



# 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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**April 2020 Edition**

**Even apart, we will  
celebrate this time.  
For this, friends, is...**



As a community of faith who is used to gathering together for this special week, we know that this year will be extremely different. However, if you *can*, we'd love to try and gather in spirit and online as much as possible!

## Holy Week

### **Maundy Thursday Zoom Potluck, Thurs. April 9th at 6 p.m.**

Plan to eat your dinner around the 6 p.m. hour in front of your computer or with your phone! We will talk and eat and celebrate communion together online! *Check out the information inside this edition to learn how to use ZOOM!*

Here is the number for Thursday's Potluck: **:496648544**  
The password is: food

### **Good Friday Worship at 7:30 p.m. Online on Facebook**

Log on to facebook on Friday, April 10th to watch our short Good Friday worship at 7:30 p.m. You do not need an account to watch, just type in a search bar : [www.facebook.com/montroseumc.org](http://www.facebook.com/montroseumc.org)



### **EASTER MORNING WORSHIP**

Join us online on our facebook page at 8:15 or watch anytime after 9:15! Invite your friends to watch from home too! [www.facebook.com/montroseumc.org](http://www.facebook.com/montroseumc.org) More information about how to log in or watch is inside this edition!

# Pastor Lisa's Lines

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For the past few weeks we have been sitting in our homes, we have been missing one another. We have been waiting for the day when we can safely, without worry of harm for ourselves or others, go outside and hug people outside of our household. We are eagerly anticipating a day when we are able to greet one another with the Peace of Christ with a high-five, or a handshake.

If you are like me, you may be longing to see your friends, familiar faces and feeling the genuine warmth of another person outside your home.

As I sit in my house and frantically respond to email (I have about 105 emails just this morning ) and have meetings with other clergy in our district and with our staff from church, I also have a deep longing for connection with each of you.

A friend of mine in a “meeting” last week gave me this beautiful idea for prayer and I pass it on as a way for us to stay connected: Pray the directory.

Wait, what? Yes, pray the directory. If you don't have a current church directory, email or call Sheila or Rachael in the office and we will figure out how to get you a current copy. But whatever copy you have will work too.

I sat last week and I looked at each name in our directory and prayed for each person. Some of you I know things that are going on in your lives and I prayed for those specifically.

Others of you, I don't know well or have only talked to in passing in a greeting on Sunday mornings as you come and go. And for you, I pray that whatever is on your heart, God be present and persistent with hope.

This is a way I can stay connected with each of you from a distance. When you need me, I hope you call me. When you don't need me, I hope you know I am still praying for you. You are beautiful people of God that have been placed in my care. I take this seriously.

As we begin our Holy Week journey from our own spaces, I want to tell you three things.

1. I love you. If I have failed you, please know that I am deeply sorry for the hurt I have caused you. I ask your forgiveness as a pastor who is only human.

2. God love you. Wherever you find yourself as you read this, and through whatever is going on in your life, God is loving you through it. I hope you feel it and know it in your bones. The story of Holy week is the reminder that God's love cannot be escaped. There is no sin grand enough, nor dispute big enough that can keep God from loving you, not even death.
3. This community of faith loves you. I have seen it and I know it. These people we call the church, are loving you and praying for you. When you need one of them, call them. When you think of one of them, write them. The church may not be in the building, but the church is at work in the world. We have been commissioned and sent forth. This community is working and is loving you.

Friends, I miss you and await the day when we will be together in person to say , "Christ is Risen!" together! For this is true no matter if we are together or apart. CHRIST IS RISEN!

I love you and miss you,

Pastor Lisa

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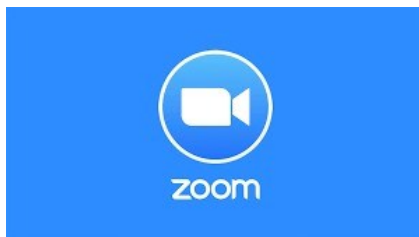
## **How to Join Worship on Sunday mornings:**

