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MONTVIEW

TODAY & TOMORROW

"We are resolved to build something greater than ourselves: a vital, giving, community of faith whose work and spirit will endure beyond any of us. We are also resolved that every Montview member, each of you, will find work and fellowship and opportunities at Montview that will transform you from within."

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT MONTVIEW

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Round Tables & Breakfast

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18-20

7:00 a.m. Matins Morning Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 p.m. Service with Communion

Join us for a traditional service with communion as we remember Jesus' last night with his disciples.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Tenebrae (the Latin word for "shadows") is a dramatic service, moving from light to darkness as we reflect on the meaning of the cross.

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service

Join us for this extended service that tells the Christian story from creation as we anticipate the resurrection of Jesus.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

Come and celebrate the joy and hope of Christ resurrected!

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FROM THE CO-PASTORS

Dear Friends of Montview,

“Ten worship services in eight days. Whew! It makes me tired just thinking about it. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, we have ten services here at Montview during Holy Week. Clearly something important is happening in the life of the church. But just what is it that is so important? *What exactly are we celebrating?*”

To simply say we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus only begs the question, what is so important about that? To ask it that way feels almost blasphemous, but I would be willing to bet that the average person in the pew would struggle for an answer. As well, the average theologian would struggle to find an answer that was shared with his or her colleagues. From the time of the early church, faithful Christians have discussed, debated and argued the meaning of the Easter story.

Probably the most familiar answer centers on the idea of atonement. Put simply, it says that God sent Jesus to die on the cross as an atonement or ransom for our sins. Why? Because humanity had become so sinful that the only way to reconcile our relationship with God was through a blood sacrifice, which was a common practice at the time of Jesus. This is a powerful idea and for many people it is the central understanding of Easter.

But there are other understandings as well. I believe, for example, that Jesus did not die for our sins, but because of our sins. In other words, the death of Jesus was neither inevitable nor required by God. God sent Jesus to show us how to live and we killed him. The forces of greed, fear and violence that so often dominate our world are what killed Jesus. The reason Easter and the resurrection of Jesus are so powerful, then, are because through the resurrection God says that greed, fear, and violence will not have the last word. To be Christian is to have faith in this. It is to live knowing that generosity, kindness and forgiveness are more powerful, even when they don't appear to be. It is to imagine and participate in a vision of God's kingdom the way Jesus did, with faith that in the end - love wins.

Easter is a declaration of faith in the power of God's love to overcome all things, even death. Easter takes the cross, an instrument of Roman torture, and turns it into a symbol of profound hope. They thought they were killing Jesus and putting an end to his vision. But love cannot be so easily destroyed and now the Living Christ is as close as our breath to strengthen and guide us. And every time we celebrate Easter, His vision lives on and God's kingdom comes a little closer. No wonder we have so many services during Holy Week.

Easter blessings,



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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 2011

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23,
Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 10, 2011

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130,
Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

April 17, 2011

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Matthew 21:1-11

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

April 18, 2011

Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

April 19, 2011

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14,
1 Corinthians 1:18-31, John 12:20-36

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

April 20, 2011

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 21, 2011

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14, Psalm
116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians
11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

GOOD FRIDAY

April 22, 2011

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

HOLY SATURDAY

April 23, 2011

Job 14:1-14, Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8, Matthew 27:57-66

EASTER VIGIL

April 23, 2011

Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 136:1-9,
23-26, Romans 6:3-11, Psalm 114

EASTER DAY

Acts 10:34-43, Jeremiah 31:1-6,
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians
3:1-4, John 20:1-18

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2011

Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2011

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-
19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2011

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23,
1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2011

Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16,
1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

PRAYER TREE

Ken Hougland, Gary Lane and family, Roy Bahringer (father of Sheila Cody), Tyler Jungbluth (nephew of Linda Rein), Virginia Imig (mother of Sarah Imig Osani), Anneliese Gretsch (granddaughter of Priscilla Linsley), Roy Whiting (uncle of Karen Whiting), Wally Williams, Pat Kennedy (mother of Steve Kennedy), Barbara McCollum, Paden Cormack, Elmira Baynham, Judy EnDean, Wayne Ostlund (father of Karen Kudebeh), Jack and Marvin (uncles of

Marcie and Dianna), Stephen Weinshenker, Hub Smith (brother of Susan Parkhurst), Trish Walton (daughter of Ron and Ann Barkdoll), Suzanne Schwindt (cousin of Dianna Hankel and Marcie Ransom), Bob Tazelaar, Steve Pearlman, Helen Bradley (sister of Anne Schreiner)

BIRTHS

3/20 Magnolia Helene Sibley-Wilson, daughter of Kendra Sibley and Sasha Wilson, sister of Delphinium Sibley-Wilson, granddaughter of Jean Sibley

