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*From Advent to Epiphany,  
Anticipation to Joy*

*The 2011 the holiday season was welcomed with the Annual Christmas Concert with the Choirs and Orchestra of Montview on December 4.*

Montview's Minister of Music, John Kuzma had something for kids from 1 to 92 by Finzi, Frank, (Kuzma,) Bach, Leroy Anderson and more during this sparkling seasonal tradition. (Pictured above)

**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."



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Isaiah 61:10-62:3,  
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Revelation 21:1-6a,  
Matthew 25:31-46

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**January 6, 2012**

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Matthew 2:1-12

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**January 8, 2012**

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**January 29, 2012**

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**February 12, 2012**

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**PRAYER TREE**

Scottie Annable, Bob Willard, Kenny Devore (step-son of Debbie Devore), John David (relative of Debbie Devore), Hazel Conn (sister of David Russell), Jim Logan, Troyer family, Carolyn Gilbert (cousin of Karen Whiting), Wilma Grover, Connie Jungbluth and family (sister of Linda Rein), Jean Joseph (grandmother of Emily McGee), Helen Bradley (sister of Anne Schreiner), Angi Watters (sister of Julie Terry), Sarah and Andy Osani, Bob Munson (cousin of Ron Barkdoll), Steve Pearlman, Ben Meyerhoff, Kathy Hoy-Gipe, Jan Fitzpatrick, Edie Carlson (aunt of Rebecca Gale), Mercedes Sherman (cousin of Rebecca Gale), Colette Schneider, Bob Chambers and his family (cousin of Marleen Stene-Trout), Ann Williams Harper (mother of Malcolm Williams), Richard Shivley

(brother of Nancy Brigham), Bunny Thomas

**BIRTHS** 11/18 Clara McMullen Bowles, daughter of Kelly McMullen and Daniel Bowles  
11/10 Jon Michael Hanson (son of Micha and Carrie Hanson)

9/6 Caroline Elizabeth Whitehead, daughter of Elizabeth & Jason Whitehead

**DEATHS** 12/04 Cliff Ward, father of Paul Ward  
11/25 Helen Tree Slatt, mother of Carla Slatt-Burns  
11/13 Lloyd P. Elliott (father of Linda Fegley)  
10/24 David Watters, brother of Julie Ward;  
brother-in-law of Ward Terry

10/23 Sarah Rember, sister of Susie Rember Roberts, sister-in-law of John Roberts

10/20 Evelyn A. Bortman

**MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Simone Holmes, Jake Murphy, Theresa Marre

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**Tilman Adair**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The lighting of the Advent candles last month reminded us of Peace, Hope, Joy and Love, with Christ in the middle. These feelings have also greeted me in my first few weeks in the newly created role of Executive Director for Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church.

**PEACE** ~ The decision to add this level of leadership came during a time of strength, thoughtfulness, and renewed energy for the church and its Session. Two years of planning and prayerful discernment led by the Envision Committee has put Montview in good position to be a stable, confident and faith-filled force for Denver's families. The leadership team's mandate is to further develop Montview's organizational effectiveness, our connections with each other, our spiritual growth, and a culture of stewardship.

**HOPE** ~ As a *church community* we are excited for the opportunities before us to Grow and Serve which come from thoughtful questioning of our roles and how we operate. For us as individuals, my



**Rev. Dr. Cynthia Cearley**

LEAD PASTOR FOR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The heart of Christian community is love, concern and care. In mission we extend our hearts to the community and world, working for justice and honoring the humanity of every person. In congregational life we support one another, practice kindness and walk with each other through our lives. In welcoming our new Executive Director, Tilman Adair, I move into the role of Lead Pastor for Congregational Life. My focus will shift from significant administrative leadership of Montview, to primary pastoral care and community support. Supporting and caring for you and your families during times of illness, grief, and life changes is my first priority.

In my time at Montview, I have witnessed the profound power of caring Christian community. I am excited to help strengthen Montview's "family ties" and grow connections between you. Pastoral ministry has always been the heart of my ministry and I cherish the times I am privileged to be the face of Montview's love for you.



**Rev. Ian Gregory Cummins**

LEAD PASTOR FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE

I hope by now most of you have met our new Executive Director, Tilman Adair, his wife Debra and daughter Gracelyn. We are blessed to have them join us here at Montview and Cindy and I feel especially blessed to have someone with so much experience and expertise focusing on the building, finances, stewardship and the staff. This allows us to focus on what we do best and what we were trained to do.

In this new model, the three of us create a Leadership Team responsible for different aspects of the Montview community. As the Lead Pastor for Spiritual Life, my areas of responsibility include the worship and education life of our congregation. We will maintain the shared preaching model we have had for 36 years, but I will preach a bit more frequently than in the past. This will provide chances to experiment with a sermon series now and then and be able to go into a subject more deeply. This new model will also allow me time to be more intentional about how we create meaningful and faithful worship.

## from *the* LEADERSHIP TEAM

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aim is to provide an operational foundation to make our personal journeys of Questioning, Thinking, Serving and Growing more accessible and deliberate. One of the direct impacts of my work is that I will be fully focused, in partnership with Pastors Cindy and Ian, the staff, Session and volunteer committees on the day-

I will continue to lead worship with Ian, Sheri and Sandy and preach once or twice a month. Ian, Tilman and I will lead Montview's Session and I will continue in my role as moderator. You will see me, calling, teaching and writing more as Tilman moves into administrative leadership. Ian and I are so grateful to receive the gift

The result, I hope, will be that you will experience an even richer life of faith and live even more boldly the way of Jesus in the world.

