

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Each of you have a commitment to this congregation. This commitment is not only showing up to worship on Sunday mornings, but also to uphold the mission of the church in creating disciples of Jesus Christ. Part of this mission includes walking along side our young people as they learn more about Christ and the church. As your pastor, I am charging each of you with this beautiful and loving task.

With a new Confirmation group starting, January 28th, each student will be selecting a mentor from the congregation. A mentor is someone who walks this journey with them, commits to time together, being present at some classes, and being in prayer for and with them on this walk.

It is hard enough for young people to ask adults for things, let alone someone they look up to, admire, and want to walk this journey with them. IF YOU ARE ASKED BY A CONFIRMATION STUDENT, TO FILL THIS ROLE, YOU CANNOT SAY NO. This student has thought carefully about who they trust, will confide in, and want with them. Please DO NOT tell them you are too busy, just can't, or won't make this commitment for them. It is too important for them, the life of the church, and our collective mission of building the kingdom of God. In the coming weeks, pray about how you may be able to rearrange your schedule, and make time for a student if you are asked.

Thank you in advance for loving our students and loving like Jesus in this way. – Pastor Lisa

## February Newsletter Deadline is Monday, January 22!

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

[secretary@montroseumc.org](mailto:secretary@montroseumc.org)

Your help is appreciated in getting the information out for all our upcoming events!



## 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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**January 2018 Edition**

How in the world has six months flow by so quickly? How can it be 2018 already? As we age, time seems to go by at a faster rate than when we were 12 and "bored" all the time.

Each year I set goals for myself. Some people call these resolutions. No matter what you call them, they are things we set out to do that will hopefully improve who we are a human beings, as individuals, and help us build the kingdom of God.

I don't always meet my goals, but I always strive towards them. If we settle for what is, we do ourselves a disservice. We have the capacity and capability to do more and learn more, but we sell ourselves short by sitting stagnant. John Wesley says, "We are going on to perfection." Not that we will reach it, but that we strive towards.

Last year I set out to run 1000 miles, two half marathons, and work out a minimum of three times a week. I fell short. I only ran 450 miles. I did complete 2 half marathons though, and 80% of the time, I worked out in some fashion three times per week or more. I also set out to read 8 books, and to give more of my money away, which I did. I am not upset by the shortfalls, I am thankful for the progress and can set more realistic goals this year, but I am going to continue to challenge myself.

The problem with most resolutions or goals is that when made, there is no plan to execute them, and thus failure ensues. When setting goals, we need to have plans. With a goal of 500 miles this year, I plan to run approximately ten miles a week, knowing that some weeks I will run more during training, and others I will run slightly less. On an average week I will run three miles, three times per week. I also hope to donate a dollar per mile to UMCOR. I am going to challenge others to sponsor me throughout the year and donate as well.

# Pastor Lisa's Lines

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At some point in our adult life, we stopped making goals and allowing our children, spouse, parents or friends or job to dictate how we spend all our time and energy. What happened to remembering that we are autonomous beings? We are individuals and life has a way of changing things up on us whether we like it or not. Children grow up, spouses don't always have the same interests, aging parents pass away, jobs change. When we focus on who we are, who God has created us to be, we can fully realize passion God has placed in us and use it to build God's kingdom.

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## The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday

Lent is early this year, beginning with **Ash Wednesday** on February 14<sup>th</sup>. While many will be busy celebrating the sweetheart love of Valentine's day, I hope you will all take time out to seek the unconditional love of Christ and the ways we are called to share it with the world. It is a perfect day to celebrate love, perhaps just different than the romantic type.

The journey to the cross – the sacrificial love of Christ, begins with Ash Wednesday. Between Ash Wednesday and Easter is the season of Lent – a time we reflect on God's love for the world through the life of Christ. Join us for prayer throughout the day as the sanctuary will be open from 7 a.m. till our worship service at 7 p.m. If you can't make worship and are interested in the remembrance that comes with ashes, Pastor Lisa will have a "Ash on the Go!" station set up from 12 to 1 in the ally by office, and will also be at Coffee Trader from 7:30 to 9 a.m.



## United Methodist Women

### Upcoming Happenings

**Jan. 8- Mon. - Executive Board Meeting**-Baldrige Hall -9:A.M. **Both 2017 and newly elected 2018 mem-**

**bers are encouraged to attend**

**Jan. 10 -Wed.-11:30- Luncheon**-Hostess- Mary & Elizabeth Circle-**Program:** Installation of 2018 Officers- President: **Sally Burrichter** –Vice President: **Sharon Hayes**-Secretary: **Linda Pavlich**-Treasurer: **Micki Kintner**

### Circle Meetings

**Jan 18 - Thurs. - 5:30 P.M. - Mary and Elizabeth Circle**

**Jan. 25 – Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. - Mary Olive Circle**

**Jan. 25 – Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. – Hope Circle**

**Jan 25 -Thurs. - 1:30 P.M.-Faith Circle**

**Consult Weekly Bulletin for Hostesses. We welcome all newcomers!**

**Have a blessed New Year!**

**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

## Community Outreach

Montrose UMC is responsible for delivering **Hot Meals on Wheels** to senior citizens in the "North" area. This is a ministry of service to seniors who are in their homes, but less able to get out and provide their own lunches. Pastor Lisa has asked us to work on our love toward others - this is a nice and easy way to bring that love to some of our neighbors!

