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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."

MISSION IN THE 21ST CENTURY: EXPLORING GLOBAL MISSION

Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 31, 2010

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

McCollum Room

Please join us as we discuss the Montview approach to mission as well as enjoy presentations about the various global projects Montview supports.

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FROM THE CO-PASTORS

Dear Friends,

The Loretto Center sits in Southwest Denver atop a hill looking over a beautiful lake below. Home to the Sisters of Loretto community in Denver, they open their doors to individuals or groups who would like to retreat for a night or more. Now surrounded by residential and commercial development, its generous grounds still give the feeling of a retreat in the midst of the city. After scaling the stairs from the parking lot, just to the left of the front doors there is a sign announcing that, in addition to being a retreat house, the grounds are a “Wildlife Habitat.”

During our last Deacon Retreat, while out on a meditative walk, I noticed the sign for the first time. Though I’ve been going to the retreat center for many years, I had never seen it. Part of the discipline of the walk was to notice the smallest things, to watch carefully and walk slowly to see what might be revealed of God in creation. I was delighted to “see” something I had never seen before! As I stood before the sign, I continued to read. The sign suggested that in order for this to be an official wildlife habitat, it must provide food, water, cover, and a place to raise their young. I know it was talking about rabbits and birds and other small animals that lived on the grounds, but I couldn’t help but think about the church.

It’s not a bad description of the church:

A place with food and water...I thought about bread and wine offered in the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and hundreds of potluck dinners through the years and receptions for new members, and memorial services, and celebrations of 50 year members.

A place with cover...I thought about our sanctuary, our “House of prayer for all People,” the safety of a pastor’s office for someone who needs to speak their fears, our welcoming building for so many in the community, a place of refuge in the youth pastor’s study for a struggling teen.

A place to raise their young...I thought the countless children who have been loved and guided to discover their own faith, the children who have grown to adults to the stories of the Bible and the melodies of Westminster Choir, and I thought about the spirit-seeking child in each of us that is encouraged by the worship and work of our church.

As we move toward October 10th when we will dedicate our financial gifts for Montview’s next year, may we see the importance and the simplicity of the church. In our busy, demanding lives or in our difficult, challenging lives, or in our full and joyous lives, may we find in this community of faith, a place of nurture, of protection and a place of spiritual growth. And may we give ourselves to Christ’s church as he has given himself to us.

Peace,



LECTIONARY PASSAGES

21TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 3, 2010

Lamentations 1:1-6, Lamentations 3:19-26, Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 10, 2010

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-12, 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, Psalm 11, Luke 17:11-19

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 17, 2010

Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 119:97-104, Genesis 32:22-31, Luke 18:1-8

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 24, 2010

Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65, Sirach 35:12-17, Psalm 84:1-7, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 31, 2010

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144, Isaiah 1:10-18, Luke 19:1-10

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1, 2010

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149, Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 7, 2010

Haggai 1:15b-2:9, Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21, Job 19:23-27a, Luke 20:27-38

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 14, 2010

Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 12, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

CHRIST THE KING

November 21, 2010

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 1:68-79, Psalm 46, Luke 23:33-43

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 25, 2010

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 100, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2010

Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2010

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

PRAYER TREE

Pat Kennedy (mother of Steve Kennedy), Mary Flowers, Cathy Marsh, Harry Doyle, Barbara McCollum, Ted Bryant, Arline Cantrell, Jennifer Phelps (granddaughter of Herschel Phelps), Brenda Jess (sister of Mary Jo Bush), Jen Heth, Carol Troyer, Carole Glenn and family (sister of Cindy Wilkinson), Wally Williams (son of Suzanne Williams),

Penny Strong, Steve Pearlman, Sam Newman (brother of Mary Peratt), Hill Harris (brother of Jen Gallaher, brother in law of Seth Gallaher and son of John and Pam Harris), Dana Wilbanks, J. Richard Norton, Bunny Thomas, Betsy Bedient

WEDDINGS

7/31 Elizabeth Drew and Collin Parsons
7/24 Lisa Ludwig and Jon Perry
7/10 Stefanie Guesnier and Mathis Santella

BIRTHS

8/6 Ryah Avery Lawrence, daughter of Sara and Jeremy Lawrence, granddaughter of Ellen Oakes

DEATHS

9/17 Stan Sterling, husband of Kathleen Sterling
8/21 Peggy Terry, mother of Ward Terry and Margot Terry
7/27 John Dillon

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Montview Children

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"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU. . ."

