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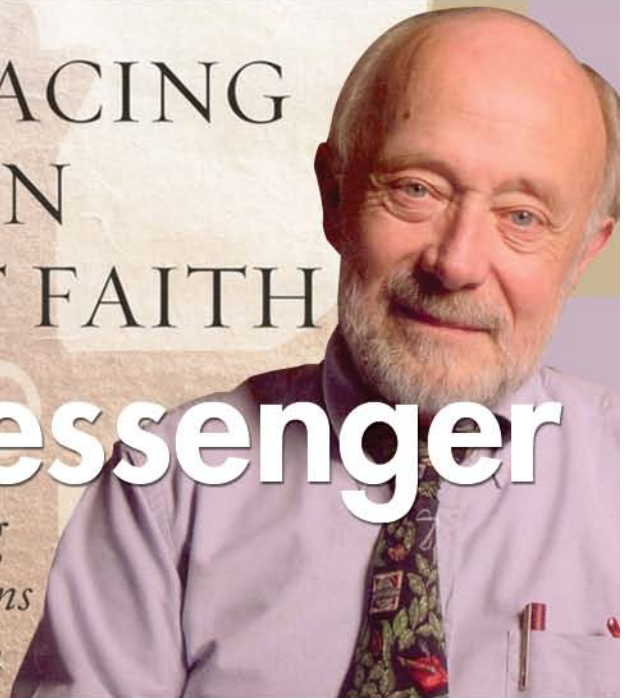
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PROGRESSIVE MINDS, OPEN HEARTS, CHANGING LIVES

EMBRACING AN ADULT FAITH

Montview Messenger

*Marcus Borg
on What It Means
to Be Christian*



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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."

LENTEN PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES

"EMBRACING AN ADULT FAITH" WEDNESDAYS MARCH 16 - APRIL 13

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for dinner and an exciting new DVD program from Prof. Marcus Borg called "Embracing an Adult Faith". Pastor Ian Cummins and Russ Wehner will facilitate the discussion each week. Topics include: God, Jesus, Practice, Salvation and Community. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with a simple dinner for \$5 (per adult). A program for children is provided after dinner for \$5. We end at 8:00 p.m. For more information and to sign up, visit the table in the Commons after church. We are also looking for a few people who could help prepare the supper, which would require arriving about 3:00 p.m. on the days of the program. You don't need to be available for every session. If you can help, please contact Linda Rumbarger at lrumbarg@hotmail.com or 303.525.2917.

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A SPECIAL LETTER FROM THE CO-PASTORS AND THE SESSION

Dear Friends of Montview,

“Imagine a great city Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church.”

*“Ask not what your country church can do for you –
ask what you can do for your country church.”*

“Give, and it shall be given to you.”

Famous people uttered these words (*before our suggested paraphrasing*). We ask you to reflect on them. All are reminders of what is necessary to ensure the right things happen. The need is great, and we write to share with you how important your participation and involvement are. We need you – and we need your ideas, energy, and financial support.

As a result of the economic recession that began in the fall of 2008, Montview has:

- Cut more than \$38,000 annually from the personnel budget, including reducing the salaries of the co-pastors, eliminating one half-time co-pastor position, and making no cost of living adjustments for any staff.
- Cut the mission budget by two-thirds.
- Reduced almost every other committee budget.
- Done only minimal building maintenance and depleted our building maintenance reserves.

At the same time, thanks to your generous support of the 2008 capital campaign, we’ve been able to dramatically improve the accessibility of our church, build our beautiful Outdoor Sanctuary, support mission efforts around the world and repair many of our old windows, making us more energy efficient. We’ve also received grants and special gifts for things like our new video screens and the new organ in the Barrett Chapel. These improvements are valuable and important in making us a vital church community, but they cannot be used to support our operating budget.

Our dedicated staff, our historic building, our worship and educational opportunities and our commitment to mission are the backbones of Montview. We need to keep them strong. Toward this end, the Session has asked Cindy and Ian to shift their duties to focus on targeted stewardship efforts between now and Palm Sunday so that we can (1) bridge the gap between the amount pledged for 2010 and the amount received - about \$57,000; and (2) seek additional pledges to bridge the gap in the 2011 budget between pledges already made and our needs – about \$108,000.