DEATHS

3/23 Marcia Freed
3/21 Richard Gleue, uncle of Dennis Shull
3/16 Arline Cantrell,
3/11 Nellye French
3/7 Wilma Barrett, mother of Paul Barrett
3/3 Marjorie S. Stenmark, mother of Suzanne White
2/23 Dorra Burnett, mother of Martha Fitzpatrick
2/19 Pat Harper's Mother
2/13 Harry Doyle
2/07 Kenneth R. Lovell, father of Mark Lovell, grandfather of Amy, Lisa, David and Justin

MONTVIEW PUBLICATION DEADLINES

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strauss@montview.org by end
of day on the deadline date.*

*Submissions received after
the posted deadline may not
appear in the Messenger.
Digital submissions (email
or on disk) are preferred.
Unless previously approved,
submissions must be 200
words or less.*

MONTVIEW WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINES

*Information to appear in the
Sunday worship bulletin must be
submitted the **TUESDAY PRIOR**
to the Sunday in which the
information is to first appear.*

Montview Children

Sandy Prouty, Minister of Children's Ministries



MITAKUYE OYASIN

Mitakuye Oyasin is a Lakota phrase that means we are all related. I noticed it on a bulletin board in one of the Montview Preschool rooms on March 13, two days after the natural disaster in Japan, and it took my breath away. This was one of those stunning moments in our lives with God when our place in this creation and our connection to all people is so completely clear.

In Lakota, Japanese, Hebrew, Spanish or Farsi, these words of oneness are true, undeniable and often most obvious in times of crisis. As the images of Japan break our hearts and the words and figures of Japan reel through our minds, these words remind us of many things. Here are a few. Life is random. Earthquakes, tsunamis, nuclear power plant failures happen and when they do people just like us suffer. We are all related in our pain and in our hope. We are all related in God.

Our spiritual work in all of this is done in the tension between faith and uncertainty and the complete acceptance of both. We cannot know what is next or how anything may turn out but we can know the release and trust of our faith in God. In this current crisis, we can add the image of God's everlasting arms to every image of destruction and despair. We can believe with our hearts, our minds and our strength that God is with those who are lost in mind-numbing change and in sadness too great for human arms to hold. We can see God holding the center of shattered lives, inspiring next steps, community and healing. We can

remember for those who may no longer be sure that "Good Friday" is never the end of the story. We can remember for those who may no longer be sure that the universal "Easter" of rebuilding and moving forward is certain.

And what about our children? What do we owe them in all of this? Our children are always watching us with sensitive, impressionable eyes for honest clues to the most important things. In times like these, they long to know how we process the unexpected and unwanted. They long to know what we conclude and why. They long to know where we find comfort and strength. And we need to show them and tell them all that we can. Our children need to know our compassion and our strong and stubborn belief in the next dawn. Our children need to know that we turn to friends, family, community and always, always to God for comfort and strength. Our children need to hear our words of faith, thanksgiving and petition. They need to join our conversations around family tables and our conversations with God in family prayer.

Our children need to know that we care and that our faith in God fortifies this caring for all people. They need to know that bad things happen to some people sometimes but our love and God's love are for all times and for all people.

May we learn and teach these lessons well. May mitakuye oyasin live in our words and actions and hearts through all times and in all things. In God's peace and grace we pray. Amen.

CALENDAR

APRIL 17 • Palm Sunday activities and roles for during Sunday School and the 11:00 service. Watch for details.

APRIL 24 • Celebrate Easter with us at the Easter Craft Fair in the Study Group Room, 9:30-10:30. No Sunday

School today.

MAY 1 • Children and Youth in Worship Luncheon after the 11:00 service

MAY 22 • Children's Service in Room 305 at 10:00. Please join us!

THANK YOU

We thank Leigh, Ryan and Kevin Flanagan and Pam,

Jim, and Henry Johnston for being our Communion Families in March. They walked in love and faith for all of us as they brought forward our gifts to God.

SAVE THE DATES!! SAVE THE DATES!!

AUGUST 6-7 • Montview Family Retreat at Snow Mountain Ranch. Our schedule will include family activities, adult time, and childcare for the children. Please watch for details as we get closer.



Montview Youth

FAITH UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Rev. Sheri Fry, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry



Montview Youth GARAGE SALE

April 16, 2011

**BENEFITS YOUTH WORK TRIP TO CAMPBELL FARM
ON THE YAKIMA INDIAN RESERVATION**

We will sell: good household and decorating items, collectibles, tools and toys, bicycles, stereos, color TV's (please tell us if it is digital), books, Pentium or better computers and related equipment, wood furniture, sporting goods and children's clothing.

To schedule a pick up contact Rev. Sheri Fry, at 303-355-1651 ext. 111 or fry@montview.org.
Pick-up requests must be in to Sheri by Thursday, April 7 and will be scheduled April 9 and 10.