We are starting the new Sunday School year in classrooms filled with welcome and enthusiasm. We had over a hundred children with us on our first Sunday in September. We have 18 wonderful and dedicated teachers working with them this year. We are having good days building strong friendships and exploring and forming our faith in God together!

Our first through fifth graders are beginning this year with a curriculum unit entitled "Molly Pickens and the Peacemakers". This unit includes a short weekly dvd segment featuring Molly Pickens who is working to save the Fantastic World from the villain, Rainy Day. It is a fast-paced and somewhat silly adventure that explores a very deep and wide definition of love. In the end, Molly discovers that Rainy Day is sad not mean or scary. Molly saves the Fantastic World by sharing love, kindness and friendship with this character who desperately needs all of these.

Molly's peacemaking fits with the second part of each Sunday's lesson as we look at characters in Bible stories

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. -John 14:27

who were also peacemakers. These include Abigail, Amos and Jacob and Esau. The larger definition of love is more completely explored in this second segment and its link to making peace is emphasized in all of these stories and in the related stories the children tell. We discuss peace being a choice we make many, many times each day. Most of these choices are split-second decisions that can have long-lasting results.

Cindy mentioned this in a recent sermon. She reminded all of us that our days are filled with opportunities to help or hurt, to make peace or disrupt it. As adults, our opportunities and how we realize them are also teaching tools. Our children learn much by modeling adult behaviors and they are always watching us. They watch our split-second decisions very closely. They are very sensitive to our way of being in the world. They notice what we say to others and how we say it. They notice what we do. They notice if we cut others off or let them into our lane in traffic. They notice how we react to situations on the sidelines at a soccer games; how we interact with service

providers across any counter; how we handle disagreements and conflicts in any venue; and then they act on what they have seen.

Again as adults, we parents, friends, teachers and even strangers, must carry this awareness with us. We are setting the tone in our homes, our communities and our world. May God be with us as we do. What are we showing the children beyond our language on topics like acceptance, forgiveness, diversity, prejudice? Are we training them away from their instincts for empathy, joy and wonder? What are we showing them about competition, cooperation, our values? And, are we showing them that sometimes love means standing up for your belief in God's acceptance, grace and love?

In a recent special, children were videotaped interacting in some difficult circumstances. In one scenario, two child actors played out bully and bullied roles unbeknownst to the bystanders. The focus was on these bystanders and what they would do. Would they be willing to intervene against this unkind, damaging interaction?

One elementary-aged girl did. Again and again she stepped into that space between the two boy actors and spoke the truth of love to the powerful bully. It was so touching to watch her courageous, selfless choices for the victim and for peace in the group. Her father was part of the program. He sat in tears as he viewed the tape. He humbly disregarded his part in her actions but you have to wonder if he had shown her this way, little by little, day after day, split-second decision after split-second decision.

One of our Old Testament characters, Abigail, also stepped into the unkind space between her husband, Nabal, and David to make peace. Would you take this place? Would your children?

Love is often a matter of courage. Being kind is often not easy or convenient or popular. But Jesus promised us peace against the voices and opinions of the world in these situations. Jesus commanded us to love God and love one another and he left us his peace.

May our way to peace be the path of God's love. May we walk it each day with our children and for our children and in Jesus' name. What about our faith could matter more? Amen.



