

Mountain Views *Sunday, December 18, 2016*

We would like to give thanks to our liturgists and AV teams: Martha Swanson, Mike Moore, Kris Flewelling, Dick Habighorst, the Eustes', Ryan Kirkpatrick and Lee Ann Lathop.

Be Still & Know: Christmas Worship (and beyond) at Mountain View

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve

- 5:00 pm: Family Service
- 7:00 pm: Traditional Service with Head for Home & Spirit Singers
- 8:35 pm: Musical Christmas Gift
- 9:00 pm: Traditional Service with Wesley Ringers and Chancel Choir

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

Sunday, January 1: New Year's Day - Worship at 10:30 am only; Wesleyan Covenant Renewal service

Spirit Singers Tour

This weekend, the Spirit Singers will be busy sharing the good news of Christ's birth and spreading cheer around the community. On Saturday, they visited Fraser Meadows Memory Care, Sunrise Senior Living, and Brookdale North Boulder to Christmas carol. Today, the students will attend the Colorado Ballet's performance of the Nutcracker at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, providing carols in the lobby as patrons arrive and again at intermission. Katie Sakanai is so thankful to the singers and parents for making time during the busy holiday season to sing in the greater community.

Musical Christmas Eve Gift

The Chancel Choir, Wesley Ringers, Jim Ruth, and Casey Feldkamp would like to share with the congregation a Musical Christmas Eve gift. This will begin at 8:35 pm, preceding the 9:00 pm worship service on Christmas Eve. We invite you to come a little early to church, take a seat, take a deep breath, relax, and enjoy some choral and keyboard Christmas music. We share this in appreciation of the wonderful people that make up our Mountain View family.

New Wednesday Night Women's Group Study

The Wednesday Night Women's group will begin a new study in January. We will be using material by Melissa

Spolsta entitled First Corinthians: Living Love When We Disagree. In this six-week study we will explore Paul's first letter to the Corinthians to learn how we as Christians are to deal with differences and divisions--whether in the workplace, neighborhood, school, home, social media community, or church. We'll discover that the answer is living and sharing the radical love of Jesus Christ, and we'll unpack what this means and how we can live it out day by day. The group will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Flatiron Room (205) at the church. Please consider joining the group for this study as the new year begins. If you have questions, contact Connie Balazs at 303-666-1842 or brbalazs@comcast.net.

Christmas Stocking for Mozart Adevu

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

Adult Forum continues Advent Study

Please join us as we journey through the Advent Season and find ourselves seeking the birth of the Christ child. Our time together is full of conversation, laughter and deep questions. We meet at 9:05 am in Frasier Parlor South. The book, *Underdogs and Outsiders* is by Tom Fuerst and can be ordered through Amazon or Cokesbury. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Forbes at star-dreams@comcast.net.

New January Green Team Sunday School Speaker Series

The international UMW has chosen climate justice as one of their focus topics for 2017. We are pleased to offer that focus for our January environmental Sunday school series. Please mark your calendars (when you get the new one) and plan to join us for this series of topics and discussions. We will meet at 9:00 am. It is our hope to provide a wide variety of ideas and discussion including youtube and TED talks to stimulate ideas. Contact Mary Beth Downing (mzmbeth@gmail.com) with questions.

UMW Reading Program Reports Due Please share your reading program

report with Jan Winqest 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!

January is Our Echo House Collection Month

The yearly collection of supplies for the Echo House Family Shelter will be held each Sunday in January. Echo House provides short-term transitional housing for families. Items especially needed are high efficiency laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers in sizes 4 & 5, pullups, sponges and other cleaning supplies, and blankets. There will be an Echo House Basket in the Narthex on Sundays. All items are greatly appreciated.

Our January 2017 Theme -- Going into the World: Incarnation Embodying Epiphany

As the Light of the World has come to lead the way, we, too, go into the world as Jesus did, a vulnerable human being, desiring community, wholeness and healing. As we explore how we move in a world that is wrought with distressing news, uncertainty, and overwhelming realities, we recognize that we don't go it alone. We go together as the Body of Christ just as we go together with the God, who put on skin to dwell among us. The Epiphany story reveals who we are, allowing us to see our vulnerabilities as strengths, our history as emboldening, and our connection as a people of God. This is for us a necessary hope and an "embodied love" for all the world! Please join us as we look ahead to 2017, and the adventures of the New Year at Mountain View.

