

Montrose United Methodist Church

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**“Joyfully, To Love All, To Serve All, and To Share
Jesus Christ With the World!”**

**Pastor’s Ponderings... “What in the World is Going on
Here?!”**

Many of us ask the question often—especially as we read or watch the news: “What in the world is going on here?!” There is so much violence, deception, and hurt in the world. Changes come so fast that at times we feel our faith foundations crumbling.

In the midst of some of the sweeping changes in the world and our society, we may be deeply hurt, while others are rejoicing. Or we may be celebrating while others are in despair. One such transition has come in the radical shift of policies and perceptions concerning the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community. A gay couple can legally be married now in all fifty United States, but the people of our country are still anything but *united* over the issue.

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Of course, Christian Churches have come face-to-face with this difficult issue as well, and the United Methodist Church is no exception. As with the United States, the United Methodist Church is also anything but *united* over the issue. Very devoted Christians on both sides of the issue share biblical, theological, and experiential support as to why their position should be supported. The argument seems endless and sometimes unsolvable, and *hearts are being broken* on both sides. United Methodist pastors who have married gay or lesbian couples have had their ordinations removed, then restored. These are confusing times!

Recently in the United Methodist Church, another unprecedented decision has been made. The Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, including all the western continental states as well as Hawaii and Alaska, elected the first openly gay United Methodist Bishop in our church's history. Bishop Karen Oliveto has been appointed to the Mountain Sky episcopal area of the United Methodist Church. This geography includes our Rocky Mountain Conference (Colorado, Utah, and the southeastern half of Wyoming) and the Yellowstone Conference (Montana and the northwestern half of Wyoming). Many United Methodists are overjoyed. Many are outraged. The Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church (the "Supreme Court" of our denomination) will be reviewing the legality of this election in October.

How do we discern God's plan in the midst of such confusion? I would begin by offering our denomination's worldwide motto: "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." Will we truly be open to those on the "other side" of the issue? Will we share compassion and kindness with those whose opinions differ from our own? Will we allow God's grace and unconditional love to flow through these troubled times? **The Church of Jesus Christ over the last 2,000 years has always lived in tension:** ideally, seeking unity in our diversity. Sometimes the tension has been seemingly insurmountable, and denominations have divided. Many times, however, denominations have learned to live together in tension and find commonality in the midst of distinct differences.

Will the United Methodist Church remain *united*? As participants in our denomination, what will we do and say to either deepen the divide or draw people closer together even in conflict? We have a choice to make.

I sincerely believe the United Methodist Church can remain UNITED because we have a God who is bigger than the Church. We have a God who is bigger than denominational differences. We have a God who is able to hold all things and all people together.

******It would be my privilege to have a face-to-face visit with any of you who would like to discuss this topic with me further. Unity comes in relationship with conversation that leads to understanding.***

Finally, I offer the Word of God to guide us in our ongoing communication with one another:

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another.

—Romans 12:15-16

God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

—1 Corinthians 12:24-27

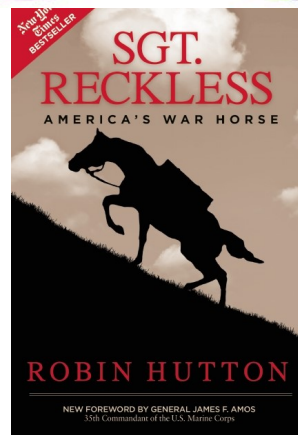
In Christ's Service,

Pastor Steve



Brown Bag Book Club

The Brown Bag Book Club will be meeting this month on Tuesday September 20th at 11:45 a.m. in Baldrige Hall. This Month's selection is Sgt. Reckless: America's War Horse by Robin Hutton



Children's News

Fall Sunday School will begin on September 18th!

New format for Sunday school—all children will meet in worship at the 9:45 service and go down to class together after Children's Time. They will join us in worship for the first 2 songs! Class will still end at 10:45.

Our children will learn about "Joseph's Journey" during Sunday school this fall!

Sept. 18th– Joseph Saves the Day

Sept 25th– Joseph and His Brothers Reunited





We are in need of several adults to help lead our Sunday school classes for this fall. If you would like to help out 1 or 2 times per month please contact Becky!



Youth News



UMYF— Youth Fellowship

September 4th—no group enjoy Labor Day weekend!

September 11th—Youth Sunday and all church Pot-luck

September 18th—Fall planning Team 4:30-6:00 pm.
Dinner provided.

UMYF 6-7 pm (games)

September 25th—Amazing Glaze bring \$10.00 to
make a soup bowl for the community dinner 3:00-
5:00 pm.

Youth Sunday September 11th

10:00 a.m.


Youth/Missions Sunday will be September 11th! There is just 1 service at 10:00 a.m.. Youth can participate in a variety of ways. We will share about our mission experiences this summer (Belize & Denver). We also need ushers, scripture readers and acolytes. Following the service there will be an all-church potluck and fellowship time.


Food: Last Name A-G: asked to bring salads and side dishes
Last name H-P: asked to bring main dishes
Last Name R-Z: asked to bring fruit, deserts, and sweets

Tween group will begin September 9th 7:00-9:00 pm

Pumpkins coming early October!

Wednesday Starbucks group begins September 21st 2:45-4:00 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		SEPTEMBER	20
<p>4 <i>Holy Communion</i></p> <p>8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship</p> <p>9:15 & 10:30 fellowship</p> <p>5:00Community Sunday supper</p> <p>No youthgroup</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8am UMM breakfast away</p> <p>Labor Day office closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1-3 prayer shawl ministry</p> <p>1:30-4 Crafty Ladies</p> <p>3:00 Staff meeting</p> <p>7:00 SPRC</p>	<p>7</p> <p>3:00 Worship</p> <p>5:30 HandBe</p> <p>6:45 Sounds</p> <p>8:00 Celebrat</p>
<p>11 <i>Holy Communion</i></p> <p>10:00 single worship service</p> <p>11:30 potluck/fellowship</p> <p>5:00Community Sunday Supper</p> <p>No youthgroup</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12N Women's Emmaus</p> <p>1:00 Caregiver Support</p> <p>5:30 Communications</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>1-3 prayer shawl ministry</p> <p>1:30-4 Crafty Ladies</p> <p>3:00 Staff meeting</p> <p>7:00 Stew/Finance</p>	<p>14</p> <p>3:00 Worship</p> <p>5:30 Bell pra</p> <p>6:45 Sounds</p> <p>8:00 Celebrat</p>
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2016</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9-12 Quick Care</p> <p>10:45 prayer group</p> <p>1-3 prayer shawl ministry</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>3:30 music teams practice</p>
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Birthdays

Harold Whittle	09/01	Bill Patterson	09/17
Van Smith	09/03	Warren Ache	09/18
Yvonne Williamson	09/03	Ross Hauck	09/18
Kara Caudill	09/03	Nathan Garner	09/19
Carole Schultz	09/04	Joel Forrest	09/20
Erin Skees	09/04	Dick Eastman	09/21
Margaret Goodhue	09/06	Korey Metzger	09/21
Linda Pavlich	09/06	Linnaea Zaenger	09/22
Celie Matteson	09/09	Ed DeJulio	09/23
Melba Teague	09/11	Craig Wolverton	09/24
Glenda Cowles	09/12	Tom Barrett	09/25
Sharon Moslet	09/13	Tonja Clark	09/26
Cassie Canavan	09/17	Shirley Lehl	09/30
Sharlene Martinson	09/17	Don Allen	09/30

Anniversaries

Kurt & Kathy Zelazny	09/04
Chris Tarman & Tania Hajjar	09/04
James & Micki Kintner	09/05
Casey & Abbie Harrison	09/05
Don & Laurene Barnett	09/07
Marcus & Kara Caudill	09/09
Gary & Eva Preslan	09/10
Jim & Kristi Garner	09/13
Vern & Joan Dunham	09/18
Roy & Janet Rogers	09/27

Update on JIKO (Jesus is King Orphanage)

Recently the Montrose United Methodist Church received funds from the Lorene Starbuck Memorial for the children of JIKO. We currently have nearly \$500. in that fund.

JIKO is in the village of Aboadze which is about a four hour drive from Accra, which is the nearest international airport and capital of Ghana, Africa. In a designated line item of the general budget of the church, there is a balance of nearly \$1000. This fund is being split between the Methodist Primary School in the village and JIKO.

The JIKO mission team is pleased to announce that two bedrooms and one bath have been added to the orphanage since our ardent fund raising to construct the original building.



The orphanage has now implemented a new President to the Board of Directors, and it is a familiar name from involvement with the early days of JIKO, Mr. Edwin Aryitey. The first Ghana mission team met with Mr. Aryitey who is also connected to the Volta River Authority (VRA) Power Plant there in Aboadze. This is the same power plant where Marshall Pendergrass served as General Manager for eight years.

Good news, is that a volunteer, Rachel Belhke and her father, Steve from MA landed in Ghana in mid August. Steve is an ordained minister and this is his and Rachel's first visit outside of the United States.

They came to know about JIKO through a Volunteer Services for Africa. Rachel plans to stay for up to four months and work with the kids and volunteer as needed in the area.

Steve will be returning to the U.S. after one week of getting Rachel settled. We want to keep Rachel in our prayers while she is in Ghana. The mission team has requested that Rachel take a lot of photos with the kids and the area to send to us.

The Methodist Primary School is out of session at this time of year; there will be evaluations on the best use of the money designated for them for either playground equipment or computers for the classroom.

Even though the Montrose United Methodist Church is not actively supporting this African project as in the past, we want to thank all of you who are continuing to financially support this mission -- and who knows we just might plan another visit to Aboadze in the near future and you might be interested in becoming part of the team -- keep your passport and shots up to date!!!



Trustees

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you all for helping to raise the roof over Baldrige Hall. Due to your incredible generosity we have raised \$39,000 towards the \$64,000 that we need to cover costs. We have contacted the roofer and the project will begin at the end of this month! When writing your checks, please indicate “roof” on the memo line. That way we can ensure your contributions go to this project. Only \$25,000 to go . . .

Again, due to your generosity, the Trustees as well as other groups within the church have accomplished much in the last 4 years. It’s important to recognize what we as a body of Christ have done to maintain and better our buildings and grounds.

- Fully accessible Stage in the front of the sanctuary
- A new choir loft
- New Community Garden
- Audio/Visual Booth in the balcony
- Stained Glass



- window renovation of windows on the north side of the building (check them out – they’re beautiful and we can now open and close them.
- Exterior Wood Doors refinished
- Safety Striping on stairs outside fellowship hall

- Rainbow Room for children renovated with windows and sound-proofing panels installed.
- Shade structure for outside playground
- Refurbishing of Park Ave Hall downstairs – refinished wood floors, painted walls, reinstalling windows to bring in outside light, added a stage for live entertainment
- Remodeling Cross and Flame Café
- Handicap access button for bathrooms
- Wiring for the Praise Teams stage taken off the floor and installed around the perimeter of the stage for aesthetic purposes and safety of musicians.
- A big thank you to Stan Hayes and United Methodist Men for redesigning parking along street east of church.



- Another big thank you to San Juan Gardens for providing the beautiful plants for our outdoor planters and to all the women who keep the plants watered and looking great!!

We could not have done most of this work without Dan – our handyman. Please thank him if you see him working during the week. Another big thanks to Nancy Johnson and Barbara Kastellic for chasing down endless details and ensuring that projects get done.

One body – working together. Thank you all.
-Barb Sharrow and Board of Trustees

Inside the Church

Bus passes

Since we began giving out bus passes last September we have given out 141 adult passes and 18 youth passes. Are you interested in supporting this ministry? You can give directly to the pastor's discretionary fund, just write bus pass in the memo of your check or on your giving envelope.

Food Pantry

The food pantry has been a great resource for the people at Sunday Supper. Each week we put out the food that you donate for the Sunday Supper participants to take and each week they take it all. Please keep giving! Your donations help feed hungry people in our area. Want to give more than just food? We have found that people also need staples like diapers, dog food and toiletries. Fresh Produce is welcome.