



We hope you'll join us and invite a friend for our Christmas Eve Worship Services

4:00 p.m. – Children's Worship

This worship is designed for children, but a thrill for all ages! Join us for an interactive, joy-filled worship service.

5:30 p.m. – Choir, Candles & Carols

This worship includes the Choir, Scripture readings, candles, carols and a special children's time.

*The Church Bus will be running for this service. Please RSVP with the church office by December 18.

8:00 p.m. – Lessons, Candles & Carols

This service has Scripture readings, Lessons of God's Gifts, candles, and carols.

11:00 p.m. – Candles & Communion

This service has Scripture readings, Lessons of God's Gifts, candles, and carols and communion open to all.

January Newsletter Deadline is Monday, December 18!

Submit your articles and information about upcoming events to Rachel in the church office via email to

secretary@montroseumc.org



The Montrose Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter of the Montrose United Methodist Church

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

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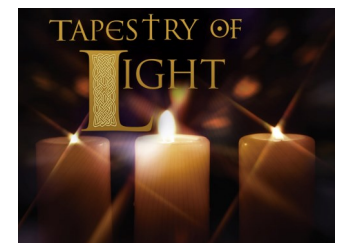
Advent Festival

Saturday, December 2, 2-4 p.m.

Annual Advent Festival takes place in Baldrige hall. Advent/Christmas crafts, games, and more! Chili Cook-off & Brownie Bake-Off. (Get an entry form from Baldrige Hall) Join us for some fun to kick-off the Holiday season. All are welcome—bring your friends! More info on page 5.

Lessons & Carols: "Tapestry of Light" — Friday, December 8, 7 p.m.

Two choirs (Montrose UMC and the Church of the San Juans) come together to present a Celtic Christmas Celebration! This concert will be held on **Sunday, December 10, 7 p.m. at the Church of the San Juans too!**



Music at Noon, Wednesday December 6th, 13th & 20th in the Sanctuary!

*Christmas Eve evening worship times, December 24, times and info on the back page!

Pastor Lisa's Lines

Advent—the time of waiting—is upon us. Each year, the Sunday before the four Sundays is Advent, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday! The end of the liturgical/church calendar year. We begin anew with Advent. How appropriate that we start the year with waiting!

Most things in life begin with some type of waiting—from the acceptance letter to college, to the call about the job interview, to the birth of a baby and beyond. Sometimes our waiting can be long and arduous and sometimes our waiting can be short and nearly instantaneous. Waiting, in all its forms can feel like torture.

So, what if we reframe how we look at waiting? What if instead of torment, we see it as a gift. The gift of waiting allows us to take some time to think about possibilities, to ponder the roads less

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UMW Circle Meetings

Dec. 7- Thurs at 9:00 a.m.-Mary Olive

Cross & Flame Café Potluck Brunch-White Elephant Exchange-Bring canned/packaged food for distribution

Dec. 7-Thurs. at 1:30 p.m.-Faith

Hostess: Kris Schledewitz-cookie exchange

Dec. 14-Thurs. at 5:30 p.m.-Mary and Elizabeth

Hostess: Deidra Manary

No December meeting for Hope Circle

Have a happy, joyous,
blessed, MERRY
CRISTMAS!!!



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.



UMW is thankful for another very successful Bazaar! We thank all who gave of their support, time, energy, talents, donations, strength, and willingness to serve to make it possible. The proceeds from the Bazaar are all given to mission projects locally, nationally, and globally. Thank you for making this out-reach program possible!

Upcoming UMW Happenings

Dec. 4- Mon. at 9 a.m. Executive Board Meeting,

Baldrige Hall

Dec. 13 -Wed. at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon

Hostesses: Executive Board

12:00 noon- Program: “STOREHOUSE”- Gospel Quartet- in the sanctuary- Lunch after concert-Bring a guest (spouse, neighbor, new member, friend, significant other, etc.) Being a guest, their lunch will be free.

we know that he’s already arrived! We worship a living God and during this season of waiting, we are simply pretending to wait. It’s a good practice in patience and a good reminder to rest and find comfort in God.

“I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.”

- Psalm 40:1

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, let us wait patiently for the LORD. Let us find rest in our God. Instead of creating more chaos and confusion, let us create spaces for others to rest in God as well.

