

PRAYER REQUESTS

We know that staying connected through prayer is so important, now more than ever. If you have prayer requests, please don't hesitate to call the church office at 970-249-3716 or email us a prayer: montroseumcprayers@gmail.com

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.

Want to receive the prayer list to your email inbox? Contact the church office and let us know.



Don't Miss Drive-Thru Communion!

Back by popular demand!

****First Wednesday of each month**

1 p.m.—1:30 p.m. in the alley by the church!



December Newsletter Deadline is Monday, November 16th

Submit a Publicity Form (found in the front office, or emailed upon request) with details of an upcoming events, a contact person and contact information to: office@montroseumc.org or revlisap@gmail.com



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***“Joyfully to love all, Serve all
and to share Jesus Christ with the world!”***

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Vespers Service of Unity - November 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Likely, no matter the outcome of the Presidential election and subsequent state and city elections, there will be disappointment or joy, heartache or happiness. We are a church that is divided in how we feel politically. However, no matter the President, Jesus is Lord. We are offering a Vespers service the night of November 5 at 5:30 p.m. Vespers simply means "evening." It is an old Catholic tradition to hold a sunset service at the end of the day. I pray that you'll RSVP for this short, 30-minute worship service to end the day remembering that Christ is our King and ruler of our hearts if we let him. Join us for scripture, poems, and music and contemplation time. We are all one in Christ.

Please RSVP to attend the service [here](#) or at: <https://forms.gle/>



RSVP for Worship!

In-person worship is open to all! Space is limited, so please RSVP using the forms below. **Please complete by 5pm the Thursday prior to Sunday Worship.** (If there is still space available, you will be able to RSVP, otherwise it will put you on a wait list and you will be notified.)

Please remember that we have every intention of holding in-person worship each week, BUT as we see COVID numbers climb in our county, the reLaunch Team may make a call to suspend gathering in person. Thank you for your understanding, prayers and grace at this time.

Future Worship RSVP Forms:

Use [this link](https://forms.gle/Xr3SnStxn2NiddRE9) to RSVP for the service on November 8th

Use [this link](https://forms.gle/H1SjYv9VinGtriXN8) to RSVP for the service on November 15th

Use [this link](https://forms.gle/D7Zzr7gnD4rHE1WU6) to RSVP for the service on November 22nd

Use [this link](https://forms.gle/YvzYa1ByaTCBi6m59) to RSVP for the service on November 27th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need a few more hands to help with worship in the building! Call the church office to let us know if you can help in November!

Pastor Lisa’s Lines

Typically, when we get to November, the second-to-last month of the year, we think of all the things we are grateful and thankful for. We begin the month with All Saints Day, a celebration of giving thanks for those we have lost this past year. We spend the month thinking of more things and get to Thanksgiving with a whole list.

This year, more than most, I am thankful for this community of faith. YOU are amazing! The ways you continue to wrestle with the Biblical text and constantly seek Jesus’ grace in guiding your understanding of love for all neighbors.

God has given us a vision to look at our buildings. And, while this may bring pause for many of you, let me share with you the process within the United Methodist Church that we use. WE cannot do anything without first forming a Building Committee – a group of people who will spend time, energy and money, FIRST to look at our current structures. This committee will take stock of what we have, possibly hire a structural engineer to assess our structures and tell us what we are working with first. We cannot make any sound decisions about changing *anything without first knowing more about our beautiful space. Hiring a structural engineer will take funds that are not in the yearly budget, but will be needed in moving forward.*

After an assessment of our structures, then and ONLY then can the committee look at moving forward. If the assessment shows we need to sure up our foundation, then this is great information to have in order to save our structure. If the assessment shows that our structure is sound, but needs a bit of cosmetic work, then this

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is great information to have in order to know that we can proceed with... whatever the church wants to do!

I have never been more thankful for the people of this congregation who remain faithful to being Christ to the world, sharing this message of unconditional love. I have never been more thankful for the people of God who hear the call of Jesus and “go!”