The other area of responsibility, education, is something I long to return to. I enjoy teaching and thinking about how we communicate the ideas of Christian faith

# Now for Then

*Parenting with and in faith is an interesting challenge. It is a challenge of many aspects from small, close details to large, distant hopes. We parents are called to deal with the context of each minute with our children while keeping the time of their adulthoods clearly in mind.*



We want them to be happy and healthy. We want them to have meaningful careers and strong relationships. We want them to be grateful for their blessings; fair and generous with others; apt and able to solve problems, recover from mistakes, and adjust in confidence



to all things new. We want them to rise to all of the occasions of life and we know that they will need a faith beyond themselves to do so.

Giving them the opportunity for this faith in the long run is another part of the daily parenting challenge, but not always a distinct part.

Sharing faith can be a part of our every act of love for our children as each reflects God's love for all people. We reflect this love of God each time we

them to change these. We reflect God's love when we let our children know that we will be with them through any difficulty that life might present, walking behind them and available to give support and guidance on any "mountain" they might choose or be required to climb. We will be there and God will be also. We can talk with our children about these two mirrored sources of love in daily minutes and help to make these anchors for all of their days.

Sharing faith with our children can happen at any time. For example, teaching our children about God as our creator can happen as we plant seeds in the spring; admire flowers in the summer; gather leaves on a fall sidewalk; or look at the sky from the top of a ski run. We can share awe, wonder and appreciation for God's creation in the mention of moments each day, slowly building awe, wonder and appreciation for God's creation in

faith's tradition from sacred texts and stories. We can help our children learn of faith's development and application from Bible stories and from story books in the secular press. The stories of each day can slowly build our children's understanding of God's place in our language, habits and choices as we live through all our years.

And, sharing faith with our children can happen as we pray and worship. As we pray with them at mealtime and bedtime we are building a practice of gratitude to God, our source of all gifts. As we take them to Sunday School and to worship, we are helping them to be a part of both our ancient tradition and our community practice of faith in God. We are helping them to see and hear, to feel and sense, that God is



## children AT MONTVIEW

*Sandy Prouty, Minister of Children and Families*

are fair and patient, positive, forgiving. We reflect God's love when we love our children without condition through their unacceptable behavior and limit testing experiments. We reflect this love of God when we let our children know that we love them all of the time, even during those times when we do not love their behavior or choices and work with

their minds and hearts for a lifetime.

Sharing faith with our children can happen as we read with our children. We can read from a children's Bible on a designated Bible bedtime story night. We can also bring out themes of patience, hope, solutions, support, kindness and respect in most books for children. We can help our children learn of

good and God is great and we are not alone.

Parenting faithfully is a labor of love shared in quickly passing moments meant for all the years to come. May this year be filled with endless faith and countless times to share it with our children. Amen. - Sandy Prouty

# Foundations of Missional Youth Ministry... Moving From Gathering Teenagers To Scattering Disciples

*About a year ago, some of the youth ministers in the Denver Presbytery asked the question Why youth ministry?*



After receiving input from youth leaders from different kinds of churches, we identified seven foundational goals upon which to build a rich, meaningful, and theologically sound missional ministry with youth.

**ONE.** Introduce teenagers to the Christian faith. So often we assume that young people who have grown up in the church know the basics of faith by the time they are 15. This doesn't seem to be true. Becoming a disciple of Christ is more than a statement of belief. Becoming a disciple means taking a journey. It means developing a heart for missions and service to others. It demands some thoughtful study of Scripture. It requires a willingness to sacrifice, to wrestle with the deep questions of faith. Youth ministry is meant to introduce teenagers to Christ's radical, boundary-breaking way of peace and justice and to help them figure out what it means to follow him. It's a place for them to be Christians in training. Much of what we do in youth ministry bears fruits years later, perhaps in ways we'll never know. Teenagers don't necessarily need answers about faith. Rather they need to be shown how to ask lots and lots of questions.

means to live in a radically open and loving community that reflects God's love for the world. Youth ministry should offer opportunities for teenagers to experiment with what this sort of community might look like. It should provide a glimpse of what it means to be loved unconditionally and it should help young people work at loving others.

**THREE.** Our young people are bombarded with messages that tell them their self-worth will ultimately be tied to the size of their paychecks and their ability to be good consumers within our capitalist economy. But what about those gifts that aren't obviously marketable - gifts for discernment, healing, prophecy, mercy, and hospitality? What about the idea of using our gifts to benefit others - not just ourselves? Youth ministry can help teenagers see that they have God-given gifts that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

**FOUR.** Being a teenager is tough. Not many of us would choose to relive those days even if we could. Teens struggle with self-worth, confusion about their identity, and worries about fitting in with their peers. Therefore, adolescence may not be the best time to force-feed Christian dogma, drill

the lock-in with their friends. Youth ministry should offer teenagers the mentorship of faithful adults who will love them just as they are, walk with them on their spiritual journeys, and help them navigate the challenges of adolescence.

**FIVE.** Many teenagers have lived so long with the idea that God lives "up there" or "out there" that they find it difficult to figure out where God really is in their lives. Youth ministry can help young people tune in to the God-saturated world we live in by introducing them to a variety of Christian spiritual practices that can awaken their sensitivity to God's presence.

**SIX.** Each fall we ask teenagers to describe their weekly schedules. It's not unusual for teenagers to begin their days as early as 5 a.m. In addition most of them sleep with their cell phones either in bed with them or nearby - the texting begins at an early hour. Many of them start their day at school, arriving by 6:30 a.m. and getting home at 6 or 6:30 p.m. They try to unwind, eat, and catch up with their social network. Then they start working on their homework before finally heading to bed at midnight. Why do they keep this kind of schedule? Most of the answers have to do with good



*youth* AT MONTVIEW  
Rev. Sheri Fry, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

And, just as importantly, they need a safe space in which to ask them.

