

Mountain Views *December 10, 2017*

We would like to give thanks to our liturgists and AV teams: Connie Balazs, Jean Bowen, Kris Flewelling, Dick Habighorst, the Kerbers, and the Gygis.

Mountain View SINGS! Next Sunday, 9:03 and 10:30 am ONLY

Mountain View Sings is our yearly Christmas pageant presented by Larissa Hoffman and her band of exciting kids. Head for Home, Spirit Singers, Chancel Choir, and Christ Carousel Singers will all contribute to the telling of the Christmas story using music sung in their diverse styles. This worship service will be sung on December 17 at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

WOW Meets Today
WOW will meet today at 10:15 am in the Flatirons Room. We will continue our fall study and discussion with *Hallelujah Anyway (Rediscovering Mercy)*, by Anne Lamott—all chapters. All church women are invited to join us and share in our "Roses" and "Thorns." For more information, contact Jean Bowen at 303-449-3225.

Mosaic Choir Performance: Tonight at 5:00 pm, Wesley Foundation

All are invited to hear some great music and enjoy a potluck from our friends at the Wesley Foundation.

Blue Christmas Service: Thursday, December 14

If you or someone you know is finding Christmas to be a difficult time, Mountain View United Methodist Church invites you to our 2017 Blue Christmas service. There will be a light supper served at 5:15 pm in Frasier Parlor. A worship service will follow the supper at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary. **Please RSVP to the Church Office if you plan to have supper with us so we may prepare the appropriate amount of food, if you need transportation to the church, or need childcare during the service.**

German Advent Service: Saturday, December 16, 3:00 pm

All are invited to a festive, ecumenical Advent service in German. There will be music, prayer, Crib Play, Scripture, and a message with an informal gathering and treats to follow.

Advent and Christmas Eve Services

- **Sunday, December 10** - Second Sunday of Advent
- **Thursday, December 14** - Blue Christmas - Dinner at 5:15, Service at 6:15 pm
- **Sunday, December 17** - Third Sunday of Advent - Mountain View Sings - Worship at 9:03 & 10:30 am ONLY
- **Sunday, December 24** - Combined morning worship at 10:30 am (No 8:00 or 9:03 services)

Christmas Eve Services

- **5:00 pm:** Family service
- **6:30 pm:** Musical Christmas gift - enjoy Christmas songs from the Chancel Choir and Wesley Ringers in the Sanctuary before worship
- **7:00 pm:** Traditional Service with Choir and Wesley Ringers
- **9:00 pm:** Traditional Service with Head for Home and Spirit Singers

December Outreach Opportunities Share a Gift

Share a Gift provides new and gently used toys to less fortunate children. This program allows parents to shop for their children with the donated gifts so that the gift is from them and chosen for the child specifically. There will be a box in the Narthex this weekend. Volunteers are welcome (ages 16 and up) to help during December 13-17. For more information visit shareagift.org or call JoAnn Joselyn at 720-446-TOY1.

Family to Family

This program offers us the opportunity to enrich the lives of families in need of holiday assistance. This program is coordinated with the Department of Housing and Human Services every year. They request \$25 gift cards from Target or Walmart or checks made to Family to Family. There is a box for donations available this weekend in the Narthex. Donor forms will also be available this weekend in the Narthex for pick up.

Mozart's Stocking

Watch for the elves in the Narthex on December 10 and December 17 for donations towards a personal family gift for Mozart Adevu, our Covenant Missionary in Ghana.

Charge Conference Update

If you would like a packet from this

year's Charge Conference, they are available beneath the mailboxes opposite the Church Office.

Advent is Upon Us! Adult Forum Starts a Study of Joseph

This year, Adult Forum is pursuing a study of Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, using a new book by Adam Hamilton: *Faithful*. Adult Forum meets Sunday mornings at 9:03 am in Frasier Parlor South. The study began on November 26th and everyone is invited to join for any and all sessions. *Faithful* looks at the role of Joseph in the life of Jesus and the story of Christmas. Joseph, who has long been relegated to a minor role, serves to inspire us to a life of faith, sacrifice and duty to God. Questions? Please call Carol Forbes at 303-665-4104 or email at star-dreams@comcast.net.

Fixer-upper Snowblower Available!

Are you interested in a potential project that could net you a brand new 10-year-old snowblower? The church has a snowblower that is available to someone who could make use of it. Interested in checking it out? Call Arthur Howe at the Church Office - 303-494-5025!

Would you like to Sponsor a Cub Scout pack?

Cub Scouts Pack 372 meets at the church and they are seeking to make Mountain View their "Chartered Organization." In order to do so, they require a member of the church to serve as the Chartered Organization Representative (a liaison between the church and pack). Duties are light and require minimal time commitment. Sound interesting? Contact the Church Office at 303-494-5025.

Prayers

- Geni Mitchell
- Jana Wynett
- Dave Beaty
- Brooks Ton
- Jean Bowen
- Barb Coppom
- Ed Vejvoda

Joys

- For those with walkers or wheelchairs, the south end of the building now has automatic restroom and exit doors. We thank the Langer family for their gift, in memory of Gary and Ann. A special dedication will be scheduled in the future.