**We go live at 8:15, but you can log in to watch anytime after 9:15 a.m. to watch the recording afterwards.**

1. Open a web browser on your tablet, phone or computer
2. Copy and paste this address into your search bar:  
<http://www.facebook.com/montroseumc.org>
3. You'll see the church picture at the top of the page and you will need to use your mouse to scroll down till you see our video
4. If you don't have a facebook account, you'll just have a bar at the bottom of the screen prompting you to make an account or sign in. You DO NOT have to do this in order to watch the video. Just scroll up so you can see the video and the prompt bar will stay at the bottom of your screen.
5. Don't forget to mail in your offering to the office (19. S. Park Avenue, Montrose CO. 81401) Yes, we are still going by to get the mail. -or- log on to our giving page and give online at:  
[www.montroseumc.org/giving](http://www.montroseumc.org/giving)

## **HOW TO JOIN A ZOOM MEETING**

To join a Zoom meeting via the internet you will need a computer, tablet or smartphone that is connected to the internet and has a camera, speaker and microphone.



To join a meeting, simply follow these steps:

1. Click the link that was provided to you to join the meeting. The link will be something similar to <https://zoom.us/j/606913802>. (This is a sample, and NOT your link.)
2. You will be prompted to download and run Zoom. The zoomusLauncher.zip file will download.
3. Click on the file and you can install the launcher.
4. The Zoom meeting window will appear where you can join your audio and connect your video.
5. Select 'Join Audio Conference by Computer' to join the audio.
6. To connect the video select the video camera icon in the bottom left hand corner (or top right) of the Zoom meeting window. You should now be connected to the Zoom meeting with video and audio.

If you would like to watch a 1-minute video about how to join a Zoom meeting: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

## **MUTE AND UNMUTE**

During the meeting, if you are not speaking, you may wish to mute yourself. This will help eliminate background noise for everyone. Your meeting host can also mute and unmute you. To mute or unmute yourself click on the microphone icon. (When a slash is across the microphone you are muted and people on the Zoom meeting cannot hear you.)

## **ADDITIONAL HELP**

For additional help see the Zoom Help Center:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>



## **New Way to Do Bible Study, Classes and Meetings Coming Soon!**

In the coming weeks and months we will be using a platform online called ZOOM, which allows people from all over to be on the phone and internet to see and hear one another. This may be as close as we come to "in person" meetings, Sunday school, Bible Study and more for a while. Attached you can find a PDF of how to download Zoom onto your computer or tablet or phone. YOU DO NOT have to download this to be a part of a call/meeting. However it might be helpful. For each "gathering" a host, myself or someone from the church will send out an email or text invitation to join the call. If you don't have an account the simplest way to join is to click the link provided in the email and if needed to copy and paste the meeting ID number.

Thanks for trying new things while we are living in an era of all new things! Please reach out to me if you have questions or concerns on how to do this. I want you to stay connected to one another in prayer, study and community.

Pastor Lisa



## Update on Sunday Suppers

Our Sunday Supper Crew is amazing and have found a way to continue to "serve" a meal to those in need on Sunday nights. For the past two weeks just a few people have assembled sack dinners (mostly non-perishable food, along with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches) to hand out outside of Park Ave near the office entrance to the church. There have been anywhere from 25-40 people served. Those receiving dinners are encouraged to take them with them so as not to "gather" in one place near each other. Thank you so much to those of you who have called Pastor Lisa to let her know you can help. It is such a blessing we have some willing, healthy, help to keep our feeding program going. Thank you.



## PRAYER REQUESTS



We know that staying connected through prayer is so important, no more than ever. If you'd like to be on our email prayer list that will go out each week in addition to our weekly email, please respond to Rachael at [secretary@montroseumc.org](mailto:secretary@montroseumc.org)

If you have prayer requests, please don't hesitate to call Sheila Reeves 970-249-5022 or Rachael Coddington 970-275-9030, or text them (with your name) to 970-765-0557. If you'd like to email your prayers instead, you can email: [montroseumcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:montroseumcprayers@gmail.com) as well.

If you want these prayers to be only for Pastor Lisa please add, #pastor so they will NOT be included on the prayer list. Please continue to pray for one another, our community and our world as we join together in staying safe and well for one another.

## Getting Together though we are Apart!

Do you have a group that would like to meet? Want a tutorial? Contact Pastor Lisa and we'll set you up with everything you need!

Here's a list of groups that are continuing to meet over ZOOM and the people to contact to find out more information!