**TWO.** At its very essence, the Christian faith is about community. It's built upon an understanding that we're in relationship with a God who recognizes that all individuals are worthy of love. Youth ministry should help teenagers learn what it

memory verses from Scripture, or expect teens to be able to draw the path of Paul's missionary journeys on a map. What teenagers just might remember are the adults God put in their lives - adults who cared enough to put up with their growing pains, listen to their questions, take them on mission trips, and let them stay up all night at

grades and a good resume to get into college. In college of course they will keep the same schedule so they can get good grades and a good job. They need a good job to make lots of money. They need significant amounts of money to support their imagined families, buy a large house, and take nice vacations and then of course they will

# Dental Care for Montview's Nepal Kids

*Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church donors gave more than they expected when they sent \$500 to rent a 50- passenger bus to take youngsters to a dental clinic. It spared the children from long walks to essential dental care. Perhaps more exciting and memorable, for many youngsters it was the first ride ever in a motor vehicle.*



– Horn-Boothby Health Post, a Centennial Capital Campaign Project). Over the course of many years, Montview has held medical clinics, provided inoculations and hygiene and crafts courses for these wonderful kids.

Starting in 2006, Montview created a partnership with Denver based Global Dental Relief to provide free dental care to these two schools. Montview has funded the transportation for the students, and Global Dental volunteers provide dental care – often the first care of each child's life. Global Dental Relief's volunteer dentists, hygienists and non-dental volunteers donate time and pay their own expenses to bring care to children in need.

## Seulam!

On December 23 I will be traveling to Ethiopia with Brian Pendleton, Dr. Margaret Muldrow, David Muldrow, Cindy Nichols, Bronwen Kahn and Dr. Laury Bowman. This band of merry travelers will be busy visiting many of the projects our church has supported over the years. We arrive in Addis Ababa on Christmas Day and will be touring the Ethiopia Reads library project, meet the girls and celebrate the library at the Bethel Mekane Yesus Girls school. This is one of the Montview Capital Campaign projects.

We will also visit some of the Montview supported water and reforestation projects in Wollega which will

Montview members and friends, through the Montview Nepal Hand Up fund, have worked with two “adopted” government schools, Bal Kumari and Motti Binayak Schools in Sunakothi (site of the Montview

In the Fall of 2011, Bal Kumari School sent 302 children to the Global Dental Relief camp. Children received treatment as follows: 302 exams (resulting in 110 children with perfect teeth!), 236 sealants, 106 cleanings, 145 fillings and 45 extractions. Every child received a fluoride treatment and new toothbrush.

Regular care has welcome results – no more big extractions as major work is completed, increasing numbers of perfect teeth, and many more children come because of the bus. *That makes everyone smile!*  
- by Joanne Ditmer



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include Gella and the most recent water project in Chorito. We will be visiting the Safer Motherhood in Rural Ethiopia project called the Village Health Partnership that Dr. “Migs” Muldrow (*Bill & Betsey Muldrow's daughter*) has started and is running. We will confirm the delivery of medical equipment and work to implement the training of personnel as well as screening, transport, care and treatment of women with Fistula and prolapsed uterus. We will be traveling to Bahir Dar in the north and Dembi Dollo in the west where we will meet with the Western Wollega Bethel Synod to discuss a partnership project with youth and adults from Montview and the Ethiopian people in which we hope to return following Christmas 2012. I have also been blessed with the opportunity to preach in their church in Dembi Dollo on New Years Day and share worship together.

On behalf of this group we thank you all for the support you have given to the projects in Ethiopia and we look forward to sharing our stories and pictures with all of you. Ameuseugenallo and Deuhana (Thank you & Goodbye)

*Many blessings for a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! - Rev. Sheri Fry*

# Nifty Nineties - David Howie & Anthony "Tony" Romeo

*Proud military service and active lifestyles characterize two Montview members celebrating their 90th birthdays. As part of the "Greatest Generation," they served in World War II and went on to successful and productive careers.*

## MAJOR DAVID HOWIE

(retired), who turned 90 on November 9, was born and raised in East Orange, New Jersey, and went into the Army in 1942, becoming a Lieutenant and serving as forward observer conducting artillery fire in Italy in 1944-45. When the war ended, he was part of the Army of Occupation in the summer of 1945 in Trieste, Italy.

Embossed on the handle of his Army 45 revolver was an image of Betty Jane Haggren, whom he had met in 1939 and would later marry. "I would look at her picture and think, 'This is why I am doing this,'" he said, recalling the horrors of combat.

He later was promoted to Major and stayed in the Active Reserves as a "week-end warrior" for 17 years. In 1951 he was called back to active duty during the Ko-



and later opened his own print shop, which he called Ace Press. Ace Press was the name of the print shop he had set up in high school, earning enough money to buy himself a rowboat, an outboard motor and a car!

"In seventh grade I read the autobiography of Benjamin Franklin and after that I tried to pattern my life after his," Howie said (Franklin's primary occupation being that of a printer).

Over the next nine years in Madison, the Howies had six children, four girls and two boys. Working up to 80 hours a week in his very successful business, Howie decided, as Ben Franklin had, to retire early. The family bought a camper and traveled around, ending up in Hollywood, Florida, north of Miami, and buying a house there. When the oldest children entered college, Howie went back to work in printing, again finding himself working long hours. A chance for

shot out, but I taught there for 10 years and loved it," Howie said. "I put dozens of young people into the printing trade and turned a lot of kids' lives around."