Technical Teens



**100 THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT TECHNOLOGY
THAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT TECHNOLOGY**

Offered by the Montview Youth, we will answer all your "Technical How Does This Work" questions...YOU ask it...WE will answer it! Contact Sheri Fry at fry@montview.org for more details.

Montview in the World

««« Tutoring ««« Metro CareRing ««« Africa ««« Nepal ««« Mexico «««

Habitat for Humanity ««« Greater Park Hill ««« Ukraine ««« Guatemala

NOW IS NOT A GOOD TIME

“Well, we want to give to missions, and we really believe in missions, but now isn’t a good time to give to missions.” I hear all kinds of good reasons...the economy, job changes, too much going on in my life, stress...

I got to wondering when the good time was. I thought about it. I talked to my father about it; he was born in 1926. That was the time when they were bootlegging whiskey and the Mafia was beginning. I don’t remember it of course, but I know it **wasn’t a good time**. The depression followed. I have heard stories of my grandparents giving bread and butter and jam sandwiches to people who came to their door. That’s all there was to give. **That was not a good time**. Then we had World War II. Although people like to think of that as a wonderful patriotic war, it was a WAR where relatives and friends were killed. **It was not a good time**. After that war, we built a big bomb and we were very afraid somebody else might have one too. For a while people went to church, but nobody dropped a bomb on us so we quit going to church.

Then we had the Korean conflict – **not a good time**. After that we had the sixties. We had civil unrest and demonstrations and confusion on our campuses and **that wasn’t a good time**. We had the Vietnam conflict and that definitely **wasn’t a good time**. We had the Gulf War, September 11, Iraq and Afghanistan war, constant fighting in the Middle East, earthquakes and Tsunamis and now possible multiple nuclear meltdowns. Behind the headlines we have continuous death and disease for millions of people suffering from lack of clean WATER and FOOD. **These are not good times**.

And so I’ve been wondering when is this “good time” coming? The church is still called to be the light of the world...WE ARE the church and we provide the light. Sometimes it’s not much light, but it’s better than no light at all and for many in the world, hope and change come from that light. **This is a good time!** - The Rev. Sheri Fry

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Montview has been actively involved with Habitat for Humanity since 1999. By providing financial support and construction volunteers we have helped build 11 affordable homes benefiting 36 low-income family members in metro Denver. Despite Montview’s current budget shortfall, we remain committed to this important local mission. In May we will continue this strong tradition of supporting

Habitat for Humanity efforts to provide affordable housing for families as we sponsor a home which will be built at 800 S. Patton Ct. in Denver 80219. This will be a 3 bedroom, 2 story duplex for a family with four children. We hope you will be able to donate your time as well as financial support for this build which will begin in July. Please look for the opportunity to sign up in May in the Montview commons.

METRO CARERING

Peas for the World is the spring food drive for Metro CareRing which began March 13 and will end on April 17. Held jointly with several other churches in the Denver metroplex, this food drive focuses on replenishing bare shelves of the food pantry with staples, such as tuna, macaroni and cheese, cereal, soups, canned fruit, and canned vegetables, rice, oats, and pasta. Additional toiletries, baby food, formula, diapers and female hygiene items are in great demand. Metro CareRing is located at 18th and Downing streets. They served over 125,000 people last year. About 1/3 are the working poor, 1/3 have chronic health problems or

are on fixed incomes, and 1/3 are responding to a current crisis, such as job loss. 4,000 pounds of food/toiletries are needed to serve 350-400 people each day. Please take home a Metro CareRing bag and fill it with any combination of staples. Deliver it to the Metro CareRing station in the Commons or fill a Metro CareRing envelope with a check to help with food and essentials.

Want to see this organization in action? Contact Rev. Sheri Fry (3-355-2095 x 111) to volunteer with other Montview members or call Ellie at Metro CareRing to set up a time to visit (3-860-7200.)



BREAD FOR THE WORLD - OFFERING OF LETTERS POSTCARDS

What is the 2011 Offering of Letters? The 2011 Offering of Letters campaign will continue to push congress and the administration towards U.S. foreign assistance that is more effective at ending global poverty. Each year, Bread members write to their members of Congress, advocating for policies that help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

During the month of May the Peace & Justice Committee will be sponsoring an Offering of **Postcards** instead of letters. In years past Montview members have signed and sent form letters to Congress for this campaign. However Bread for the World's analysis of previous year's campaigns tells us that, personal letters and or cards are more effective than form letters. According to Bread for the World's

website, "...96 percent of Capitol Hill staff reported in a survey that if their member of Congress had not reached a decision on an issue, personalized letters would influence his or her position." See www.bread.org/ol/2011/ for more information.

