

Mountain Views *Sunday, December 20, 2015*

We would like to give thanks to our liturgists and AV teams: Martha Swanson, Linda Chambers, Vicki Kaplan, Bruce Thompson, Art Saltarelli, Lee Ann Lathrop, & Ryan Kirkpatrick.

Christmas in the Park: TODAY! **12:30 - 1:30 pm**

Mtn. View Outreach will again sponsor "Christmas in the Park." This is the event in which we take gifts and lunch to the homeless in the bandshell park (Canyon and Broadway). This year we are working with other Methodist churches in the community to expand our gift giving. Our church will be giving warm gloves. Outreach Committee has 70 pairs of good ski gloves which have been very popular in the past with the people we are taking them to. Mountain View members are asked to purchase the gloves at \$18 dollars/pair to be given as gifts. The gloves are available in the Narthex. We will also be making lunches between services to take to the park today. Please drop by the tables and pack a lunch to be given as a gift.

Christmas Stocking for Mozart Adevu
Let's wish Mozart a Merry Christmas! Donate spare change to Mozart's Christmas Stocking today. Mozart Adevu is our own covenant missionary in Ghana, Africa.

Sacred Journeys Stewardship Update
You still have time to submit your pledge card for 2016! Send it to the Church Office or leave it in the offering plate.

Gary Langer Memoir Available
Gary Langer's memoir about his escape from Nazi Germany to Boulder, Colorado is available for purchase in the Church Office for \$7.99. We invite you to enjoy this look at Gary's journey.

Christmas with the Boulder Phil Today, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary, Cost: \$35/ticket
The Boulder Philharmonic will be performing selections from Handel's *Messiah* with the Boulder Bach Festival Chorus today at Mountain View. For information or to buy tickets, visit: boulderphil.org.

New Sunday School Class Beginning January 3, 9:00 am, Frasier Parlor
The Green Earth team (in collaboration with Intentional Faith) is offering a four-week Sunday School Series in January. This series is titled "Envisioning HOPE" with a focus on the Christian's role in protecting God's creation and building a vision of a hopeful future. The class will be offered from 9-10 on January 3, 10, 17 and 24. The Adult forum class has graciously offered their space for this short term offering so the class will be in Frasier Parlor. All are invited.

Solos in January - It's Carelli's! Tuesday, January 5, 11:30 am
The Solo's lunch fellowship group enjoyed Spice China very much in November, and will likely return in the future. In the meantime, we decided to skip December and go for Carelli's (Italian cuisine) in January. Carelli's is on 30th Street in the shopping center west of Williams Village (south of Baseline). All single Mt. View ladies of about age 50 or older and their friends (single or not) are welcome. Please make your reservation with Jo Ann Joselyn jjoselyn@earthlink.net; 720 562 8027) by Sunday January 2.

Echo House Donations
January is our ECHO HOUSE collection month. Items especially needed are cleaning supplies, tissues, paper towels, diapers in larger sizes such as 4 and 5, toilet paper, dish soap and HE (high efficiency) laundry detergent. Please plan to bring items any Sunday in January and leave them in the Echo House Basket in the Narthex. These donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Youth Leadership Conference January 30, 31
YLC (Youth Leadership Conference) will take place in Glenwood Springs on the last weekend of January. This is an incredible weekend to be together and connect with others. I just received a Facebook note from friends I had as a youth remembering our time at YLC together. Don't miss it. The youth fund will help sponsor any who want to go. - Pastor Sarah

10:00 am Service ONLY on Dec 27
All are invited to the combined carol-singing worship service at 10:00 am only.

Poinsettias & Christmas Cactus Dedications in Bulletin Christmas Eve
Thanks to all who donated towards the flowers for the Altar for Christmas Eve. Look for the dedication listing in your bulletins.

Call for Liturgists!
Before or after 10:00 am worship on December 27, consider stopping in the Narthex to sign up to serve as a liturgist in 2016!



Christmas Eve at Mountain View

5:00 pm
Family Candlelight Service

7:00 pm
Traditional Candlelight Service w/ Head for Home & Spirit Singers

9:00 pm
Traditional Candlelight Service w/ Chancel Choir & Wesley Ringers

Joys:

- Mountain View SINGS! was a great success last week! Thank you to everyone who worked to make things go so well!
- Family-to-Family donations totaled \$1520! Thank you, Mountain View!
- Carloads of Share-a-Gift donations!
- Way too many gifts to count! Thank you Mountain View for your generous response!