Second retirement began in 1984 when he and Betty moved to Tucson, Arizona, spending six months of every year for the next 14 exploring in a travel trailer. They visited every state in the US and every province in Canada, traveling 25,000 miles every summer and keeping meticulous journals of their trips.

Due to Betty's failing health, they came to Denver in 1998 where most of their children lived. Betty died two years ago and David now lives with one of his daughters. He leads an active life and occasionally dons his military uniform to give talks to young students. He possesses a photographic memory not only for dates and events in his own life but in world history, and enjoys reciting poetry. Last September he was privileged to be an



*nifty* NINETIES  
David Howie & Anthony "Tony" Romeo

rean War to train recruits at Fort Bragg.

On July 5, 1946, he married Betty and they lived in Rochester, New York, before moving to Madison, New Jersey, in 1948. With a keen interest in the printing occupation, David went to work as a pressman

a career change came with a job offer to teach printing to inner city high school students. The Miami Carol City Senior High School was a hotbed of Cuban and Black gang activity during the 1970s.

"I had my tires slashed, my windows

honoree at the Scottish/Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park.

Born and raised a Presbyterian, he came to a Montview Christmas program a few years ago and has been part of the church ever since.

PHOTOS: David Howie on his 77th Birthday. (top left) David Howe stationed in Italy, 1944. (bottom right)

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**ANTHONY “TONY” ROMEO** will turn 90 on February 23 and this year will celebrate 60 years of marriage to his wife, Patricia. A native Denverite, he played violin with the Denver Symphony, was a World War II Navy pilot, flew for United Airlines, and owned a bed and breakfast.



Tony was the next to youngest of 14 children. His father, a former miner, opened a grocery store and pool hall at 38th and Wynkoop, later moving the family to Colfax and Monroe where he opened a grocery store. Tony had his first job at age 12 delivering groceries, and at 14 drove a 1936 Dodge pickup all over the Park Hill area delivering groceries.

“I grew up in a poor family in a poor area,” he said. “We were poor in material



things but rich in the important things.”

A graduate of East High School, he was the only one of his siblings to go to college. The “most important factor” in his young life, he said, was the violin, with which he won state and regional competitions in 1939 leading to a college scholarship. His whole family played instruments and formed their own orchestra, performing between the double features of movies. They even embarked on a concert tour

destined for the East Coast that was unfortunately cut short by the stock-market crash of 1929.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor interrupted his second year of college in Greeley, and he enlisted in the Navy Air Corps. As a Navy pilot stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, he flew 48 long range combat missions and logged 680 hours of flight time, becoming a Lieutenant JG by war’s end.

“I flew a Privateer airplane, which was a converted B24, in the area of the South China Sea from Hainan Island to the southern tip of Japan,” he reminisced in a video made by the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, where he is a volunteer. Another of his duties as a Navy pilot was “typhoon patrol,” which involved flying through the eye of typhoons to track their speed and direction in order to warn warships of impending storms.

Back in Denver after the war, he attended the University of Denver, earning a bachelor’s degree in airline and airport management in 1947 and a master’s in violin performance in 1948. At the same time, he was playing in the Denver Symphony at “starvation wages.” He was

also on the DU faculty, giving private violin lessons, and working as a flight instructor at Denver area airports. When United Airlines contacted him looking for qualified pilots, he not only acquired a new career but met his future wife, Patty, who was a stewardess for United.

In 1967 the family, now with four children, moved to



Boulder, and in 1982 Tony retired from the airline. He and Patty embarked on a new adventure, buying a bed and breakfast in Ashland, Oregon, home of the long-running Shakespeare Festival. After 23 years in Ashland, they moved back to Denver seven years ago, as two of their daughters live here.

Now living in the Lowry area, they pursue an active lifestyle involving children and grandchildren. Tony has been an avid mountain climber (having climbed most of the Fourteeners), skier, tennis player and photographer, and he and Patty have bicycled all over the United States and Europe.

Their connection to Montview? One of their daughters was married here and they were drawn by the music program. Montview has been their church home since 2005. - by Richelle Force



PHOTOS: Romero family grocery store, pool hall and residence at 38th & Wynkoop circa 1926. Tony, the youngest son, is the farthest on the left. (bottom left) Serving at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. (top right) Tony with his “Lucky 413” Navy bomber. (bottom right)

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**JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 19**

## **Time Spirals**

Explore the story and science of belonging. Montview member Karen Kudebeh will use a remarkable tool called Time Spirals to explore our 13.7 billion year Cosmic Creation Story.

## **Working on Your Happily Ever After**

Support your relationship's strengths and better manage disagreements. Attend a three-week adult education class taught by Dr. Galena Rhoades from the University of Denver's Center for Marital and Family Studies. Class ends February 12.



## **49ers Contemporary Forum**

*an educational forum for all ages - 9:15 am in the McCollum Room*

**JANUARY 29 The Fountain Of Youth: Healthy Aging in the Comfort Of Your Own Home** — You will learn about identifying health issues and challenges faced by people who desire to age safely and independently in their own homes. Most people are not aware that they have the option to age at home instead of moving into an assisted living facility. Common health issues for the aging population include diabetes, dementia, heart disease, depression, dentistry and injuries from falls. You will learn approaches on how to prevent, treat or decelerate illness, identify symptoms and how to use assistive technologies that will enable you (or your loved ones) to extend livability and remain independent in your home. Through awareness education and preparation, you can increase longevity and live safely in the comfort of your own home. Facilitated by experts from GoldLeaf CareGivers.