This Week's Schedule

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

Sunday, December 10

9:00 - 10:00 am: Adult Forum (FPS)
9:00 - 10:00 am: S&OS (FPN)
9:00 - 10:00 am: Youth Sunday School
9:15 - 10:15 am: Lively Latte (208)
10:30 am - 12:30 pm: Men's Group (208)
10:30 am - 12:30 pm: WOW (205)
10:45 - 11:45 am: Children's Sunday School
11:50 am - 12:50 pm: Spirit Singers (108)
5:30 - 7:00 pm: Crossfyre (BH)

Monday, December 11

8:00 am - 12:00 pm: Handweavers (BH)
1:15 - 8:15 pm: Violin - Brady (202)
4:15 - 8:45 pm: GBYO (S, FP, VR, 108, 109, 111/113, 112)
7:00 - 9:00 pm: Reserved (205)

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Organ Practice (S)
11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Staff Meeting (205)
3:30 - 7:00 pm: Bridge House Dinner (BH)
6:00 - 10:00 pm: Handweavers (FP)
6:00 - 8:00 pm: Infinite U (111/113)
6:00 - 8:30 pm: Reserved (205)
6:30 - 7:30 pm: Bell Rehearsal (S)
6:30 - 8:00 pm: NA Committee (208)

Wednesday, December 13

10:30 am - 1:30 pm: There with Care (BHK)
11:00 am - 9:00 pm: Violin - Berg (111/113)
12:00 - 1:30 pm: Men's Lunch Bunch (FP)
3:45 - 6:15 pm: Violin - Morris (108)
4:30 - 6:15 pm: Flute - Kelly (202)
5:30 - 6:30 pm: Music Staff Meeting (205)
6:15 - 8:15 pm: Violin - Morris (112)
6:30 - 7:30 pm: MA Meeting (FP)
7:00 - 8:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal (S, 108)

Thursday, December 14

9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Organ Practice (S)
12:00 - 9:00 pm: Violin - Berg (109)
5:15 - 6:15 pm: Blue Christmas Meal (FP)
6:15 - 7:00 pm: Blue Christmas Service (S)
6:30 - 8:30 pm: NAMH Meeting (208)

Friday, December 15

3:45 - 6:15 pm: Suzuki Strings (S)

Saturday, December 16

9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Mountain View Sings Rehearsal (S)
9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Saturday Stitches (BH)
3:00 - 5:30 pm: German Advent Service (S)
5:00 - 6:30 pm: Head for Home (S)

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

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent



"A Pregnant Pause"

By Pastor Steven K. Warren

Luke 1: 26-38

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United Methodist Church**

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8:00 am Early Service

Gathering Hymns *Star-Child* TFWS 2095
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH #206

Ritual of Friendship

Sharing the Ministry of Mountain View UMC

Advent Candle Lighting Paul & Donna Voss

Call to Worship (see screen or 10:30 service)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Centering Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH #221

Offering

Doxology (see screen or 10:30 service) UMH #204

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Focus Luke 1: 26-38 Bible p. 831

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

Sermon *"A Pregnant Pause"*
 Pastor Steven K. Warren

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

Benediction

Lay Liturgist: Connie Balazs
 Piano: Mary O'Brien

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 Adam Fortin & Paula Derryberry

Ritual of Friendship

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation and Prayer

Song of Praise and Offering

Scripture Focus Luke 1: 26-38 Bible p. 831

Message *"A Pregnant Pause"*
 Pastor Steven K. Warren

Special Music

The Sending Forth

Closing Song

10:30 am Traditional Service

**Please stand, as you are able*

Prelude *Introit* Flor Peeters
Emmanuel arr. Joel Raney
 Gerry Luethi, Piano

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Sharing the Life and Ministry of Mountain View UMC

Advent Candle Lighting the Adams family:
 Susie, Keven, Calum, Greyson and Adeline

***Greetings and Passing of the Peace:** Please greet each other with a handshake or an embrace, and by asking one another when was the last time you had to wait with anticipation.

***Invitation to Worship** **Responsive**

Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching.
People: The time of expectation and of new life.

Leader: Now is the season of hope unfolding.
People: The dark winter season when hope is waiting to be born.

Leader: Let us come before God with receptive and willing spirits.
People: Let our souls magnify God's name; let our spirits rejoice in Christ our Savior!

***Opening Hymn** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **UMH #206**

Children's Time
Following this time, children age 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate in worship in our Playground or return to sit with their families.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Meditation

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.**

***Advent Song** *In the Bleak Midwinter* **UMH #221**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *People, Look East* arr. Sondra Tucker
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

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 1: 26-38 Bible p. 831

Scripture Response

Leader: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *The Linden Tree* arr. Crawford Thoburn
 Chancel Choir

Message *"A Pregnant Pause"*
 Pastor Steven K. Warren

***Advent Song** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* **UMH #216**

*Benediction

Taking the Light of Christ's Blessings into the World

Postlude *From Heaven to Earth I Come* Wilbur Held
 Susan Carl, organ

As it pleases you, you are invited to remain for the Organ Postlude or leave following the Benediction.

Sermon Notes:
