



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 2020 Edition



Village Event, January 15, 5–7 p.m.

Join us for a pizza and game night! We will have tables set up with various board games, card games and the Wii will be set up to the big projector.

This is an event for everyone: 6 months to 96 years-old!

Cost: \$10 per family or \$5 per person **Where:** Baldrige Hall

RSVP by Jan. 15th to: familyministries@montroseumc.org

Young Adult (20-45 yrs) Game Night



Join in on a fun-filled evening of playing games with friends, Friday January 10th from 6-9 p.m. Please bring a appetizer or dessert to share. In the “House Next Door” AKA the “Annex” on S. 1st street in between the church and the church’s Community Garden. Have a game you love and want to share? You are welcome to bring it!

This is the same night as “Parents Night Out” so parents can drop their children off in a fun, safe and close location for the duration of the game night. To learn more about “Parent’s Night Out” please see page 8.

Pastor Lisa's Lines

The new year is here! We are ushering in the year 2020! I am certain that there are some people who didn't think they would live to see this day—because of age, or because they were certain the world would end before this.

With the new year comes new opportunities to say “yes” to that which brings joy and nourishes our souls. As well as say, “no” to things we did out of obligation last year, but that sucked the joy right out of us.

As we begin this new year, here at the church, we begin Confirmation class—a class for our youth that helps them learn about the church, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the service we are called to as Christians.

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Be in Prayer for our Adult Belize Mission Team

2020 Participants

Dale & Suzanne Carter

Sandy Cave

Butch and Becky Clark

Jeromy DeJulio

Kathy Devor

Nancy Johnson

Jessica Meiners

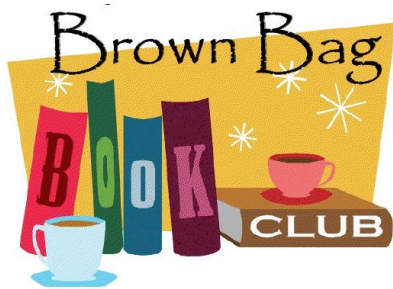
Lisa Petty

Maddy Ross

Danny & Andrea Wood



The majority of our work will be in Corozal Belize working on the parsonage for the Methodist Pastor. We will also be working some at the Libertad Methodist school. We leave January 14th and return January 25th. Please pray for this team as they travel and for the lives changed through is trip.



The Brown Bag book Club will be meeting in the alcove (back of the sanctuary). This month's meeting will be November 19, 11:45 a.m. This month's selection: Everything, Everything" by Nicola Yoon



During daily lunch served by Shepherd's Hand Lunch: Oct. 17, 2019

The Healing Power of Music: A Much anticipated lunch meeting of Lela Ala (97) and Roger Heer (74).

By Donnalee Brown,
"shirttail relative" of Lela Ala.

Roger, who often plays the piano after eating lunch with his friends, responded when the name, Lela Ala, came up. "She let me play the pipe organ here and we knew each other the whole time she led the music here at this church for ten years. She was so kind to me. She is my friend! I

would really like to see her again!" he said. "Music saved my life when polio hit me at age five. My parents set up a table with a record player and the 33 1/3, 45s and 78s, records I could play by myself and listen over and over again. My legs didn't work then, but I learned to read music and later to play the piano.

"The doctors gave me ten days to live when they first diagnosed anemia. So they used a dose of vitamin B 12, the very first time to use it. Then the polio diagnosis came. By help of the Lord, I lived. He did a Miracle and I lived a lot longer than any ten days!"

Roger offers the Shepherd's Hand Lunch mealtime prayer of thanksgiving often, so movingly sincere. "So you say Roger wants to see me again? Yes, I will go to lunch, but I don't play the piano anymore!" Lela Ala said.

After going by public transit and making her way down to lunch in her motorized chair, she exclaimed: "I haven't been here in this MUMC basement in years! It is wonderful to feed the hungry people and I am hungry too!" After lunch, she took herself over to the piano where Roger was seated on the bench playing a familiar tune. She managed to maneuver her wheelchair sideways; Roger scooted the bench away, she played with her right hand and soon they were playing three-handed familiar songs that a small group of friends began to sing along with.



Figure 1 Roger Heer plays a tune while Nancy Rule listens.



