

Thank You

We want to thank MUMC family and friends for all of your kind expressions of sympathy and your comforting words in the loss of Jerry's mom. Your thoughts and prayers mean so much to us. It helps very much to know others are thinking about us. You give us comfort and strength to bear our loss. Thank you. May God's love be with all of you always, Jerry and Shirley Lehl and Family

Many, many thanks to ALL of you for your concern, cards and epically for your prayers since mid-December during my hospital stay and recovery.

Pastor Lisa spoke of a "tribe" in her sermon of January 21, and I feel I'm part of the Best Tribe around—I AM BLESSED!

Thanks, A.L. Grant

March Newsletter Deadline is Monday, February 19!

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

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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February 2018 Edition

All Church Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.



Everyone welcome to this fun annual event!

Tickets are \$12.50 each and can be purchased after

worship in Baldrige Hall. Entertainment will be provided!

Dinner choices are: Filet Mignon or Chicken Cordon Bleu.

(Childcare will be provided too!)

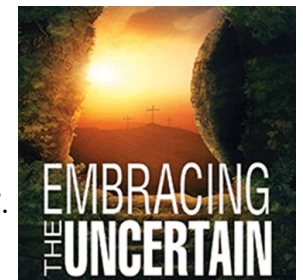


Ash Wednesday is February 14th. The journey to the cross – the sacrificial love of Christ, from Ash Wednesday to Easter. This is a time we reflect on God's love for the world through the life of Jesus. Join us for prayer throughout the day as the sanctuary

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 alley by the office, and will be at Coffee Trader on Main Street from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

NEW Book Study for Lent!

For the season of Lent, the Tuesday morning Bible Study at 10, as well as the Adult Sunday School class meeting at 9:45 in the morning, will be reading through Magrey deVega's book, "Embracing the Uncertain". Pastor Lisa will preach a sermon series based on this book as we journey together as a congregation during Lent. The first Sunday in Lent is February 18 with classes to begin that morning and Tuesday February 20.



Pastor Lisa's Lines

It feels as we just took down our Christmas tree and packed the boxes of decorations away. Oh wait, I did, if by "Christmas tree" you mean, "large basil plant that we hung small ornaments on" and by "packed the boxes of decorations away", you mean, "stacked them in the hallway". In which case, yes, all of that JUST happened, and already it is time for Lent!

Lent is one of those seasons in the church that most of us seem to dread. Traditionally it is when we give something up, take something on, or simply are called to be more contemplative with our faith, more intentional with how we seek to encounter God.

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Many of us have daily or weekly routines in which we attempt to make space for God, to listen for the Holy Spirit: we may read our Bible, a devotion, or sit in silence. Whatever this routine looks like may have taken years to establish depending on your life and the uncertainties that have come in and out of it: children, grandchildren, moving, changing jobs, financial swings, divorce, marriage, travel and any other thing that has happened unexpectedly.

Over the last decade, my life has taken many an unexpected turn, some were planned but came at an unplanned time, and some unplanned and completely by surprise; I moved several times to different towns, I ended a significant relationship, I formed friendships, I lost loved ones, I got engaged and married, I gained a family and so much more. Life happens. Life has a way of sneaking up on us even when we feel like we are paying close attention.

This Lent, I'm inviting each of you on a journey of uncer-

Circle Meetings

Feb. 15- Thurs. - 7:00 P.M.- Mary and Elizabeth Circle-Marijo Ache 929 Courthouse Lane- Annie Hauck-Hostess

Feb. 22- Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. - Mary Olive Circle-Karen Elliott-Hostess

Feb. 22- Thurs. - 9:00 A.M. – Hope Circle-Marie Stonestreet-Hostess

Feb. 22-Thurs. - 1:30 P.M.-Faith Circle-Nancy Warnock-Hostess

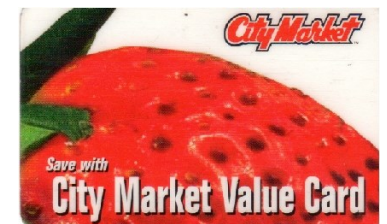
We welcome all newcomers!

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.



It is time again to renew your city Market value card for the Methodist Men program. Visit Citymarket.com/CommunityRewards and enter "United Methodist Men" or "10187" to connect your value card to our men's organization. This is a free way that we

can help support our Methodist Men's program! If you need assistance, please contact Vernon Dunham, Stan Hayes or Rachael in the office.