**FEBRUARY 5 • Hype and Hypothesis: How Economists are Getting Smarter** — It may be tempting to think of financial markets as something akin to a gambling casino ~ a place where the lucky get rich and everyone else gets frustrated. But in fact, financial markets serve a very important role in making the economy work. Since 2008, it has become obvious that we have some ground yet to cover in reaching a good understanding of how the financial system works and what is likely to happen when it fails. Researchers and scholars within the economics profession have been working to identify patterns of behavior that tend to undermine the soundness of financial institutions, and new theories are emerging from their work. We will take a look at the shifting ground of commonly-held beliefs within the economics profession, with an eye towards understanding how everyone involved in the function of finance can contribute towards a healthier system. Facilitated by Dr. Debbie Evercloud, Montview member and economics professor at University of Colorado Denver.

*adult* EDUCATION

**JANUARY 15**

## **Churchwide Forum: How Do You Feel About the Death Penalty?**

Join representatives from Coloradans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty for a discussion of this important issue.

**JANUARY 22**

## **Annual Meeting and Pancake Breakfast**

# MomTime at Montview

*Three years ago friends and Montview members, Leah Oliver and Laura Cummins, dreamed up the idea of a moms' group for young families at Montview. What started as a small group has now grown into a vibrant collective of over fifty women.*

The church has provided invaluable support in a variety of ways—from Montview pastors and staff speaking to the group, to arranging for regular child care, to room set up for the Friday morning meetings. Along with the

er members, to take advantage of the childcare, and perhaps most importantly to lend and garner support from fellow moms.

Over the years MomTime has had experts talk about topics such as parenting techniques, financial and estate planning, being a mom and an entrepreneur, and maintaining strong marriages, just to name a few. The

warm clothing drive for church work trip to Nepal, collecting and packing books for Ethiopia Reads, preparing a meal for the Ronald McDonald House, and organizing a clothing drive for Clothes to Kids, Inc.

The friendships formed at MomTime are priceless to the moms who belong to the group. Motherhood is a journey with a sharp learning curve, plenty of pitfalls, and, of course, countless rewards – being able to share the ups and downs together makes the experience more meaningful for the women of MomTime.

MomTime will meet the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of each month in Rm. 305 starting January 6 at 9:15-11:15. For further information check the blog: <http://montviewmomtime.wordpress.com> or contact the co-coordinators Leah Oliver ([leahcnoliver@yahoo.com](mailto:leahcnoliver@yahoo.com)) and Anna Clark ([Anna.A.Clark@gmail.com](mailto:Anna.A.Clark@gmail.com)).



church's support, raising funds in the form of dues has made this group possible. MomTime members are a mix of Park Hill, Stapleton and other nearby neighborhood residents, working moms and stay-at-home moms, and Montview members and visitors—all of whom enjoy the camaraderie of MomTime.

MomTime members come for a variety of reasons: to hear the guest speaker, to enjoy coffee and breakfast provided by the oth-

women of MomTime also take a moms-only weekend trip to the mountains each year to recharge and forge stronger connections with each other. In addition to taking time for themselves, MomTime members routinely reach out to the greater community through service projects, often involving their kids, including hosting a meal for the Gathering Place day shelter, putting together food/supply bags for the homeless, contributing to the

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you, Thank you!** - Montview has suspended its association with Bonfils Blood Center for 2012 in running blood drives at the church due to a decrease in personnel at Bonfils. All of you who have donated blood these past 9 years at our drives have been instrumental in saving the lives of over 3900 people with the 1300+ units of blood that have been collected. Thank you all for your generosity and participation in this mission with me. You have been awesome! - Jamie Vernon

**Sojourners Christmas Party • January 7** - The Sojourners Christmas Party is Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at the home of Karen and Stephen Kudebeh, 1793 Holly, Denver, CO 80220 Please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share and a beverage to drink. Also, each couple should bring a "white elephant gift" wrapped in Christmas paper, but with no names on it, for the gift exchange. R.S.V.P. to Karen at 303-377-0607 or [Karen@timetrace.com](mailto:Karen@timetrace.com)

**Women's Wednesday Evening Book Study • January 11** - Our group will gather once again in the McCollum Room starting on Wednesday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. and will continue for six weeks. (Note the start time has been moved back a half hour because of the new Open Chapel offering on Wednesday evenings.) We will be reading *My Life with the Saints* by Rev. James Martin. Martin is a Jesuit priest, culture editor of *America* magazine, and author of numerous books, including this one, which *Publishers Weekly* named one of the best books of 2006. Father Martin is a frequent commentator in the national and international media, having appeared various outlets including *The Colbert Report*, *Fresh Air*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Boston Globe*, and on the *History Channel*, *BBC*, and *Vatican Radio*. Before entering the Jesuits in 1988 he graduated from the *Wharton School of Business*. In the book, Martin weaves stories from his life with those of various saints, including *Thomas Merton*, who he says influenced him to leave a corporate career for the priesthood. New participants are always welcome. If you have questions, contact Linda Rumbarger at 303.525.2917 or [lrumbarg@hotmail.com](mailto:lrumbarg@hotmail.com).

**Ash Wednesday Prayer Service: February 22 at 7:30 p.m.** Montview will mark the beginning of the 2012 Lenten season with an evening service of candlelight, communion, music, and the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 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, including songs from the monastic Taize community in France. Please contact Rebecca ([rebecca@rebeccagale.com](mailto:rebecca@rebeccagale.com)) for more information.

**FROM TILMAN ADAIR PAGE 3 – CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO PAGE 3**

to-day business operations and planning for our future together. We are in an excellent position to grow to the next level of spiritual and congregational life because of the history of your involvement, the stewardship of our leaders and the legacy of those before us.

**JOY** ~ The loudest sounds of Joy seem to be coming from Pastors Ian and Cindy as they prepare to spend more of their time as companions on the journey of the life of the congregation and the lives of its members. My role will free up our pastors to focus on non-administrative pastoral tasks as I support their efforts to improve connections to congregational life, spiritual life and mission outreach.