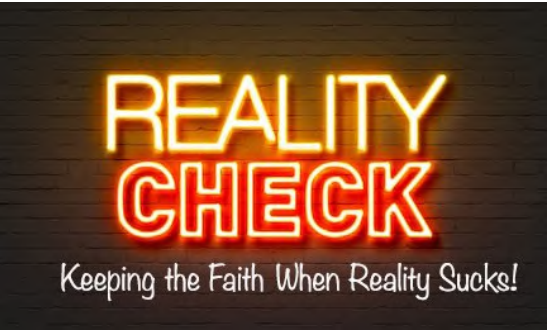
This year has not been without its challenges and discouragements; it has not been without its heartbreaks and loss; but it has also held joy and thanksgiving, grace and new perspective, and the love of God outpoured.

At the beginning of December, we will have a Charge Conference held online and in person. At this executive meeting we will take a vote on whether to form a building committee or not. It is my deep desire that you will continue to pray for this church and this community, and for God to show us and guide us as we look at being His church for the next century and beyond.

Thanks be to God for each one of you! Happy Thanksgiving! May each one of you, your families and loved ones be safe and well this holiday season.

You are Blessed to be a Blessing,

Pastor Lisa



Youth Conference

Join other youth from the Mountain Sky Conference for a virtual youth retreat on November 14th! Our group will meet upstairs in the youth wing and will zoom in to the conference. Each participant will receive a "reality check" t-shirt, a 2020 survival kit and will be entered into a door prize drawing. There will be games, a guest speaker, small group time, communion and door prizes.

Registration deadline is November 4th to receive the t-shirt and survival kit.

Cost: \$10 per youth (Actual cost is \$25 but the church will cover the additional \$15) Please bring cash or a check when you come.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship—UMYF

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Sunday

Location: Church

Join us for UMYF! Please bring a sack lunch and a water bottle. Each week we will meet for fun and fellowship, followed by a short weekly devotion.

** Times are subject to change as the church resumes a normal church schedule. Please be patient and flexible as we figure

Youth Fun Day!

When: November 24th 10:00 AM– 5:00 PM

Where: Grand Junction– Banana’s

Cost: \$15

RSVP Due by November 22nd

Please bring a sack lunch, water bottle and a snack to share. We will meet at the church at 10:00 AM and head up to Junction. Weather depending, we will stop at a park for lunch or eat in the bus prior to going into Banana’s. We will play for a few hours and then head back to the church for pick up at 5:00 PM.

** Are any adults available to go with us? Please let Sarah

Wednesday Youth Fellowship

When: Every Other Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Where: Meet at Coffee Trader on Main Street

We will meet on November 4th and then we will take a break until January. We invite all youth to join us for the Christmas Pageant on Wednesday’s through November and December.

Every other week we will meet at Coffee Trader on Main St., we will grab a sweet treat and walk over to Buckley Park. Once the weather turns cold, we will change our plans a little bit; we will still meet at Coffee Trader on Main Street, but instead of going to the park, we will ride the church bus back to the church. Pick up at Buckley Park or at the Church.



Christmas Pageant

Planning is underway for this year’s Christmas pageant that will look a bit different than year’s past. Parents, check your weekly emails and Children’s Newsletter for details! (Meeting on Wednesday afternoons on zoom and then in person to put everything together! (Link will be emailed once participants are all signed up!))



Family Ministries

Nursery · Children · Youth

Family Ministry Gear—for anyone!

This year in lieu of mission trip, camp or VBS t-shirts we will be offering Family Ministry Gear for people to purchase. The gear that is available are long sleeve t-shirts or a hoodie sweatshirt. Both will be black. On the front will be the saying; “God is good all the time. All the time, God is good.” This is a phrase that the youth use all the time to get each other’s attention/focus on what someone is wanting to tell them. Order forms and money are due by **November 10th**. Order forms will be available via the weekly email or in the church of-



Sunday School (In Person & Virtual)

Join us for in-person Sunday School every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. at the church. If the weather is nice, we will meet outside. If there is bad weather, we will meet inside. When inside, we will need to take temperatures, do contact tracing and ask each family a series of questions. ALL kids will be asked to sit spread out, wear a mask, use the materials out of their own pencil box (provided by the church) and wash their hands regularly. We thank you in advance for these efforts as we try and keep everyone healthy, safe and comfortable.

