

DON'T MISS!

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

Call the office at 970-249-3716 or email: office@montroseumc.org



October Newsletter Deadline is Friday, October 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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Relaunching Sanctuary Worship

The Relaunch Team has met every week for months, and our comprehensive plan is now approved by the District Superintendent! It is with great excitement and slight hesitation that we let you know of our plans to re-enter the building for worship on Sunday mornings.

This is a beautiful opportunity for us to continue our love of our neighbor and fellow congregants. Some people are still not able, due to safety concerns, to leave their house and be among many people. Some people are desperate to be able to be in a safe space and worship as they have not been able to worship for 6 months due to lack of online access and/or tripping hazards in the park.

We are asking that you take into consideration ways you ARE able to worship and allow those who have NOT been able to worship to register first for a space in the building.

Below are some of the ways that worship will look different:

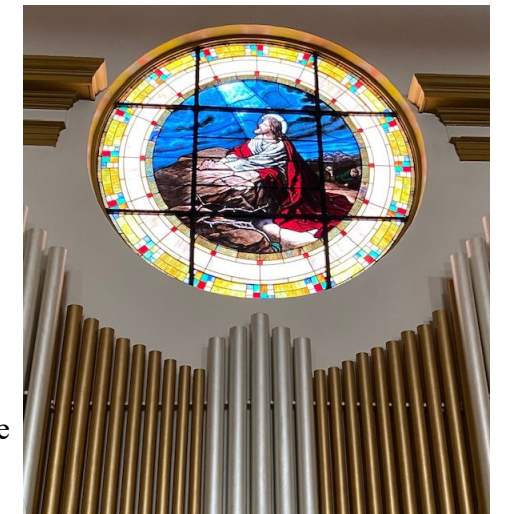
- There will only be one worship service at 8:45 a.m., with a maximum capacity of 50 people.
- Temperature will be taken for each person prior to entering the building.
- Name and information/attendance will be taken at the doors.
- You'll be escorted to a seat to sit in for worship (Ushers will choose for you).
- Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth while in the building.
- Your cooperation to abstain from contact with other people before, during and after worship is appreciated.
- We will not greet with handshakes, but just nods and waves.
- We will not sing during worship.
- We will listen to beautiful music provided.
- We will spend time in contemplative prayer.
- We will not take prayer requests verbally, but will allow you a drop basket to place written prayers.
- We will have communion, but it will look and feel different.

With ALL of this in mind, we'll ask that if you'd like to attend IN-PERSON worship, perhaps you'll think about registering every-other week. This will allow space for those who really can't worship online for technological reasons.

Thanks in advance for the ways you continue to care for one another and this community. We are faithful together, no matter how and where we gather.

Susan Fortino, Relaunch Chair

Lisa Petty, Pastor





“Fundraising in proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission.”

- Henri Nowen

Dear Congregation,

During October we will talk though what we are entrusted with, as individuals and collectively as a community of faith. We are entrusted with the mission and ministry of the church! We are entrusted with living out the gospel with all of the resources we have at hand – the resources each person gives to collectively carry out the mission and vision of the church. Each Sunday in October we will look at ways we can use our resources to build God’s kingdom here on earth.

October 4 – “When the Church Accounts for It’s Harvest”, Matthew 21:33-46

“Good stewardship begins with an organization that is trustworthy.”

October 11 – “Building Faithfulness on the Way to the Promised Land”, Exodus 32:1-14

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“Good stewardship builds upon a mission that is clear and forward-moving.”

October 18 – “God’s Imprint on Our Lives”, Matthew 22:15-22, Genesis 1:26

“Stewardship is less about *what* we give than it is about *who* and *whose* we are.”

October 25 – “Committed to the Win-Win-Win”, Matthew 22:34-46

“Giving should not reduce our lives as much as complete our lives.”

It is our deep desire to partner with each one of you as those who support the ministry of Christ through this-

church. (cont. next page)

Each of you have been entrusted with much. May we, together, live into our calling to serve this community with ALL we have been given. (cont. next page)

Check your mail and email for further information on this year’s Stewardship Campaign. We are so thankful for each one of you and your servant hearts and financial support for the 2021 year. Thank you for spending time in prayer for what God has entrusted you with and how you might share it with others.

Grace and Peace,

Elaine Baker (Finance Chair 2020)

Craig Wolverton (Finance Chair 2021)

Lisa Petty (Pastor)



Decades Group Fall gathering!

This group is open to people from all decades! If you're in your 20’s, 30’s and up!