United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women started 2018 by the installation of the following officers on the Executive Board:

- President: Sally Burrichter
- Vice President: Sharon Hayes
- Secretary: Linda Pavlich
- Treasure: Micki Kintner
- Co Treasure: Ruth Heath
- Spiritual Growth: Melba Teague
- Social Action: Connie Pittenger
- Program Resources: Trish Gray
- Membership and Nurture: Lorie Cribbs and Debra Eddy

Circle Chairwomen:

- Sharlene Martinson-Mary & Elizabeth
- Karen Elliott-Mary Olive
- Joan Dunham -Hope
- Barbara Kastellic-Faith

Children/Youth Rep. Sarah Seymour

Board Members at Large: Sharyl Waldron, Marva Pittman, and Carol Jones

tainty. I will be preaching through Magrey deVega's book, "Embracing the Uncertain". The Adult Sunday school class and the Tuesday Bible Study class will be working through this book for Lent too. While we recognize the uncertainty of life, we will also embrace it and all that comes our way.

As we begin our journey through Lent with Ash Wednesday, we will recognize our baptismal covenant and call to work in the world, as we remember we are only here for but a time. So the time we are not ash, we will do this work. Join me as we walk this path to the cross together, remembering the road is long and uncertain, but that it leads to everlasting life through Christ, that we might be saved through his mighty act of forgiveness and grace.

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." – John 3:17

See you in Worship,

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 (pbgray@gmail.com or 970-209-8852). If you are willing to be an occasional substitute, please let Trish know.

Children's News

February Family Celebration

Join us on Sunday February 11th from 1p.m. to 4 p.m. at Montrose Rec Center Pool.

We will enjoy a family day of swimming and snacks. **Please RSVP to Sarah by 2/9 so she can purchase tickets and snacks. Price will be \$4 per person.**



Each week check your email for a Lenten Family Devotional. It will include a short activity and prayer to help families celebrate Lent. This activity will be something that you can do anytime during the week with supplies that you should have in your house already.

You've Got Mail!



Sunday School

Join us as we continue studying the Stories of Jesus:

2/4 At the Synagogue

2/11 By The Sea

2/18 On The Hillside

2/25 Through The Roof



Adopt-A-Block

The congregation is invited to “Adopt-A-Block” to help replace the windows on the garden level of the Quad—to glass blocks for safety and security.

Blocks are \$25 a piece and we hope to complete the project after the sale of 300 blocks.

Please make checks out to the church with “Safety & Security” in the memo line. Donations can also be made through the website using pay pal

www.montroseumc.org “Get in touch” then “Giving”

Have questions contact John Pavlich 970-209-4356

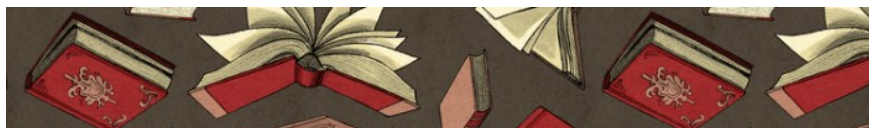


“These are the final figures for the building fund expenses.”



The Montrose United Methodist Church distributed over \$4,600 from its Advent offering to local mission recipients. From left, Connie Pittenger, a representative of the Missions Committee, presents checks to Bobbie Kerns of Shepherd's Hand, Sue Bus-sing of Kids' Aid, and Chris Hauck of Lighthouse Ministries.

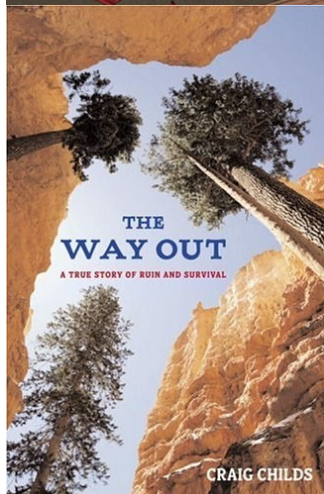
If you need any further information, please contact Connie Pittenger, 249-4308 (land line) or 417-1857 (cell)



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 February 20th at 11:45. This months book will be

The Way Out: A True Story of Ruin and Survival by Craig Childs



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You don't have to be a great photographer. This project is more about the practice of paying attention and being intentional rather than using the right filter or getting the perfect shot. Let's start this 40-day journey together, sharing glimpses of our lives with one another. Let this be an intentional time, even for a few minutes a day, to pause, remember and reflect.



"Sling shot, squirt pistol, tacks, rubber bands, spit wads, frog....YEP! I'd say we're well-equipped for Sunday school!"

Parents help your Children complete this challenge.

Please see youth page for challenge Calendar (page 7)



Join us on Sundays from 12:30-2:30 in Baldrige Hall.
Anyone in grades 5th-12th are welcome!

2/4 Confirmation

2/11 Family Celebration

2/18 Overcoming Big Problems

2/25 Confirmation

Volunteers are needed February 10th from 6:30 p.m. to when the job is finished. We have been asked to help clean dishes during the Sweetheart Dinner hosted by UMM. If you are available to help please contact Sarah ASAP.

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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

• February 9 All about Valentine's Day

Join us as we celebrate Valentine's Day by creating red slime, decorating cookies, and watching the Peanut Movie.

