

# Mountain Views *Sunday, December 4, 2016*

We would like to give thanks to our liturgists and AV teams: Jan Winquest, Belinda Strickland, Pua Cowell, Dick Habighorst, Art Salterelli, Bruce Thompson, and the Kaufmans.

**NEXT SUNDAY: SERVICES AT 9:03 AND 10:30 AM ONLY - MOUNTAIN VIEW SINGS!**

**Advent Marketplace: TODAY! 8:45 am - 12:00 pm, Barker Hall**

Come join us as we celebrate Advent with cake, hot cider, children's crafts, and a large selection of alternative Christmas gift ideas. UMW will also be collecting Christmas and Thanksgiving recipes for their cookbook project. We will have Beads for Life, Fair Trade coffees and chocolates, winter gloves for the homeless, Green Earth team products, Women's bean Project mixes, etc. Come and join the celebration!

**Wesley Annes Holiday Potluck with the Solos: Tuesday, December 6, 11:30 am, Frasier Parlor**

The Wesley Annes Circle and the Solos group will meet on Tuesday, December 6 at 11:30 am in Frasier Parlor for a holiday potluck. All church women are invited to attend. We will be singing Christmas carols and sharing stories of holidays past. For more information, contact Dorothy Quincy at 303-440-9223.

**Companions Way of Prayer: Wednesday, December 7**

The next meeting for The Companions in Christ The Way of Prayer study will be at 9:30 am on Wednesday, December 7 in Room 205. The Way of Prayer is a 10-week small group study about the nature, practice, and results of prayer. For more information, please contact Toni Gray, tbookworm@comcast.net, 303-786-9720.

**Blue Christmas: A Service of Comfort and Hope: Thursday, December 8, 5:15 pm Dinner, 6:15 pm Service**

Christmas can be a very "blue" time for those who are grieving. Loss can take many shapes in our lives; the loss of a significant relationship, the loss of our sense of purpose, the loss of employment, perhaps the loss of our health or that of a loved one, and even the loss of an aspiration or dream. If you or someone you know is finding Christmas to be a difficult time, Mountain View United Methodist Church invites you to our

2016 Blue Christmas service. There will be a light supper served and a worship service will follow the in the Sanctuary. Please call the church if you plan to have supper with us so we may prepare the appropriate amount of food or if you need transportation to the church -- 303-494-5025.

**Mountain View SINGS! Sunday, December 11, 9:03 & 10:30 am services**

All kids are invited to join us as we present the story of Christmas through music, words, and costumes! Christ's Carousel kids will join the Chancel Choir, Spirit Singers, and Head for Home in presenting music that will make your heart sing! In addition, all kids will be invited to wear costumes and participate in pageant-style readings to share the story with the congregations at both the 9:03 and 10:30 am services. We will rehearse each week leading up to the event. In addition, there will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 10. Kids, especially those with multiple lines, are asked to attend at 10:30 am for a final run-through. If you'd like to get your children involved, contact Larissa at landshoffman@mtview.org.

**Warm Up Your Knitting Needles and Crochet Hooks for December Mission Projects: Due December 11**

Mountain View members who are making scarves for the Red Scarf Project for former foster children now in college and trade school should deliver their projects to the Church Office by December 11 for shipping prior to the deadline. Members who have been making scarves and hats for the Better Aging Foundation here in Boulder for local seniors in need of a little warmth also should deliver their items to the Church Office by December 11 so that they can be delivered with holiday baskets prior to Christmas. Many thanks for your time and generosity to others. If you have questions, please visit with Cheryl Runyon (Red Scarf), or Jean and Warren Barker (Better Aging).

**WOW Meets Sunday, December 11**  
The Women of the Word (WOW) will meet in the Flatirons Room (Room 205) on December 11 at 10:15 am to discuss advent-related materials and share "Roses" and "Thorns." We also will discuss future study topics. Contact Jean Bowen at 303-443-3225.

**German Language Crafts & Advent Christmas Service**

**Saturday, December 17, 4:00 pm**

Join us for a special German Advent celebration with crafts, food, a German (and English) service led by Pastor Steve, and crib play! Craft activities will happen before the service, which starts at 4:00 pm, with food and refreshments to follow.

**Share-A-Gift Donations**

Boxes for new and gently used toys and games are in the Narthex through December 11. The toy workshop is scheduled for December 17. Contact Jo Ann Joselyn if you have questions or would like to help with the workshop.

**Family to Family Donations**

Outreach is again offering Mountain View members the opportunity to make Christmas donations to some of Boulder County's highest need families. Make checks to Family to Family and/or donate gift cards from Target or Walmart (in \$25 increments please). There will be a collection box available.

**UMW Reading Program Reports are Due**

Please share your reading program report with Jan Winquest as soon as possible so that she can report our totals to the Peaks and Plains District. Please call or email Jan at 720-562-8215 or togoquest@gmail.com. Thank you!