Solos Ring in the New Year

The Solos decided to return to Spice China in Louisville to mark the year of the Rooster. Carpools will leave the Mountain View parking lot at 11:15 am, or meet at the restaurant 11:30 on Wednesday, January 4th. The address is 269 McCaslin, on the west side of McCaslin about halfway between Hwy 36 and South Boulder Road. All Mountain View ladies of about age 50 or older (single or not) and their friends are welcome. Please make your reservation with Jo Ann Joselyn (jjoselyn@earthlink.net; 720-562-8027) by Monday January 2nd.

This Week's Schedule

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

Sunday, December 18

Worship at 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)

Monday, December 19

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)

6:30 - 8:30 pm: Finance Committee (208)

7:00 - 9:00 pm: Reserved (205)

Tuesday, December 20

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)

11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Staff Meeting (205)

3:30 - 7:00 pm: Bridge House Dinner (BH)

5:15 - 6:45 pm: Intentional Faith (208)

6:00 - 8:30 pm: Reserved (205)

6:30 - 7:30 pm: Bell Rehearsal (S)

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm: There with Care (BHK)

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)

7:00 - 8:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal (S, 108)

Thursday, December 22

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)

1:00 - 9:00 pm: Violin - Berg (108)

Friday, December 23

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

7:00 - 10:00 am: Jim Ruth (S)

7:30 am - 1:00 pm: Restorative Justice (FP & Classrooms)

5:00 - 6:00 pm: Family Christmas Eve Service (S)

7:00 - 8:00 pm: Traditional Christmas Service (S)

7:30 - 10:00 pm: NA Meeting (FP)

8:35 - 9:00 pm: Musical Christmas Gift (S)

9:00 - 10:00 pm: Traditional Christmas Service (S)

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:30 am: Worship Service (Worship at 10:30 am ONLY)

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

December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent



"Be Still and Know: A Regular Joe"

Pastor Steven K. Warren

Scripture Focus: Matthew 1: 18-25

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8:00 am Early Service

Gathering Hymns *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH #213
Star-Child TFWS #2095

Ritual of Friendship

Sharing the Ministry of Mountain View UMC

Advent Candle Lighting Paul & Donna Voss
 (See screen for response)

Invitation to Worship (See screen or 10:30 am) Responsive

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer (See screen or 10:30 am)

Offertory

Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH #204

Prayer of Dedication

Centering Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH #221

Scripture Focus Matthew 1: 18-25 Bible p. 783

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

Message *"Be Still and Know: A Regular Joe"*
 Pastor Steven K. Warren

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

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

Advent Candle Lighting Mary Beth Downing & Doris Turner
 (See screen for response)

Ritual of Friendship

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation and Prayer

Song of Praise and Offering

Scripture Matthew 1: 18-25 Bible p. 783

Message *"Be Still and Know: A Regular Joe"*
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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 *Adeste Fidelis* Thomas Adams
A Christmas Pastorale Powell Weaver
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine Claude Means
 Jim Ruth, Organ

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Sharing the Life and Ministry of Mountain View UMC

*Greetings and Passing of the Peace: Please greet each other with a
 handshake or an embrace, **and tell one another about what has
 helped you find stillness/peace this Advent**

Advent Candle Lighting The Wagner Family & Beth Reinker
 (See screen for response)

Congregational Response *Prepare the Way of the Lord* UMH #207
*Cantor will sing response once, followed by entire congregation once, then
 two times as a round beginning with the left side of the congregation.*

*Invitation to Worship (Responsive)
 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 *Once in Royal David's City* UMH #250

Sacrament of Holy Baptism Elizabeth Rose Sammells
 Daughter of Alex and Andrea Sammells

*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

Offertory *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* arr. Edgar Pettman
 Chancel Choir

*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

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 1: 18-25 Bible p. 783

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

Special Music *Joseph's Song* Michael Card
 Steven Burchard

Sermon *"Be Still and Know: A Regular Joe"*
 Pastor Steven K. Warren

*Closing Hymn *Lo, How a Rose 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 flowers on the Altar today are from
 Betty O'Brien in memory of brother, Don.*