Montview Youth

FAITH UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Rev. Sheri Fry, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

THE GIFT OF FOOD

How responsible are we for one another? This is, without a doubt, one of the central philosophical and theological questions of life, not to mention the archetypal issue that guides world events. Exactly how responsible are we for one another? Am I my brother's keeper? We must each answer that question for ourselves. And we will be asked to answer it again and again every day.

I was in the grocery store the other day and I heard a woman say to her companion, "I'm starving." A man who overheard them as they passed smiled at me and said, "I wonder what they would do if they were really starving?" I think you'll do just about anything if you're really hungry. I have heard that you never feel as helpless or humiliated as when you cannot find a way to feed yourself.

The threat of starvation and hunger is very real to many in our community and around the world. Feeding another person – whether it's a mother feeding her baby or taking meals to shut-ins or youth groups feeding people at churches and shelters or stocking shelves at Metro Care Ring, Greater Park Hill Food Bank, or DenUm, has profound spiritual implications.

Every world culture has deep association of food with compassion, hospitality, and love for our fellow human beings. All spiritual leaders instruct us to feed those in need. Love and personal attention are deeply healing. Add food to that and you have a sacred meal that nurtures the spirit while feeding the body. We can invoke a profound spiritual power when we nourish and nurture others, with the intention to comfort and heal. We can reach out to people through food because food is one gift of the heart that so easily can embrace the intention of the heart.

Keep doing what you're doing. Help hungry people in your world and in the world outside of Denver.

Join the Montview youth at the **HARVEST OF HOPE DINNER ON OCTOBER 7** that benefits school Safe Zones in Kenya as well as It Takes a Village in Denver. Join them for the **CROP HUNGER WALK ON OCTOBER 17** that asks YOU to walk and raise money for hungry people through walking. Come serve with them in the Denver Rescue Mission or Interfaith Hospitality Network or the Denver Inner City Parish as they

“Democracy and hunger cannot go together. A hungry stomach questions and censures the system’s failure to meet what is a basic biological need of every human being. There can be no place for hunger and poverty in a modern world in which science and technology have created conditions for abundance.”

- Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Former Prime Minister of India

prepare dinners for those who are hungry and in need of hospitality. And Pray...pray for a world without hunger and for working toward lasting just solutions to end hunger. Justice means asking why people are hungry and homeless in the first place – and then doing something about it.

As we link arms together – across our city, our nation and our world – may we experience the power of Amos 5:24 and “let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”

May our church dive deeply into God's justice river together!

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 3-31 - Nepal Mission Project - Please donate pencils and toothbrushes for the children of Nepal at the childcare table in the Commons.

OCTOBER 17 - Crop Hunger Walk - Please walk with us through Park Hill to take a stand against world hunger. There will be snacks and interactive stations along the way. Watch for details.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BAILS TOWNHOME DEDICATION CEREMONY YOU ARE INVITED!

On Sunday **October 10th at 3:00 pm** the townhome Montview has helped to sponsor will be dedicated along with 8 other homes in the final phase of the complex at 4350 E. Bails Place. You are invited to share in the excitement and joy as Mohamed Ibrahim and the other hard-working families receive the keys to their future homes. It is a truly moving experience as you meet the families and hear their stories. Volunteers, donors, staff and families will join together for this celebration. Food, drinks and a tour of the completed townhomes will follow the ceremony. Be sure to stop by 1894 South Bellaire to meet Mohamed and his family and to view the wonderful home we have helped to build.

A special thank you to the 44 individuals who helped to build the townhome, filling 61 constructions spots during the summer - and to the generous members who contributed \$3,639 to the fundraising campaign.