In order to do this, Montview will be inviting guest preachers for four Sundays to relieve the pastors of the 15-20 hours it takes to prepare each sermon. In addition, Rev. Sheri Fry and Sandy Prouty have been asked to be more involved in pastoral care and Ian and Cindy may be less involved in committee work during this time so that they can accomplish the outreach needed. This is a temporary shifting of responsibilities.

How can you help?

- Consider prayerfully how you can support Montview financially, either by making a pledge if you haven’t done so, completing your pledge if you’ve yet to do so for 2010, or increasing your pledge for 2011. Every dollar matters and no gift is too small. Contact Dan Gasser at gasser@montview.org or

A SPECIAL LETTER FROM THE CO-PASTORS AND THE SESSION CONTINUED

303-355-2095 ext. 112 to indicate your intentions.

- Reach out to your friends in the congregation to engage them in supporting Montview financially. A culture of giving is born out of action, service, sacrifice and financial support from every individual who is committed to the common goals of nurturing this special community. We can't stress enough how important everyone's participation is in this effort.
- Talk with Session members about your hopes and dreams for Montview.
- If you would like to talk with Ian and Cindy about making a special gift to support Montview, please contact them at the church office.

Together, we can create a bright future for this remarkable congregation in this remarkable space. In the meantime, thank you for your support and thanks be to God.

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

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

PRAYER TREE

Dave Talmage, Trish Walton (daughter of Ron and Ann Barkdoll), Suzanne Schwindt (cousin of Dianna Hankel and Marcie Ransom), Bob Tazelaar, Steve Pearlman, Raegan Avery, Helen Bradley (sister of Anne Schreiner), Gary Lane, Roy Bahringer (father of Sheila Cody), Elmira Baynham, Brigitte Waldmann-Thomas and family, Tyler Jungbluth (nephew of Linda Rein), Richard Gleue (uncle of Dennis Shull), 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

BIRTHS

11/10/2010 Zoe Teagan Hecht, daughter of Brooke Parry and Peter Andrew Hecht, granddaughter of John and Julia Parry

DEATHS

2/23 Dorra Burnett, mother of Martha Fitzpatrick
2/19 Pat Harper's Mother
2/13 Harry Doyle, memorial service is March

12, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.
2/07 Kenneth R. Lovell, father of Mark Lovell, grandfather of Amy, Lisa, David and Justin
1/15 Winifred Cheever

MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

10/18 SSG Alex Jakubowski, brother of Lara Jakubowski

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Katalyn Brown, granddaughter of Ken Brown for winning the National Cheerleading Championship in Florida.

MONTVIEW PUBLICATION DEADLINES

ISSUE: MARCH 2011
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Email submissions to 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.*



A TIME FOR TREES

Recently a friend mentioned that there is a national movement underway to reconnect our children with nature. She said that this is needed because children spend little, “unorganized” time outside and her words caused me to wonder if anyone had much time to be out in nature just for the sake of being out in nature.

Obviously, in simpler, less busy times, people of all ages spent time outside moving slowly through their surroundings. There was time to spend truly looking at these surroundings and realizing the wonder of each gaze. There was time to notice the plants and clouds, the temperature and the movement of the air. There was time to connect with the nature around us, to appreciate creation in detail and vastness, and to live through the seasons and cycles of all things living.

Then we advanced. We gained speed and invention and the ability to do more and do it more quickly. Our focus changed and an easy connection with life around us became less so. We lost hours of nature focus to technology, car travel, and tight schedules and now there is a movement to reconnect our children to nature. Why?

There are many ways to answer this question. In this month of Lent, a discussion of spiritual answers seems timely. And as always, spiritual reasons may lead to deeper consideration.

Nature in all of its forms is a clear and constant reminder of human limitations. Let's consider trees. We can plant trees and care for trees but in the words of poet Joyce Kilmer “only God can make a tree.” Trees remind us that the origin of life is beyond us and just of God. They whisper of Genesis and wonder and calling it good.