This Week's Schedule

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 20
Worship at 8:00, 9:03, and 10:30 am
7:00 am: Sandwich Prep (N)
9:00 am: Adult/Youth Sunday School
10:45 am: Children's Sunday School (109)
11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Music Staff Meeting (108)
12:30 - 1:30 pm: Boulder Phil Warm-Up (BH)
2:00 - 3:00 pm: Boulder Phil Concert (S)
5:30 - 7:00 pm: Crossfyre Youth Group
5:30 - 7:30 pm: Youth Parent Fellowship

Monday, December 21
7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth Practice (S)
2:30 - 8:00 pm: Violin - Brady (202)
7:00 - 9:00 pm: Reserved (205)

Tuesday, December 22
7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth Practice (S)
9:00 am - 12:00 pm: There with Care (BHK)
12:30 - 2:00 pm: Staff Meeting (205)
1:30 - 9:00 pm: Violin - Berg (108)
3:30 - 7:00 pm Bridge House Dinner (BH)
6:00 - 8:30 pm: Reserved (205)
6:30 - 7:30 pm: Bell Rehearsal (S)
7:00 - 9:00 pm: Radical Hospitality (208)

Wednesday, December 23
7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth Practice (S)
1:30 - 9:00 pm: Violin - Berg (110)
7:00 - 8:30 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE
7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth Practice (S)
12:30 - 9:00 pm: Violin - Berg (108)
5:00 - 6:00 pm: Family Worship Service (S)
5:00 - 8:00 pm: Violin - Felsing (111)
7:00 - 8:00 pm: Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 - 10:00 pm: Traditional Worship (S)

Friday, December 25
CHRISTMAS DAY
7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth Practice (S)

Saturday, December 26
7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth Practice (S)
5:00 - 6:30 pm: Head for Home (S)
7:30 - 10:00 pm: NA Meeting (FP)

We will grow in love of God and neighbor and self as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the Wesleyan tradition.

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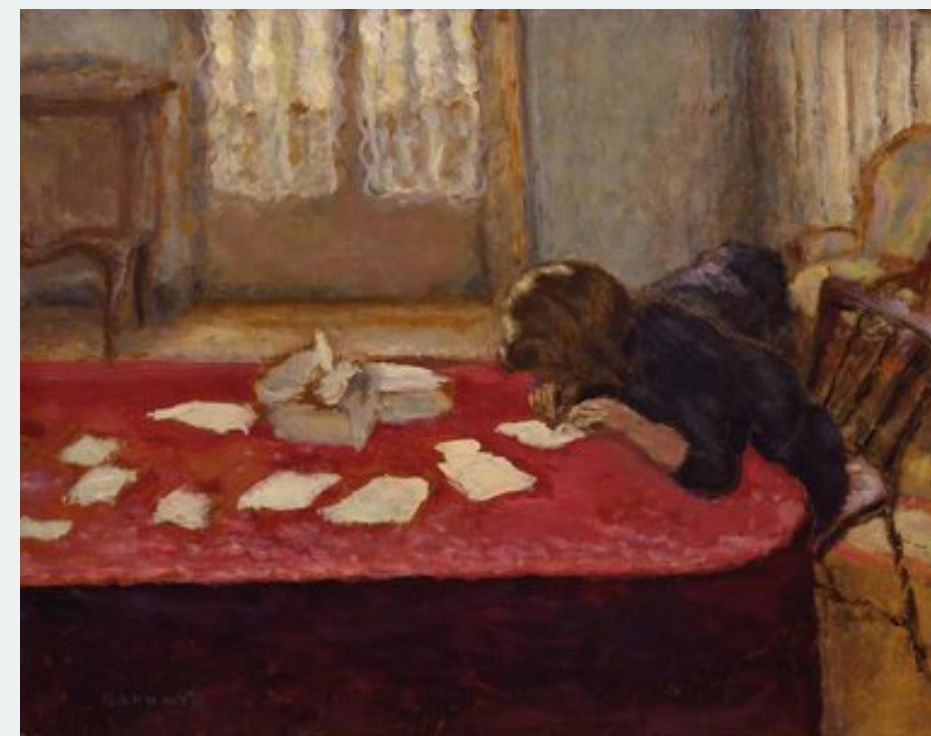


Fourth Sunday of Advent

John 3: 10 - 11

The crowd asks, John, "What should we do then to get ready for the coming of the Messiah?"