QUARTERLY MEMORIALS 2010

DEAN YATES MEMORIAL

Virginia Bowman
Sarah Hite

FRAN GOE MEMORIAL

Debbie Evercloud
Craig Maginness & Ellen Reath
Frank & Karen Timmons

RICHARD TENNEY MEMORIAL

Allen & Rose Maruyama
Frank & Karen Timmons

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Peter & Ruth Philpott

Montview in the World

◀◀◀ Tutoring ◀◀ Metro CareRing ◀◀ Africa ◀◀ Nepal ◀◀ Mexico ◀◀◀

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



PARK HILL CROP HUNGER WALK

Walk with us on Sunday, October 17th

Or Walk With Us In Spirit

Or Support A Walker

Come join folks from Montview and Park Hill congregations who will be walking to raise awareness of hunger here and around the world – and the work Church World Service (CWS) does to alleviate hunger! We will be raising awareness of a world full of hardship, starting with hunger, hunger in even in our neighborhood. As for many years, 25 percent of the funds raised will go to the Greater Park Hill Community, Inc. Emergency Food Shelf. There will be stations along the way to raise our own awareness of hunger and other issues affecting the poor everywhere.

Walking is easy. The other part of walking is ASKING folks to contribute to your walk. Donor envelopes are available on Sunday mornings. Look for the HELP CROP STOP HUNGER SIGNS. If you aren't available to walk, find a walker and donate to his/her walk. Look for walkers near the HELP CROP STOP HUNGER signs.

You can raise money on the internet and you can

donate money on the internet, whether you actually walk or not! Here's how –

- Open www.cropwalk.org
- Click on “find a walk,” and then on the Colorado map
- Click on “Park Hill CROP Hunger Walk”
- Click on “donate,” then on “search for participant”
- You may donate to the Montview team or to a registered Montview walker – or you may become a “Spirit Walker,” raising funds for CWS by registering and asking folks to donate.

The needs are great; our response carries a meaning far in excess of its monetary amount for those who receive aid and support as CWS works with partners across this country and around the world.

Will you join me to walk at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 17th? If you are unavailable to walk, will you support a walker? - Hal Lynde for Peace and Justice Task Force



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for Faith



ENGAGING OUR TRADITION • EXPANDING OUR PERSPECTIVE

SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 24

NARRATIVE ETHICS

AND THE JUDAIC-CHRISTIAN TRADITION

FELLOWSHIP HALL

As part of Montview's Foundations for Faith series, Dr. Buie Seawell of the University of Denver will present a five-week series on **Narrative Ethics and the Judaic-Christian Tradition**. Dr. Seawell is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Business Ethics and Legal Studies and an ordained Presbyterian minister.

As a discipline of philosophy, ethics' core task is applying our values to our behavior, thereby achieving meaning for our actions and for our lives. These sessions will briefly frame the "traditional" ethical approaches - Kantian, Utilitarian and Virtue Ethics - but will move quickly to defining and discussing an exciting "new" field of ethical inquiry called "Narrative Ethics." Although considered "new", humankind has been engaged in meaningful story telling for tens of thousands of years. Only recently, however, have practitioners in medicine, psychology, law and education, begun to realize that almost all of us are better at understanding and explaining ourselves and our behavior through story than we are in the obtuse constructs of formal ethics. The Judaic-Christian tradition is preserved to a large extent in story . . . the stories of of creation, exile, deliverance, law giving, nation building, etc. of the Old Testament; and of the Jesus narratives of the New Testament, particularly His use of parable to engage and motivate his disciples and followers. In an age when human beings desperately need a new narrative to understand themselves as beings responsible for the life, governance and survival of this planet, it is time persons of faith recaptured the discipline of meaningful story telling and story listening.

49 Contemporary Forum

49ers an educational forum for all ages • 9:30 AM

*October 49ers will feature candidates
for the U.S. Senate and Colorado Governors.*

Look for more details and schedules at www.montview.org and in the Sunday Bulletins.