Following two Sunday services in May Peace & Justice Committee members will have pre-addressed postcards to Representatives and Senators available for Montview members to complete and sign. A brief template message will be provided to complete the postcard or you can draft your own message. Please contact Amber Butterfield at (303) 246-5688 or butterfield@gmail.com for more information. - Amber Butterfield

Where were you when the earthquake hit Haiti? **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Through Montview's participation in the annual One Great Hour of Sharing Campaign you were right there saving lives and bringing hope to the survivors. That's because within twenty-four hours our gifts to the offering were at work providing food, shelter, clean water and medical assistance to the victims in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding region.

In the months that followed, gifts to the campaign through the Presbyterian Church(USA) have continued to provide food for hundreds of thousands of displaced Haitians. The "Seeds and Tools of Hope" project not only provides necessary food for the people of Haiti, but also provides opportunities for thousands of Haitian farmers to work and be part of the recovery from the disaster. Another project is rebuilding Holy Cross Hospital and the adjoining nursing school. This is one of the few medical facilities that has continued to operate, even after many of the international medical aid groups have left.

These efforts were all part of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program, which represents a third of our denomination's efforts through the campaign. Another third goes to the Presbyterian Hunger

Program, which addresses this chronic problem across the world through the development of sustainable agriculture and clean water systems. The remaining third is for the Self Development for People program which provides micro loans for individuals to start their own businesses. Common to all three programs is a partnership with those being helped and maximizing the use of existing agencies and programs, thus enabling our efforts to concentrate on filling critical gaps. The campaign doesn't just do the right things, it does them well.

We have an opportunity to make a conscious decision to be present with the love of Christ at some of the most critical and vulnerable places and events around the world. This year, be present to those who need God's care the most by joining with Presbyterians and members of nine other Christian denominations across our country in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Look for special envelopes in the pews during the weeks leading up to Palm Sunday or mail your gift to the church with OGHS noted on the "For" line. - Eric Durland

SUDAN - HOPE AND BELIEVE, TOGETHER WE RISE

JUANIS K. LUAL, FOUNDER OF NGAATHAJE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (NDO)

Juanis is a member of the Nuer people in Sudan. He was born in the southeastern region of Sudan – an area repeatedly devastated by civil conflicts between north and south. At an early age Juanis lost his parents, and like many, he and his extended family were forced to seek refuge. He settled in a refugee camp in Ethiopia where he began a new life. He made his way to Denver and lived with Mac and Jean McFerran as he attended South High school. In 2009 Juanis earned his degree in Political Science from Metro State College. He hopes to take advantage of the opportunities he has been given by helping to bring sustainable development to his native region in Southern Sudan. Juanis has an unyielding

belief in the human capacity for overcoming any challenge. Ngaathaje Development Organization (NDO) reflects a belief in humanity, taking action, and getting involved rather than waiting for things to happen. Juanis and the NDO team hope you will join them in their efforts to partner with the Nuer people of Southern Sudan as we work together providing educational, health, and economic opportunities.

Montview's global mission committee is considering support for the development of a school and educational supplies in Wanding, Sudan in 2011. If you are interested in more information please contact Rev Sheri Fry at Fry@montview.org or Juanis Lual at 720-318-2873 or jusaniskdl@

ETHIOPIA

One of the projects Montview's Capital Campaign supports is **Ethiopia Reads**. This non-profit organization is dedicated to bringing reading to the lives of children in Ethiopia. A library within the Bethel Mekane Yesus Girls School in Addis Ababa is being built and stocked with books and a container of 20,000 selected books will be shipped to stock six or more other libraries in Ethiopia currently under construction. We offer on-going support for development and publication of Ethiopian

language and English children's books.

Beginning April 1 Montview is hosting a book drive to support Ethiopia Reads and the reading culture in Ethiopia. By sharing your new and gently used children's books, you and your family can make a difference. Look for the drop-off bins along with guidelines for selecting books in the Commons, Children's floor and the Cellar.

WATERLINES

During the past four years, Montview has sponsored six clean-water spring protection projects in the Western Wollega Bethel Synod in Ethiopia. The average cost of each project is \$3,000. The projects are in remote villages. The cement and sand must be hand carried or packed in on mules, sometimes for miles. The local people provide rock and local materials for the construction and furnish all of the hand labor. In addition to good health and the lowering of mortality rates of children and infants, the benefits of clean water are great. Mothers are relieved from the time consuming and laborious task of carrying water for miles which means more time for

working in the fields and caring for their children. All sectors of the population come together which relieves tensions and promotes good will. Hope and trust are generated through this partnership and this results in favorable reception of other innovative and beneficial programs in education, health, agricultural methods and other community development programs. Support for one new clean-water spring project is being requested through global mission for 2011. This project is being recommended for the Chorito village which is the most populous (360) in the area. The estimate cost is \$3,000.00

DESPERATE FOR DIAPERS

Metro CareRing is desperate for diapers! Given their expensive price tag, obtaining diapers is a real challenge for low income or homeless mothers. This Mother's Day why not show your gratitude for your mother by donating diapers, formula or baby food to a struggling mother served by Metro CareRing. Your mother would approve! **DIAPER FACTS:**

1. At Safeway twenty seven diapers cost \$9.99 or 37¢ a piece.
2. Babies use about six diapers a day. (6 x 37¢= \$2.22).
3. Diapers are not covered by Food Stamps.
4. Cloth diapers are an impossibility because most low

income families tend not to have washing machines or cars to get to a laundromat.