John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."



"A Christmas Letter"

Pastor Steven K. Warren

Scripture Focus: Luke 3: 8-18

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8:00 am Early Service

Gathering Hymns *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH #196
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH #206

Ritual of Friendship
 Sharing the Ministry of Mountain View UMC
 Mission Moment
 Advent Candle Lighting Martha Swanson & Dick Habighorst
 Candle lighters: "...and in the smile - or cry - of a child"
Congregational Response: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Hymn Response *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verse 1)* UMH #211
 Invitation to Worship (see screen or 10:30 am) Responsive
 Joys and Concerns
 Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer
 Offertory *Silent Night* arr. Lawrence Gee
 Belinda Strickland, flute; Linda Chambers, piano

Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH #204
 Prayer of Dedication
 Centering Music *L'Orgue Mystique* Charles Tournemire
 Jim Ruth, Organ

Scripture Focus Luke 3: 8-18 Bible p. 834
 Scripture Response Leader: The Word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message *"A Christmas Letter"*
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Closing Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH #221
 Benediction

Lay Liturgist: Martha Swanson
 Piano: Linda Chambers

9:03 am Praise Service

Centering with Breathing Deep the Breath of God
 Songs of Praise (words found on the screen)
 Welcome and Sharing the Ministry of Mountain View UMC
 Mission Moment
 Advent Candle Lighting Phil Youngren, Gary & Ryan Schmitz,
 & Cheryl Runyon
 Candle lighters: "...and in the smile - or cry - of a child"
 Congregational Response: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Hymn Response *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verse 1)* UMH #211
 Ritual of Friendship
 Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 Silent Meditation and Prayer
 Song of Praise and Offering
 Scripture Luke 3: 8-18 Bible p. 834
 Message *"A Christmas Letter"*
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Special Music
 The Sending Forth
 Closing Song
 If you are a guest today, please let us know who you are through the Fellowship Pads as they are passed. Thank you.

10:30 am Traditional Service

**Please stand, as you are able*

Prelude *A Christmas Pastoral* Powell Weaver
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine Claude Means
Adeste Fidelis Thomas Adams
 Jim Ruth, Organ
You are invited to use this time to quietly prepare your heart and mind for God.

Bringing in the Light of Christ
 Sharing the Life and Ministry of Mountain View UMC
 Mission Moment

***Greetings and Passing of the Peace:** Please greet each other with a handshake or an embrace, and **with the words, "May the peace of God be with you."**

Choral Introit *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Jacques Berthier
 Chancel Choir

*Invitation to Worship
 Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, O Promised One.
People: We come again to the season of Advent and await Your joyful presence.
 Leader: Give us patience to seek meaning in these busy days.
People: Give us courage to wait in times of pain and trouble.
 Leader: Give us compassion to wait for one another.
People: Give us faith to wait for the Messiah when we are threatened by the Herods of this world.
 Leader: Give us hope to wait for the Savior even if we cannot yet hear the angels' song.
All: And give us love that does not wait when we meet Christ in our neighbor. Amen.

***Opening Hymn *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* UMH #218**

Advent Candle Lighting Kim Park, Wendi & Walker Kirkpatrick
 Candle lighters: "...and in the smile - or cry - of a child"
Congregational Response: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Choral Response Steven Burchard
 Chancel Choir

Children's Time Pastor
Following this time, children age 3 through 5th grade are invited to leave with our Children's Director for Sunday School.

Joys & Concerns
 Pastoral Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer Unison
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Centering Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH #221**

Invitation to Offering Pastor

Offertory *Away In a Manger* arr. Bill Ingram
 Wesley Ringers

***Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH #204**
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel

Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor

Scriptural Meditation
All: May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer!

Scripture Luke 3: 8-18 Bible p. 834

Scripture Response
 Leader: The Word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Calling* arr. Roger Price
 Chancel Choir

Sermon *"A Christmas Letter"*
 Pastor Steven K. Warren

***Closing Hymn *Lo, How a Roser E'er Blooming* UMH #216**

*Benediction

Taking the Light of Christ's Blessings into the World

Postlude *God Rest Ye Merry* John Rutter
 Jim Ruth, Organ

Sermon Notes:

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 : The Poinsettias on the
 : Altar this weekend are
 : from Pastor Steve.