Trees are many and varied visuals of strength, beauty and change. Trees, the stuff of poetry, can be symbols of hope and joy and loss and death. They move year after year from bare, stark branches to buds and blooms

and leaves and fruit and back through a glorious show of color to bare, stark branches. Trees stand and grow through sunshine and rain and bitter cold and snow. They stand with branches raised to the skies and grow both wide and high through it all. Trees can be symbols of the steady and the faithful for all of us, young and old.

Trees can call us to quiet reflection on many things including the mystery of Easter for which we now prepare. An oak tree in December is the tomb and that same tree in April is the alleluia. As trees move through the cycle of the seasons they repeat the Holy Week story again and again informing the cycles of our lives, reminding us of faith beyond conditions, and the gift of God's grace. They can remind us that the story did not end on that Friday and that our stories do not end in times of defeat and despair. There was Easter morning then and there are Easter mornings now. Our children need to know this. They need to know that there will be times of sadness followed by times of joy. They need to know that there will be problems and disappointments followed by solutions and goodness. Our children need to know all of this on a level beyond human words and explanations. Time in nature, seeing and feeling the beauty, seasons and rhythms of life itself can help them know all of this on the level of their own breath. Maybe this is why we have a movement in place to reconnect our children with nature. It is about their health, their well-being, their coping ability, the quality of their lives and their connection to a faith that stands the test of time through all times.

May we be part of this reconnection. May we seek and find this time for our children and ourselves in God's purpose and in God's name and may God call it also good. Amen.

THANK YOU

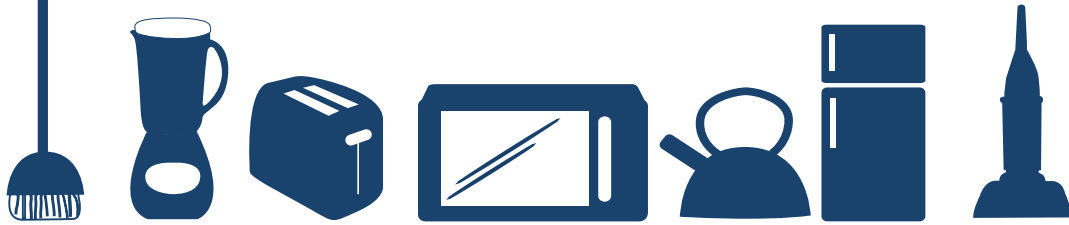
Kim Tonkin and Greg, Zachary and Gianna Matchett and Laura, Jeremy, Audrey, Frank and Sonia Willius were our Communion Families in February. They walked for us and offered our gifts to God in the timeless tradition of our faith. Thank you to the Matchett and Willius Families!



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 IN YAKIMA

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

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



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 "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! Contact Sheri Fry at fry@montview.org for more details.

CALENDAR

MARCH 9 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00. Childcare will be available.

MARCH 16 - APRIL 13 - Our Lenten Studies Program for All Ages on Wednesday evenings!
6:00 - Supper for all participants

After supper to 8:00

Childcare for children four and under

Lenten activities for children five and above

Adult study sessions

MARCH 20

345 Fellowship 5:00. *Details to be announced.*

9Health Fair

PARTICIPATE AND HELP MAKE THIS A GREAT EVENT!

Do you want to make a difference in the Health of your community?

Do you want to help your family, friends and neighbors access free and low cost health screenings and information?

Do you want to help students at your school learn the latest information that lets them "get their health on?"

Do you have skills and time that you want to share to help your community?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then 9Health Fair is the place for you! We need you no matter what your talent! Montview is hosting the first 9Health Fair of 2011 on April 2. There are countless ways people can help us put on our second 9Health Fair that provides health education and testing within our community. We still need about 80 people for this event to be successful. We need both medical and non-medical personnel. Everything from people able to draw blood to directing people within our building, from BMI screenings to preparing food for

the volunteers, and opportunities ranging from oral health screenings to parking attendants. You can sign up using one of the forms in the pews and putting it in the offering plate, by going to www.9HealthFair.org, just mention you are part of Montview, or by signing up in the commons between services during March. If you have any questions on this contact Nancy Tuma Hinrichs at nancy.tuma@comcast.net / 303.564.8360 or Teresa Elder at tasrn25@q.com / 303.320.6072.

