PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 9TH 7:30-11:30



Easter Weekend Bible Reading - Feel like you want to "do *something*" for Lent? Complete your Holy Week experience by joining our traditional non-stop Bible reading that begins at the close of the Good Friday service and finishes with the opening of the Easter Sunday celebration. You can read or witness; alone or with others. Call Nancy Zaenger at 970-209-2175 for details or sign-up.



Montrose United Methodist Church "Joyfully to love all, Serve all and to share Jesus

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Children's News	3	Christ with the world!"					
Woman's News	4-5	Pastor's Ponderings "We Go Joyfully to Love ALL, Serve ALL, and Share Jesus Christ with the World!"					
Communion	5						
Calendar	6-7	⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for					
Birthday/ Anniversaries	8	the ungodly ⁸ God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ					
Book Club	9	died for us. — <i>Romans 5:6, 8</i>					
Hallelujah Pot- luck	9	The powerful reminder to me in these verses is that Christ was willing to die					
Tween/Youth	10	for me when he knew that I would strug- gle with sin all my life. Christ took the punishment for all my sin on himself to spare me the fate of death. In that hum- bling knowledge, I realize that in no way do I have any right to judge others. I am certainly no better—nor worse—					
Grand Mesa Camp	11						
Palm Sunday	12						
Bible Reading	12						

I share these sobering words from *In Search of the Beyond* by Carlo Carretto:

We are not happy because we are unforgiving, and we are unforgiving because we feel superior to others.

Mercy is the fruit of the highest degree of love, because love create equals, and a greater love makes us inferior.

First let us establish three premises:

Those who do not love feel superior to everyone else

Those who love feel equal to everyone else.

Those who love much gladly take the lower place.

Following Christ's example for truly Godly loving, I realize...

- My job is not to *change* other people. *My job is to love them as I have been loved.*
- My job is not to *fix* other people. *My job is to love them as I have been loved.*
- My job is not to *judge* other people._*My job is to love them as I have been loved.*

Following Christ's example, we no longer look down on the people whom the world considers the least worthy, least valuable people on earth. Instead, we lower ourselves to the place of *serving* them in love:

The incarcerated, the addict, the abuser, the divorced, the adulterer, the homosexual, the refugee, the illegal immigrant, the violent radical, and on and on.

Our church's Mission Statement: "We Go Joyfully to Love ALL, Serve ALL, and Share Jesus Christ with the World!"

I am continually grateful to be pastor in a church where the people take seriously the United Methodist motto, "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." I am continually grateful to be pastor in a church where our church family knows that when we say



HIYA NEWS

High school and Young Adults

Sunday Night 6-8 pm

April 9—Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

April 16—Easter no group

April 23—Frisbee Golf

April 30-No group



"Love ALL," we know "All" means "ALL."

In Gratitude,

Pastor Steve



MARCH & APRIL 2017 Children's News



Vacation Bible School June 5-8 For Preschool-5th grade

Hero Central VBS will take kids on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. VBS Hero Central uses epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids (and leaders) discover their strength in God! Early drop off will be available again this year. This is a great event to invite your children's friends to! Watch for registration info soon!

Save the Date!

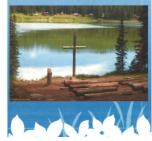
Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast April 9th

Easter Sunday Family Activity April 16 Grand Mesa Camp 2017

> Camp is all about making new friends, being outdoors in the great Colorado Mountains, and taking some time to work on our faith. How's that relationship with you and God? Come for campfire, boating, crafts, music, fishing, worship, games and more!!

Elementary Camp July 24-28 Completed 3rd-5th grades. \$215 (paid by 6/15)

Family Camp July 28-30 For families of all ages and types! \$ 50 for Adults, \$40 for ages 13-18, \$30 for ages 6-12, \$20 for ages 3-5, 3 and under free Maximum Family Cost-\$175.00





United Methodist Women

--April 3 -Monday- Executive Board Meeting-9.00A.M. Baldridge Hall

--April 12 - Wed. Luncheon -11:30 A.M. - Baldridge Hall-Faith Circle Hostess --Program: "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial"-Nadine Ward-Bring your coins, bills, checks An offering will be taken

--April 20 -Thursday-Mary and Elizabeth Circle-7:00 P.M. Hostess-Lisa Armentrout

--April 27 -Thursday-Mary Olive Circle -9:00-A.M. – Hostess: Sally Burrichter

--April 27 - Thursday- Hope Circle-9:00 A.M. - Hostess: Patricia London

--April 27 Thursday -Faith Circle 1:30 P.M. -Hostess: Bonnie Lamb





Brown Bag Book Club

The Brown Bag Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, April 18 at 11:45 a.m. in Baldridge Hall. This month's selection is "The Irresistible Blueberry Bakeshop & Café" by Mary Simses. Bring a sack lunch and join the conversation!

Easter Hallelujah Meal in Baldridge Hall at 12:30 pm April 16, 2017 Meat and drink provided.

You bring your favorite holiday side dish.

Let us share the celebration of this day with food and fellowship.



Birthdays

Douglas Zelazny	04/01	Callie Armentrout	04/14
Ryan Shipley	04/02	Tom Pilkington	04/16
Bonnie Lamb	04/02	Micki Kintner	04/16
Janice Becker	04/03	Betty Winter	04/18
Gus Bray	04/06	Brad Bingaman	04/18
Lola Howard	04/08	Joe Evans	04/22
Dylan Farley	04/10	Beckie Pendergras	s 04/24
Suzi Reick	04/10	Sharon Jewell	04/26
Ginger Bollinger	04/11	Nancy Johnson	04/30
Mike Richardson	04/11	Steve Gray	04/30

Anniversaries

Butch & Becky Clark04/04Jerry & Erin Skees04/14John & Nancy Fishering 04/2904/29Joe & Caroline Evans04/29Ed & Karen DeJulio04/30

Plans are being made for the Utah/Western Colorado District Celebration to be held in our Montrose Church September 8th and 9th. If you would like to join the planning committee or have suggestions, please contact Sharon Hayes at 970-240-3505 email, <u>sshayes@bresnan.net</u>. Your help will be welcomed.

Come join this active group of women!

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 MORNING COMMUNION STEWARDS

are a vital part of our monthly communion experience on the first Sunday of the month. The congregation sees those of us assisting the pastor, but before that can happen, someone must fill the individual cups and baskets of gluten free bread, provide the loaf to be broken and fill the goblets. Then the elements need to be assembled on the table in the sanctuary, and removed after the service. Ideally, the same person would be present on Sunday morning for all three services, but if that is more time than you would commit, we are trying to organize several persons for each day. Training is available and we will organize a schedule. Please contact the office as to interest and we will arrange the training and a calendar for volunteering.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	APRIL	2017				1 7-8:30 New Member Class 3:30 music teams practice
2 8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship 9:15 & 10:30 fellowship 9:45 Sunday school/all ages 5:00 Community Sunday supper 6-8 HIYA group	3 7am UMM Breakfast 9am UMW Ex board Noon Women's Emmaus 5:30 Missions Ministry	4 10am Pastor's Bible Study 1-3 prayer shawl ministry 7:00 SPRC Meeting 3:00 Staff meeting	5 3:00 Worship planning 5:30 Bell practice	6 9-11 Quick Care 10:45 prayer group	7 7-9 Tween Night	8 7-8:30 New Member Class
9 PALM SUNDAY 8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship 9:15 & 10:30 fellowship 9:45 Sunday school/all ages 5:00 Community Sunday supper 6-8 HIYA group	10 7am Holy Week Breakfast Noon Women's Emmaus 1:00 Caregiver Support	11 7am Holy Week Breakfast 10am Pastor's Bible Study 1-3 prayer shawl ministry 3:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Stew/Finance	12 7am Holy Week Breakfast 11:30 UMW Luncheon 3:00 Worship planning 5:30 Bell practice 6:45 Sounds of Faith 7:00 Archeology 8:00 Celebration Voices	13 7am Holy Week Break- fast 9-11 Quick Care 10:45 prayer group 7:00 Maundy Thursday service	14 7am Holy Week Breakfast 6-9 Parent's Night Out 7:00 Good Friday service 8:00 Bible reading begins	15 3:30 music teams practice Bible reading continues
16 EASTER DAY 8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship 9:15 & 10:30 fellowship 11:00 Easter experience for kids 12:30 Hallelujah Potluck meal 5:00Community Sunday supper 6-8 HIYA group	17 7am UMM breakfast Noon Women's Emmaus	18 10am Pastor's Bible Study 1:45 BBBook Club 1-3 prayer shawl ministry 3:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Trustees	19 3:00 Worship planning 5:30 Bell practice 6:45 Sounds of Faith 8:00 Celebration Voices	20 9-11 Quick Care 10:45 prayer group	21 6-9 Parent's Night Out Men's Emmaus weekend	22 3:30 music teams practice 7:00 MAPA Trivia night
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