



The Montrose Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter of the Montrose United Methodist Church

"Joyfully to love all, Serve all

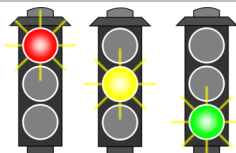
and to share Jesus Christ with the world!"

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May 2020 Edition

Our founder, John Wesley had three simple rules he lived by: "Do no harm. Do Good. Stay in Love with God." We are anxious to reopen our doors, but not at the harm of anyone in our community.



The United Methodist Church recognizes returning to full participation will be based on the oversight of the Office of the Bishop, Crisis Response Team, state and national guidelines, as well as the seasonal movement of the virus. It is our hope you will read through this document, allowing it to guide the response of our local faith community.

Level 3—Stay in Love with God: **Red Light Status:** Stop all non-critical gatherings. Essential workers only. This is the "Stay in Love with God" and stay home phase of our ministry. Right now it is best to err on the side of distancing even as we have received new guidelines from the Colorado Governor's Office.

Level 2—Do Good: **Yellow Light Status:** Cautionary Return. We anticipate this will cover a number of months. As the Coloradans and Montrose County residence and the people of Montrose United Methodist Church, we want to "Do Good" as restrictions are lifted. This means a gradual return to gatherings and doing so in a cautionary manner.

Level 1—Do No Harm: **Green Light Status:** When we finally reach the "Do No Harm" phase—it will be because the virus is contained and our people are safe. Permission will be granted to all our study groups, youth gatherings, council meetings and Sunday morning worshipping community to return to full activity and other mass gatherings will be permitted. This will be in place only as church leadership is confident in the care of their community of faith and in following our Governor and Mountain Sky Conference guidelines. See the full document at <http://www.montroseumc.org/?reopening-during-corona-virus-2>

Pastor Lisa's Lines

One of my favorite Singer/Songwriters, David Wilcox has long been singing my life. Well, I'm certain he is just writing and singing songs about life, but they speak to me, literally sing to me, in so many ways during so many times. This time of physical distancing is no different.

During this time, he has been providing free online concerts on his Facebook page, and I've enjoyed logging in from time to time for a listen. However, his words are just as meaningful even when not sung.

"So we raced each other down hill on the sidewalk,
And we raised each other, us against the world,
And we promised not to bow, we made a solemn vow,
To keep our independence flags unfurled.

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uncertain times.

What has been most intriguing during this isolation and separateness for me, has been this idea that we have filled our brains and selves with this notion of certainty in life. We know what will come next: where our next meal will come from, where our next paycheck will come from, when we will do the next thing on the calendar.

Yet, our life really is unpredictable and uncertain, except for the grace of Christ. That is the most certain thing I know: God's grace and love for us is always more than we think. Nothing, not even this time, not this virus, not the snarky comments or our righteous attitudes, "can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus."

When we are able to meet in large groups again with the safety and wellbeing of all our people, we will. Until then, we will gather in small groups and virtually. We will send cards and letters and make phone calls. We will cling to someday soon.

Stay healthy and be well and share the love of Christ,

Pastor Lisa

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

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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!



Sunday, May 10th & 17th, 9 a.m. Fellowship time, Pastor Lisa

Mon, May 18, 8:30 p.m. Sign & Sip Parent's, Sarah Seymour

Tues. 10:00 a.m. Pastor Led Bible Study, Pastor Lisa Petty

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

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

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

Fri, 6:30 a.m., Men's Emmaus Reunion Group- Steve Gray

Fri, May 22 6:30 p.m., Family Feud Game Night, Sarah Seymour

Sun. 9:00 a.m., Sunday Fellowship Time—Pastor Lisa Petty

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

We know that staying connected through prayer is so important, no more than ever. 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 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.



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, 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!