Virtual Sunday School will be avail-

BIBLE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

Do you have a child in 3rd grade or older who has not yet received a Bible from the church?

If so, contact Sarah Seymour at familyministries@montroseumc.org.

We will be celebrating Bible Sunday during worship on

Quick Care & Parent’s Night Out

Quick Care is child care for ages 6 months to 6 years old every Tues. and Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Space is limited to 6 kids and RSVP’s are required. Cost: \$15 per kid.

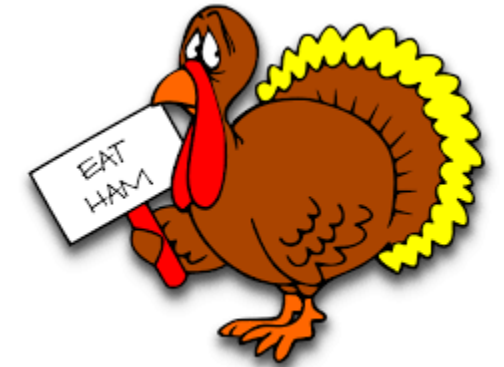
Parent's Night Out is a program is for ages 6 months to 12 years old. Our program runs on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 6 to 9 p.m. This is an opportunity for parents to enjoy a night out while their kids are busy with theme specific activities. Space is limited to 8 kids (6 months-5 years old) and 12 kids (6 years old - 12 years old). Cost: \$15 per kid or \$30 for families

All nursery programs will now require an RSVP. Please visit www.montroseumc.org or go to <https://montroseumc.breezechms.com/form/167459> for more information or to RSVP for our November programs. Questions about any of our Nursery programs? Contact Debby

Need information? Have questions or comments? Contact Sarah Seymour at: 970-249-3716 x 18 or email: familyministries@montroseumc.org

Thanksgiving Dinner Food Boxes

Our Church Mission Committee is organizing "Thanksgiving Dinner Food Boxes" to be handed out on Saturday, November 21 to those in our Church Congregation as needed. We are also working with The Children's Backpack organization to provide their families with boxes. We anticipate preparing 100+ boxes. All of our canned and dry goods will be graciously donated by Garey Martinez at Shepherd's Hand.



There are ways that you, the congregation, can help:

- * To make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to MUMC, noting “thanksgiving boxes
- * To donate a turkey or ham, please contact Beckie Pendergrass at 970-275-1256 or bpcornerstone@gmail.com
- * To donate a store-bought pie, contact Becky Clark at 970-209-6977
- * Additional information will be sent in weekly emails! If you wish to donate your time, we are in need of volunteers on November 19, 20 and/or 21



“Fresh Georgia Pecans!!”

The Missions Committee will be selling 1 lb. packages of “Fresh Georgia Pecans” for \$12.00/lb. on S 1st Street next to the Baldrige Hall entrance on Saturday November 7th and November 14th from 9am - 3pm. We will have the same varieties as last year: halves, extra large pieces, medium pieces, and small pieces. The pecans will also be for sale in the church office from 9 am to noon, Tuesday & Thursday. Plenty of pecans have been ordered, so tell your friends and neighbors to come and buy some. (The recipient of the proceeds has not been determined at

Thank You to the Congregation

As I slipped into the unknown of surgical oblivion, the words on my mind were, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."

...and the serenity of our place of color and music surrounded me as I surrendered. To all who love me, you were there as my chorus of angels in my sleeping and my waking. The cards of cheer and prayers are in an ever growing bag of rarely repeated pictures. How many ways can you say, “Be well” and “God is with you?” Thousands of ways for the heart to be profound and prolific. I hope to see each and every one of you to tell you how you filled my heart and made me brave and peaceful. Here is the beginning of my embrace to all of you.