**LOVE** ~ My family and I have found Montview to be a genuinely loving, generous and welcoming community. The staff culture that has been nourished by Pastors Cindy, Ian and Sheri as well as John and Sandy is one of joyful service, competence, intelligence and faithfulness. I enjoy being challenged every morning to live up to those standards and return home every evening with the satisfaction of knowing that I helped each of them and each of you do the best work of life. I am very grateful for this opportunity to combine my professional and spiritual journeys in one place – it is truly the best of both worlds.

*In Gratitude – Tilman*

**FROM REV. DR. CYNTHIA CEARLEY PAGE 3 – CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO PAGE 3**

of more time for our pastoral work at Montview.

Montview is an amazing community of faith. We have a rich heritage, an engaging present and a hope-filled future. Together we are the light of Christ in the world and for each other.

*Blessings and Gratitude,*

*Cindy, Lead Pastor for Congregational Life*

**FROM REV. IAN GREGORY CUMMINS PAGE 3 – CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO PAGE 3**

in a world that is changing so rapidly. But when the recession began and we reduced our pastoral staff to meet the new economic reality, this was not always possible. With Tilman aboard, I will be able to teach a bit more often and will direct more energy toward bringing the most interesting and effective books, classes and programs available to our community. We already have a great education program for all ages and I look forward to thinking creatively about how to make it even better.

As you'll read in Cindy's letter, she will take responsibility for congregational life and pastoral care. This does not mean I won't be available to make visits to the hospital or meet for coffee. We will, of course, continue to do the core competencies of ministry like preaching, teaching, and pastoral care together. But it will mean that she will be the primary contact for pastoral care, which will allow me to focus on connecting with you around your faith journey.

This will be something new for all of us and something we will grow into together. So please let us know what you think as you see the transitions take shape. Together we will continue the rich legacy of faith, service and leadership that is Montview.

*In Christ,*

*Ian, Lead Pastor for Spiritual Life*

**FROM MONTVIEW YOUTH PAGE 5 – CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO PAGE 5**

have to retire and live comfortably. How do they learn about slowing down and experiencing the Sabbath that God demonstrates in the very first book of the Bible? Youth ministry can offer experiences of new spiritual tools and rituals that focus on rest and balance. Mission trips encourage youth to leave behind their cell phones and disconnect from the daily busy-ness of life. It's a challenge to get young people to simply slow down and relax. But in order to experience God's presence and God's purpose for their lives, teenagers must learn the spiritual discipline of Sabbath.

**SEVEN.** Teenagers are incredibly open to the sacredness of the moment - the realization that God's presence surrounds us on a daily basis. They just need someone to point them in the right direction. Youth ministry can offer many ways to practice hospitality and fellowship...mission trips and local outreach can be transformative for the youth. Through shared hospitality and fellowship they experience the presence of God. - Rev. Sheri Fry

~ 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)

## Musique & Masque's Fall Show Is Coming Back... and so is "Fiddler On The Roof"!

*Yes, we're back and we want you to get the fall show back on your calendar for September 13-16, 2012! More details will follow, but the show will take the usual format of auditions in early June, and intense rehearsal time during August and early September.*

It was fall of 1994 when we first visited Anatevka to spend time with Tevye, his wife, 5 daughters, and their village friends. Our friend, Jim Murphy, brought a larger-than-life Tevye to Montview, and we over-sold 3 performances, a first in our fledgling theater company.

In 2002, when Montview was celebrating its Centennial, we could think of no better way to look at our past and move toward our future than to revisit the beloved village of Anatevka. Dennis Shull played Tevye in this production, while Jim Murphy took Dennis' former role of Lazar Wolf.

And so it seems fitting, in light of Jim Murphy's untimely death last December, that we make a final trek to Anatevka to bid Jim a proper farewell and to honor his long-standing love and devotion to the theater program at Montview. In fact, Jim was part of the founding group that envisioned a more active theater arts program at Montview. In the beginning, there were play readings, puppet shows, comic evenings,

silent movies with organ accompaniment; in the early 1990's, the program naturally evolved into its current format, with a large fall musical as the primary offering and joining with the music program to expand into the Pulpit Players arena.

Traditions weave all of our lives together, both personally and in the context of our connectedness to others. Tevye's story abounds in the many traditions and customs of Jewish life in Czarist Russia at the turn of the century. There are the rituals of the Jewish wedding ceremony, the preparations for the family's Sabbath meal, and the ritual of kissing the mezuzah on the doorframe when entering or exiting a building. The Fiddler in Sholem Aleichem's folk tales is known to represent the balance in our lives, and is used to portray the age-old symbol of Jewish perseverance in the light of adversity. I recall our fascination in 1994 with the symbol of the

circle as a connection that represents the strength of the people. It is quite commonly used in the folk dance patterns, and is used throughout the play to emphasize the



spirit of the community.

I invite you to join us in September 2012 – as an actor/musician, a crew assistant, or simply as an audience member – to enjoy this timeless musical and to pay honor to a giant in our Montview theater world.

Please contact Jean Sibley (303-722-4207 or [jean.sibley@ucdenver.edu](mailto:jean.sibley@ucdenver.edu)) to express interest in participation in this show and to answer any questions you might have. - Jean Sibley

## Keepin' It Green

Thank you to all the 'donors' of Styrofoam who have helped us care for our planet and avoided the filling of landfills. We have been impressed at the continual demand for Styrofoam recycling. For the past 2 years this effort has been shouldered by 2 members and we are in need of some additional help with our periodic drives to the Recycle Center, about 15 minutes from Montview and open every weekday. Please consider helping out. Contact Brooke

Durland at 303-722-7706 or [bedurland@gmail.com](mailto:bedurland@gmail.com) for details.