• February 23 Groundhog's Day Celebration

Join us as we celebrate Groundhog's day by making Groundhog puppets, enjoying a sweet treat and creating memories with new friends.

TWEEN

Middle School

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Baldrige Hall. Anyone in grades 4th– 8th are welcome!

February 2 Movie Night—The Lion King “Choices”

February 16 No Tween

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

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We would love to see everyone's photos posted to our Facebook page!



RETHINKCHURCH
photo-a-day

LENT 2018
FEB 14 - APR 1

February	March	
14 - SPIRIT	1 - WORD	16 - WALK
15 - WATER	2 - SIGNS	17 - DARKNESS
16 - FULFILLED	3 - TESTIFY	18 - CELEBRATE
17 - BELOVED	4 - CELEBRATE	19 - COSTLY
18 - CELEBRATE	5 - LIFTED	20 - ANOINTED
19 - FOLLOW	6 - ETERNAL	21 - PREPARE
20 - LOSE	7 - SEND	22 - DISTRESSED
21 - SAVE	8 - SAVED	23 - DENY
22 - LIFE	9 - LIGHT	24 - PRAY
23 - SUFFER	10 - TRUE	25 - CELEBRATE
24 - GLORY	11 - CELEBRATE	26 - AMAZEMENT
25 - CELEBRATE	12 - WORSHIP	27 - REFUGE
26 - ZEAL	13 - SEE	28 - UNKNOWN
27 - CONSUME	14 - SERVES	29 - UNDERSTAND
28 - REMEMBER	15 - TROUBLED	30 - DOUBT
		31 - WAIT

April 1 CELEBRATE

SHARE YOUR PHOTO EACH DAY AND
TAG WITH #RETHINKCHURCH

Pioneer Social

On Saturday, Feb. 17th at 2:00 pm, the Montrose County Historical Society will hold the 7th annual Pioneer Social at the Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 S Park Ave. The Pioneer Social is a public celebration held yearly to recognize and honor a local family with multiple generations of steadfast local contributions to our area's history.

This year's Pioneer Social will highlight the Westesen family and their deep roots reaching back over a hundred years in the Uncompahgre Valley. Working with a family member, the social will trace the years and highlight family members from the past, considering and noting the significance of this family in the history of Montrose County.

The public is sincerely invited to join family and friends in recognizing and celebrating this pioneer family. An admission donation to help defray expenses will be requested.



Anniversaries

Marshall & Beckie Pendergrass 02/04

Harold & Yvonne Williamson 02/14

Chuck & Judy Best 02/20

John & Suzi Reick 02/27

From Grocery Bags

Feb. 6th
March 6



"PLARN" WORKSHOP

First TUESDAY of each Month

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

Bring clean bags, scissors, and *spirit*!

To Sleeping Mats

Birthdays

Clare Willis	02/01	Sue Gunter	02/16
Jim Goesch	02/02	June Mathes	02/17
Katie Walker	02/02	Trish Gray	02/18
William Hawley	02/03	Kristi Garner	02/18
Kathy Devor	02/04	Abbie Harrison	02/18
Jan Rexroad	02/05	Hal Miller	02/20
Ken McBryde	02/05	Donna Brown	02/20
Jon Coddington	02/05	Jack Ward Sr.	02/20
Larissa Grammer	02/05	Bill Reiss	02/21
Breyana Shipley	02/06	Marshall Pendergrass	02/21
Linda Goodhue	02/07	McKinley Kane	02/21
Roberta Unruh	02/07	Carol Bucy	02/22
Debra Eddy	02/08	John Lambert	02/22
Ann Shaw	02/11	David Goodhue	02/24
Marsha Goesch	02/13	Emily Vigil	02/25
Jennifer Hurshman	02/13	Katelyn Skees	02/25
Marge Hanna	02/14/	John Reick	02/27
Kay Magruder	02/14	Nadine Ward	02/28
Chuck Moslet	02/15	Travis Evans	02/28
Butch Clark	02/15	Chuck Best	02/29
Margo Poynter	02/16		

Missions Opportunity:

Northside Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our church continues its support of Northside Elementary, one of our neighborhood schools, by supplying the staff with a home-cooked meal on Parent-Teacher Conference day. This spring's date is March 7. We are looking for donations of soup, bread, a veggie tray, and dessert. Please complete a sign up form, or contact

Kristi Garner at 275-0226.



Lenten Offering



Missions has designated UMCOR and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund as our Lenten recipients this year. UMCOR is the United Methodist Committee On Relief. It provides humanitarian relief in the wake of disasters, supports sustainable development, and works for global health. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund helps individuals in our community with day bus passes, prescriptions, propane, bus tickets to Grand Junction, and anything else the Pastor identifies as a legitimate need.

Our gifts will be divided equally between these two worthy causes. You may designate your offering for one or the other in the memo line of your check.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed
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