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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."

WOMEN AT MONTVIEW: PRE-LENTEN RETREAT FEBRUARY 25-26

Join other women at Montview in preparing to experience Lent in a new way. Whether your past experience with Lent was as a time of "giving up" or if you just didn't find it meaningful at all, here is an opportunity to enhance your experience with some spiritual practices that can make Lent a time of improving your spiritual fitness. We'll start Friday evening around 6:00 with a potluck dinner, some fellowship, and ending the evening with a meditative Taize experience in the sanctuary. We'll return Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. for a day of experiential learning using tools such as meditation, lectio divina, and journaling, concluding around 3 p.m. Erika Walker and Reverend Cindy Cearley will be our guides for our Lenten journey. More information and a sign-up sheet will be available in the Commons. For questions or to reserve your space, contact Linda Rumbarger at lrumbarg@hotmail.com or 303.525.2917.



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FROM THE CO-PASTORS

Dear Friends,

“In the gospels Jesus speaks of the possibilities of a greater love here on earth. But we don’t dream of such love here. In this world. Not really. We don’t believe it is possible here and now. We resist realizing that the Spirit can exist when and where we are. We insist that it will only be realized elsewhere, at another time. Secure with that belief, we excuse ourselves from great efforts. We learn to be good and to treat well those who treat us well. But we don’t give ourselves over to that which demands, not goodness, but greatness.”

This quote from Paula D’Arcy’s book, *Seeking with all my Heart: Encountering God’s Presence Today*, reminds me to be a force of love in the world. It’s a good reminder. And she reminds me that I don’t do this by myself, but in concert with God’s spirit. Sometimes those who follow Jesus suffer from compassion overload. There are too many people to love, too much sadness to comfort and overwhelming problems to address. Our resources seem too small and overtaxed. But the reminder she brings is that we are never left alone in the pursuit of a greater love.

Whether we are taking care of a small child, stocking the shelves of a food pantry, driving a friend to a Dr.’s appointment, listening to a friend or holding the hand of a stranger, we are a force for love. If we respond to the disaster in Haiti by adopting a child into our own family or make time in our lives each week to tutor a child who needs help learning to read, we are a force for love in the world. We can expect great things of ourselves, because when we love, it is carried on the wings of God’s Spirit.

In this month of Valentine love, may we remember that we are a force for a greater love every month and each day. We are the dreamers of a greater love given in the here and the now.



LECTIONARY PASSAGES

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 6, 2011

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12), Psalm 112:1-9 (10), 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5:13-20

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 13, 2011

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 20, 2011

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119:33-40, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-22, Matthew 5:38-48

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 27, 2011

Isaiah 49:8-16a, Psalm 131, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Matthew 6:24-34

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

March 6, 2011

Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 9, 2011

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2011

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2011

Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 27, 2011

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

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

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66,

PRAYER TREE

Chris O'Connor, father of Sheila Cody, Elmira Baynham, Brigitte Waldmann-Thomas and family, Ed Bolle, Christy Shoemaker (daughter of Lois Shoemaker), Winifred Cheever (mother of Margery Cheever Mullins), Tyler Jungbeth (nephew of Linda Rein), Richard Gleue (uncle of Dennis Shull), Viginia Imig (mother of Sara Osani), Anneliese Gretsche (granddaughter of Priscilla Linsley), Jo Marie Troyer (niece of Carol Troyer), Roy Whiting (uncle of Karen Whiting), Wally Williams, Pat Kennedy (mother of Steve Kennedy), Harry Doyle, Barbara

McCollum, Paden
Cormack, Steve Pearlman,
Raegan Avery, Helen
Bradley (sister of Anne
Schreiner), Bunny Thomas

MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

10/18 SSG Alex
Jakubowski, brother of Lara
Jakubowski

WEDDINGS

1/15 Cari Zallen and Mark
Spiecker
12/28 Katelyn Lewis and
Gary Arbuckle

BIRTHS

01/13 Cory Levinson, son
of Michael Levinson and
Nicole Tesson
12/07 Caitlenn Ann King,
daughter of Elizabeth and
Michael King
10/29 Waverly Elizabeth

McGee, daughter of Emily
and Ryan McGee
10/23 Norah Lillanne
Mugge, daughter of
Francine and Zachary
Mugge

