



# 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 2019 Edition**

## January Family Celebration

January 13th 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we take the bus up to Grand Junction's Glacier Ice Arena for an afternoon of ice skating fun!

If you are riding the bus, we will leave the church at 12:30 p.m. and will meet at the Ice Arena at 2:00 p.m.. If you would like to drive yourself, please meet at Glacier Ice Arena at 2:00 p.m.. We will enjoy 2 hours of skating followed by a hot coca stop on the way home.

**Cost:** \$ 7 per person (Ages 5 & up) (4 and under Free)

The church will cover the cost of skate rental and hot chocolate.

Please dress warm, wear or bring long socks and bring a snack to share.

**RSVP by January 9th**



# Pastor Lisa's Lines

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"What on Earth Have You Done?" – a question for the ages, but also the title of a book by one of my favorite authors, Rober Fulghum. I come to the beginning of another new year and I think this question for the first month at least. What have I done? What am I doing? What do I want to be doing? Did I do what I needed and wanted to do last year? How on Earth are we in another year already?

This is probably the question we should ask ourselves at the end of each day as well. What have I done? Was it good? Was it helpful? Am I proud of it? Sometimes the answers will be, "Yes!" and "Most certainly!" While other times we will bow our heads and say, "No, I could have been kinder", "I have not done well".

This year in less than 6 weeks, representatives from the United Methodist Church, lay and clergy from around the world, will meet to discuss human sexuality, specifically homosexuality and the language used in our current Book of Discipline.

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This is a Special Session of General Conference held in St. Louis, and its outcome, will have a great impact on the church, the world, and more importantly, God's children in the world.

As a denomination we will choose to be loving and kind, or hurtful and cause harm. We will choose to truly love and accept our brothers and sisters created in God's image, or turn them away from our church. At the end of February 2019, the questions will remain, "What have we done?", "Was it good? Helpful? Are we proud of it?" My hope beyond hope is YES!

Beginning January 20<sup>th</sup>, I will be preaching a new series,

“Learning to Read the Bible: Literately not Literally”. We will dive into texts we have read and understood in different ways depending on our upbringing, background and life experience. We will learn how to approach this beautiful, ancient, inspired word of God.

The books I’ll be referencing are threefold and I commend them to you for further reading if you want to jump in with both feet:

“What is the Bible” by Rob Bell

“Making Sense of the Bible” by Adam Hamilton

“Reading the Bible Again for the First Time” by Marcus

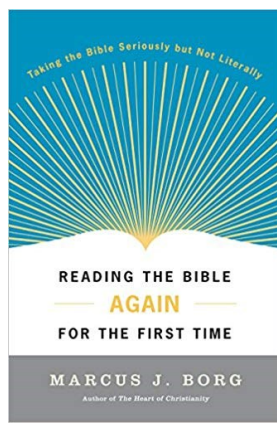
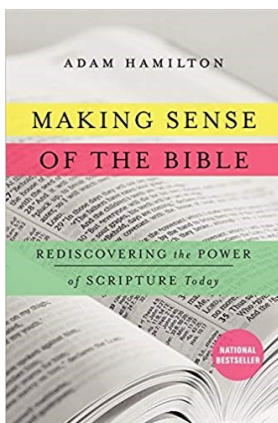
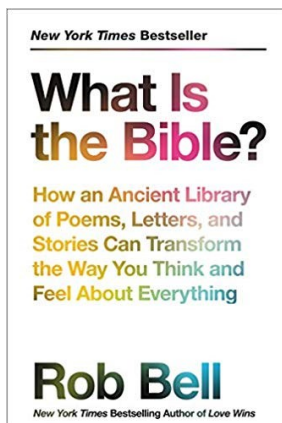
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I hope and pray that we continue to be a congregation that it fully loving and inclusive and that we really do “Joyfully love ALL, serve ALL, and share Jesus Christ with the world” as our mission statement says we do.

If you have more questions or want to dialogue about any of these books or the Special Session of General Conference, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

See you in Worship,

Pastor Lisa



January 2019



## **Thailand Methodist Mission**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A  
WORLD-WIDE PROBLEM.** It  
is estimated 2 to 4 million per-

sons are added annually. From 2003 to 2006, child trafficking cases made up approximately 20 percent of all human trafficking cases. Statistics from 2007 to 2010, show that this percentage increased to 27 percent. Approximately 1/3 of these children are male and 2/3 are female and the youngest ages for sex trafficking range from 11 to 15 years old.

**THAILAND IS ONE OF THE CENTERS FOR THIS ACTIVITY.** Thailand is a major tourist destination in Asia. Each year, millions visit the major cities like Bangkok, with a large percentage going for "Sex Tourism and Drugs". In addition, many of the human trafficking victims are exported to countries all over the world including the U.S. In Thailand, it is estimated that 2 children enter the human trafficking pipelines every minute and one of the key centers for this activity is Pattaya.