A few reminders:

- They only accept clean, hard, white Styrofoam which may, or may not, be marked with a #6 designation. (*Styrofoam coolers are accepted.*)
- NO plates, cups, meat, fast food containers, or packing pellets.
- Take any packing pellets, directly to a mailing store or UPS.



**BETH & MATT SPOHN**

Beth and Matt Spohn are both attorneys. Matt is a trial lawyer for commercial cases and Beth is an in-house counsel for a hospital system. They have two daughters, Audrey (3) and Charlotte (1) and are interested in the children's programs. *Received November 2011*



**MARY ANNE & LESLIE GASKINS**

Mary Anne and Leslie Gaskins have one married son. They have a new four month old grandson and they are thrilled to be part-time baby-sitters. They enjoy the outdoors and Mary Anne is a sewing artist and metal worker. They enjoy the feeling of community and openness at Montview. *Received November 2011*



**DEBBIE & WES MARSHALL**

Debbie and Wesley Wes Marshall moved to Denver two years ago from Connecticut. They have three children, Elle, Luke and Mae. Debbie is a stay-at-home mom and Wes is a professor of Transportation engineering at UCD. They look forward to being involved with Montview missions. *Received November 2011*



**JOANNE JORDAN**

Joanne Jordan lives in the Stapleton community with her husband Bill. They have five children with one daughter living in Denver. JoAnne is a retired personal chef. At Montview she enjoys the traditional services, music and the community involvement. *Received November 2011*



**ELIZABETH & GREG GARNER**

Elizabeth and Greg Garner live in the Stapleton with their two children, Jack (11) and Taylor (14). Greg is a computer programmer and Elizabeth is a State demographer. They enjoys soccer and camping. They enjoy the traditional services and the feeling of community. *Received November 2011*



**BETTYE & GEORGE BROWN**

Bettye and George Brown have two grown children. Bettye is a retired piano and school business teacher. George retired as a special agent in the US Department of Agriculture. They are impressed by the local and international out-reach programs at Montview and enjoy the open-mindedness of the worship services. *Received November 2011*



**ELIZABETH & BRIAN SIPES**

Elizabeth and Brian Sipes have an eleven month old son, Tennyson. Elizabeth is a securities attorney and Brian is an architect who works from home. He designs buildings, renovations, and does community planning. They enjoy the diversity and progressive message at Montview along with the wonderful music. *Received November 2011*



**DEBBIE LEE DEVORE**

Debbie Lee Devore is married to Paul Devore and they live in Centennial. Debbie has a cooking school and is also involved in fabric sales. *Received June 2011*



**SHERRY & CHUCK ANDERSON**

Sherry is a middle school teacher and Chuck is a middle and high school Athletic Director and PE teacher. Chuck is a marathon runner and writer. Sherry enjoys reading, travel and cycling. They have a grown daughter, Kaily. *Received June 2011*

*new* MEMBERS



**BETH LARRANCE**

Beth Larrance lives in Englewood with her husband Jon and four year old twins, Ruby and Stella. Beth is a sales rep selling wonderful eyewear. She would like to be involved with children's programs and Habitat for Humanity. Beth is excited to be part of the Montview community where she can meet new friends with similar interests. *Received November 2011*



**VALERIE & SHAWN LI**

Valerie and Shawn Li moved to Denver 9.5 years ago from Florida. They have a four year old son, Owen. Valerie is a sales manager for Apple and Shawn also works in sales of software. They both enjoy outdoors activities and Valerie loves volunteering overseas. Shawn is interested in joining the Men's Onion Club and Valerie would like to join the Mom Time group. *Received November 2011*



**ANDY & KRISTIN KWONG**

Kristin and Andy are the parents of 4 year old twins, Matthew and Olivia. Andy works in sales selling medical devices and Kristin works occasionally as an Occupational Therapist. They enjoy family activities, snowboarding and travel. They view Montview as a diverse and accepting community and are interested in the children's programs and Mom Time. *Received September 2011*



**JAN LOUISE BEESON**

Jan Louise Beeson was born and raised in Denver. Jan is a retired teacher of family and consumer sciences. She has three daughters and a new grandson. Jan sings in our choir and enjoys the traditional services and feeling of community at Montview. *Received November 2011*



**LAURA NEFF**

Laura Neff is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker working in the neurology Department at Children's Hospital. She moved to Denver from Pennsylvania seven years ago. Laura loves animals and nature and outdoor activities with her boyfriend Peter Hutton. They would like to be involved with Habitat for Humanity, music and global missions. *Received November 2011*



**CHRISTINA & DUNCAN HEITMAN**

Christina and Duncan Heitman moved to Denver in 1998 from the Chicago area. They have four year old twin daughters, Lucy and Elizabeth. They enjoy outdoors activities, hiking and skiing. They like Montview's traditional services and the welcoming community. *Received November 2011*



**SHIRLEY "ANNIE" WHITE**

Annie and her husband, Robert, live in the Stapleton. She is a retired interior designer. Annie enjoys her grandsons, gardening, stitching and beading, and design work. She enjoys the music at Montview and the friendliness to a new person coming to a service. *Received September 2011*



**JOHN F. WOLZ**

Dr. Wolz is a surgeon who works with Colorado Emergency Surgery. He has a son, Michael (16). In his free time he enjoys travel, cycling, and skiing. John is interested in the Men's group and Global Mission (Nepal). *Received September 2011*