10/10 Penelope Jean Harris,
daughter of Stephanie and
Ted Harris

08/08 Quinn Connell
Hetherington, son of Kevin
and Arlene Hetherington

DEATHS

1/13 Lee Krumme, brother
of Janice Krumme
1/9 Hazel Gleue, Dennis
Shull's aunt

1/5 Sam Newman, Mary
Peratt's brother
12/24 Edie Williams
12/21 Jim Murphy

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HAPPINESS

In a recent article in *Real Simple* several authors explored the concept of happiness. They wrote on and on trying to delineate, describe, and promote happiness but in all the pages, a graphic entitled a *Cloud of Happiness* seemed to be the most successfully telling.

Picture an arrangement of single words written both vertically and horizontally and overlapping in Scrabble game board fashion. The words varied in size and font and filled an organic shape that did resemble a cloud in both its outline and its ethereal nature. This word shape pictured all we discover when we try to find what makes us happy.

What makes you happy? If you sit with that question a while, you will once again know that life is really not simple. Our first answers can be tied to specifics of people, place, activity and things and we can feel completely satisfied in these words. But if we sit a moment longer with the notion of happiness, we might also be drawn to answers that clearly fill larger clouds of our human experience, clouds both white and gray. We then might use more words that name happiness as the absence of pain, disease, failing. This happiness is the healing and the moving forward and it makes our first answers even more

precious. Happiness then becomes a process, a pursuit, and sometimes a struggle. Happiness then includes childlike joy and grownup context in answers like my cat, Fluffy, and the blessing of tears now dried. Happiness rests then in single moments and in years and years of memories and happiness sparkles against the background of all it is not.

Our children hopefully know most about the first answers to any question of happiness. Hopefully, we will be with them as life teaches others. And hopefully, we will all recognize God's presence in every answer we choose. For faith is the blue sky of every upward view...even when hidden just beyond that view. In God, we can know and remember and redefine happiness each day. We can find happiness in each other and in helping others, in giving and receiving, in prayer and song, in sunshine and in any gray. Happiness can then be the moments of our loud and joyful laughter, the quiet moments of trusting God's grace, and the poignant moments when we are crying and smiling and "on our knees" no matter our true location.

Maybe happiness is simply gratitude to the God of all we experience, imagine and realize. Thanks be to God now and always. Amen.

CALENDAR

This month Our regular schedule continues. This chart is a quick reference for times and places.

SUNDAY MORNING. MONTVIEW'S CHILDREN & YOUTH

Age/Grade	Program	Location	Time
Birth-2 years	Child Care	Room #210	8:15 - 12:15
2 & young 3 yr. olds (3's born after 9/1)	Child Care	Room #213	8:15 - 9:30
3 - 6 year olds	Child Care	Room #212	8:15 - 9:30
2 & young 3 yr. olds (3's born after 9/1)	Sunday School	Room #213	9:30 - 10:30
2 & young 3 yr. olds (3's born after 9/1)	Child Care	Room #213	10:30 - 12:15
3 & 4 year olds (3's born before 9/1)	Sunday School	Room #212	9:30 - 10:30
3 & 4 year olds (3's born before 9/1)	Child Care	Room #212	10:30 - 12:15
K - Grade 2	Cantate Choir	Room #305	9:30 - 10:00
Kindergarten	Sunday School	Room #215	10:00 - 10:45
5 & 6 yr. olds	Child Care (after Word to the Children)	Room #215	11:10 - 12:15
Grades 1-2	Sunday School	3rd Floor	10:00 - 10:45
Grades 3-5	Assembly	Room #304	9:30 - 10:00
Grades 3-5	Sunday School	3rd Floor	10:00 - 10:45
Grade 6-12	Sunday School	Cellar	9:30 - 10:30

Silent pagers are available for parents who leave their babies with child care during the service and other church programs.

EACH SUNDAY

We now have a table of picture books in the narthex for our children. Please take one or two to enjoy during the worship service!

FEBRUARY 13

Our Pulpit Players perform at the 11:00 service.



Montview Youth

FAITH UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Rev. Sheri Fry, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT

Over the last decade service experiences have morphed from a powerful extra experience in youth ministry into an expected staple. Certainly here at Montview we have had many successful youth summer mission trips and have now been blessed over the last few years to offer intergenerational international mission trips. With all the time, money, and energy poured out in the cause of service, the elephant-in-the-living room question is simple:

What's the "return on investment"?