5. Most day care centers require parents to provide their own diapers, making work or school that much more difficult.
6. Babies who sit longer in a wet or dirty diaper get more diaper rashes and cry more. Studies show that crying can lead to physical abuse.
7. Because of these things, not having enough diapers can have far reaching and serious effects.

We're Desperate for Diapers! - Liza Kirkpatrick

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for Faith



ENGAGING OUR TRADITION • EXPANDING OUR PERSPECTIVE

THROUGH APRIL 10 AT 9:30 AM

SUFFERING, PASSION & ATONEMENT IN SCRIPTURE AND THE MOVIES

Fellowship Hall

The flow of the Christian year is not a theological abstraction but an invitation to reflect on the cycle of hope, mystery, suffering and possibility in our own lives and communities. Lent invites us to think about the ways in which our relationships with God are broken, or less than they can be, and on how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus might make a difference to us today. In this class Jeffrey Mahan, Professor of Ministry, Media and Culture at the Iliff School of Theology, will reflect on the passion stories – the stories of Jesus’ suffering and death – both in scripture and in the movies. We will use these texts to think about what theologians have called atonement or “at-one-ment,” the idea that through Jesus’ suffering and death humanity is reconciled with God. We will begin by thinking about the gospel accounts and the variety of ways that Christians have thought about Jesus’ atoning work. Then using film clips, we will look at how different Jesus films have presented the passion and consider the understandings of atonement embedded in these films. We will also consider how the idea that one can suffer on behalf of others is embedded in our wider culture by looking at apparently secular films such as *On the Waterfront* or *ET* and finish by considering our own understandings of the passion and atonement.

Professor Mahan, a regular member of the Montview family, holds the Ralph E. and Norma E. Peck Chair in Religion and Public Communication at the Iliff School of Theology where he also directs the Office of Professional Formation. He has served on ecumenical juries at the Montreal, Canne and Berlin International Film Festivals.

MYOPIC MAN

Study Group Room

Montview member Norm Whitcomb takes us on his personal journey of faith as described in his recent book *Myopic Man* during a five-week series starting March 13th. He invites you to examine with him some of the concepts of religious belief that we routinely recite in creeds but may no longer truly believe.

The series will open with the causes of social and religious myopia as Norm sees them. He theorizes that something is amiss with our social paradigms when we are one of the wealthiest nations in the world but have people holding cardboard signs on every corner asking for help. He compares the fall of the Roman Empire with the potential collapse of the American Empire and believes it is time that mainline Protestants and independent American Catholics join forces in a united Christian Church and move forward to promote social justice in America with new paradigms. He outlines the evolution of the Hebrew and Christian canons as a basis for deciding what core beliefs Christians can share as a united church.

Copies of Norm’s book will be available for purchase.

49 Contemporary Forum

ers an educational forum for all ages

APRIL 3 AND 10 • CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER”

Both April 3rd and April 10th will be devoted to meeting and learning about candidates. There are 11 candidates and intend to have most of them in attendance. Join us, listen and ask questions!



NEPAL WORKTRIP PRESENTATION AND HANDICRAFT SALE

PHOTOS, STORIES AND PERSONAL ACCOUNTS . . .

Nepal 2010 worktrip participants will present photos and commentary about their experiences on Saturday evening, May 7th at 7:30 in the Miller Center. Medical and education team activities in a remote village and in bustling Kathmandu brought contrast and diversity to a multi-faceted early December trip.



A second presentation will be made later (probably during the summer) by participants from the third Nepal 2010 team comprised largely of Montview youth and young adults. This group worked in a larger village right at the base of the dramatic Annapurna range on another IDE MUS (Multiple Use Water System) project.

Working in a small middle-hills village over Christmas another group helped dig trenches to install water infrastructure to assist small-plot farmers in their off-season crop production efforts. This project was done in cooperation with IDE (International Development Enterprises) – a capital campaign partner.