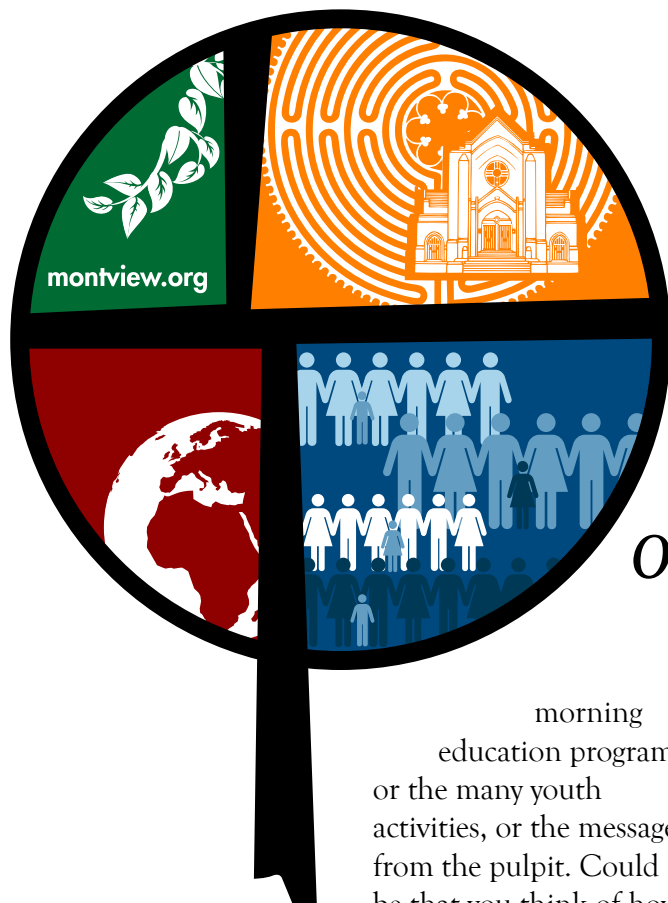
OCTOBER 24TH - MICHAEL BENNETT - U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE

MONTVIEW: A CULTURE OF GIVING...

A Message from the 2010 Stewardship Committee

When you think of Montview, what comes to your mind? Perhaps it's the Sunday School or the music program or the new outdoor sanctuary or the many mission projects Montview supports. Maybe it's the fellowship or the Sunday

Church - over 1000 members, over one million dollars, and countless volunteer and staff hours are just the beginning. And every member, every dollar, and every hour are priceless for what can be accomplished when we stand together. As we move through this year's season of stewardship, we invite you to think about the part you play in our culture of giving; to prayerfully consider making an estimate of giving, as well as to increase your giving at least 10% this year; and to continue to be a vital



MONTVIEW

a CULTURE of GIVING

you've been blessed through this remarkable community of faith? Do you think about what it takes to "run" the church, both its buildings and its programs? These are just a few of the myriad possibilities thinking about Montview might surface.

When the Stewardship Committee began its work earlier this year, we began by thinking about Montview, too. We brainstormed on a message that would not only recognize what Montview members already are doing locally and in the world but also would encourage us all to stretch. That's how "Montview: Our Culture of Giving" came to be. We wanted to celebrate who and how we are as well as to encourage us to be more and to give more of our time, talents, and resources to support Christ's work and word in the world.

It takes a lot to be Montview Boulevard Presbyterian

morning
education programs
or the many youth
activities, or the messages
from the pulpit. Could it
be that you think of how

part of God's presence in the world.

We also invite you to stop by the Stewardship Information Table on Sunday mornings through October 10, before and after the 11:00 a.m. service, to ask your

questions of a Stewardship Committee member. We encourage you to read the Reflections you'll find in the bulletins. We hope you'll take a closer look at the wonderful symbol for the season of stewardship Larry Strauss created for us - notice the branch and leaves symbolizing our commitment to sustainability; the people who represent our community of faith; the globe to remind us of our commitment to mission; and the labyrinth and image of our beloved building where so many good works happen. And, we look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 10, when we'll dedicate our gifts for the coming year.