Perhaps invite someone over for a cup of coffee and to talk and listen to their heart, not just 15 people for a Christmas party.

Buy someone’s meal or drink if you notice they’ve had a long day or seem to need a pick-me-up.

Or maybe just find time to do an errand for someone who needs time to rest in God.

My hope and prayer for each of us as we approach this time of waiting would be to create space for waiting to happen, for resting to happen, in order that God’s message of unconditional love would shine bright for all this Christmas.

I hope you’ll join us for one of our special Christmas Eve worship services and invite a neighbor a friend to attend with you!

See you in worship,

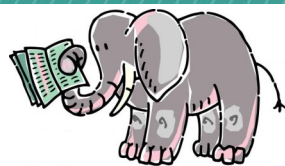
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Pastor Lisa



Children's News

December Memory Verse Challenge

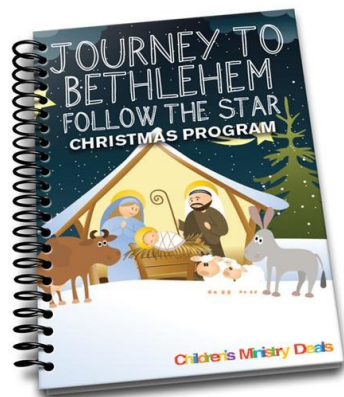


Memory Verse

Each month, work with your parents to memorize either the easy bible verse or the more challenging bible verse or both. Once you have it memorized, come find Mrs. Sarah during Sunday school recite the verse and earn a prize. Bonus point if you take home the month's coloring page & bring it back nicely colored. Each month you can earn up to 3 points. Each verse you memorize will enter you into a grand prize to be drawn in May.

Easy: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. John 3:16

Challenging: And the Angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2: 10



Christmas Pageant

Please join us on December 10th as our kids present; "Journey to Bethlehem; Follow That Star!"

The pageant will take place during the 9:45 service.



Parents Night Out:

This is a great opportunity to have some adult time while your kids are well cared for! Parents Night Out is open to the community so tell your friends about it.

Hours: 6:00—9:00 p.m.

The cost is \$10.00 per child with a family cap of \$20.00

December 8: Christmas decorations and Christmas presents

December 22: Polar Express, hot chocolate and painting winter crafts

Parent's **Night Out**

2nd & 4th Friday
Every Month!
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per child
\$20.00 family max

Not a member?

Not a problem!

Open to the public!

Hope, Joy, Inspiration and Friendship...
Join Us and Celebrate.

We Welcome You!

TWEEN

Middle School

Tween Night 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

1st & 3rd Friday of the Month

December 1st: Holiday Family Feud

December 15th: Reindeer Games

Did you know about our great nursery programs?



Need
a moment

alone?

Try Quick Care

Every Thursday Morning

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per child

\$20.00 family max

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
SHELLY HUBBARD 417-9277

Sunday School

The Children's Department has purchased gifts for each of the kids to help them celebrate the Advent season and we will begin passing them out on December 3rd. If you are unable to attend, please contact Sarah Seymour to schedule a drop off time.

There will be no Sunday school on December 10th (Christmas Pageant).

There will be a one room Sunday school option available on December 24th.



16th Annual All Church Advent Festival

Chili and Brownie Cook Off

Saturday December 2nd

2 p.m.—4 p.m.

Chili Categories:

- Family Friendly
- Spicy Green Chili
- Unique Ingredients

*Prizes will be awarded to winner of each category



One of the Hottest events of the year! We will have various advent crafts, games and decorations in the children's area downstairs and Park Ave. Hall.

Whether you want to cook & compete or just want to eat & enjoy the festival games / crafts, you're bound to have a whole lot of fun!



United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) 12:30 p.m. -2:30 p.m.

December 3rd: Christmas Lights

December 10th: A Gift—Random Acts of Kindness

Please bring an assortment of baked cookies.

December 17th: Christmas Party

Please bring \$10 and a wrapped white elephant gift.

White elephant gift's should be no more than \$5 & gender neutral.

December 24th: NO UMYF... Merry Christmas!

December 31: New Year New Me

Winter Fun Days

Join us on December 29th and January 2nd from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.. We will have a day filled with adventure & fellowship. Invite a friend to come join in on the fun.

December 29th: Ouray Hot Springs & Box Canyon

Please bring \$20 dollars, swimsuit and a towel . Snacks will be included.

January 2nd: Get Air @ the Silo

Please bring \$15 dollars. Snacks will be included.

From Grocery Bags

**December
5th**

"PLARN" WORKSHOP

First TUESDAY of each Month

Room 1 (downstairs) 1 to 3 p.m.

Bring clean bags, scissors, and *spirit!*



To Sleeping Mats

January 2018 – With the new year, we will be looking at scriptures we need to spend more time with! We will work through Rev. Adam Hamilton's "Half Truths" for the month! Join us in worship.

January 7 — "Half Truths" – *John 3:16*

January 14 – "Theology of Reasons" - *Deuteronomy 30:19-20a*

January 21 — "Help Yourself" – *Psalms 10:14b, 17-18a, Psalm 18:6, 16, Psalm 121:1-2*

January 28 — "Handle It, already" – *1 Corinthians 10:13, Psalm 46:1-2*



Brown Bag Book Club

Join the Brown Bag book club next year for many more interesting books! They meet the third Tuesday of the month at 11:45 in Baldrige Hall.

Birthdays

Gladys Kline	12/01	Jeromy DeJulio	12/18
Barbara Kastellic	12/01	Maddy Ross	12/18
Sharon Becker	12/04	DeLoris Taliaferro	12/23
Ray Snyder	12/06	Eva Preslan	12/26
Joan Rivers	12/07	Joyce Simerson	12/27
Gary Preslan	12/09	Cathy Evans	12/27
Sheila Reeves	12/10	Stacy DeJulio	12/27
Carol Parker	12/10	Amber Bray	12/27
Paul Jeffrey	12/10	Beth McCorkle	12/28
Tina Shipley	12/12/	Julee Wolverton	12/28
Carol McDermott	12/12	Richard Moslet	12/30
Dave Eddy	12/13	Sibyl Baker	12/31
Dale Carter	12/14	Laurie Dodd	12/31
Barb Sharrow	12/16	Laurie Ranum	12/31
Erma Hale	12/18		

Anniversaries

Roy & Bonnie Owens	12/06	Ray & Carol Ross	12/21
Jerry & Shirley Lehl	12/07	Brad & Connie Bingaman	12/22
Jim & Sally Burrichter	12/14	Norm & Dena Brooks	12/26
Tom & Bonnie Lamb	12/15	Orville & Gladys Kline	12/28
Ross & Annie Hauck	12/15	Simon & Amber Bray	12/31
Kent & Joyce Simerson	12/19		

Santa's Cabin

Please see the sign up in Baldrige Hall. This will be our last fundraiser before the 2018 summer mission trip and Grand Mesa Camp. Santa's Cabin will be at the Uncompahgre Events Plaza (the usual spot).

Santa's Cabin is open during the following times:

December 1st- Timberline Bank 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

December 3rd 2:15-5:30

December 8th Timberline Bank 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

December 9th 2:15-5:30

December 10th 2:15-5:30

December 15th Timberline Bank 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

December 16th 2:15-5:30

December 17th 2:15-5:30

December 22nd Timberline Bank 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.


December 23rd 2:15-5:30



Westside Weekend Planning Team

Are you interested in being on the Westside Weekend planning team? The planning team meets 2-3 times before the event to plan. If you would like to be on the planning team, we ask that you have attended Westside Weekend at least once before joining the planning team.

Our next planning meeting will be on December 16th; time TBD.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 2-4Family fun night - Advent Festival Chili & brownie cook-off
3 1 st Sunday of Advent <i>Holy Communion</i> 8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship 9:15 & 10:30 fellowship 9:45 Sunday school 12:30-2:30 Youth Group 5:00 Community Sunday supper	4 7a UMM Breakfast 9a UMW Ex Bd 9-11 Ballet class Noon Women's Emmaus no Communications no Missions Ministry	5 9-12 Quick Care 10a Pastor Bible Study 11:15 prayer group 1-3 prayer shawl ministry 7:00 SPRC	6 9-11 Ballet class 12N Music at Noon 3 -4:30 Kids pageant practice 6:00 Lesson& Carols rehearsal	7 9-12 Quick Care	8 7pm LESSONS & CAROLS 6-9 Parent's Night Out	9
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