A “Spring” Handicraft sale will be held Friday, May 6 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 7th from 10:00 a.m. until the evening presentation. **PLEASE NOTE** that the Montview Preschool Carnival is on Saturday so parking may be challenging, especially in the morning. - Lynn Hetterich

7TH ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP DINNERS A BIG SUCCESS

On March 11 & 12th Montview members gathered in host homes to experience an evening of dining and conversation to become better acquainted. These dinners help develop closer ties that bind us together as a body of Christ at Montview Church. Thank you to the following hosts who so graciously opened their homes and provided the dinners for this special event: Lois & Bill Bray, Harry & Linda Fegley, Garry Frederickson, Steve & Lynn Hetterich, Mary Mitchell, Ronnie Mitzner & Janice Krumme, Kathie

& Frank Nelson, Marlyne & Mel Preusser, Cal & Anne Theiss. Thank you to the guests who attended. Thank you, Larry, for help with our printing, Danean & Diane for help with mailing, etc. A special thanks to Rev. Ian Cummins for his assistance and support in making this event so successful. Blessings to all from the Friendship Dinner Committee: Lois Bray (Chair), Shirley Burkhart, Kay Boteler, Greg Cummins, Doris Hughes, Marty Longway & Lorry Zelenkov.

BLANKETS AND CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE

Blankets and contributions for Church World Service work around the world have reached \$2312! That would be more than 460 blankets alone this year! Thank you for your concern for those who are hungry, displaced, and affected by disasters and war. You have provided blankets, water, medicine, tools and food to thousands in need of these symbols of hope.

2011 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dan Carver
John Chrisbens
Rosalie McCall-Johnson

Sarah McDowell
Rob Moody
Chris Olson

Susan Parker
Linda Rumbarger
Shelley Spiecker

Jackie Summers
Michael Thomas
John Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A DAY OF INTERFAITH BRIDGE-BUILDING: ENGAGING THE STRANGER • APRIL 3 FROM 3-5 PM

Muslim, American Indian, Jewish and Christian voices with Andrea Mikulin Topuz, Dr. Tink Tinker, Rabbi Marc Soloway, and Rev. John Thompson speaking about “engaging the stranger” by looking at texts from traditions other than their own. 4-5 p.m. - Join us for a series of community-wide facilitated conversations in which we try our hand at thinking about ideas that matter to us by reading texts from traditions other than our own. For more information, call CJS at 303-871-3021, or email us at cjs@du.edu. Located at the Knoebel School of Hospitality Management University of Denver. This event is free, but RSVPs are appreciated: Click on the RSVP link at www.du.edu/cjs

F3 WII NIGHT 2011 • APRIL 7

Pass the peace with a Wii remote and join F3 (Families for Friendship) for the second annual night of virtual video games on April 7th from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Cellar (the Church youth room in the basement)! If your family is either new to Montview or seasoned veterans, we welcome you to another opportunity to connect with other families as we make Montview an even better home! Potluck dinner. (Bring your favorite food and beverage to share). Food for the kids will be provided. Childcare provided! (\$5 per child or \$10 per family) Please RSVP for childcare by 4/2/11 to Aimee Sanders @ apsanders@yahoo.com

PATHFINDERS • APRIL 8

Pathfinders will meet on April 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Molly Brown House at 1340 Pennsylvania St. Our speaker will be Annie Robb Levinsky who is the Executive Director of Historic Denver. Annie will tell us of the 40+ year history of Historic Denver. The room where we will gather is on the 3rd floor and accessible by stairs only. Carpooling is recommended. Please RSVP to ruth.marie.hart@gmail.com or 303-399-3911. The Pathfinders are single women from the ages of 40+. For more information contact Diane Cooper at cooper@montview.org.

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP • APRIL 21

Any and all Montview women are invited to the Thursday Morning Breakfast Group that meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Le Peep's on York, just north of 18th. It's a time to meet other Montview women and enjoy casual time together before we go our separate ways for the day. Contact Shirley Burkhart at 303-756-6521 for more information. See you there!

VILLAGE WOMEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP IN ETHIOPIA • MAY 12

Denver Doctor Margaret Muldrow a medical and Cosmetic Dermatologist is offering a Mother's Day celebration and Fund-raiser at her clinic on May 12th from 7 am to 7 pm. All cosmetic supplies, laser time and staff time has been donated. 100% of all proceeds from this beauty extravaganza will go to the Village Women's Health partnership in Ethiopia which Dr. Muldrow has opened. This partnership will provide health care for women which is desperately needed in Ethiopia. Call or email Lynn for further information and to schedule: 303-830-2900 or Lynn@migsmd.com.

DENVER GAY MEN'S CHORUS SPRING CONCERT • MAY 6-8

Denver Gay Men's Chorus Spring Concert, “The Road Home,” will take place May 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Arts and Culture Center, 1477 Columbine Street at Colfax Avenue in Denver, and Sunday, May 8 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3350 E. White Bay Drive in Highlands Ranch. Advance tickets prices are \$22 (adults) and \$18 (students); children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets may be purchased www.rmarts.org.