**POVERTY AND CULTURAL NORMS ADD TO THIS ACTIVITY.** One major driving force for this activity is that, in Thai society, children are responsible for taking care of their parents. This duty usually falls onto the shoulders of the youngest unmarried daughter. Many uneducated, rural women find that working in the sex industry is the best way to do so, and they move to more metropolitan areas. Once there, they are unable to leave because they usually do not have other job options.

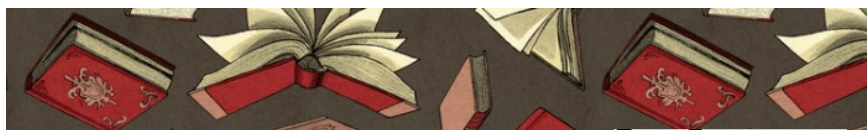
**THAILAND METHODIST MISSION WORKS TO STEM THE FLOW.** The Thailand Methodist Mission currently supports Four Blessing Homes. The first was established in Pattaya with Blessing Homes in Issan, TaPharaya, and Korat added later. The staff of these homes work with local congregations to identify children who are at risk of becoming part of the human trafficking system. They provide safe homes, Christian education, food, clothing, medicine and all other things that are needed until these children graduate from high school.

**YOU CAN HELP.** Your prayers on behalf of the Thailand Methodist Mission can and do make a difference. Financial gifts are also appreciated. The needs of one child can be met with only \$500 per year.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION.** Contact Don or Kathy

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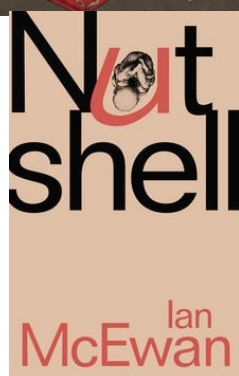
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### **Brown Bag Book Club**

The Brown Bag Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday Jan. 15 in the alcove at 11:45a.m.

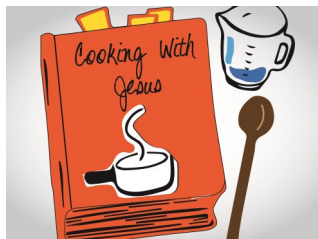
This month's selection: The Nutshell  
by Ian McEwan



# Children's News

## Sunday School

When we look to Jesus and follow his recipe for success, we are sure to cook up something amazing. Join us as we start our new Sunday school curriculum; Cooking With Jesus!



January 6th: Fruit Pizza

January 13th: Pretzels

January 20th: S'mores

January 27th: Trail Mix

\* We are looking for 1-2 adults to help teach Sunday school for grades 1-4, two Sunday's a month. If you are interested, please let Sarah know

## January Memory Verse Challenge

This year we will be memorizing 2 important pieces to the Methodist worship; The Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed. Each month we will build on to the previous months verse. We will work on The Apostle's Creed this spring. As always, come find Mrs. Sarah during the Sunday School hour to recite your verse & earn a prize.

**January's Verse;** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit.





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January 3, 2019

Dear Quick Care Families,

We regret to inform you that due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be able to have Quick Care for the month of January. We are hopeful to open back up in February and wish you luck with alternative childcare during this month. If you plan to use Quick Care during February and would like to reserve a spot for your child(ren), please RSVP to Sarah Seymour, Director of Family Ministries at 970-249-3716 x18.

Also as a reminder, our Quick Care will increase in price to \$15 per child. We love caring for your children, and want to make sure they are getting the best care possible while covering the operating expenses to run this program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of us by email, or calling the church office (phone number above). We wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to serving you and your family.

In Christ service,

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Join us for **Parent's Night Out** on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. As of September 1st we will be increasing the price of PNO. The new price will be as follows; \$15 per child or \$30 Family Max.

**1/11/2019**


**NO PNO this week. Thank You!**

**1/25/2019      Opposite Day**

Join us as we celebrate opposite day! We will do everything backwards by drawing upside down, making crafts with our feet instead of our hands and walking backwards instead of forwards.

Please RSVP for PNO to Sarah at (970) 249-3716 ext. 18

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 OFFICE CLOSED 	2 5:30 Handl 6:45 Soun 8:00 Celeb
6 <i>Holy Communion</i> 8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship 9:15 & 10:30 fellowship 9:45 Sunday school 11-12:20 open youth wing <b>5:00 Community Sunday supper</b>	7 7:00 UMM Breakfast 9:00 UMW Ex Board 9-11 Ballet class Noon Women's Emmaus 1:00 Caregiver Support	8 10a Pastor's bible Study 10:45 prayer group 1-3 prayer shawl ministry <b>5:30 Missions Ministry</b> <b>7:00 Trustees</b>	9 9-11 Ballet <b>11:30 UMW</b> <b>3-4 Starbu</b> 5:30 Handl 6p UVA m 6:45 Soun
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# Birthdays

Nancy Rule	01/01	Chad Evans	01/15
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
Janey Smith	01/10	Nita Gilbert	01/24
Lindse 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	Craig Taylor	01/29

# Anniversaries

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

## From Grocery Bags...

January

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“PLARN” workshop

First Tuesday of each month

1:00p.m.—3:00p.m.