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

PEAS FOR THE WORLD

Montview Church's spring food drive for Metro CareRing, entitled Peas for the World, will begin Sunday, March 13, and end Sunday, 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; additionally, toiletries, baby food, formula, and diapers, and female hygiene items are in great demand.

Housed in the Denver hospital district at 18th and Downing, Metro CareRing served over 125,000 people last year. About one-third are the working poor, one-third have chronic health problems or are on fixed incomes, and one-third are responding to a current crisis, such as job loss.

Four thousand pounds of food/toiletries are needed to serve 350-400 people each day. The number of families seeking assistance continues to rise; one out of eight people in Colorado go hungry.

Take home a Metro CareRing bag; fill it with any combination of staples. Deliver it to the Metro CareRing station in the Commons; or, should you prefer, fill a Metro CareRing envelope with a check to help with food and essentials. Want to see Metro CareRing in action? Call Ellie at Metro CareRing to set up a time to visit (303-860-7200); see how your money is spent or your gift of food is used. Or better yet, become a volunteer at MCR with the rest of your Montview team. Want more information? Contact Rosalie McCall-Johnson - 303-424-1916.

FOUNDATIONS

for Faith



ENGAGING OUR TRADITION • EXPANDING OUR PERSPECTIVE

MARCH 13 - APRIL 10 AT 9:30 AM

SUFFERING, PASSION & ATONEMENT IN SCRIPTURE AND THE MOVIES

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

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.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR MARCH 13

A meeting of the congregation is called for 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, on Sunday March 13th, for the purposes of electing the 2011 Nominating Committee and considering updates to Montview's By-laws.

49ers Contemporary Forum *an educational forum for all ages*

MARCH 6 • NO PROGRAM

MARCH 13 • BRINGING A BIT OF HOPE AND HELP TO THOSE WHO ARE BLIND:

Lorraine Hutcheson is a teacher for the visually impaired, working in Aurora schools. For a number of years Lorraine was married to a man who happened to be non-sighted. She has also worked with the elderly in a rehabilitation center. Joining her will be Janice Schmidt, who is partially sighted, and is also a teacher of the vision impaired. They will share with us some useful tools for both the blind and partially sighted, plus tips on guiding folks with limited vision.

MARCH 20 • "IF ONLY WE HAD A LAW THAT SAID..."

Montview Member, Frank Nelson, is going to use this opportunity to share with you something that has troubled him for many years "Yes, I say we need a new law: a law that begins by saying, "You will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth", but it does not stop there! Are you curious? Why in the world is this necessary? Join us, and, hopefully, *you will agree*,

MARCH 27 • REV. ALLEN MARUYAMA HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE VS WESTERN MEDICINE; IS THERE TRULY A CONFLICT?

Reverend Allen Maruyama, former Pastor at Montview Church, will discuss perceived differences between "traditional healing methods" and "complimentary, or alternative healing practices" We live in a different age and culture from the past, and we sometimes see a synchronization of the two. Yet, many folks assume that there is a conflict. Join us, listen to Allen and the panel, and learn something very important about health care today.

ATTENTION: the 49ers' Planning Committee will take place Sunday, March 27, at 1:00 p.m., right after church. It will be a potluck, at the Nelsons' home. Would you like to come and participate, sharing your ideas (and a bit of food?) Then call Kathleen Nelson, at 303 322 6292. Our address is 5900 East 1st. Ave.

PALM SUNDAY ROUND TABLES

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. We welcome suggestions about organizations you are involved with outside of Montview. This is one way in which our members can become more deeply involved with their church and their community.

As of mid-February, we have scheduled the following topics facilitated by members of Montview:

- 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
- Open tables - Any topics

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.

A NIFTY NINETY ~ PRISCILLA CAMPSEY FINNELL

Priscilla Campsey Finnell has a favorite saying. She found it on a bookmark at the Tattered Cover, and it's by John Steinbeck: "Books are the best friends you can have because they entertain you and inform you ~ and they don't talk back."

