



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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Update from (re)Launch Team – June 16, 2020

We have put together a small group of members and staff to plan for the safe return to our building in coming days, weeks and months, amidst a COVID-19 world.

This team is considering in-person worship, inclusion of all persons, community opportunities, sacraments, missions, stewardship and much more, all within the guidance of health and safety resources provided by our UMC Conference, our insurance provider, the County of Montrose, the Centers for Disease Control and other available resources.

We are also working to include input from our faith community and our faith traditions into these plans. We will make available a representative from the (re)Launch Team to participate with your committee or small group, if you are interested, to collect your ideas, cautions, experiences, excitement, concerns, ... and any guidance you care to provide.

We also welcome your prayers for this work.

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Pastor Lisa's Lines

We are all eager to reLaunch worship and in person gatherings. We are done being isolated, done with online worship, and done with not being able to hug our neighbors.

Believe me when I say that I too am "done". I am ready to be back in a packed sanctuary singing and praying. I am ready to see all of your faces in person as I look out on Sunday morning to see the body of Christ gathered in our beautiful building.

Friends, I know that you know by now, when we gather again, it will look differently. You and I have read the same articles about outbreaks at churches who gathered too soon and did not put proper protocol in place. We know the new way we shop at stores by giving space and wearing masks and allowing for time for cleaning between customers. This may not be the

way we prefer to do things, but they are the way we need to do things.

Our reLaunch team has been meeting for a few weeks now to figure out the best, safest and most welcoming worship services and space we can put together for the congregation and the community. We are all learning how to be adaptive and flexible and safe. Thank you for your prayers as we do this work and for your feedback as we put these plans in place.

I know that some of you are anxious to return, ready to get back and are less concerned about the protocol. Some of you are worried and cautious and are not ready to gather inside the building, and/or are wanting for very strict protocol. I hear each of these sides of concern and as a

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team, we are doing our best to address these concerns AND make our gatherings a safe place for people of all ages and expectations.

We know that Christ talks a lot about the least, the last and the lost. There are whole sections of scripture and lots of parables: the lost coin, the lost sheep, the prodigal son, the centurion's daughter, etc. Scripture reminds us that Jesus cares for those who are struggling and calls those who are not, to help those who are. During this time, we know that part of our population is more vulnerable than others. Our job is to care for them.

As our reLaunch team moves forward I hope you'll consider a few things: 1. Pray for this team and their work. 2. If you are able, volunteer to help when we get to a place of reLaunching worship and programs. 3. Save your sharp or hard comments for a time that we are not in crisis.

May we as the church, continue to be a blessing for this community,

Pastor Lisa

Official Appointment

It is with great honor, privilege and thanksgiving that I inform you the Bishop and the Cabinet of the Mountain Sky Conference have reappointed me to serve the Montrose United Methodist Church for another year! So for this 4th year I am excited to be with you all to see where the Holy Spirit might be leading us to grow and learn together.



Appointments in the United Methodist Church happen each year and typically run from July 1 - June 30. Thus, as of July 1, I'm your "new" pastor! This is a funny thing to think of at times, hard for some as it means we don't know when our ways will part, and easy for others as they are excited for change whenever it may come.

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DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION

Wednesdays, Pastor Lisa will be in the church alleyway from 12n-12:30 pm each Wednesday to offer communion. There have been many of us who have missed this blessing, and it will be done in a safe manner.

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

Thank You for Continuing to GIVE!

We are so deeply appreciative that you have continued to give during this world crisis. Thank you! Now we ask as the summer's beautiful weather lures us outside to please remember to continue to give! Here are all the ways you can give:

1. 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.
2. You can also send your checks to the office as mail is checked every day! Montrose UMC
19 S Park Avenue,
Montrose CO 81401
3. Want to walk your check into the building? Visit us during our business hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.



From the board of Trustees

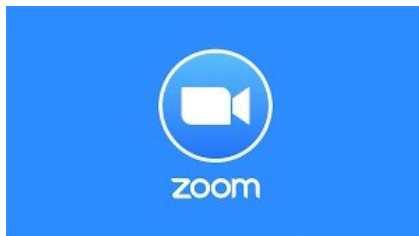
Some of you may have noticed the old finish on the oak doors is flaking off. The Board of Trustees hired a contractor to refinish the oak doors. The contractor started work on Mayday, June 22 and should be finished Friday, June 26.

Next, the contractor will repaint the walls around the steps to Baldrige Hall. The old paint is flaking off and doesn't look good.

The Board of Trustees are working hard to keep the church in good condition for many years to come.

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>

Birthdays

Onita DeJulio	July 03	John Pavlich	July 19
Megan Farley	July 04	John Powell	July 20
Alice Fisher	July 05	Jeri Reed	July 22
Veronica Kampf	July 09	John Thompson	July 23
Martha LaBarr	July 11	Izabella Vigil	July 24
Shon LaBarr	July 12	Mary West	July 27
Patricia London	July 13	Tom West	July 29
Norma McBryde	July 14	Erica White	July 29
Rowyn Molina	July 15	Anica Wood	July 30
Betty Moslet	July 17	George Yeatts	July 31
James Parker	July 18		

Anniversaries

Jim & Marsha Goesch July 07	Megan & Ryan Farley July 19
Cindi & Steve Loesch July 07	Deidra & Lowell Manary July 19
Bob & Linda Goodhue July 08	Matt & Veronica Kampf July 27
Emily & Josh Vigil July 12	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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<p>5</p> <p>-9:00 a.m. Zoom Sun. Morning Fello. ID: 970 249 3716 Password: 1917</p>	<p>6</p> <p>-Virtual Sky VBS New Video Out</p>	<p>7</p> <p>-10:00 a.m. Zoom Coffee/Bible Talk with Pastor Lisa ID: 982 7173 1966 Password: 317</p>	<p>8</p> <p>-12-12:30 Drive communion</p> <p>-7:00 a.m. Zoom Women's Emph ID: 330 031 9 Password: mu -UMYF @ R</p>
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Children's News

Hey youth (completed 5th-12th grades), don't forget to join us for **summer UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)** Wednesday's in July. We will meet from 5-7 PM near the playground in Riverbottom Park. Each week we will have time to eat, socialize, play games and end with a devotion. Please bring a water bottle and a sack dinner. We can't wait to see you all!



Summer UMYF:
July 1st - July 8th - July 22nd - July 29th
Where: Riverbottom Park When: 5-7 PM

MONTROSE UMC YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us on Wednesday July 15th, from 5-7 PM for a **MUMC Camp Night**. Typically in July our kids spend a week (per age group) up at Grand Mesa Methodist Camp. This year camp was canceled and many of our youth and kids were left feeling down and that a piece of their summer was gone. So we are going to bring camp to them! We will be recreating a day of camp here in the playground/ annex driveway, complete with



MONTROSE UMC FAMILY MINISTRY PRESENTS

Camp Night

July 15th 5-7 PM @ Montrose UMC Playground/ Annex Driveway

Join us for songs, crafts, camp devotion and S'Mores as a way to celebrate the joy that camp brings to all of our youth and children in the month of July. This summer may be different, with camp cancelled, but we still can bring the joy of camp to our children and youth!

devotion, S'mores, crafts and more. Questions? Contact Sarah Seymour at familyministries@montroseumc.org

Join us on July 26th from 12:30-2 via a Facebook Live for a **Live Camp Session**. Many people from around the conference are working together to put together a camp celebration for new campers and returning campers. This is an opportunity to learn more about each camp, camp history, camp songs, devotions and individual testimonies (You will see quite a few of us from Montrose!). We will get more information out as the date comes closer, so keep an eye out on the Facebook page and the weekly emails. Questions? Contact Sarah Seymour at familyministries@montroseumc.org



Virtual SKY Vacation Bible School has taken off! We have delivered supplies to 20 families and are starting to get great feedback back from the families. We will publish new materials each Monday over the

next 5 weeks. Would you like to see the video's that were made? Contact Sarah Seymour at familyminsitries@montroseumc.org to get access to the videos.

This next **scavenger hunt** is similar to the last, but has some extra missions that are worth way more points than the regular missions! These special missions will send you to look for hidden rocks throughout Montrose in Riverbottom, Cerise and Buckley Park! Participate in this game by downloading the "Goosechase" App on your smart device's app store and searching for our game



"The Hunt Pt. 2 (Rock Edition)." Choose the team that you belong to out of the three options, and the team with the greatest number of points will get prizes! This scavenger hunt begins Friday, June 26 and ends July 10!

Join us for a **Family Worship in the Park**. This will be a 5 week series titled; Shattered. This series will help us learn about the illusions and deceptions of our everyday life that takes our focus away from our faith. Here is a sample outline of what to expect each week;

5:00- Welcome

Picnic Dinner and Discussions with other participants

5:30-5:45 ish- Start Worship Time

15-30 Minute Led devotion by Sarah on the following topics;

6:15-6:35- Individual Family Devotions

Questions provided by Sarah

6:35- 7:00- All Group Discussion

Please bring your own chair or blanket, picnic dinner and an open mind to learn about our faith! Please see the included picture for full information.

Question? Contact Sarah Seymour at



familyministries@montroseumc.org

Hey Families, Could you spare a few minutes to help with a secret Mission Project? Watch the Children and Youth Emails to get more information or contact Sarah Seymour at familyministries@montroseumc.org.



Confirmation

We would like help celebrating all of our confirmands' as they will officially be confirmed on July 26th. Please send cards to the church office (19 S. Park Ave Montrose, So 81401) and we will distribute them to all of the confirmands. Our 8 youth being confirmed are:

Brekin Hutto

Nathaniel Waxler

Quinten Wood

Dylan Farley

Breyana Shippy

Magdalene Gurule

Georgia Ficco

Vivian Ficco

Congratulations to all of you!

Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America

By Jennifer Harvey

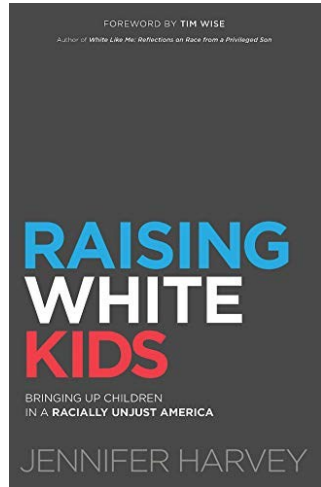
I had the privilege to attend an afternoon workshop with Dr. Jennifer Harvey at the Cedaredge Community UMC about a year ago. Little did I know at that time how helpful her insights and information would be for me as we are dealing with the current issues of racism in our country. Anne Grant, church librarian, and I are donating a copy of this book to our church library.

Jennifer is a Professor of Religion at Drake University in Des Moines, IA. Although Jennifer is Caucasian, she speaks with first-hand experience as her niece and nephew are African-American.

(I will apologize at this point. My use of terminology may not be correct. It has been several months since I read the book and I donated it before the pandemic struck in March so my memory is a little foggy.)

This book gives the reader “a reality check” to what life is like for those who have a different color of skin. Those of us who are “white privilege” do not have the same perspective that people of color have to many of life’s experiences. What we see as a very simple task/activity can be very different, even difficult, for a person of color. I take so many things for granted as a person of “white privilege”. People of color can’t take those same things for granted. They have to cognitively process how they are going to approach a task/activity.

I would highly recommend the reading of this book to gain more insight into the pandemic of racism in our country. The book is currently available for check out from the church’s library.



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.

Clothes Donations

Wanting to donate clothing to the homeless this summer?

Classy Closet keeps an account for the homeless. Tell the attendant that you want your clothes to be donated to the homeless and they will be given to the homeless for free through the store.

She also has an account for **Dress for Success**. If you have "work" clothes you'd like to go to someone who is trying to find a new job and needs clothes fitting for the job, she also makes that possible and keeps those in a separate account.

What a great consignment store to go above and beyond for so many people.

My Extended Montrose Family

Thank you very much for all the heartfelt birthday wishes and so many wonderful cards. I got to see some of you on my Birthday but I really wish I could have seen everybody.

You made my 90th Birthday very special. Thank you

Mary Lou Jeffers



Audio/Visual/Technical Help Needed!

Do you have a skill set that we could put to work? Would you be interested in serving the church by giving an hour of your time each week to help us produce our worship service? As we continue to produce worship videos, we are looking for those of you who may have some experience video editing or sound mixing. We would love to have you on our team! Call or email Steve Gray for more information: 970-209-8875 - or- svgspringcreek@gmail.com



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

August Newsletter Deadline is

Monday, July 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