Weds, 3 p.m. Bibles and Boardgames, Youth - Sarah Seymour

Thurs, 7 a.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion Group- Barb Sharrow

1st Thurs, 7 p.m., Mary Elizabeth Circle - Barb Sharrow

Most Sundays, 9:45 a.m. Children's S.S. - Sarah Seymour

Most Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Youth S.S. - Sarah Seymour



**Tuesday Pastor Led Bible Study will begin on Zoom, after Easter.**

**April 20th at 10 a.m.** If you'd like information, contact Pastor Lisa and she'll send you a link

## Thank You for Continuing to GIVE! \$

Are you interested in giving from home? You can do that on our website. Please visit our website [www.montroseumc.org](http://www.montroseumc.org), got to "Get in Touch" and choose giving. You will have the option to give a one time gift or a reoccurring gift.

There is a small service fee associated with this transaction, but we like to be able to provide you with the convenience.

You can also send your checks to the office as mail is checked every day!

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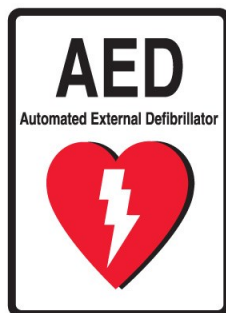
## **Board of Trustees Action**

At the March Board of Trustees meeting, the Trustees voted to purchase an AED, Automatic External Defibrillator. The purchase includes a wall cabinet, a double sided sign, CPR responder kit, carrying case, adult pads, pediatric pads.

The Trustees will be applying for a grant from the Endowment Trust Fund Committee and from the Mountain Sky United Methodist Foundation. Both grants will cover the cost of the AED package. As soon as both grants are secured, the order will be placed.

The AED cabinet will be mounted in a location where the AED will be easily accessible for use in the sanctuary or Baldrige Hall.

The Trustees are working with the hospital to have someone provide training after we are allowed to use the church.



## **Salvation Army Food Boxes**

A message from Nathan Garner. He and his family have moved to Grand Junction so that they can find better services for Nathan, a disabled adult. He currently is working at Salvation Army assembling food boxes. He wanted us to know that some of those boxes are brought to Montrose. Even though the retail side of the building is closed, there is an office for assistance and food boxes, as well as utility help, can be requested there. Another avenue of help and support is available and not widely advertised.

## **Cedar Creek Church**

Has food boxes. there is no limit and people in need can go pick up boxes Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9a.m. to 12 p.m.





## **New job Opening for :Custodian/Building Maintenance**

Description: The Church Custodian/Building Maintenance personnel has the responsibility for the appearance, maintenance, and security of the building and grounds, as well the overall cleanliness of the church.

Want to know more? Please visit our website

[www.montroseumc.org](http://www.montroseumc.org)



# Birthdays

Jessica Meiners	4/01	Virginia Kintner	4/16
Douglas Zelazny	4/01	Kent Simerson	4/20
Bonnie Lamb	4/02	Joe Evans	4/22
Ryan Shipley	4/02	Beckie Pendergrass	
Janice Becker	4/03		4/24
Gus Bray	4/06	Adam Seymour	4/24
Sandi Yeatts	4/07	Sharon Jewell	4/26
Lola Howard	4/08	Darlene Gott	4/28
Dylan Farley	4/10	Ashton Philbrick	4/29
Suzi Reick	4/10	Nolan Besler	4/30
Virginia Bollinger	4/11	Steve Gray	4/30
Michael Richardson	4/11	Nancy Johnson	4/30

# Anniversaries

Becky & Butch Clark	Joe & Kim Ficco
April 04	April 18
Erin & Jerry Skees	Caroline & Joe Evans
April 14	April 29
Nancy & Walt Rule	Ed & Karen DeJulio
April 16	April 30
Jessica & Kevin Meiners	
April 17	



## & Children's News

Hey Children and Youth Parents,

Have you missed coming to Sunday School or Youth Group? Did you know that we are meeting during the week via a Zoom link for all of our programs? Did you know you could possibly win a prize by participating in these events? For all current information, links to Zoom meetings and daily prayers or activities can be found on our Facebook pages.

Montrose UMC Children

Montrose UMC Youth

Check out our pages! If you need help finding the pages please contact Sarah Seymour. We are only able to invite you to the page if you are a friend with Sarah or other administrators...so add me as a friend and I will get you linked up to our page(s).

-Mrs. Sarah



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*He is not here,*  
**FOR HE IS**  
**RISEN**

*—Matthew 28:6*

**May Newsletter Deadline is**  
**Monday, April 13**

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](mailto:secretary@montroseumc.org)