This bit of wisdom may help explain why Priscilla spent 25 years as a librarian at the Denver Public Library (DPL). Another reason, she said, was that "I loved being a librarian. What I liked best was when people came in and asked the most amazing questions ~ every day was different. And it was thrilling to be able to help someone."

She did this on a wider scale during the five years she worked in Community Services. "We tried to reach people, usually lower income, who may have been intimidated by the library," she said. "They didn't realize that we had information on car repair, cook books ~ very practical things. There were black and Hispanic people on my staff ~ I learned a lot more from them than they did from me ~ who introduced me to leaders in their communities" to advise her on outreach.

Priscilla, who turns 90 on April 7, began life in Lakeview, Iowa. An only child, she "was age 8 when the stock market fell and 11 when FDR was elected. My father was a civil engineer with a big construction company. The United States was beginning to pave major highways, so we moved a lot when I was little, mostly to small towns. I was always the new kid."

The family moved to Denver when Priscilla was 18. "My dad came to do electrical work in the mountain towns," she said. "He built lines where there was no electricity. He loved the American West." She has vivid memories of a Saturday night in Norwood, Colo. "The hotel was about to fall down," she said. "I could look through the slats in the floor of my room." Drunk cowboys woke her at 5 a.m. by shooting their guns while the juke box in a saloon played "Wabash Cannonball." "I thought my father had brought me to the ends of the earth," she said. "But I treasure the fact that I saw Colorado before it became what it is now, especially the parts that were isolated from Denver. Berthoud and Loveland Pass and the state's other passes were the only main 'highways' to the Western Slope. There was no interstate, no Eisenhower Tunnel."

Going with her father on his business trips gave Priscilla exciting experiences that she still enjoys recalling today. "I remember visiting Mesa Verde in January with my parents," she said. "A ranger took just the three of us around, which let us see it in a special way. We also went down the Bright

Angel Trail in the Grand Canyon the day after a major snowstorm. A wrangler had to break a trail for us in the deep snow. Although I was scared to death, it was fantastic. It was close to 60 degrees down at the river! We started very early in the morning, in the dark, and got back in the dark. I was fortunate to see so much of the West many years ago." One sign of the Depression that she saw were lodges with timbers that had been built by workers employed by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Enrolling in 1938 at the University of Nebraska, Priscilla had a double major in English and journalism. "That was a big mistake," she said. "I wasn't at all suited to journalism."

She discovered this as an intern at the Lincoln Journal, trying to concentrate in an atmosphere that to her was chaotic, from the babble of voices to the blaring of police radios. "And the deadlines!" she said. "This was not for me." Instead she graduated in 1942 "with a great liberal arts education, but no real skill" and promptly got married. Her only child, Jon Bower, was born in 1946.

She had been out of college 18 years when she enrolled at the University of Denver's library school, studying for a master's degree while working at

the DU library to help pay her tuition. She said it was a hectic time: "I was getting a divorce and selling a house, and I'd never held a job. I couldn't have done it without Dr. [Arthur] Miller. He was always available to me when I needed advice. He was remarkable! I was always either in class or working at the library. Dr. Miller and my doctor and my attorney all said my son needed a male role model, and they recommended boarding school." So Jon was sent to a school in Steamboat Springs.

When she joined the DPL staff, co-workers were quick to give the newcomer advice. One was "a little old lady" at the staff's Christmas tea, who grilled her as though it was a job interview. "If you're any damn good at all," the woman said, "they'll let you do what you want to, if you like books and people." But the woman warned that eventually she'd be promoted and face dreary administrative chores. "The next thing you know," the woman said, "it'll be just like General Motors." Sure enough, eventually she became an administrator at DPL branches, responsible for Goals and Objectives, one-year plans, five-year plans and so on. "I was really happiest at the lowest level," she said, enjoying books and people.

Priscilla met her second husband, Homer, in ~



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A NIFTY NINETY ~ PRISCILLA CAMPSEY FINNELL CONTINUED

yes, it can happen ~ a grocery store. She was living in her parents' Park Hill house, and the store was nearby. It was owned by his brother and he was working there. He spotted her when she was shopping and asked the check-out clerk who she was. One thing led to another, and they were married in 1966. Eventually he became an insurance claims adjustor.