Montrose UMC

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Birthdays

Rita Kitzmiller	05/03	Warren Kinzel	05/22
Lisa Petty	05/04	Alison Burke	05/23
John Fishing	05/08	Phyllis Jones	05/23
Chris Tarman	05/08	Bonnie Koehler	05/26
J. C. Croy	05/09	Beverly Price	05/26
Don Koeltzow	05/09	James Unruh	05/27
Kathy Koeltzow	05/09	Joe Ficco	05/28
Sally Burrichter	05/12	Billie Walker	05/28
Rebekah Eggleston	05/15	Becky Clark	05/29
Andrea Wood	05/16	Rachael Coddington	05/30
Donald Ferguson	05/17	Robert Hatcher	05/30
Margaret Ross	05/18	Dena Brooks	05/31
Reagan Fishing	05/20		
Sharon Grable	05/21		

Anniversaries

Jack & Nadine Ward

05/15

Sharon & Stan Hayes

05/27

Jennifer & Tom Hurshman Rebekah & Sam Eggleston

05/19

05/31

Barb & Rod Cencich

05/24

Sponsored by the Eve Circle:

Hello!

Please help us raise money for a local family's medical expenses by donating any garage sale items to an ONLINE garage sale. This sale is being organized to benefit the family of a little girl who needs brain surgery to remove a tumor. You can read more about their situation here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helping-baby-aspen>.



If you have items to donate, you may do one of two things:

Call, text, or email me (Catherine Wright) and I will pick up the item(s) and list them in a Facebook Group we have created for this fundraiser.

Take photos of the item and post them in this group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1164185660598306/>

We hope to begin the sale on May 9th. If you have any questions, please text or call Catherine 970-355-9728 or savage.catherine@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Catherine Wright



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

FROM THE MISSIONS CORNER

LENTEN OFFERINGS:

Even in these uncertain times of the world and for us in Colorado, for Montrose, and in our own church family, I have to say how wonderful and generous our Congregation has been through our Lenten Season. As of May 5, 2020, the total Lenten offering is \$3,131.00. We will be writing a check to Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club for \$1,565.50 and Dolphin House will also be receiving a check for \$1,565.50. The money was split between the 2 organizations selected for this year's offerings. On behalf of The Missions Committee and from the bottom of my heart, "Thank you! Thank you! and Blessings to all!" - Beckie Pendergrass



There was also an offering taken for NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY. The total amount received was \$825.00. Again, how amazing and generous our congregation has been.

"It's Not How Much We Give, But How Much Love We Put Into Giving" - Mother Theresa

MISSION TRIP TO MCCURDY MINISTRIES:

Our Missions trip to McCurdy Ministries Community, scheduled for the last week of August, is on hold until we received additional information by July 18th. Just like other areas across our nation and around the world, New Mexico currently has a growing number of recorded COVID-19 cases. Due to the concern for the children and families involved in their ministries, all programs have been cancelled/suspended until July 18th, including all Volunteer In Mission Teams scheduled for missions to McCurdy.

The Missions Committee has decided to wait until our July Committee Meeting to make a final decision on whether we will plan for the trip as scheduled or cancel for this year. Any of you in the church that planned to attend this missions trip, please let me know if you still have an interest or not. This will help with the committee's decision as well. If you would like more information about this trip, please let me know.

Contact Info: Beckie Pendergrass, Email: bpcornerstone@gmail.com, Phone: 970-275-1256. The McCurdy Ministries Community Center creates hope and empowers the lives of children, youth, adults and families through education, life skills and faith-based programs in Espanola, New Mexico. If you would like more information on their programs visit their website at: www.mccurdy.org

During this time of Crisis with the COVID-19 Pandemic, if you know of anyone in our church family with a need, please let someone on the Missions Committee know or call Pastor Lisa.

"Father, during this time may your church be a sign of Hope, Comfort and Love to All.. Grant peace. Grant Comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord."

Amen.





all Church Events

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

MAY 22ND 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Join us for a Family Feud virtual game night for all ages! Surveys have been collected and the congregation says....

Join us on Zoom!

Meeting ID: 857 7255 5878

Meeting Password: games



Youth & 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.

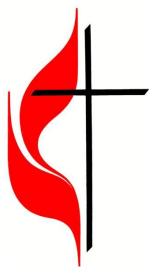
Montrose UMC Children

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





Dearest Montrose UMC Friends and Family,
I hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy.