**Be Still & Know: Christmas Worship at Mountain View**

**Sunday, December 11:** Mountain View Sings - 9:03 am & 10:30 am

**Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve**

- 5:30 pm: Family Service
- 7:00 pm: Traditional Service with Head for Home & Spirit Singers
- 9:00 pm: Traditional Service with Wesley Ringers and Chancel Choir

**Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day** - Worship at 10:30 am only

**Prayers:**

- Dennis Bergin
- John Harris
- Dave Beaty
- Next week marks the 75 anniversary of Pearl Harbor

**Joys:**

- The Community Thanksgiving service last Tuesday was a great success, with 8 congregations and 5 different Christian traditions participating.

**This Week's Schedule**

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

**Sunday, December 4**

*Worship at 8:00, 9:03, & 10:30 am*

9:00 - 10:00 am: Adult/Youth Sunday School  
10:00 - 10:30 am: Children's Choir (111/113)  
10:45 - 11:45 am: Children's Sunday School (109)  
11:45 am - 12:45 pm: Spirit Singers (S)  
1:00 - 4:45 pm: BPA (BH)  
5:30 - 7:00 pm: Crossfyr

**Monday, December 5**

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)  
9:30 - 12:00 pm: Handweavers (110)  
4:15 - 8:45 pm: GBYO (S, FP, Classrooms)  
7:00 - 9:00 pm: Outreach Meeting (FP)  
7:00 - 9:00 pm: SPPRC (VR)  
7:00 - 9:00 pm: Reserved (205)

**Tuesday, December 6**

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)  
10:00 am - 1:30 pm: Wesley Annes (FP)  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Staff Meeting (205)  
3:30 - 7:00 pm: Bridge House Dinner (BH)  
5:15 - 6:30 pm: Worship Committee (208)  
5:30 - 7:45 pm: Infinite U Yoga (111/113)  
6:00 - 8:30 pm: Reserved (205)  
6:30 - 7:30 pm: Bell Rehearsal (S)

**Wednesday, December 7**

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm: There with Care (BHK)  
9:30 - 11:00 am: Care Team (FP)  
9:30 - 11:30 am: Transformations Group (205)  
10:00 - 11:30 am: Mommy and Me (N)  
12:00 - 9:00 pm: Violin - Berg (111/113)  
3:45 - 6:15 pm: Violin - Morris  
4:00 - 5:45 pm: Flute - Kelly (202)  
5:30 - 6:30 pm: Music Staff Meeting (205)  
6:15 - 7:30 pm: Violin - Morris (112)  
6:30 - 7:30 pm: Wednesday Night Study (205)  
7:00 - 8:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal (S, 108)

**Thursday, December 8**

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)  
1:00 - 9:00 pm: Violin - Berg (108)  
4:00 - 7:00 pm: Blue Christmas (FP, S)  
6:00 - 8:00 pm: Cub Scouts (112)  
6:30 - 8:30 pm: NAMH Meeting (208)

**Friday, December 9**

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)  
4:00 - 9:00 pm: Suzuki Strings (S, BH, VR, FP, Classrooms)  
5:30 - 9:00 pm: Fun Club (FP)