Figure 2 Heer and Ala play while "Lela's Barbershop" sing along. (Jeri Reed, Mark

On the ride back to Valley Manor, Lela remarked how wonderful it was to have her Barbershop Singers there with her!

Lela sat in the Valley Manor lobby and became reflective and recalled more about her music and the early polio.

"Mama, I can't raise my arm!" she had said. I was ten years old. My parents made seven trips to Denver Children's Hospital, six trips on the train from Redvale, one trip in a car. My dad, Charles Ross, who was a Scottish tenor, sang to me on every trip. I learned my songs by ear that way, and have always been

able to remember the tunes and lyrics and find the keys. I even became a piano teacher. The music saved me many times."

The doctors at first said "There is no cure for infantile paralysis." "Mama, my teacher, Mr. Hopper, and those boys make fun of my arm hanging like a rag! I don't want to go to school!"

"Mother got her piano when she was married in 1914.. In one of the first photos of me, I am a baby sitting on the piano bench. That bench is where I wanted to be all the time. But now, I can tell you, it is not easy to play the melody with my right hand while sitting up to the keyboard sideways!" I just move my electric wheelchair around until I can reach some keys."

"One doctor did do surgery on my deltoid muscle on my left side when I went for my sixth visit to Denver. My seventh visit was considered a first success with polio surgery. I could crawl my left hand across the piano keys, I could raise my arm! I spent hours on that piano bench, dreaming of playing with two hands all the songs my parents played for me on our Victrola. I memorized the tunes, some lyrics, and soon had both hands moving and my heart and mind so lifted!"

I assured Lela she could go to lunch at MUMC whenever she would like to. She was appreciative and said "This was a special time today and I will have the memory, but won't be going again."

Roger is writing his own songs now with The Joyful Sound music director at All Saints Church. His latest song is: "America, America Honor the Glory, Red, White and Blue, we stand on Freedom, we stand on Love, and honor Glory to the Red, White and Blue."

Raising awareness of the historical changes in medical treatment of polio can happen behind the scenes right here at MUMC. I visited with a new acquaintance, Cynthia Reiss, at the Mary Olive Circle Meeting. She shared a personal experience with polio while being a nursing student at Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital in 1964. She was responsible for the care of a patient in an iron lung, dealing with the emotional impact on both the young woman patient and herself. So from the era of Little Lela Ross at age ten in 1923 through the sixties, the dread of infantile paralysis existed for families across the world.

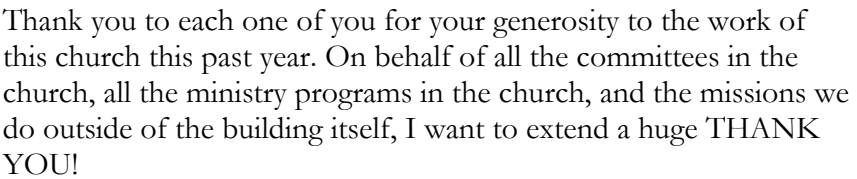
Now, we can be thankful for the Salk vaccine that has basically eradicated polio world-wide and can appreciate our history of scientific research that has relieved us from epidemics of scarlet fever, diphtheria, influenza, typhoid fever and measles that many of us know devastated members of our own families many years ago.

We can appreciate the Polio Awareness fundraising which will take place in Ridgway in 2020 at the Ouray County Ranch Museum. We will raise funds to pay for the refurbishing and transport of an iron lung to be displayed there.

That iron lung was used to save the life of Vera Junek at age 17. She is the mother of Joan Chismire, Director of the museum. So we have work to do to raise awareness of our progress, and now we can pray for the discovery of an Ebola vaccine.



Figure 3 Vera Junek with the "Iron Lung" that saved her life as a youth.



Thank you for upholding your membership vows to the Montrose United Methodist Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness. Without you, we would not be able to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” (Our denominational vision)

It is my absolute joy and honor to serve as your pastor at this time.
Blessings to each one of you,

January 2020



Join us for **Parent's Night Out** on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. The price is as follows; \$15 per child or \$30 Family Max.

January's Themes:

1/10 Snow !!

Giant Snowflakes, Snowmen, Hot Chocolate!

1/24 Glow Party

Everything GLOWS

RSVP Required by THURSDAY for PNO

Call or Text Debby @ (714) 824-7475



BABYSITTING SERVICE

Quick Care

Every Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Ages 6 month - 6 years
\$15.00 Per Child

Open to the public!