With so much uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, and the high health risk involved in gathering and traveling together in large groups, we are making the decision that Montrose UMC will be cancelling all of its summer children and youth programs.

Montrose UMC has provided summer experiences for children and youth for many years, so, as you can imagine, this was not an easy decision. It was made with great care and hard deliberation, with advice from public health experts, and consultation with the MUMC Administration Council and staff.

Programs that have been canceled:

1. End of School Celebration
2. Vacation Bible School
3. Youth Mission Trip to Wyoming
4. 4th of July Parade
5. Youth Mission Wednesdays
6. Summer Fun Day Camp
7. Local Mission Trip to Grand Mesa Camp
8. All Family Events

In the hope that something changes and we can host some of our programs, at a later date, we will get information out to families at that time, but for now everything is cancelled.

We are still waiting on information about Grand Mesa Methodist Camp, which is hosted in July for Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Young Adult, and Family Camps. We will update you all when that information is posted from the Camp Coordinating Committee and Camp Trustees.

I have been a part of MUMC going on 5 years now and the heartache of not providing summer experiences is real and strongly felt. But, in the end, it comes down to the safety and well-being of us all. In these uncertain times, it is important to remember what our summer programs are all about -- the friendships, connections with each other and Christ, and the self-growth and awareness we all experience.

With this, I hope you all continue to be a part of Montrose UMC's story and growth. We look forward to our continued outreach and programming on our social media platforms. We hope you have enjoyed the content as much as we have had developing it! I look forward to when we can gather together and celebrate

God's love in person.

Sincerely,

Sarah Seymour Director of Family Ministries

Montrose United Methodist Church

How to stay connected:

Facebook: Montrose UMC Children

(This group is for preschool-4th grade)

Montrose UMC Youth (This group is for 5th -12th grade)

Email: We send out weekly emails with information and activities via MailChimp. If you feel like you are not getting the emails please do the following steps; 1. Check your SPAM folder. Many people find that our emails through MailChimp are getting sent to the SPAM folder. 2. Email Sarah at familyministries@montroseumc.org and ask for her to double check your email address in the system.

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

familyministries@montroseumc.org Call/Text: (303) 594-1126



MUMC FAMILY MINISTRIES PRESENTS:

Sip & Sigh Parent Connection **Monday May 18th 8:30-9:30 p.m**

Join us for a parent connection time!
Grab your drink of choice and join us
via Zoom to chat, check in and enjoy a
short devotional... but better yet, enjoy
a few minutes to yourself without your
children!

Zoom Meeting ID: 875-5920-3004
Zoom Password: family

Virtual Summer Sunday School



WE WILL BE CONTINUING CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL THROUGH THE SUMMER (USUALLY WE TAKE IT OFF).

JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:15 A.M.
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Help us honor our high school graduate!

-Danya E. (Danya has been an asset to our Nursery Caregiver Team over the last year)



The "Class of 2020" and families are missing out on the traditional rituals and rites of passage that typically accompany high school graduation. We want to honor their accomplishment and celebrate with them as they look forward to their future, and we invite you to be part of that celebration! We will be putting together a gift basket and we would love to fill it with cards and well-wishes from their MUMC church family. Please send cards/letters for graduates to

Sarah Seymour- Montrose United Methodist Church 19 S. Park Ave. Montrose, CO 81401 by Friday, May 15th. If you'd like to include gift cards or other small gifts that require drop off, please contact Sarah Seymour at familyministries@montroseumc.org to make arrangements.

Is someone in your family graduating this year? We would love to recognize not only our seniors but those who will be graduating out of preschool, kindergarten, 5th grade, 8th grade, college etc. Please send names and grades along with a picture to Sarah Seymour via email, familyministries@montroseumc.org, by Thursday May 14th to have them included in our graduation recognition.

Virtual Vacation Bible School

EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE CANCELLED ALL IN PERSON KIDS ACTIVITIES, WE WILL STILL HOST A VIRTUAL VBS!



We are currently in the very early stages of planning and information will be coming out shortly.

