancake breakfast for the congregation to thank them for supporting our “Love Us” fundraiser. We need someone to organize the event, donations and volunteers. Please contact Becky if you are willing to be the organizer this year!

Save the Date!

Belize Meeting

April 24th

This will be a team building meeting for participants only; parents don't need to be there.

Vacation Bible School

June 13-16

We would love lots of youth helpers for VBS so put these dates on your calendars!

Camping Trip

June 17-19

Youth can come with or without families! Hopefully you all will want to come! It's free except food.

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Youth News

Youth Group aka UMYF

March 4-6

Westside Weekend

March 6th

—no regular youth
group

March 13th

Random Acts Of

Kindness



March 20th

Lent Prayer Stations

March 27th

Easter—no youth group



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 1-3 prayer shawl ministry 3:00 Staff meeting 7:00 SPRC Meeting 7:00 Community Garden	2 3:00 Worship p 5:30 Bell pract 6:45 Sounds of 8:00 Celebratio
6 8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship 9:15 & 10:30 fellowship 9:45 Sunday school/all ages 5:00Community Sunday supper No youth group	7 7am UMM breakfast 9am UMW Ex board 5:30 Missions Ministry 5:30 Communications	8 1-3 prayer shawl ministry 3:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Stew/Finance	9 3:00 Worship p 5:30 Bell pract
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Birthdays

Elaine Baker	03/04	Jason Ullmann	03/16
Alicea Vigil	03/04	Jerry Lehl	03/17
Clayton Garner	03/04	Jennie Anderson	03/18
Carol Erickson	03/05	Kathy Harris	03/18
Bob Shippy	03/06	Sean Donohoe	3/18
Kianna Koeltzow	03/06	Jim Rexroad	03/21
Ron Stonestreet	03/10	Sharon Hayes	03/22
Joan Dunham	03/10	Marcus Caudill	03/23
Ruth Heath	03/11	Gwen Carlile	03/23
Alene Davis	03/11	Richard Hanna	03/24
Stan Hayes	03/11	Margaret Krabbe	03/24
Tom Lamb	03/11	Helen Wild	03/25
Casey Harrison	03/12	Todd Moser	03/26
Vern Dunham	03/13	Jessie Purcell	03/28
Kyle Armentrout	03/14	Lisa Armentrout	03/28
Robin Harrison	03/14	Fern Colebank	03/31

Anniversaries

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

3rd Annual Caregiver Summit 2016

**Celebrating and Supporting
Community Caregivers**

Sponsored by Region 10 Community
Living Services & the

Aging and Disability Resources for Colorado

Date/Time: Thursday, May 19, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Grace Community Church – 16731 Woodgate` Rd.
– Montrose, CO 81401

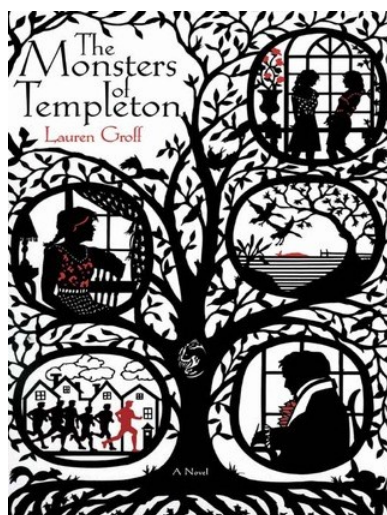


CAREGIVERS
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Brown Bag Book Club

The next Brown Bag Book Club will meet on March 15th at 11:45 a.m. in Baldrige Hall. The book they will be reading this month is “Monsters of Templeton” by Lauren Groff.





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.

Upcoming Happenings

--**Monday, March 7:** Executive Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

--**Wednesday, March 9:** Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Program: Camp Good Grief – Nancy Hoganson (Hope West)

Hostesses: Hope & Charity Circles

NO RESERVATIONS are needed. Just come and join us. Cost of Luncheon is \$5.00

During the forty days of Lent UMW will be observing “A Call to Prayer and Self Denial” ending on April, 13 with a special offering being taken at the monthly luncheon. Also during April two special events will be happening. The first one to take place will be the Spiritual Life Retreat at Estes Park to be held April 1 -3, entitled “Fools for Christ.” The UMW Western Jurisdiction Meeting entitled “A Fresh Wind Blowing” will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 22-24. If you are interested in attending either of these events, you can find information about them on flyers located in Baldrige Hall, on the table, next to the “Cookie Monster” or contact Sharon Hayes at 240-3505.

Circle Meetings in January

Mary and Elizabeth: Thursday, March 17, 7:00 p.m. (St. Patrick's Day) Hostess: Kathy Zelazny

Mary Olive: Thursday, March 24, 9:00 a.m.

Hostess: Elaine Baker

Hope: Thursday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. Hostess: Shirley Lehl

Charity: Thursday, March 24, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Marie Stonestreet

Faith: Thursday, March 24, 1:30 p.m. Hostess: Nadine Ward



Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

March 29th 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Thank you for your support of the Youth Ministry!

\$5.00 each \$15.00 Family

Funds will help youth attend Grand Mesa Camp and participate in the Summer Mission opportunities



City Market Rebate

The United Methodist Men are requesting your help. Over the past 15 years they have contributed over \$66,000 in support of the MUMC youth, various local charities, and numerous internal church projects. One of the primary ways they raise funds is through the cash back programs at the local grocery stores. It costs you nothing and helps support your church programs – but you have to sign up for the men to get the cash back. Please take a few moments and sign up so the men can continue to be a vital part of the MUMC.

Instructions for City Market shoppers to sign up for Methodist Men to receive the cash back credit –

IF YOU ALREADY PARTICIPATE AND JUST NEED TO RE-ENROLL:

(Hopefully this should apply to most of the congregation)

Using any search engine enter www.citymarket.com

At the top under the “Community” tab click on
“Community Rewards”

At the bottom click on “Re-Enroll Now”

For the UMM organization number enter 10187

IF YOU ARE NOT PRESENTLY PARTICIPATING BUT HAVE A VALUE CARD:

Follow the first two steps above and click on “Create Account”

Enter required information (this is a secure site & City Market does not sell/share any information)

At bottom under Community Rewards click on “Enroll”

For the organization number enter 10187 and click on
“Sign UP”

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER:

Look on the back of your card and call the toll free 800 number and tell them you want to designate organization #10187 to receive your “Community Rewards”.

If you need help with any of the above please contact Vern Dunham, Steve Gray, or Stan Hayes. For most of you it should be fairly quick & easy and the men thank you.



Care Shepherd Ministry

If you would be willing to spend about an hour a month to help other members of this congregation from your home, I have a SPOT FOR YOU! Our Care Shepherd Ministry has about 20 callers who check in with members once a month or so. The callers each started with about 15 households to call, but often folks don't really need or want a call that often, so the regular calls are down to about 6-8 each month. A few of our original callers are unable to continue, and I am looking for three new callers. You will have a list, notes from previous calls, and some guidelines about the calls. If you could help out in this way, it would be wonderful. Please call Annie Hauck, 275-2607, and I'll get you all the information you will need to begin your calls.



Sunday Worship Attendance

Date	Number in Attendance
February 7	<u>244</u>
February 14	<u>197</u>
February 21	<u>227</u>
February 28	After Print Date
February Average:	<u>223</u>

January 2016 Year to date

Offerings	January 2016
Income:	29,996.48
Expenses:	33,086.07
Building Fund:	52,542.23