Montrose United Methodist Church
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Quick Care runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Drop your child(ren) off for developmentally appropriate activities while you run errands, attend doctor's appointments or enjoy a morning of relaxation.

Price: \$15 per child

Ages: 6 Months– 6 Year

Activities for January

January 2 , Snowflakes

January 7 & 9, Snow men


January 14 & 16, Hats & Mittens

January 21 & 23, Polar Bears

January 28 & 30, Penguins

QUICK CARE WILL BE CLOSED

12/25/2019 - 1/1/2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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<div>5</div> <div>Holy Communion</div> <div>8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship</div> <div>9:15 & 10:30 fellowship</div> <div>9:45 all ages Sunday school</div> <div>12:30-2:30 UMYF</div> <div>5:00 Community Sunday supper</div>	<div>6</div> <div>7a UMM Breakfast</div> <div>9a UMW Ex Board</div> <div>9-11 Ballet class</div> <div>2pWomen's Emmaus</div> <div>12-1 Shepherd's Lunch</div> <div>5:30: New Chair Meeting</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9-12 Quick Care</div> <div>10a Pastor Bible Study</div> <div>11:15 prayer group</div> <div>12-1 Shepherd's Lunch</div> <div>1-3 PLARN knitting</div> <div>5:00 SPRC</div> <div>5:30 Missions Ministry</div>	<div>8</div> <div>9-11 Ballet</div> <div>11:30 UMW</div> <div>12-1 Sheph</div> <div>3-4 Youth@</div> <div>5:30 Handl</div> <div>6:45 Sound</div> <div>8:00 Grace</div>
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Birthdays

Nancy Rule	01/01	Deidra Manary	01/20
Laurene Barnett	01/03	Paul McDermott	01/20
Kathleen Zelazny	01/03	Arlene Hawley	01/21
Sherry Rose	01/04	Pati Thompson	01/21
Marian Ferguson	01/ 05	Jackson Ward	01/21
Kathryn Burke	01/07	Nita Gilbert	01/24
Carol Dolan	01/08	Elaine Babcock	01/25
Janey Smith	01/10	Annie Hauck	01/26
Lindsey Meewis	01/12	Nancy Abel	01/28
Dick Baker	01/14	William Jones	01/28
Kathleen Mihaly	01/14	Robert McCulloch	01/ 29
Josephene Nash	01/14	Craig Taylor	01/ 29
Lee Ann Riddoch	01/14		
Rod Britten	01/15		
Norman Brooks	01/15		
Robert Dawirs	01/15		
Nancy Fishering	01/19		

Anniversaries

Joel & Shane Forrest	Bev & John Powell
January 07	January 28
Bob & Pam Shippy	Don & Kathy Koeltzow
January 07	January 31
David & Margaret Goodhue	
January 12	

Children's News

Sunday School

Do Big Things For God RIGHT NOW

Sometimes kids think they have to be grown ups for God to use them, but the Bible is full of stories of kids that God used.

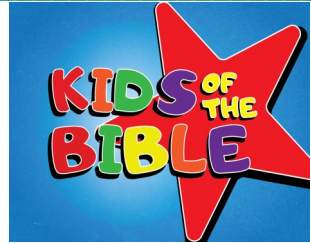
Memory Verse: “I can do all this by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.” -Philippians 4:13

January 5th– John the Baptist

January 12th– Joseph

January 19th– Miriam

January 26th– Samuel



We will have classrooms for the following ages:

Infants & Toddlers– Location: Nursery

Preschool (3 yrs. old) through Kindergarten– Location: Room 12

First Grade Through 4th Grade– Location: Room 10



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For complete information on the Children's Ministry please see the "January MUMC Kids Newsletter"



UMYF (Youth Group)

12:30-2:30 Every Sunday Baldridge Hall

Play List—Bible Lessons Based on Popular Songs

Using the lyrics from today's hits to examine what it means to find God's purpose & direction for your life.

GPS—Finding Direction

Finding God's direction for your life.