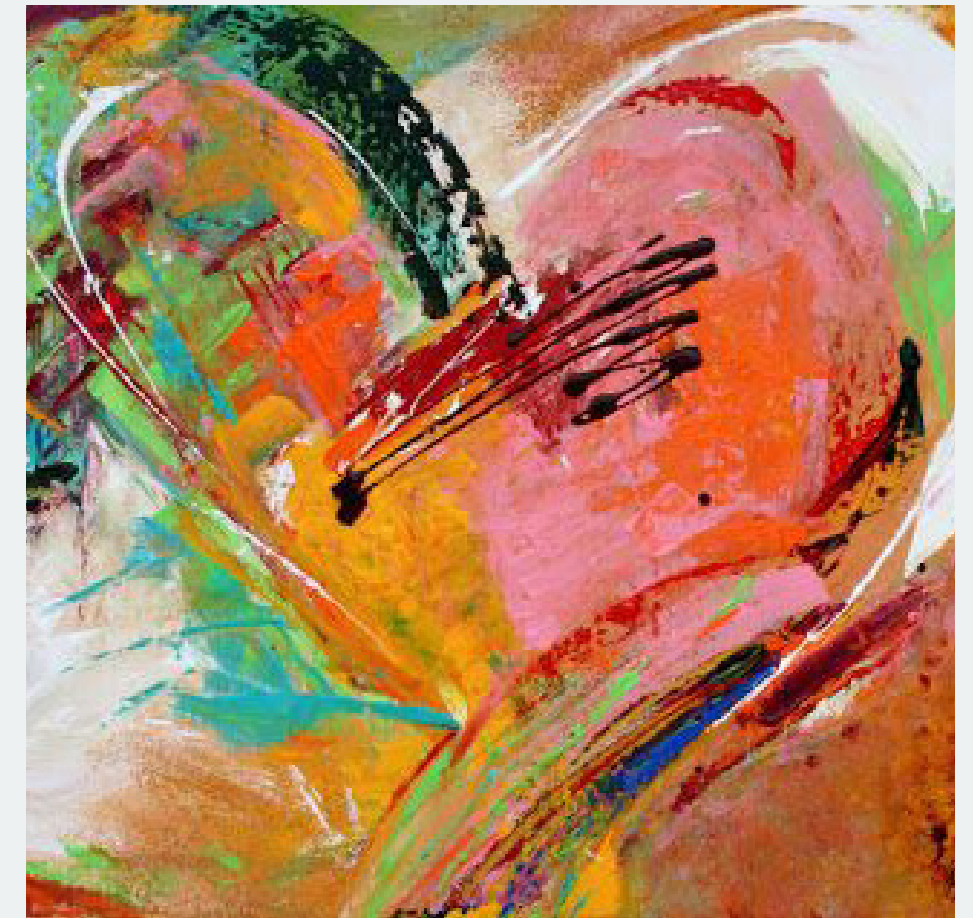
**Saturday, December 10**

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm: Mt View Spruce Up  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm: Mt View Sings Dress Rehearsal (S)  
2:00 - 5:00 pm: Girl Scouts (FP)  
5:00 - 6:30 pm: Head for Home (S)  
6:30 - 9:00 pm: Infinite U Yoga (111/113)  
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.*

# December 4, 2016

*Second Sunday of Advent*



## "Be Still and Know: Why Not Now?"

Pastor Sarah Merchant

*Scripture Focus: Matthew 3: 1-12*

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### 8:00 am Early Service

Gathering Hymns *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* UMH #216  
*Let Us Break Bread Together* UMH #618

Sharing the Ministry of Mountain View UMC

Advent Candle Lighting Helen Bosley and Donnie Gallawa  
(See screen for response)

Collect

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH #204

Prayer of Dedication

Centering Hymn *O Come O Come Emmanuel (v. 1, 2, 6, 7)* UMH #211

Scripture Focus Matthew 3: 1-12 Bible p. 784

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

Meditation *"Be Still and Know: Why Not Now?"*  
Pastor Sarah Merchant

Sacrament of Holy Communion (See screen or 10:30 am)

Closing Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH #209

Benediction

Lay Liturgist: Jan Winquest

Piano: Linda Chambers

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### 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

Advent Candle Lighting Linda Chambers, Belinda Strickland,  
(See screen for response) & Debbie Garrison

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation and Prayer

Song of Praise and Offering

Scripture Matthew 3: 1-12 Bible p. 784

Message *"Be Still and Know: Why Not Now?"*  
Pastor Sarah Merchant

Acts of Reflection and Response - Communion (See screen or 10:30 am)

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 *Variations sur un Noel Bourguignon* Andre Fleury  
Jim Ruth, Organ

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome

Sharing the Life and Ministry of Mountain View UMC

Advent Candle Lighting The Good Family - Bill, Kathleen,  
Annie and Julia; Annette and  
Andy Anderson and Betty Baal

Congregational Response *Prepare the Way of the Lord* UMH #207  
(See screen)

Collect

**\*Opening Hymn *Heralds of Christ* UMH #567**

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

**Centering Hymn *O Come O Come Emmanuel (v. 1, 2, 6, 7)* UMH #211**

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 Matthew 3: 1-12 Bible p. 784

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

Meditation *"Be Still and Know: Why Not Now?"*  
Pastor Sarah Merchant

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *O Comfort, Now My People* Thomas Pavlechko  
Chancel Choir & Ken Roberge, bass

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

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Call to Reconciliation

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

**All: It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Waiting God.**

**There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends,  
which we would like to forget.**

**There are those we believe are impossible to love, and so we don't  
try.**

**There are people who live on the edge of our society,  
and we ignore their cries for help.**

**Forgive us, God who comes near to us.**

**When we have lost our way, show us yours.**

**Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom.**

**Teach us your truth, so we might be able to keep your Word,  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God does not remember our sins,  
but does remember the promises which have been made to us.  
God does not shame us, but lifts us to new life.

**All: Lead us in your hope, O God, and teach us your love.**  
**You are the God of our days, we wait for you to come to us.**  
**Amen.**

Passing of God's Peace

**Great Thanksgiving (See screen for sung responses) TFWS #2257**

**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.**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Sending Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH #209**

\*Benediction

Taking the Light of Christ's Blessings into the World

Postlude *Choral- Improvisation on 'In dulci Jubilo'*  
Jim Ruth, Organ Sigfrid Kary-Elert

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: The flowers on the Altar today are from  
: Dick Ferraro in memory of wife, Wendy, and  
: son, Rick.