Questions? Contact Sarah Seymour via email at familyministries@montroseumc.org



The May Picnic Luncheon has been postponed until a later time when we can all enjoy the company of others. We all hope to be back together soon. We will keep you informed as to when that will occur.

The UMW Executive Board and Bazaar Chairwomen had a brainstorm session in April, via ZOOM. It was decided at that time that we will NOT be accepting items for Grannie's Attic until Friday, November 13th. Storing the items in the church garage and then having to move them to the Children's wing for the Bazaar creates a lot of extra work for our dedicated volunteers. We also need to remind everyone that Grannie's Attic is "gently used" items. Please do not bring broken items or items which will most likely be thrown away by our volunteers. If your items are "used" to the point that you would not buy them, then most likely, no one else will buy them either. We do appreciate you bringing items, but please bring items for Grannie's Attic on Friday, November 13th.

Until we can be together again,

Connie Pittenger,

UMW President

EVE Circle Gathering

Depending on where we are at with Covid - we may attempt a hike for our next meeting, Friday, May 29 starting at 5 pm. Please Check Facebook for up to date information, or contact Barb Sharrow!

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.

Montrose United Methodist Church Community Fellowship Garden

The mission of the UMC Community Fellowship Garden is to create a welcoming space for community and church to share the joy of gardening, to maximize food budgets and to grow healthy, fresh, delicious food. The organic garden was started in 2014 and is now starting its 6th season. It has grown beyond a vegetable garden and has also become a place of calm and healing.



There are 18 garden plots. 10 – 4x16 (\$40) and 8 – 4x8 (\$25) beds. A plot can be rented by anybody in the Montrose

community. The fee covers water, soil and organic fertilizer.

At this time, there is a “wait list” for the garden, as all of the plots are currently rented.

If there are questions, please contact Lorie Cribbs at

loriec01@charter.net.



Crafty Ladies

Due to our present circumstances “Crafty Ladies” will not be meeting through May as planned. Possibly we will again get together the middle of June. However as of now, we are still planning to have the UMW Bazaar on Saturday November 14th.

So we are hoping those who are crafters might use some of their “stay at home” time to create items to donate to the UMW table to help us out.

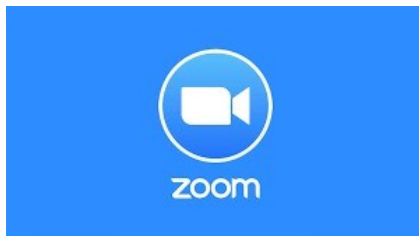
We will start receiving donations in September so they can be priced.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sharon Hayes,
Bazaar Craft Chairperson

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>



TEST OUT ZOOM

We are currently 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. 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 a zoom account (they are free), 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.

We have a few TEST times set up if you need to TRY zoom out. As you need help, you can call the following people as you try out one of these zoom meetings

Tuesday, May 12th at 1 p.m.—call Pastor Lisa, 614-5472

Thursday, May 14th at 1 p.m.—call Barb Sharrow, 901-6658

Tuesday, May 19th at 1 p.m.—call Pastor Lisa

Thursday, May 21st at 1 p.m.—Call Barb Sharrow.

Thanks for trying new things while we are living in an era of all new things!

Pastor Lisa

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.

Thank you

Dear Methodist Women,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you from every single member of the staff at Montrose Memorial Hospital that benefitted from your gracious and delicious act of love by delivering tons of goodies to the Hospital. It has been a very stressful few weeks for all of Montrose, and we hope you know that your warmth and spirit strengthened us in every bite! There truly is nothing like the cooking/baking of a United Methodist Woman!

We can't thank you enough for your thoughtfulness.

Love,

Nancy Abel and the entire Montrose Memorial Hospital team

Garey Martinez and his staff at Shepherd's Hand would like to thank you for your generosity of donating over \$4,300 to "Replenish the Pantry". That money will greatly assist in feeding the many hungry people of Montrose and the surrounding area.



Want to receive the prayer list to your email inbox? Contact Rachael Coddington and let her know "Add Me!".

Contact her by phone 275-9030 or email: secretary@montroseumc.org

June Newsletter Deadline is Monday, May 18

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