January 5th- Play List- Blank Space

January 12th- Play List- Royals

January 19th- Play List- Brave

January 26th- GPS- Enter Destination **

****Confirmation Parent Meeting & Regular UMYF**
(for those who have already completed confirmation or are not old enough)

During Spring 2020 UMYF will run a little different. When it is a confirmation week, we will host UMYF at the same time as Confirmation class. This means we will rely on parent help to make this happen. We will all start together, play a game or two, then split off into 2 groups. The regular UMYF group will have a preplanned activity & a devotion, while the confirmation class works on that week's lesson.



Confirmation 2020

If 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 2020. 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. In preparation for the beginning of class there are several important things you should know. Our Confirmation class will be meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on certain Sundays in the Youth Wing.

To register a student for Confirmation, Please obtain form(s) from Sarah and have them turned back in by Monday, January 20th, 2020.

Meeting this deadline will give us a week to finalize plans and work with our teaching staff.

- A mandatory orientation for Confirmands and parents will be held on Sunday January 26th, at 12:30 in the youth wing. In this combined session for parents and students, we will have schedule information, plans, expectations, opportunities and other orientation information. This will afford us an opportunity to "get acquainted," and to help us prepare for our Confirmation time.

Confirmation Sunday is Pentecost Sunday—May 31, 2020

Mark your calendars now!



Bibles & Board Games

Who: All Youth

When: Every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Rotates Between Starbucks & Sonic

Join us on Wednesdays, when the youth get out of school early, for a yummy treat, short devotional and some board game fun! Due to popular demand, we will rotate between Starbucks and Sonic every other week. To keep drop off and pick up simple we will all meet at Starbucks each week. On weeks that we will go to Sonic, we will meet at Starbucks and walk over as a group, then walk back in time for pick up at Starbucks.

Please let Sarah know if your youth is planning to attend.

January 8th- Starbucks

January 15th- Sonic

January 22nd—Starbucks

January 29th- Sonic



For complete information on the Youth Group please see the "January Youth Ministry Newsletter"



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Upcoming Happenings

--**Monday, January 6:** Executive Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

--**Wednesday, January 8:** Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Program: Installation of Officers and Membership Donation (Pledge) Service. Distribution of 2020 Yearbooks

Hostesses: Executive Board

NO RESERVATIONS are needed. Just come join us.
Cost of Luncheon is \$5.00. First time attendees are free.

The 2020 yearbooks will be distributed at the luncheon on January 8th. Come to the luncheon so you can get your new yearbook and be informed about the up-coming year.

**Come join us as we kick off the
“Let Your Light Shine, Ignited for Justice”
year.**

Circle Meetings in January

Mary and Elizabeth: Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Hostess: Announced in Yearbook

Mary Olive: Thursday, Jan. 23, 9:00 a.m.

Hostess: Announced in Yearbook

Hope: Thursday, Jan. 23, 9:00 a.m.

Hostess: Announced in Yearbook

Faith: Thursday, Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Announced in Yearbook

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.

Taizé Service



Join us for a time of prayer, music
and connection with God.



Second Thursday
September—May
7:00 P.M.

Montrose UMC Sanctuary

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.

Online Giving

Online giving to the church is available through our web site, www.montroseumc.org, and by texting to (970) 475-8575.

Using our web site, select “GET IN TOUCH” and then “GIVING.” This will take you to a page with a form to fill out. Enter how much you would like to give and then choose either “Credit Card or ACH Transfer from your back account. By default the money you give will go into the General Fund through the account “41001 Envelopes and Tithes.” You have the option to choose another account with a drop-down menu. You have the option to choose “one time gift” or, with a drop-down menu, a recurring gifts of “weekly,” “every 2 weeks,” “monthly,” or” yearly.” You will be sent a receipt by email.

When you text to (970) 475-8575 the first time you will be prompted to enter your payment detail, either a credit card or bank account from which to give. Breeze, our church wide computer management program, will remember your payment information, so the next time you want to give simply enter the amount and send. The default is to give to the General Fund. If you want to give to another fund, enter the amount followed by one of the following keywords:

- Music
- VBS
- Garden
- BelizeMsn
- Lunch
- NOMADS
- BelizeKids
- Advent
- Pastors Discretion
- UMCOR
- Building
- Sun Supper
- Parent’s Night Out
- Quick Care





February Newsletter Deadline is Monday, January 12

Submit a Publicity Form (found taped to Rachael's desk, or emailed upon request) with details of an upcoming event to Rachael in the church office via email to: secretary@montroseumc.org