Cross and Flame Café Space

Bring clean bags, scissors and  
sprit!



## To Sleeping Mats.

*Your Missions Ministry team wants you to know.....*

*We can do so much in his Name when we do it together.*

At the January meeting, the committee approved checks to the following recipients:

**Helping Hands** from the proceeds of the pecan sales

\$1,000.00

**Lighthouse Ministries** who run the Brown House shelter

\$3,635.26

**NOMADS** volunteers travel providing labor for organizations who need new construction, repairs and remodeling. This money is for the supplies.

\$3,180.26

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund** is how this church funds the daily outreach needs of our community.

\$3,635.26

As you can see, your missional giving was over \$10,000.00 this season, which does not include all of the things you brought over the season to our Sunday supper



### **UMYF Schedule**

Each Friday we will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Baldridge Hall unless otherwise listed.

**January 4th**– NO UMYF– 30 Hr. Famine Lock In

**January 11th**– Speed Switch Game Night

**January 18th**– Chopped! And run around games.

**January 25th**– Where's Waldo? (Offsite around Montrose)

### **Sunday School**

Time: 9:45-11:00

(Starting after Mystery Box)

Curriculum: Jesus 101—A 4-week foundation study on the life of Jesus, who he was and why he came to earth.

January 6th: Youth stay in worship service & sit together at the front.

January 13th: Foundations

January 20th: Significance & Meaning

January 27th: Unusual Characteristics

February 3rd: Youth Stay in Worship & sit together at the front.

February 10th: Purpose





## Parent Volunteers Needed!

- 1) UMYF Parent Sign Up Sheet is available on the Youth Table for spring 2019. Please stop in and sign up at any time. If we do not fill all Friday afternoons, we will cancel UMYF for that week.



- 2) Help on January 3rd 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 3) Help on January 7th 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 4) During our 30 Hour Famine we will need parent volunteers to help in shifts to help us complete our event. We need at least 1 person per shift.

- Friday January 4th 5:45 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

- Friday January 4th 10:45 p.m. - Saturday January 5th 8:00 a.m.— Overnight Stay

- Saturday January 5th 7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Saturday January 5th 11:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Saturday January 5th 3:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

If you are available and would like to help for the whole event that would be great!

Please be aware that we will not be eating during this event, as a volunteer we ask that you participate with the youth during your shift.

**Please let Sarah know if you are available to help!**





## **Youth Leadership Conference**

January 26th

7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

(Event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Grand Junction)

On January 26, 2019, we (The Mountain Sky Conference) will be hosting the first ever Mountain Sky Conference Youth Leadership Conference. Although it is based on one of the Rocky Mountain legacy youth events, we will be doing things in a new way that will allow further participation from young people across our entire geographic region.

On Saturday, January 26, we will be gathering at multiple sites throughout the conference via web call for visioning, keynote presentations, small group discussions, and the legislative business of young folks in the Mountain Sky!

We will join with other youth at one of the primary locations in Grand Junction, CO.

The event will cost \$25 and will include an event t-shirt, snacks, and lunch.

Information on how to register will come out in a few weeks.

## **Bibles & Board Games @ Starbucks**

Join us as we start the new year of Bibles and Board Games!

We will meet on the following Wednesday's in January;

January 9th 3:00-4:00 @ Starbuck's

January 16th 3:00-4:00 @ Starbuck's

January 23rd 3:00-4:00 @ Starbuck's

January 30th 3:00-4:00 @ Starbuck's

Please make sure to communicate if your youth will be attending or not!

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**TOM YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT I GOT FRONT  
ROW SEATING AGAIN OH MY GOODNESS RUN  
UP HERE NOW I'LL SAVE IT WHILE I CAN**



Thank you everyone for your healing thoughts and prayers, the prayer shawl and the cards. I did not know I had so many caring friends. The surgery was very successful , I can see! I am so grateful.

-Judy Best

Dear Pastor Lisa & Montrose Methodist Congregation,

Thank you so very much for your donations for Vista students. They helped many to make the season warmer. We are thrilled to have found our new church home at the Montrose Methodist. We Thank you as well for all the contributions you offer through out the community. You truly make a difference! Merry Christmas

Love,

The MacNivens & Visatqa Staff

**February Newsletter Deadline is**

**Monday, January 21!**

Submit a Publicity Form (found taped to Rachael desk) with details of an upcoming event to Rachael in the church office via email to:

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