

Mountain Views *December 9, 2018*

We would like to give thanks to our liturgists and AV teams: Connie Balazs, Jean Bowen, Carolyn LeSage, and everyone helping with AV today.

Christmas Caroling Today

This is a reminder that we will be singing for the residents of Frasier Meadows and Boulder Manor this afternoon. First join us for a quick lunch after the 10:30 service in Barker Hall. Steve Burchard will hand out music to all singers and we will head across the street to Frasier Meadows, where we will begin singing at 12:30 pm in the Health Care Center. We will finish at 1:00 pm and then head over to Boulder Manor, which is located on the corner of Baseline and Mohawk. If possible, please plan on carpooling with others. We will also have our church van available, driven by Richard De La Vega. We will sing at 1:30 and head back to the church at 2:00. All are welcome to stay for some cookies and cider before heading for home. Many thanks to all who are singing with us.

Advent Devotions

All are invited to use and enjoy the devotion books in the pews. As you reflect on the reading, feel free to add your thoughts, drawings, or doodles to the blank pages provided. You may leave the devotion books in the pews, or take them home to review as desired. Activity kits for families with children to use at home with the book can be found outside of Room 109.

WOW Meets Today

WOW will hold its next meeting today at 10:15 am in the Flatirons Room. We will read and discuss the last eight (or so) chapters of our book, Year of YES by Shonda Rhimes. We will begin Misquoting Jesus, by Bart D. Erdman as our first study book of 2019. And we plan to go caroling in the afternoon after a quick lunch with the other carolers. For more information, contact Jean Bowen at 303-449-3225.

Blue Christmas Dinner & Service: Thursday, December 13

If you and your family are finding Christmas to be a difficult time, We invite you to join us at our Blue Christmas meal and service to honor your loss. There will be a light supper served Thursday, December 13th at 5:15 pm in Frasier Parlor, and a service will follow the supper at 6:15 pm in the sanctuary. RSVP to office@mtview.org or call 303-494-5025.

Fun Club: Friday, December 14, 5:30-9:00 pm

Drop the kids off for a night of movies, pizza, crafts, and play while you enjoy some quiet time! Cost for the event is \$5 per child/\$10 per family, and is open to kids of all ages. (Nursery care available for our younger participants.) You do not need to be a member of the church or attend Mountain View Preschool to take advantage of this program, so feel free to invite friends! To RSVP, please email Larissa by Wednesday, 12/12.

Mountain View Sings: Next Sunday!!! 9:03 & 10:30 am

All kids are invited to participate in our annual pageant presentation of the Christmas story! We'll use costumes, words, and music as we share the story of this special season. We'll be working with the Chancel choir, Head for Home, and the Spirit Singers to make this a celebration you don't want to miss! There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, 12/15, to run the service with all of our music groups. Kids, especially those with multiple lines, are strongly encouraged to attend!

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 19, at 10:00 am at Frasier Meadows Retirement Community. The circle will celebrate the holidays in fellowship. For more information, contact Jan Winquest at 720-562-8215.

Upcoming Combined Worship: Sunday, December 23 & Sunday, December 30

All are invited to worship at one united service at 10:30 am on December 23 & December 30. **On December 30, we will be having a pancake breakfast at 9:00 am in Barker Hall before the service.** This is a great opportunity for attendees of different services to get together and have breakfast and get to know each other. See you there!

Christmas Eve Worship

Please join us for one of our joyful Christmas Eve Worship Services

- 5:00 pm: Family service – featuring the Christmas story and the singing of traditional Christmas Carols
- 7:00 pm: Contemporary Service with Head for Home praise band and Spirit Singers youth choir
- 8:30 pm: Musical Christmas gift – enjoy familiar Christmas songs in the Sanctuary before worship
- 9:00 pm: Traditional Service with Chancel Choir & Wesley Ringers

Share a Gift Collection

Share a Gift is an all-volunteer holiday project that provides new and gently-used toys to less fortunate children in the Boulder Valley School District. Look for the box in the Narthex. Toys will be distributed on Saturday, December 15. Volunteers are welcome (ages 16 and up) for December 12-16. For more information visit shareagift.org or call JoAnn at 720-446-TOY1.

Family-to-Family Collection

Outreach will be collecting \$25 gift cards from Target or Walmart for the Family-to-Family Holiday Program. **Target cards will be 10% off this Sunday!** A donation box is in the Narthex. Note: Please make sure the dollar amount is clearly marked.

Mozart's Stocking Collection

Chief Elf Glen Strand will be buzzing around the Narthex this Sunday and next with a Christmas stocking collecting money. You may contribute to a personal gift for Mozart Adevu, our covenant missionary in Ghana.

Help with Cookies for Sunday

Help us keep providing great homemade cookies each Sunday. If you are interested, contact Judy Davis at jkdavis68@gmail.com or (303) 499-9641.

Adjustable Hospital Bed Available

Contact the Church Office if you are interested.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to Pastor Steve and Beth Warren on the birth of their new granddaughter, Yolanda Maribel, last week.

Condolences

- Jean Wainwright is mourning the loss of her son Jack, who died 11/25. A memorial service will be held at the church on Saturday, 12/29 at 1:30 pm.