Homer took Priscilla on a return trip to the Grand Canyon and persuaded her to fly through it. "I saw a tiny shadow that looked like a mosquito," she recalls, "and soon I realized that it was our tiny plane! I loved the trip but I'd never do it again."

After his retirement, Homer volunteered at what was then the Denver Museum of Natural History, which took advantage of his talent for sculpture. Priscilla said that at the time, the museum was starting its "Prehistoric Journey" exhibit, which involved hundreds of volunteers and four or five years of work. The curators would give Homer part of an animal skeleton and ask him to complete it. Among Priscilla's treasured objects today are statues of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, which he sculpted in clay and had cast in bronze for her after they'd attended a performance of "Man of La Mancha." He died in 2005.

Priscilla has no plans for her birthday. Her three stepchildren live in California, and son Jon lives in Mancos, Colo., an 800-mile round trip, so he seldom visits. "I have no family in Denver except for my Montview 'family,'" she said with a smile, "for which I'm very grateful." Members of her Montview "family" can send her birthday greetings at Dayton Place, 2000 South Dayton St., No. 103 South, Denver CO 80247. - by Barbara Haddad Ryan for the Communications Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN NEED OF NO-LONGER NEEDED BIBLES AND SACRED TEXTS - Tim Mooney, Interim Pastor at Peoples Presbyterian Church and fine artist, is creating an art installation in the shape of a large American Flag, composed of the sacred books of the beliefs represented in America today. The art installation calls for 4000 books. You can help by donating used Bibles, Korans, Talmuds, Torahs, Prayer Books, Buddhist and Hindu texts. The texts will not be damaged or destroyed in any way, but they will become a permanent part of the installation, constructed for easy disassembly for installation at other venues in the future. Please bring them to the church and place them in the designated drop-off area in the Commons. The installation opens April 22, 2011 at SPACE Gallery on Santa Fe Drive, so drop off texts early and often! If you would like to be more involved please contact Rev. Mooney at timmooneystudio@aol.com.

COLFAX COMMUNITY NETWORK - CHEERS FOR CHILDREN • MARCH 11 - Silent Auction and Beer Tasting to benefit Colfax Community Network. 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.

BARBARA REED MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE • MARCH 13 - Bring a friend and spend an hour catching up during this glorious Spring at the Barbara Reed Memorial Blood Drive scheduled for Sunday, March 13th, in the McCollum Room from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Your donation can help save the lives of 3 people, and it is so easy! Please call Jamie Vernon at 303-394-9901 or email her at jvernon@q.com to schedule your appointment.

MONTVIEW GARDEN CLUB • MARCH 16 - 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 maintains the gardens around the church and fosters the green thumb in all of us. Our meetings will start with a short, garden-related, informational session, followed by digging in the dirt, plucking flowers and planting. Join us to experience social gardening where new gardeners can learn from the more experienced plant people. We will be starting again for the season on March 16 at 6 p.m. in the Robinson Room. 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.

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP • MARCH 17 - 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!

DRIFTERS • MARCH 18 - A fellowship group for retirees and seniors is held on the third Friday of each month for a meal and program and time of friendship. For details and information call Ron and Ann Barkdoll (303-753-1315) or Joe and Pat Jensen (303-388-5294). We welcome new members and anyone wishing to connect with Montview members.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT MONTVIEW? • MARCH 19 - The next Inquirer's Class will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. To register for the class please call Mary Beth at 303-355-1651 or complete a Class card in the main entrance. You will be contacted with the location of the meeting in the church. Thanks in advance for your interest and we hope to meet you soon. The Membership Committee

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

March 2011

6. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Cearley preaching
 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 Sabeel Colorado...2:00 PM MOB.....6:30 PM