**CARRIE & TOM MCCONNELL**

Tom and Carrie have a son, Carson (2.5). Tom works in the finance business and Carrie is a Registered Dietitian specializing in pediatric nutrition. They both enjoy discovering what Carson learns every day, meeting new people and learning new things. *Received September 2011*



**APRIL MARIE & BEN SLATER**

April Marie and Ben Slater have a year and a half year old son, Blake. April works in HR/communications and Ben works in finance consulting and sales. They like the feeling of community at Montview and the children's program. *Received July 2011*



**SUSAN LYNN DUGUID**

Susan Lynn Duguid is a single mom of twin 4 year old daughters, Emma and Laurie. Susan is a self-employed pediatric physical therapist and specializes in helping to progress the gross motorskills of developmentally delayed children. She loves the mountains yoga, writing and reading. *Received July 2011*



**TAMARA & BRIAN SMITH**

Tamara and Brian Smith have three sons, Brayden (8), Carter (7), and Colin (4). They own a business and manufacture athletic equipment. They enjoy outdoor activities with family. Their interests at Montview include children's programs, adult groups, supper club and outreach programs. The feeling of community, music and children's programs brought them to Montview. *Received July 2011*



**LANEY & JASON POWERS**

Laney is a law student at DU and Jason is a commercial banker with Wells Fargo. His interests are skiing, golf, and softball and Laney enjoys yoga, skiing and foreign languages. They describe Montview as a welcoming, family church and enjoy the music and the traditional services. *Received July 2011*



**BARBARA HANNON**

Barbara Hannon recently moved to Denver from Iowa to be near her daughter and grand children. She is a retired educator and worked as a library media specialist in K - 12 public schools. Barbara enjoys reading and volunteering and is interested in mission and social justice at Montview. She describes Montview as a welcoming faith community with a progressive theology that is open to various viewpoints. *Received June 2011*



**AMY & PATRICK TURNER**

Amy and Patrick Turner have a one year old daughter, Annie Katherine. Amy is self-employed and works in the finance industry. Patrick is an account manager with Iron Mountain. They both enjoy spending time with family and friends. Patrick likes golf and travel while Amy likes triathlons and movies. Montview's community involvement and children's programs appeal to them. *Received June 2011*



**AMBER & TODD MILLER**

Todd has an executive search business and Amber works at home raising their 2 year old, Theodore. They lived in Japan for several years and recently returned to Denver. They enjoy family life, travel, sports and reading. The Preschool and children's programs are important to them and they like the community involvement at Montview. *Received September 2011*



**DARLENE NEID**

Darlene is a retired medical legal assistant. She enjoys tennis, gardening and especially her grandchildren. Darlene has a good sense of humor and she appreciates the way Montview invests in the community. *Received September 2011*



**JOHN LOHRE**

John Lohre has lived in the Denver area for many years with wife, Mary. He is retired and enjoys golf, politics, travel and grand parenting. They enjoy the feeling of community and are interested in global missions at Montview. *Received June 2011*



**EMILY MARIE LAMPE**

Emily Marie Lampe is a resident physician in Neurology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Emily is a single mom of one year Isaac. In her spare time she enjoys swimming, making jewelry, skiing and friends. She particularly likes the music at Montview. *Received June 2011*



**KRISTINA S. TABOR**

Kristina S. Tabor recently moved back to Denver from Carbondale. She is the director of communications for a family foundation focused on education reform. Her interests include her dogs, music, baseball, the Broncos, and reading. She would love to volunteer at Montview and enjoys the community feeling and the traditional services. *Received June 2011*



**HEATHER & SCOTT WELDON**

Heather and Scott Weldon. Heather is a stay at home mom with their 2 year old daughter "Lainey." She previously worked in the advertising/marketing business for 15 years. Scott is a financial analyst with Xcel Energy. They both enjoy family life, skiing, snowboarding, live music and travel. They found their way to Montview by driving by and enjoy the traditional services, music, welcoming strong community and the charismatic pastors. *Received June 2011*



**CAROLE & JIM ROBERTSON**

Jim is a government consultant in criminal justice and Carole is a retired special education teacher. She has been a volunteer in Thailand to help train ECE teachers and set up centers for needy families. They enjoy outdoor activities, political discussions, and current events. They enjoy the music at Montview and like the open and friendly community. *Received September 2011*



**JANELLE WALD**

Janelle is a student in the graduate program at Regis University studying non-profit management. She lives in the Montview neighborhood and is renewing her membership. She enjoys outdoor activities, spending time with friends, vacationing, and yoga. Janelle likes the traditional services at Montview and is interested in women's groups and flower delivery. *Received September 2011*



**BRIGETTE WALDMANN-THOMAS**

Brigitte Waldmann-Thomas is originally from Germany and has been in Denver for four years. She is the Admin. Assistant to the President at Regis Jesuit High School. She enjoys Ian's spiritual approach and is interested in adult education and women's ministry as well as continuing in the book club. Her hobbies include reading, walking, art, movies, being outdoors and building community. *Received November 2011*



**CORREY STEWART JONES**

Correy Stewart Jones and wife Christy have two children, Hayden (3) and Maddie (1). Corry is a Foreign Exchange Risk Manager. They like being outdoors as a family and enjoy tennis and skiing. *Received June 2011*

**SHAYLISA HURTE & BEN TURNER**

Shaylisa Hurte & Ben Turner recently moved into the Montview neighborhood from the Washington Park area. They have an almost 2 year old, William. Shaylisa is a real estate broker and Ben is a financial analyst with the construction industry. He enjoys basketball, golf and snowboarding and Shaylisa likes to spend time with friends and family, listening to music and gardening. They describe Montview as an inclusive, spiritual community. *Received June 2011*