Prayers

- Donnie Hage
- Phil Youngren
- Desiree Williams
- Sharon Tsang
- Wanda & Joe Rivera
- Joanie Calhoun

BH: Barker Hall | BHK: Barker Hall Kitchen | FP: Frasier Parlor | S: Sanctuary | VR: View Room

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 9

Worship at 8:00, 9:03, & 10:30 am
9:00 - 10:00 am Adult Forum (205)
9:00 - 10:00 am S&OS (FP North)
9:15 - 10:15 am Lively Latte (208)
10:30 - 12:30 pm Men's Group (208)
10:30 - 12:30 pm WOW (205)
10:30 - 11:30 am: Youth Sunday School (202)
10:45 - 11:45 am: Children's Sunday School
11:50 - 12:50 pm Spirit Singers (108)
12:15 - 2:00 pm Spirit Singers Caroling

Monday, December 10

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Handweavers (BH)
3:00 - 8:00 pm Violin - Brady (202)
4:15 - 8:45 pm GBYO (S, FP, VR, 108, 109, 111/113, 112)
6:30 - 8:30 pm NAMI (208)
7:00 - 9:00 pm Reserved (205)

Tuesday, December 11

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (205)
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 12

9:30 - 11:00 am Care Team (FP)
9:30 - 12:00 pm Transformations Group (205)
10:30 am - 1:30 pm There with Care (BHK)
11:00 - 9:00 am Violin - Berg (111/113)
12:00 - 1:30 pm Men's Lunch (FP)
2:00 - 7:45 pm Violin - Morris (108, 112)
5:30 - 6:30 pm Music Staff Meeting (205)
7:00 - 8:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, December 13

12:00 - 9:00 pm Violin - Berg (108)
4:00 - 7:30 pm Blue Christmas Dinner (FP)
4:30 - 7:30 pm Girl Scouts (BH)
6:30 - 8:30 pm NAMH (208)
7:00 - 8:00 pm Blue Christmas (S)

Friday, December 14

3:45 - 6:15 pm Suzuki Strings (S, 109, 111/113)
4:15 - 6:15 pm Suzuki Strings (BH, VR, FP, 108, 112, 202, 207, 210, 215/16)
5:30 - 9:00 pm Fun Club (FP)

Saturday, December 15

9:00 - 12:00 pm Mt. View Sings Rehearsal (S)
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Saturday Stitches (BH)
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Organ Rehearsal (S)
5:00 - 6:00 pm Head for Home Rehearsal (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.

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent



Building Vital and Open Community on Christ's Foundation

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

By Pastor Steven K. Warren

Scripture: Luke 3: 1-6

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8:00 am Early Service

Gathering Hymns *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH #206
Blessed Be the God of Israel UMH #209

Ritual of Friendship

Sharing the Ministry of Mountain View UMC

Staff Appreciation

Advent Candle Lighting

Shepherd's Song *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* TFWS #2096

Spiritual Practice - Breath Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Our Lord's Prayer (see screen or 10:30 am service) Unison

Centering Hymn *Of the Father's Love Begotten* UMH #184

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Focus Luke 3: 1-6 Bible p. 834

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

Sermon *"Prepare the Way of the Lord"*
 Pastor Steven K. Warren

Closing Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH #221

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

Staff Appreciation

Advent Candle Lighting Susie Burley & Jeannine Malmsbury

Shepherd's Song *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* TFWS #2096

Ritual of Friendship

Spiritual Practice - Breath Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation and Prayer

Song of Praise and Offering

Scripture Focus Luke 3: 1-6 Bible p. 834

Message *"Prepare the Way of the Lord"*
 Pastor Steven K. Warren

Special Music

Welcoming New Members (See screen or 10:30 am)

The Sending Forth

Closing Song

10:30 am Traditional Service

**Please stand, as you are able*

Prelude *Emmanuel* arr. Joel Raney
 Gerry Luethi, Piano

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Sharing the Life and Ministry of Mountain View UMC

Staff Appreciation

***Greetings and Passing of the Peace:** Please greet each other with a handshake or an embrace, and tell one another about what helps you to pray.

Advent Candle Lighting The Shaver family

Shepherd's Song *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* TFWS #2096

***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.

This Week in Christ's Carousel
This week in Christ's Carousel we will be preparing for Mountain View Sings! We'll be busy working on our lines, trying on costumes, and rehearsing our song, all as we enjoy the story of Christmas!

Joys and 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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Meditation* Kevin McChesney
 Wesley Ringers

***Doxology *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

Spiritual Practice - Breath Prayer

***Hymn of Faith *Of the Father's Love Begotten* UMH #184**

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 Focus Luke 3: 1-6 Bible p. 834

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

Anthem *"Come Quickly, Lord Jesus"* Mark Schweizer
 Chancel Choir

Sermon *Prepare the Way of the Lord*
 Pastor Steven K. Warren

***Hymn of Dedication *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH #221**

Welcoming New Members

Congregational Response (Unison)
We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Hymn Response *Blest Be the Tie that Binds (v. 1)* UMH #557
Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above

*Benediction

Taking the Light of Christ's Blessings into the World

Postlude *From Heaven to Earth I Come* Vom himmel hoch
 Susan Carl Organ

Altar flowers are dedicated by Jean Wainwright in memory of Bill Wainwright, whose birthday was Dec, and her son Jack.