Several of our faithful drivers will be gone during the winter months, so we need some new volunteers. We pick up the meals at the Homestead kitchen, in the building across the street from the Senior Center. You would only have to drive ONE DAY each month, and Trish will provide you with a calendar and a list of other drivers. You will not have to drive alone; we use a "buddy system" as far as possible. Some of our drivers do not currently have a Buddy so riding with them will teach you the ropes.

If you are willing to drive even ONE DAY each month, please contact Trish Gray ([pbgggray@gmail.com](mailto:pbgggray@gmail.com) or 970-209-8852). If you are willing to be an occasional substitute, please let Trish know.



### Habitat Build Day

Calling all those with a heart for missions! Our all-church Habitat Build Day is Saturday, February 10. We'll be working inside at the build site on Park Avenue,

8:00 - 3:00. Lunch will be provided. Come for all of the day or just a few hours. There is a sign up sheet in the breezeway.

# Children's News

## January Memory Verse Challenge

Each month, work with your parents memorize either the easy bible verse 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.



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### Easy Verse:

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:17

### Challenging Verse:

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. John 6: 29

## Family Celebration

Saturday January 20th, Sledding @ Cerro Summit

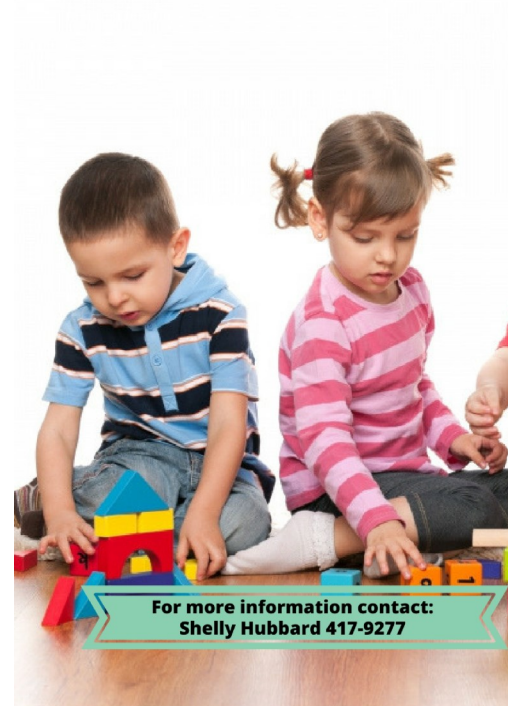
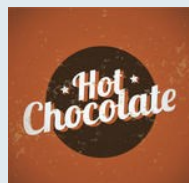
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Join us as we have a family day filled with sledding, hot chocolate and fellowship. Please bring your sleds, warm clothes and a snack to share.

Lunch and hot chocolate will be by donation.

**Please RSVP to Sarah by January 18th.**



For more information contact:  
Shelly Hubbard 417-9277

## 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!**

## 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

## Activities for January

**January 12th:** Happy Feet & Penguin Celebration

**January 26th:** Snow, Snow, Snow. Join us as we celebrate snow, snowmen and make ice cream in a bag.



# TWEEN

*Middle School*

Tween Night 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
1st & 3rd Fridays of the Month  
Grades 4th– 8th

January 5th: No Tween  
January 19th: Goals, Goals, Goals

**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.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
SHELLY HUBBARD 417-9277

Sarah will be at a Youth Conference in Dallas, Texas from  
January 4th– 13th.

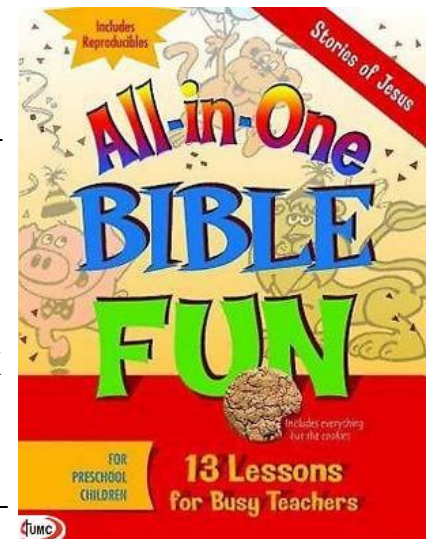
She will be available by phone or email during that time.

## Sunday School News

We will be changing a few things in the children's area starting in 2018. We feel that we do not have enough kids in each classroom on Sunday mornings to offer all the classes we currently have available. We will be consolidating into a 2 room Sunday school program, which will require less teachers and provide more children in each room for participation during activities.

The new classes will be Pre-K / Kindergarten and 1st-4th grades.

Our new curriculum will be All-in-One Bible Fun which is endorsed by the United Methodist Church. This curriculum comes in 4 books; Heroes of the Bible, Fruit of the Spirit, Stories of Jesus and Favorite Bible Stories. Each book has 13 lessons filled with crafts, games, bible stories and more.





**United Methodist Youth Fellowship  
(UMYF) Sunday's 12:30-2:30  
Grades 5th- 12th**

**January 7th:** No UMYF

**January 14th:** New Year, New Me

**January 21st:** Priorities - So much to do, so little time.

**January 28th:** Confirmation

**We will no longer be serving lunch with youth group  
due to a lack of volunteers to bring meals each week.  
Please have your child eat before coming to youth  
group.**



**Bibles and Board Games @  
Starbucks**

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We will resume on January 17th. Sarah will buy the 1st drink for all participants. If you bring a first time friend, you will receive a \$5 gift card.

**From Grocery Bags**

**Feb. 6th**

"PLARN" WORKSHOP

First TUESDAY of each Month  
Room 1 (downstairs) 1 to 3 p.m.

Bring clean bags, scissors, and *spirit!*



**To Sleeping Mats**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your cards of support and good wishes.  
How can I not get well with all that power working for me?

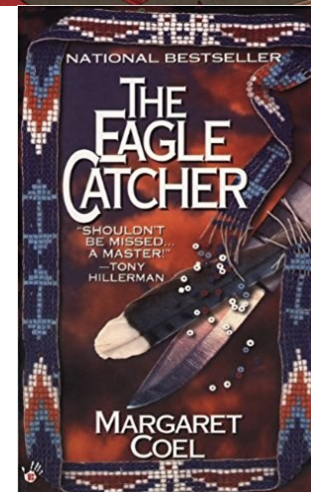
- Gwen Carlile



**Brown Bag Book Club**

The Brown Bag book Club will be meeting in the alcove (back of the sanctuary) from now on. This month's meeting will be Jan. 16th at 11:45. This months book will be

The Eagle Catcher by Margaret  
Coel



# Birthdays

Laurene Barnett	01/03	Nancy Fishering	01/19
Kathy Zelazny	01/03	Deidra Manary	01/20
Kai Koeltzow	01/03	Paul McDermott	01/20
Sherry Rose	01/04	Jay Hadley	01/20
Marian Ferguson	01/05	Pati Thompson	01/21
Graham Thompson	01/05	Arlene Hawley	01/21
Kathryn Burke	01/07	Jackson Ward	01/21
Alice Watson	01/08	Katie Garner	01/21
Carol Dolan	01/08	Linda Haugland	01/22
Tayllor Pittman	01/09	Brian Dodd	01/24
Lindsey Meewis	01/12	Elaine Babcock	01/25
Dick Baker	01/14	Annie Hauck	01/26
Kathleen Mihaly	01/14	Bill Jones	01/28
Bob Dawirs	01/15	Nancy Abel	01/28
Norm Brooks	01/15	Bob McCulloch	01/29
Rod Britten	01/15		
Chad Evans	01/15		

# Anniversaries

Ron & Marie Stonestreet	David & Margaret Goodhue
01/05	01/12
Bob & Pam Shippy	John & Bev Powell
01/07	01/28
Joel & Shane Forrest	Bob & Betty Gorsline
01/07	01/29
Bob & June Mathes	Don & Kathy Koeltzow
01/11	01/31



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## CONFIRMATION

If you or your child is currently in 6th grade or higher, we want to invite you to be a part of what will surely be an exciting spring with Confirmation 2018. Confirmation is a class for youth- designed to teach and facilitate discussion on theology, the Bible, God, Jesus and the world. It is a time for youth to discover who they are in light of God's creation and to decide on their own about this whole "Christianity" thing.

Have you already been confirmed? We have a place for you! We need ex-cons (**Ex**perienced **Con**firmands) to help others along their faith journey. You will have special privileges and opportunities that will come with this role. Are you interested in being an ex-con? If so contact Sarah to learn more about this exciting opportunity.



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	1 <b>New Year's Day</b>  <b>office closed</b> 	3 9-12 Quick Care 10a Pastor Bible Study 11:15 prayer group 12B all staff meeting 1-3 prayer shawl ministry 1-6 Youth Winter fun day <b>7:00 SPRC</b>	3 9-11 Ballet class 3 Youth Bible & Games@ Starbucks 4:00 Worship planning 4:30 Bell Choir 5:30 Praise team 6:45 Sounds of Faith	4 9-12 Quick Care	5	6
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