SOJOURNERS POTLUCK AND NEPAL PRESENTATION • MAY 7

On Saturday, May 7, 2011 in the Miller Center at 7:30 P.M. there will be a presentation about Montview's work in Nepal with slides from the trips taken by Montview members. Sojourner's will meet at 6:00 P.M. in the Green Room for a Potluck dinner and then attend the program together. Table settings will be provided. Please bring a dish to share with others and beverages for your family. Nepalese goods will be for sale in the McCollum room from 10:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. . If you plan to attend the dinner and presentation, please R.S.V. P. to Ellie Talmage at 303-344-4378 or ellie322@comcast.net.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT MONTVIEW? • JUNE 8

The next Inquirer's Class will be held on Wednesday evening, June 8, 2011 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. To register for the class please call Mary Beth at 303-355-1651 or complete a Class registration card in the main entrance. You will be contacted with the location of the meeting in the Church. A light supper will be provided and child care can be available if needed. Thanks in advance for your interest and we hope to meet you soon. The Membership Committee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - COMMUNION PREPARATION

Communion preparation is shared by two groups, requiring only a commitment of six Sundays per year by each member. The group serving odd months has been diminished by illness and family crises. Can you help? If interested contact Diane Cooper at 303-355-1651 ext. 106 or look for our sign up table between services on March 20th. - Patty Romeo and Ann Barkdoll

~ STATEMENT OF MISSION ~

We believe that the love of God surrounds us. Our call is to nurture this love in ourselves and each other. Through prayer, worship, education, outreach, and mission, we seek to foster spiritual fulfillment, community, tolerance, peace, non-violence, and social justice. We dedicate ourselves and our church to follow the Spirit of Christ by word and deed.

(Adopted by Session, July 1998)

Palm Sunday

ROUND TABLES

APRIL 17



This year the Peace & Justice Task Force will again be sponsoring a number of “issues” round tables during our annual Palm Sunday 9:30 continental breakfast hour. For the fourth year we are offering members of Montview an opportunity to discuss issues of peace & justice in an informal setting.

MONTVIEW MEMBERS WILL BE FACILITATING THE FOLLOWING:

- Caring for Creation, Montview’s “green team”
- Israel/Palestinian issues – a chance to continue discussions begun during the 49ers hour February 20
- Criminal Justice – Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition 2011 legislative agenda and update
- Colorado Coalition against Nuclear proliferation – emphasis on situation in Colorado
- Denver Indian Center
- Community organizing – MCOM
- Homeless issues and solutions

Montview members may want to discuss more than one topic. Facilitators have been asked to prepare about a 10 minute talk to be followed by a 5 minute question and answer session. We’ll then call for a break that allows participants to move to another table – or to stay with one topic.

As always, a highlight will be Patt Rempel’s homemade hot cross buns! Come early, they go fast.

For more information or to facilitate a discussion table, please contact Priscilla Linsley 303-830-8042 or pmlinsley@msn.com.

MONTVIEW EASTER TEA

The annual Montview Easter Tea is a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones at this wonderful gathering in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. between our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Easter Services. Come and enjoy the magnificent cookies, pastries and breads that our congregation provides.

Volunteers are needed to donate food, to set up tables, to serve and to clean up. Please contact Diane Cooper at cooper@montview.org or at 303-355-1651x 106 to volunteer. There will also be sign-up sheets in the Commons starting Sunday April 3rd.

SPRING CONCERT

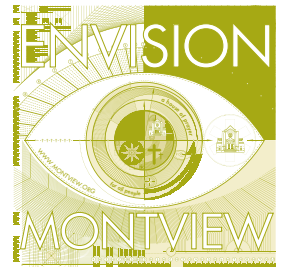
with the Choirs and Orchestra of Montview

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 AT 5:00 P.M.

The combined choirs of Montview with orchestra will present their annual Spring Concert "From Lent to Easter" on Sunday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The program will feature selections from Herbert Howell's penitential cantata "Hymnus Paradisi" along with a new work - "Redemption Cantata" by John Kuzma with libretto by Norman Whitcomb. John Kuzma's "Centennial March" will also be featured along with "Festival Te Deum" by Ralph Vaughan-Williams. A free will offering will be taken. Child care is provided.

THE ENVISION REPORT

Do you have thoughts, questions, or comments about the Envision Report that was included in the bulletin in recent weeks? The Session would appreciate hearing from you and has set up an email address for this purpose. Just write to envision@montview.org.



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 18TH

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Phone _____

Given in memory or honor of (limit 2)

Or other words you would prefer: _____

- I wish to pick up the plant. I wish to have the plant delivered to a homebound person after Easter.