Office Volunteers Needed!

Interested in lending a helping hand? Do you have some extra free time that you are looking to fill? If this sounds like you, then the joy bells are ringing. We could definitely use your assistance here in the front office. We are looking for a steady group of helpful hands and friends of faith to assist with office support and mail prep. If you have some availability Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9-12 p.m. and you are willing to offer your time, we would greatly appreciate the service you are able to give. For more information please



GIVE TO THE CHURCH WHEN YOU SHOP ON AMAZON!

Will you be shopping on Amazon for some gifts this coming season? You can shop AND give when you shop at AmazonSmile with no extra charge to you! To give through AmazonSmile, follow the instructions below:

1. Navigate to <https://smile.amazon.com/> instead of the regular amazon.com website.
2. If you are not already logged in, sign in to your Amazon.com account.
3. Once you are logged in, click on the "AmazonSmile" tab underneath the search bar.
4. Here, you can choose your charity by searching for "Montrose United Methodist Church." There are a few charities by the same name, so make sure the location says "Montrose, CO."
5. Once you have chosen Montrose UMC as your organization, you are done! Every time you make purchases

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UPDATE

It feels very strange to be writing an article for the November newsletter and not be inviting everyone to participate in the Annual Downhome Country Bazaar. But here we are, the November newsletter and no Annual Bazaar.

I do have a couple of other topics to bring to you. I wanted to let you know that our UMW Unit has received two certificates of appreciation in recent months. One of those certificates is from Community Options, Inc. You may remember, at some point during the summer, our Unit gathered homemade and commercially made goodies and put together "Care Boxes" for the staff members of each and every facility and department of Community Options in both Montrose and Delta counties. Here is a quote from the back side of the certificate: "This was no small undertaking, and was a wonderful surprise and thank you to our staff. This act of kindness and support demonstrated that our community knows and appreciates the work we are doing, and meant so much to the morale of our entire agency. Thank you, United Methodist Women."

When you come to the church the next time, look for the certificate on the UMW bulletin board at the entrance to the sanctuary from the Passage Way. The other certificate we received was from the UT/Western Colorado District UMW for being a "Six Star" Unit. This certificate shows that we gave to all five of the UMW "Giving Channels" in 2019: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering. In addition to the all the giving channels, we also increased our Pledge to Mission from 2018. This certificate can also be found on the UMW bulletin board.

I also want to let you know that your Executive Board will be meeting in mid-November. Some of the items on the agenda will be to set a budget for 2021, as well as deciding how we are going to proceed as a Unit in 2021. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact me, any other officer, or a Circle Chair so those ideas can be explored during our Executive Board meeting.

Upper Room Discipline Devotional Orders

Are you looking for simple, easy-to-follow devotions? Find inspiration for your walk with Christ with the insightful, daily reflections in Disciplines.

The 2021 edition of Disciplines features 53 writers. We are ordering the Upper Room Discipline Devotional book with daily and weekly devotions.

The costs of these devotionals will be determined by the number of books ordered and their shipping costs. probably about \$14 each. The ordering deadline will be November 15th to receive individual books before the New Year.



2020 Advent Devotional

We are starting the 2020 Advent Devotional and are looking for people to write a short 1-paragraph piece to go with the theme and scripture that will be assigned to you. This year our theme is "Names of Jesus."

Sign up and more information can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B49AAAE28A6F94-advent>



Looking forward to Christmas Eve...

We are all looking forward to Christmas Eve worship in the sanctuary, and the way we will worship this year will look, and likely feel, different. We HOPE we will be able to worship together in person across several different services and times. Over the next few weeks we invite you to check our website and weekly emails in which we'll send out a survey asking you for your feedback about some options. Thanks for



You're invited to join us for this *EXCLUSIVE* virtual event via Zoom on November 19 from 6-7pm

Cost: \$20/person

Register now at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coping-with-heartache-during-covid-and-the-holidays-registration->