I have 8 takeaways from my explorations as well as other youth ministers observations that are crucial for you to know:

ONE: Service leverages deep and enduring relationships. There is always a focus on the relationships they form and care for and how those relationships fuel their growth. These trips offer much interaction with people they know and don't know well...with different ages focusing on a common project. Their conversations can push the boundaries of their thinking and open them to new viewpoints.

TWO: Service is powerful catalyst for community. A typical trip involves traveling to the site in caravans, sleeping on floors or cots or strange bunk beds, participating in morning & evening programs, eating food they don't eat at home and working in ways they don't work at home - all catalysts for intense community-building. The community works together and responds with self-sacrifice and tenacity. These trips are hothouses for learning how to live in community.

THREE: Struggles and crises expand teenagers' capacity for overcoming hardship. These trips are efficient producers of hardship - this is not an explicit goal but it happens and it allows teens to figure out how to move through the adversity in a nurturing community with a safety net.

FOUR: Service offers teenagers a context and process for owning their faith. Faith development is fueled, primarily, in the midst of a community of believers and a service learning

community that nurtures relationship and provides a way for those relationships to continue after the experience is a great way for a deepening faith. They learn new skills but they also gather in an intense, interdependent environment where deeper life purposes can be discovered and deeper questions are asked.

FIVE: Service offers youth many opportunities for significant responsibilities & mastery of new skills. Project leadership is shared amongst all of the participants and adults encourage youth to learn new skills of which the success of the work depends on them learning the new skills. The learning is tied to what the learner accomplishes, not what the teacher teaches.

SIX: Service learning makes a connection between our heart and mind. Parker Palmer describes a pervading "norm" in our world that pits our heart against our mind- this means heart and mind are not allowed to function together. Service trips reconciles both - it engages the cognitive and the emotional in a highly physical setting.

SEVEN: Service trips meet the needs youth have for social justice involvement. The trips expose them to a deeper understanding of the hardships of poverty and the complex forces at work in impoverished homes. We hear that the assumptions they hold about many people and places and they begin to learn that life is messy, not black and white. The youth learn about these issues and are offered tangible ways to work at these issues.

EIGHT: Youth learn what St. Francis meant when he said: "Preach the gospel at all times-if necessary, use words." Need I say more.

Service experiences are building block experiences. Each time they experience a service event it enriches, broadens, challenges, and supports their growth and that means there's a value in repeating experiences of service trips because the impact continues and expands through each opportunity.



Technical Teens



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

Offered by the Montview Youth beginning on February 13 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Montview Commons. Please come with your "How Does This Work" questions...i.e. texting, photos, T-9, Skype, Facebook, IPOD, IPADS, Changing your screen saver, Laptop questions and more...

YOU ask it...WE will answer it!



Montview Youth Garage Sale

April 16, 2011

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

WANTED: Treasures, Trinkets and More for Annual Youth Sponsored Garage Sale.

Contact Rev. Sheri Fry at fry@montview.org with questions.

Coming in March

INTERGENERATIONAL LENTEN PROGRAM

We have something new planned for Lent this year. Instead of an adults only Lenten study, we will be offering a Wednesday evening program at the church for all ages which will begin with a simple soup supper at 6:00 pm. Adults and youth will have the opportunity to participate in a program led by Pastor Ian Cummins and Russ Wehner using a DVD series by Marcus Borg: Embracing an Adult Faith: What it Means to be Christian. A program for children will run simultaneously, with the evening ending by 8:30 p.m.

More details will be available in the March Messenger, but we are looking for a few people who could help with the supper. It would require arriving at church by about 3:00 p.m. on the days of the program (Wednesdays March 16 - April 13). You don't need to be available for every session... any help would be appreciated. If you are willing to help out, please contact Linda Rumbarger at lrumbarg@hotmail.com or 303.525.2917.

9 NEWS HEALTH FAIR COMES TO MONTVIEW

For the second year in a row, Montview will be hosting one of the 9 News Health Fair locations. Our location will be on Saturday, April 2. This event is during the morning hours only. We are looking for volunteers to do a variety of tasks. These include

preparing food for the volunteers, acting as translators, directing traffic, assisting in parking lots, and numerous other jobs. Contact Rhonda Williamson at williamson@montview.org with questions.

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS ARE BACK - DON'T MISS OUT!

Join us for the 7th Annual Friendship Dinner - a once-a-year event that will be held this year on March 11 and 12, 2011 (Friday and Saturday). A friendship dinner is a dinner with 8 other Montview members in the intimate surroundings of a private home. You can choose to host a dinner or just be a guest. This is an opportunity to meet new members and acquaint with old friends. Those who have attended previous dinners can attest to the fun

and fellowship had by all. You can fill out the attached reservation form and turn it in to a committee member. Committee members will be available in the Commons on February 13, 20 and 27 to answer questions and assist you in signing up. The deadline to sign up is February 27th. Shirley Burkhart 303-756-6521 or Doris Hughes 303-366-9173 may also be contacted for more information.

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JANUARY 30 - MARCH 6 AT 9:30 AM

EXPLORING FUNDAMENTALISMS WITH DR. DAVID VALETA

Beginning Jan 30, this 6 week class will explore the phenomenon of Fundamentalism in Religious Traditions. The class will use the framework provided by Charles Kimball in his book, *When Religion Becomes Evil: Five Warning Signs*. We will explore the following topics:

January 30 - Is Religion the Problem?

February 6 - Absolute Truth Claims

February 13 - Blind Obedience

February 20 - Establishing the "Ideal Time"

February 27 - The End Justifies Any Means

March 6 - Declaring Holy War

Dr. David Valeta teaches Religious Studies courses at CU Boulder and last spring taught the Montview class on Islam. Copies of the book will be offered in mid-January or at the first class.

MORE ON THE ART OF PARENTING WITH CAROLYN AJIE

This fall we discussed the joys and challenges of raising our children. The series will continue to look at parenting in greater depth and with some new topics and materials. The Art of Parenting was developed because we all benefit from having a variety of tools to apply as our family grows and changes. The Art of Parenting workshops take a different approach from the typical parenting class and don't presume to teach you to be a parent.

The workshops offer you tested information and provide a place to explore alternatives that are appropriate for your family. As parents, you have experience and insight to offer each other and these workshops are designed to allow for time for discussion and some practice. While these are not lectures, you will get plenty of written material and other resources to take home with you.

Art of Parenting workshops are appropriate for parents with children of all ages, but perhaps are most useful for pre-school through elementary ages (2-12). Although it is not necessary to attend all the workshops, there are themes that carry through the series as well as benefits gained from establishing relationships with other participating parents.

Topics include:

- What does being a parent really mean to you?
- Basic Needs, Developmental Stages and Temperament
- Power Struggles: Win, Lose or Draw?
- Identifying and Using Your Strengths
- Consequences and Reinforcement Strategies and Techniques
- Stress and the Healthy Family: It's a Balancing Act

49 Contemporary Forum

ers an educational forum for all ages

FEBRUARY 6: JANE KURTZ AND ETHIOPIA READS

Jane Kurtz, immediate past president of the Board of Ethiopia Reads, author of LANIE, the 2010 American Girl Book of the Year, and over twenty other books for children, will bring a word of warm appreciation for Montview's Capital Campaign funding of Ethiopian school libraries and diglot children's books in both morning services. Jane will discuss the program of Ethiopia Reads. Following the second service a selection of Ethiopia Reads books will be available for purchase in the Commons.

FEBRUARY 13: SWAPS HURT COLORADO CITIES & SCHOOLS; FORECLOSURE UPDATE



While the foreclosure crisis has made headlines, a “hidden” casualty of the financial crisis is that many cities and schools have been stuck with costly interest-rate swaps after the crash. Colorado governments - including Denver Public Schools and the cities of Denver and Aurora - are losing \$66 million a year with fixed interest rate obligations, but the revenue to offset them has gone down. In a time when teachers are being laid off and libraries closed, what is the solution? Tim Lilienthal, director of the Bank Accountability Campaign with PICO (People Improving Communities through Organizing, a national faith-based network) will speak about these swaps and the foreclosure crisis. All 50 state attorneys general are looking into how Wall Street banks are handling home foreclosures. MCOM - the Montview Community Organizing Ministry, which is affiliated with PICO and MOP (Metro Organizations for People) - is sponsoring this program as part of our concern about Colorado's serious fiscal challenges.

CHRISTIANS IN PALESTINE? YES. - ARNIE VOIGT • FEBRUARY 20

Our speaker will be Arnie Voigt, a retired ELCA minister. Arnie is one of the co-leaders of Sabeel, Colorado, an organization that meets at Montview the first Sunday of the month. Arnie has visited Israel/Palestine many times and has led numerous tour groups. Arnie will be speaking about Sabeel, an ecumenical grassroots liberation theology movement among Palestinian Christians. Inspired by the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, this liberation theology seeks to deepen the faith of Palestinian Christians, to promote unity among them toward social action. Sabeel strives to develop a spirituality based on love, justice, peace, nonviolence, liberation and reconciliation for the different national and faith communities. The word “Sabeel” is Arabic for ‘the way’ and also a ‘channel’ or ‘spring’ of life-giving water. Arnie will also speak about the programs of Sabeel, Colorado and describe the situation “on the ground” in Israel/Palestine.

FEBRUARY 27TH: “FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS!: A PERSPECTIVE ON OUR NATIONAL INDEBTEDNESS

Forgive Us Our Debt: A Perspective on our National Indebtedness ~ Our mounting public debt is a source of concern both for policy makers and for taxpayers. What sacrifices must be made for us to meet this obligation? What happens if we don't? In this hour together, we will explore the historical record as it relates to various countries over time that have incurred significant debt. The track record offers some lessons that might be applied to our current circumstance, and it prompts an examination of our willingness to shoulder our individual portions of a shared responsibility. Facilitated by Debbie Evercloud, Montview member and Economist and Professor at the University of Denver.

Montview in the World



◀◀◀ Tutoring ◀◀◀ Metro CareRing ◀◀◀ Africa ◀◀◀ Nepal ◀◀◀ Mexico ◀◀◀
Habitat for Humanity ◀◀◀ Greater Park Hill ◀◀◀ Ukraine ◀◀◀ Guatemala

YOU ARE THE PLUS IN BLANKETS+ !

The Church World Service **Blankets +** program has long been known to the Montview congregation as Blanket Sunday, held on or near Valentine's Day. Each year in the United States more than 8,000 congregations and organizations participate in this program, where \$5 buys a blanket and larger amounts support projects addressing disasters, food insecurity, development, and more.

Some 42 percent of support for CWS comes from **Blankets +**, CROP Hunger Walks, and other community appeals - from people like you and me. The genius of **Blankets +** is that everyone, including the youngest among us, can understand how people need and use a blanket. And we also can relate to the idea that even a small contribution will make a difference. Montview's long time support of Church World Service through **Blankets +** offers an opportunity for even the youngest of us to focus on others and their needs through giving a blanket.

And, if you wish, you may honor a loved one or friend by giving in their name and then sending a card to announce your gift. The cards will be available in the Narthex Sundays February 6, 13, and 20. On the same three Sundays colorful envelopes will be in the pews for your contributions to **Blankets +**. Checks should be made out to Montview, with notation for CWS. Your contributions will show up on your quarterly stewardship reports from the Church.

CWS works in 80 countries. Here is news of **Church World Service in Haiti**:

CWS had been in Haiti for years when the earthquake struck on January 12th last year, so emergency aid was immediately available. CWS, is a member of the ACT Alliance*, and in contact with long-time partners in Haiti, including other ACT Alliance members Christian Aid and the Lutheran World Federation, and local partners including Service Chretien d'Haiti, SKDE and the Ecumenical Foundation for Peace and Justice. As the year progressed the response evolved to support a dozen initiatives creating small communities of hope and strength that will grow and form an important part of the fabric of Haitian society now and in the future. These initiatives include:

- Permanent house repair for homes needing minor

repairs

- Expansion of host housing for evacuees in locations outside the quake-affected areas
- Increasing food security and food availability for the displaced and their host communities
- Basic services and transitional support for displaced people in spontaneous encampments
- Rebuilding and expanding local capacity to provide services and protection for vulnerable children and youth in Port-au-Prince
- Individual small grants for quick livelihood recovery
- Direct services for 1,200 people with disabilities in metro Port-au-Prince
- Ongoing provision of material support for people still in tent camps
- Continued management and operation of a Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic - Port-au-Prince Humanitarian corridor
- Supporting durable solutions for displaced persons in settlements along the border of Haiti and the D.R.
- Supporting economic recovery such as micro-loans to women for start-up of small businesses
- Providing material resources and logistical support for local partners and partner international aid agencies, including customs clearance at the Haiti/Dominican Republic border for agencies providing aid through the D.R.

Funds specifically received in response to the emergency totaled \$4.4 million; 51 percent was expended in 2010 and the balance will be used this year and next (2011 and 2012). And CWS will be continuing its emergency and development work in Haiti in following years.

Haiti is just one example of the work of Church World Service. Similar extensive activity could be documented in Indonesia, Pakistan, Sudan, and so many other countries.

Hal Lynde, for Peace and Justice Task Force

**ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) is an alliance of 105 churches and church-related organizations worldwide that work together in humanitarian assistance and development in 105 countries.*

4TH QUARTER MEMORIALS 2010

JAMES MURPHY MEMORIAL

Scottie Annable
John & Peggy Gonder
Russ & Margaret Wehner

THOMAS TAYLOR MEMORIAL

Donna Beck
Gary & Sara Cook
Eleanor Roberts
Russ & Margaret Wehner

JOHN DILLON MEMORIAL

Gary & Sara Cook
Russ & Margaret Wehner

FLOWER DELIVERY AS A MISSION?

Have you ever wondered what happens to our flowers from the sanctuary after the Sunday church services? They are not thrown out or taken home by the person or family that donated them. A caring member of Montview delivers one of the arrangements of a member unable to attend church. The flowers may end up with the member at home or in the hospital, with a grieving family or a family

celebrating a birth, but whatever the circumstance this is a way for us to show support to our extended family. If this ministry is something you and/or your family would like to be involved in please contact Sean Elder at paddyfoley@q.com or call him at 303.320.6072.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN, WINE AND CONVERSATION • FEBRUARY 3 FROM 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Come to enjoy an evening of friendship and conversation with other Montview women on February 3 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. We'll have heavy h'ors d'oeuvres, a chance to meet new friends and time to enjoy informal conversation with old friends. Join us! If you'd like to bring a beverage or an h'ors d'oeuvre to share, please e-mail Diane Cooper at church, cooper@montview.org. Hope to see you there!

ISLAM IN AMERICA: CURRENT CONTROVERSIES OVER MOSQUE AND QUR'AN • FEBRUARY 4

Lecture by: Dr. Ted Vial, Associate Professor of Theology, Iliff School of Theology on Friday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. Location: Highlands Lutheran Church, Denver www.highlandslutheran.org / (303) 477-2031. Tickets \$10, Students \$5. This is sponsored by the Progressive Christian Alliance of Colorado, of which Montview is a founding member. Learn more at: www.progressivechristians.org

PATHFINDERS - WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE? • FEBRUARY 11

What's going on at the State Legislature? Join the Pathfinders and learn about the legislative process, bills presented, and how you can express your opinions on upcoming legislation. Pathfinders will meet Friday, February 11, at 6:30 pm at the home Sarah Hite, 648 Humboldt. Montview's own Pat Pascoe, former State Senator, will discuss the legislative process and upcoming bills. Meetings are always open to new members of Montview and visitors. Reservations are appreciated; call or email Rose Protector, 303-755-8021 or jropro@4edisp.net.

THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST GROUP • FEBRUARY 17

Thursday Morning Breakfast Group will meet on February 17 at 7:30 a.m. at LePeep's on York. This group meets the third Thursday of every month. It's a time to enjoy our friends before we each go our separate way for the day. Everyone is welcome! See you there.

COLFAX COMMUNITY NETWORK - CHEERS FOR CHILDREN • MARCH 11

Silent Auction and Beer Tasting to benefit Colfax Community Network
Friday March 11 at Blake Street Tavern, 2401 Blake Street from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Entrance Fee: \$10 includes one beer tasting and appetizers

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDY THROUGH FEBRUARY 23

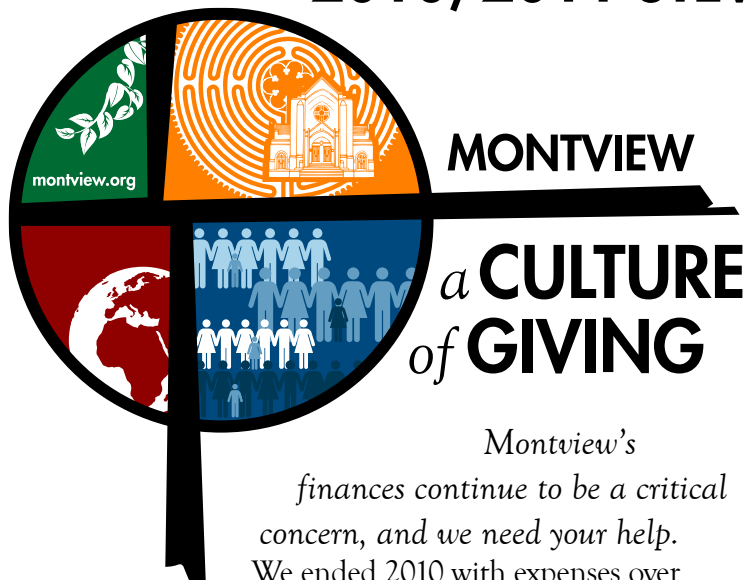
Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. as we read Marcus Borg's new novel: *Putting Away Childish Things: A Tale of Modern Faith*. Borg says that he decided to use fiction as a way of giving readers more of a sense of how people struggle with religious ideas in everyday life. The group welcomes new members. If you'd like to order a copy of the book or have any questions, contact Linda Rumbarger at lrumbarg@hotmail.com, 303-525-2917.

~ 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)

2010/2011 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



MONTVIEW
a **CULTURE**
of **GIVING**

Montview's

finances continue to be a critical concern, and we need your help.

We ended 2010 with expenses over income of (\$12,394), primarily the

result of receiving lower contributions than anticipated for the year. As we begin 2011, the Session has adopted a provisional budget until we have a more complete picture

of pledge income. Our 2011 pledge goal is \$1,200,000, and we are short of this goal by approximately \$112,000. This reflects almost 100 fewer people/families making a pledge for 2011 than in 2010. At this level we will need to make significant cuts to the 2011 budget.

If you have yet to complete your 2010 commitment or to make a pledge for 2011 – or you are able to increase your 2011 pledge to help us close the gap, please contact Dan Gasser in the church office as soon as possible at gasser@montview.org to let him know your intentions.

Montview's culture of giving depends on all of us. Thank you for whatever you can do to help Montview continue to be the love of Christ for each other, in our community, and across the globe.

The Stewardship Committee: Lorraine Alcott, Chip King, Craig Maginness, Robert Longway, Phil Worth, Mark Richardson, Cindy Cearley, John Howell, Mary Medley

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE MARCH 9 AT 7:30 P.M.

Montview will mark the beginning of the 2011 Lenten season with an evening service of candlelight, communion, music, and the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. This entrance into the 40 days of Lent encourages trust in God amidst the chaos and uncertainty present in our lives as a remembrance of Christ's 40 days in

the wilderness. Such a journey inward offers a path toward Easter's promise of renewal.

Montview musicians Rebecca Gale and Steve Pearlman will be joined by violinist Judy Hagerman to lead the music and prayers of the service in a contemplative style. Please contact Rebecca (rebecca@rebeccagale.com) for more information.

MONTVIEW GARDEN CLUB

Are you a seasoned gardener? New to the area and want to learn about gardening in Colorado? Wondering why everything you plant dies? Regardless of your current skills, we need you!! Our garden club not only maintains the gardens around the church, but we also foster the green thumb in all of us. Our meetings will start with a short informational session about something garden related to be followed by digging in the dirt, plucking flowers and planting. It is social gardening where new gardeners can learn from the more experienced

plants people.

We will be starting again for the season on March 16th at 6pm in the Robinson Room. We are looking for topics to discuss and improvements on the general layout of our club, so please join us with your ideas. We look forward to growing our club and keeping the new and old gardens around the church looking beautiful!! Please contact Pam Johnston with any questions at johnstonpm@yahoo.com or 303-888-9950.