Return order form with \$16 (make checks payable to Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street, Denver, CO 80220) to Diane Cooper or drop in the boxes in the Commons & Narthex

APRIL 2017

3. 4th Sunday in Lent
Morning Worship Services..... 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 The Rev. Sheri Fry
 Childcare..... 8:15 AM Timbral Choir..... 4:00 PM
 Sunday School..... 9:30 AM JAM..... 5:00 PM
 Confirmation Class..... 9:30 AM Jubilate Choir..... 5:00 PM
 Friends of Sabael Colorado..... 3:00 PM MOB..... 6:30 PM

10. 5th Sunday in Lent
Morning Worship Services..... 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 The Rev. Brad Berglund, Illuminated Journeys
Spring Concert with the Choirs and Orchestra..... 5:00 PM
 Childcare..... 8:15 AM Montview Community
 Sunday School..... 9:30 AM Organizing Ministry..... 12:15 PM
 Confirmation Class..... 9:30 AM Peace and Justice..... 12:15 PM
 Prayer Shawl Ministry..... 12:00 PM Spring Concert..... 5:00 PM

17. Palm Sunday
Morning Worship Services..... 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 The Rev. Amy Mendez, Denver Presbytery
Peace & Justice Palm Sunday Breakfast..... 9:30 AM
 Childcare..... 8:15 AM
 Sunday School..... 9:30 AM
 Confirmation Class..... 9:30 AM

24. Easter
Morning Worship Services..... 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 The Rev. Ian Gregory Cummins
Easter Tea..... 9:30 AM
Easter Craft Fair..... 9:30 AM
 Childcare..... 8:15 AM
 Confirmation Class..... 9:30 AM

May 1. 2nd Sunday in Easter
Morning Worship Services..... 8:30 & 11:00
 The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Cearley
 Childcare..... 8:15 AM Children's Award Luncheon..... 12:00 PM
 Women At Montview..... 8:30 AM Friends of Sabael Colorado..... 3:00 PM
 Retreat follow-up session..... 8:30 AM JAM..... 5:00 PM
 Sunday School..... 9:30 AM MOB..... 6:30 PM
 Confirmation Class..... 9:30 AM

4.
 Montview Quilters..... 7:00 PM
 Onton Club
 Men's Group..... 7:30 PM

11.
 Montview Quilters..... 9:00 AM
 Personnel..... 7:00 PM

18.
Morning Matins
 7:00 AM
 Montview Quilters..... 9:00 AM

25.
 Messenger Monday.. 9:00 AM
 Montview Quilters..... 9:00 AM

2.
 Montview Quilters..... 7:00 PM
 Onton Club
 Men's Group..... 7:30 PM

5.
 Men of Montview S..... 7:00 AM
 TAC Tutoring..... 3:15 PM

12.
 Communications..... 8:30 AM
 TAC Tutoring..... 3:15 PM
 Memorials Committee...4:30 PM
 Worship & Music..... 7:30 PM

19.
Morning Matins
 7:00 AM
 Men of Montview S..... 7:00 AM
 TAC Tutoring..... 3:15 PM

26.
 TAC Tutoring..... 3:15 PM

6.
 Heritage Committee... 9:00 AM
 Montview Mentors..... 3:30 PM
LENTEN STUDY
 Lenten Study Dinner... 6:00 PM
 Childcare..... 6:30 PM
 Children's Program..... 6:30 PM
 Building & Grounds... 6:30 PM

13.
 Heritage Committee... 9:00 AM
 Weds AM Women's Group... 10 AM
 Montview Mentors..... 3:30 PM
 Faith in Action..... 7:00 PM
LENTEN STUDY
 Lenten Study Dinner... 6:00 PM
 Childcare..... 6:30 PM
 Children's Program..... 6:30 PM

20.
Morning Matins
 7:00 AM
 Heritage Committee... 9:00 AM
 Montview Mentors..... 3:30 PM
 Choir Board Dinner..... 6:00 PM
 Garden Club Meeting... 6:00 PM
 Westminster Choir..... 6:30 PM

27.
 Heritage Committee... 9:00 AM
 Wednesday Morning
 Women's Group..... 10:00 AM
 Montview Mentors..... 3:30 PM
 Session Meeting..... 7:00 PM

7.
 Men of Montview E..... 7:00 AM
 F3 Gathering..... 5:30 PM
 Manor Board Meeting... 5:30 PM
 Westminster Choir..... 7:30 PM

14.
 Membership Dev..... 6:30 PM
 Westminster Choir..... 7:30 PM

21.
 Thursday Morning Women's
 Breakfast Group..... 7:30 AM
Maundy Thursday
 7:30 PM

28.
 Westminster Choir..... 7:30 PM

8.
 Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM
 MOM Time..... 9:30 AM
 Pathfinder's at
 Molly Brown House... 6:30 PM

15.
 Fri AM Bible Study..... 7 AM
MAY
Messenger Deadline

22.
 Friday AM Bible Study..... 7 AM
 MOM Time..... 9:30 AM
Good Friday Service
 7:30 PM

29.
 Friday AM Bible Study..... 7 AM

2.
 9 Health Fair
 7:00 AM

16.
 Youth Group
 Garage Sale
 9 AM - 4 PM

23.
 Easter Vigil
 8:00 PM

30.

7.
 Nepal Work
 Trip Group #1
 Presentation & Sale
 10:00 AM
 Sojourners Pot Luck
 5:30 PM