13. 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 The Rev. Ian Gregory Cummins preaching
Congregational Meeting 10:30 AM
 Daylight Savings Begin
 Childcare.....8:15 AM Montview Community
 Blood Drive.....8:30 AM Organizing Ministry.....12:15 PM
 Sunday School.....9:30 AM Timbral Choir.....4:00 PM
 Confirmation Class.....9:30 AM JAM.....5:00 PM
 Membership Development...12:00 PM Jubilate Choir.....5:00 PM
 Global Mission.....12:15 PM MOB.....6:30 PM

20. 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 Youth Sunday
 Childcare.....8:15 AM Timbral Choir.....4:00 PM
 Sunday School.....9:30 AM 3.4.5 Fellowship Group.....5:00 PM
 Confirmation Class.....9:30 AM JAM.....5:00 PM
 Prayer Shawl Ministry.....12:00 PM Jubilate Choir.....5:00 PM
 Peace and Justice.....12:15 PM MOB.....6:30 PM
 Columbarium Commission.....1:00 PM

27. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Cearley preaching
 Childcare.....8:15 AM Timbral Choir.....4:00 PM
 Sunday School.....9:30 AM JAM.....5:00 PM
 New Member Reception.....8:30 AM Jubilate Choir.....5:00 PM
 Confirmation Class.....9:30 AM MOB.....6:30 PM

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 Men of Montview S 7 AM
 Friendship Dinners
 Meeting.....1:00 PM
 TAC Tutoring.....3:15 PM
 Building & Grounds ...6:30 PM

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

14.
 Montview Quilters..... 9:00 AM
 Deacon Meeting..... 7:00 PM
 Personnel Committee... 7:00 PM

21.
 Montview Quilters..... 9:00 AM

28.
 Montview Quilters..... 9:00 AM
 Messenger Monday..... 9:00 AM

2.
 Heritage Committee.....9:00 AM
 Montview Mentors.....3:30 PM

9.
Ash Wednesday
 Heritage Committee...9:00 AM
 Wednesday Morning
 Women's Group 10:00 AM
 Montview Mentors..... 3:30 PM
 Faith in Action..... 7:00 PM
Ash Wednesday
 Taize Service - 7:30 PM

16.
 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
 Garden Club Meeting...6:00 PM

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 Heritage Committee.....9:00 AM
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 Women's Group..... 10:00 AM
 Montview Mentors.....3:30 PM
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 Children's Program.....6:30 PM

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 Childcare.....6:30 PM
 Children's Program.....6:30 PM

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

10.
 Westminster Choir 7:30 PM

17.
 Thursday Morning Women's
 Breakfast Group 7:30 AM
 Choir Board Dinner 6:00 PM
 Westminster Choir 7:30 PM

24.
 Westminster Choir 7:30 PM

31.
 Westminster Choir 7:30 PM

4.
 Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM
 JAM Retreat
 at Highlands Camp

11.
 Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM
 MOM Time.....9:30 AM
 Friendship Dinners 5:00 PM

18.
 Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM
 Drifters.....6:00 PM

25.
 Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM
 MOM Time.....9:30 AM

April 1
 Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM

5.
 JAM Retreat at
 Highlands Camp
 Westminster
 Choir Retreat
 9:00 AM

12.
 Friendship Dinners
 5:00 PM
 Wayfare's Dinner
 6:30 PM

19.
 New
 Member's Class
 8:30 AM
 Youth
 Sunday Rehearsal
 9:00 AM

26.

2.
 9 Health Fair
 7:00 AM

~ 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)

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

MARCH 9 AT 7:30 PM

Montview will mark the beginning of Lent with an evening service of candlelight, communion, music, and the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday offers an entrance point into a sacred season of personal transformation and renewal - 40 days in the wilderness to honor the time which initiated Christ into his ministry in the world.

Rebecca Gale and Steve Pearlman will be joined

by Judy Hagerman on violin and Dan Gasser on percussion to lead prayerful music and Taizé-style singing for this contemplative service. The Montview co-pastors will take part in our worship together, which will include time for meditation and an invitation into deeper reflection of the Lenten journey through prayer. Please contact Rebecca (rebecca@rebeccagale.com) for more information. *Childcare available.*

2010/2011 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



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 \$108,605. This reflects 112 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 in action for each other, in the community and around the globe.

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