October 24th we will meet at Punk’s Pumpkin patch and corn maze in Delta at 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person (3 and under are free). Chili dinner afterwards at the Butch & Becky Clark’s house.

Questions, directions to the Clarks and any other information, please email Becky Clark at:

smoothiesong@hotmail.com



Seeking Some Office Help

We are looking for a few people to help greet strangers, answer phones, fold mailings and help with

odd office jobs. You can sign up for one shift per month or several! We’d love to have kind and generous heart working with us as we re-vamp our office needs and staff.

Shifts are Tuesdays 9-12 noon and Thursdays from 9-12 noon. Call Rika in the church office to let us know when you can help!

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: call 970 -209-8875. email svgspringcreek@gmail.com



Sunday Morning Worship continues in Buckley

Park as weather holds!

Join us for Sunday morning worship outside at 9 for the next few Sundays weather permitting!

October 4th and 11th we will be in the park as long as it’s not snowing, raining or below 50 degrees. Bring your lawn chair and mask and we’ll set you up with a wrist band of your color choice to indicate how comfortable you feel being close to others! We miss you and hope to see you for our 40 minute worship services! Starting October 18th we’ll be in the building at a new time and with new protocol! Check out the front page!

Welcome to Our New Staff Members!



I would like to extend a grand, enthusiastic and warm greeting to all of the family, friends and staff here at the United Methodist Church.

My name is Rika Donegan and I will be assisting and supporting our community and leadership with all of our administrative needs.

I have had the pleasure of calling Montrose, Colorado my home now

for six years and I greatly enjoy the beauty and close knit connection of this amazing town. Prior to moving to the marvelous western slope of Colorado, I lived in the Chicagoland area of Illinois.

I am very excited to join the team and support our congregation with all of my best effort and performance - matter of fact - always ensuring to do so with a smile! I have a background of eight years of professional experience working in the field of administrative support. I also hold a Bachelors of Science in Communications from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In my spare time I love to volunteer within the community, read inspirational and uplifting literature, travel and take part/ enjoy anything involving the creative arts. I am ecstatic to begin my journey here at the United Methodist Church and I am thrilled to have the pleasure to meet you all soon!

Rika

Hello, my name is Suzanne Hansen, and I am your new treasurer. My husband, Doug, and I have lived in Montrose for nearly thirty years.



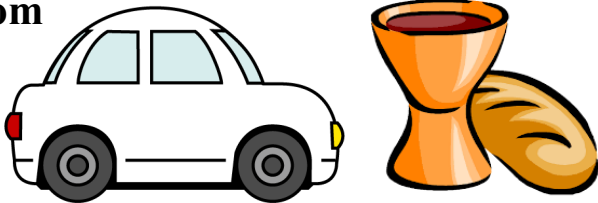
Our three children grew up here and graduated from Montrose High School. Our oldest son, Josh, and his wife, Valerie, live and work in Denver. Our daughter, Rachel, and her husband, Kasey, are moving from Montrose to South Korea at the end of this month.

Kasey has joined the Army as a dentist and will be stationed there. Our youngest son, Nick, is currently living in Montrose and working at City Market. Doug and I love trail running, mountain biking, golfing, hiking, skiing, and camping. We love the western slope because all of these activities can be found close by. I certainly look forward to working with the staff here at the Methodist Church.

Suzanne

To contact Suzanne,
email: montroseumctreaurer@gmail.com

Taking a Break from Drive Thru Communion



Thank you so much for brightening my day by coming thru the Wednesday communion line! We will break for the month of October and reevaluate in November. If you desire communion to be brought to your door, please let the church office know!

Blessings to each of you!

- Pastor Lisa

Housemate Wanted!

Janice Becker is looking for a housemate. The home is fully-furnished and has Wi-Fi. Rent is \$600 per month. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Janice at 970-596-6638 or chipetacharo@aol.com.

Two ways to make reservations for Worship, starting October 18th

1. Call the Church office and let us know which Sunday you'd like to attend.
2. Go online to our website (starting October 11th) and fill out the form that says, "Reservation for Worship!"

Don't forget to fill out the form, and or let the office know if other people in your household will be attending with you.

Be sure to read the information on page 1 to see what is new in worship and what protocol looks like!

Thank you for your patience as we learn to live into a new way to worship together in our building

- The Relaunch Team

The Pecans are Coming!!

Yes, it is true. There may not be a UMW Bazaar, BUT there will be Fresh Georgia Pecans for sale in November. The Missions Committee will be selling the pecans on some designated dates in November (TBD). There will be four varieties of pecans available: Halves, Large Pieces, Medium Pieces, and Small Pieces. All varieties will come in 1 pound packages and will cost \$12/each. Stay tuned for further information on the selling dates. Plan to stock up and tell your friends and family the good news.

Missions Committee



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 our church, our community and our world as we join together in staying safe and well for one another.



Monthly District Zoom Gatherings

All clergy and laity of the Utah/Western Colorado District are invited to a monthly gathering with Superintendent Elizabeth McVicker on the 4th Tuesdays at 2:30pm. The upcoming gatherings are on: October 27 and November 24.

The Link for the meetings are:

<https://zoom.us/j/94059988601?pwd=dElaVTRiEdqMHhY05GT3BnQjVtdz09>

Meeting ID: 940 5998 8601

Passcode: 732358

Update from the Vision 2025 Committee



Dear Congregation,

The Vision 2025 Committee has been working with many of you since Fall of 2019 to collect ideas and goals for the next five years. We identified the following Vision, Mission, and Values statement which guided the committee in coming up with a strategy table.

Vision (Desired Outcome)

“Montrose United Methodist Church is a leader in being fully inclusive, loving, and just servants of Christ.”

Mission (What We Plan to do)

“Joyfully to Love All, Serve All, and Share Jesus Christ with the World”

Values (Foundation for Vision)

- Grow spiritually individually and as a church
- Inclusivity
- Provide musical diversity and excellence
- Provide and maintain a downtown historic building for worship and other gatherings
- Multi-generational ministry
- Mission oriented locally, regionally, and internationally
- Provide fellowship, a sense of belonging, and a support system
- Participate in service projects
- Support a strong youth/family program
- Community oriented
- Fiscally sound

Based on these statements, we identified 11 strategies for us to focus. The Vision 2025 Committee brought it to the Church Council during a special meeting in August. After much discussion and a few edits, the Strategy was adopted unanimously. The Strategy Table is available on our website and in the church office. It outlines the strategy, tactics, the committee in charge of leading the effort, other committees to help and a proposed timeline.

Some of the tactics are new and will require development and/or new committees. Some of the tactics are what we are currently doing and wish to maintain, develop further or change. Items listed above the blue line are tactics important to the entire congregation. Items below the blue line are also important and we want to make sure they do not disappear but did not rise to the same level as the tactics listed above the line.

It will take much prayer and all of us, individually or working on a committee, to flesh out these goals and make them a reality. If you have questions, ideas, or would like to help, please contact Pastor Lisa, Marshall Pendergrass, Craig Wolverton, or Barb Sharrow.

Quick Care & Parent’s Night Out

Quick Care is child care for ages 6 months to 6 years old held every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon. Our Quick Care program has limited space for up to 6 kids at a time and RSVP’s are required. The cost for Quick Care is \$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 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM. This is an opportunity for parents to enjoy a night out while their kids are busy with theme specific activities each night. Space is limited to 8 kids (ages 6 months-5 years old) and 12 kids (ages 6 years old - 12 years old). Cost is \$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 and to RSVP for our October programs. Questions about any of our Nursery programs? Contact Debby R., nursery coordinator, at (714) 824-7475.

UMYF

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Every Sunday

Location: Buckley Park (Until the weather changes)

Join us for UMYF in the park! 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 out what the new normal will look like.**

Youth Fun Day in Ouray!

When: October 23rd (No School Day) from 9:00 AM– 5 PM

Cost: \$20 (Youth Funds may be used)

What to bring: wear closed toed shoes for hiking, sack lunch/ snacks, water bottle and swim suit and towel.

Join us for a day of hiking and swimming fun! We will meet at the church at 9 a.m. and ride the church bus down to Ouray. We will do a small hike at Box Canyon and then head to the park for a picnic lunch. After lunch we will stop at the Ouray Hot Springs for an afternoon of relaxation.

Please RSVP by October 21st. Space is limited!



YOUTH & PARENTS: We will need all hands on deck during the month of October as we sell pumpkins to the community! This is a great, COVID safe, way to help the community, raise money for our mission projects, trips, and all around fun! We have plenty of time slots to sign up to sell. If your youth needs an adult to sign up with, let us know and we'll match them up with someone! Thanks in advance for all your help!

High School Hang Out Friday, Oct. 30, 7-9 p.m.

Wear clothes you don't mind getting a little dirty as we'll be picking a pumpkin from our "patch" and carving them!



Wednesday Youth Fellowship

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

Where: Meet at Coffee Trader on Main Street

Parents- We have made the decision to change the schedule to bi-weekly to better fit with the schedules of our youth. As a majority of our youth follow the same block schedule, we will meet on those weeks, as we would have a very limited amount of kids on the off week for this group.

Each week we will meet at Coffee Trader on Main Street. 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. When the weather gets cold, pick up will be at Buckley Park or at the Church.



100 YEARS IN THE SANCTUARY!

In December this year, we will celebrate 100 years of this congregation worshipping in the Sanctuary. As Pastor Lisa pointed out in her sermon on September 13th, it was a condemned building that led the congregation, at the time, to seek a new building project. It would be nearly a decade from the time the congregation left their old building till the cornerstone would be laid in 1918 and another 2 years till the sanctuary was complete.

Pastor Lisa shared with us the vision God has given her to look at the ways we might start thinking about the Sanctuary and all our building space, in order to serve the community for another 100 years!

Over the past few weeks questions have been rolling in and in an effort to help the congregation start this work of thinking and praying. Pastor Lisa has shared a few questions to ponder:

- How is God calling us to live into our 2025 strategic plan with our adopted vision to be, "fully inclusive, loving, and just servants of Christ"?
- How best can we serve the community and congregation right now?
- How will we commit to this congregation to ensure the next 100 years of worship can take place in this space?
- How will we be good stewards of the church building we've been entrusted with?

At this time, Pastor Lisa is asking each of us to pray for and about the future of this church, the community of faith, and our structures, as well as the ways we are called to serve this community we dearly love.

There are LOTS of things to consider as we move forward, but in order to move forward, even in assessing our structures, we'll need to take a church vote. This will come in December at Charge Conference. Until then, please continue to pray.

No matter what we decide as a church, we remain faithful to God's call to be servants of love and grace for the next 100 years! Thank you for being faithful to this call!

Your Giving Makes a Difference

You are all amazing as you continue to keep the church "afloat" in this difficult storm we are all weathering together! Thank you for your tithes and offering. Here are all the ways you can give:

1. Are you interested in giving from home? Please visit our website www.montroseumc.org, go 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 any Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.



Family Ministries

Nursery · Children · Youth

ALL of the activities for ALL God's children



Join us for in person Sunday School, every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 at Buckley Park. Bring your mask, a lawn chair and dress appropriately for October Weather!

Pumpkin Patch! We are at it again with the Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser to support Youth Missions. This year we are asking each youth (and anyone else) to sign up for 2 shifts of selling pumpkins. You can find the link to sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b49aaae28a6f94-2020> or click on the link found in your weekly email or on the youth Facebook page. We do not have exact plans for the 2021 mission trips but we are looking at two separate trips; one for high school and one for middle school. More information will be available in the coming months.



Virtual Sunday School will be available each week. You can find the link on the Facebook pages or in the weekly children's email.



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



Join us for crafts, games and fellowship! This is a FREE event for the community. This year, it will be an all outside event, so please dress for the weather. We are asking the following of all volunteers and participants: 1) Wear a mask at all times. 2) Follow social distancing practices 3) Invite your friends.

We need volunteers to help run this large community event! Help love our community!

Sign ups can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B49AAAE28A6F94-fall> or contact the church office for more information.

We need donations of the following items.....

<u>Items to be donated (not returned to owner)</u>	<u>Items to be borrowed and returned to owners</u>
* Candy- prepackaged candy of any assortment.	* 12- Sun/ Shade tents
* Non Candy items- small toys, pencils, stickers, etc.	Example of what we want:
* 5 Packages- 1" x 2" x 48" Wooden Stake (12 Pack)	• 5 Walkie Talkies
https://www.homedepot.com/p/1-in-x-2-in-x-48-in-Grade-Stakes-12-Pieces-462633/202090640	
* 10 Bags of Concrete	Ready to Volunteer? https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B49AAAE28A6F94-fall
* Hand Sanitizer	
* Solo Cups- 250 Cups	
* Washable Markers	



Sunday Morning Child Care Now Available

Is your family participating in the Sunday morning multigenerational Sunday school? Do you need nursery care for your child ages 6 months to 3 years? We have staff available on Sunday mornings at Buckley Park (and in the Nursey beginning Oct 18) during the multigenerational Sunday school, 9:45-10:45 a.m. If this is something you would like to utilize, please contact Sarah Seymour to arrange Sunday morning nursery care.