Whether you put your estimate of giving card into the Montview Chest or call Dan Gasser at (303) 355-1651 to make your financial commitment or send Dan an e-mail with your plans at gasser@montview.org, know that you are helping to celebrate our culture of giving and enabling Montview to be and do more. Thank you for your gifts.

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



A NIFTY NINETY ~ SUE IRWIN SHARRER

Sue Irwin Sharer hasn't decided yet how she'll celebrate her 90th birthday on Oct. 26. But daughters Liz and Linda say it's sure to be "something exciting ~ she went up in a hot air balloon for her 80th!" They all agree that sky-diving may not be a good idea, but its new indoor version is a possibility. Her oldest daughter, Mary, will come from Ohio for the festivities, which will also include some of Sue's seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Sue's mother was born in Lanchashire, England, where Sue's grandfather worked in the mines. He emigrated to Ishpeming on Michigan's Upper Peninsula ~ also mining country, in the Marquette Iron Range. He sent for his family as soon as he could afford it, but he died a month after they arrived. Sue's grandmother was left with three small children at age 23. When she remarried, they remained in Ishpeming (it means "heaven" in the Ojibwa dialect), home to the National Ski Hall of Fame. The town is the official birthplace of U.S. organized skiing: The National Ski Association was founded there in 1905. Winter sports, and other outdoor activities in the spectacular lakes and forests of the Upper Peninsula, were a big part of growing up for Sue and her two sisters.

When the Depression led to the closing of many U.S. mines, Sue's father found another job as caretaker at the American Legion hall. The family was able to live in the building, and Sue remembers her mother inviting people who were down on their luck ~ widowed, jobless and the like ~ to move in too. "Some stayed for decades," she said.

She met her husband, Jack, through his roommate at Michigan Technological University, where he was studying mining engineering. The roommate was dating Sue's best friend and insisted that they all go together to a dance. Jack had grown up in Wyoming, where his father was a mining engineer for Union Pacific. An only child, he was intrigued by Sue's large extended family; "We had huge Sunday dinners," she said. In 1944, when they decided to get married, he was working for a Pennsylvania coal mine while waiting to be drafted. Soon Uncle Sam sent him to Basic Training in Texas, but he was able to get a 10-day leave.



They were married on Thanksgiving Day and honeymooned briefly in Chicago, where they saw the brand-new musical, "Oklahoma!" Then they hopped a train to Wyoming so that Sue could meet Jack's parents before he had to head for the Philippines. He participated in the U.S. Eighth Army invasion to liberate the islands from Japanese forces, fighting in the pivotal Battle of Mindanao. Sue has saved the few letters he was able to send her. After the American victory there, his unit began training for the invasion of Japan ~ until the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, ending the war.

Jack was sent to Japan as part of the U.S. occupation, and Sue said that GIs were ordered to visit the devastation in Hiroshima "so that they could tell their families at home the price that had been paid" for the Allied victory. She said he described initially encountering fear and mistrust among Japanese civilians, but soon they were able to establish some warm relationships. Flash forward to 1971, when the Sharrer family hosted an American Field Service exchange student from Japan for a year who keeps in touch with them to this day.

While Jack was overseas, Sue stayed in Ishpeming and found her musical skills in demand. She gave piano lessons and performed on a local radio version of "Ted Mack's Amateur Hour." She was the major accompanist for every musical event at the high school, which drew audiences from all over the Upper Peninsula. And she played the organ at both the Presbyterian and Methodist churches ~ on the same Sunday. "I got \$10 a month from the Presbyterians," she said. "I'm not sure the Methodists paid me anything." In addition to Sunday services, she was asked to play for weddings and funerals, sometimes taking turns with her sister Peggy. A versatile musician, she also played the drums in a marching drum and bugle corps.

Sue did her bit for the war effort, standing on the roof of a building in daylight with another woman, keeping an eye out for approaching German Luftwaffe aircraft. "We never saw a single plane," she said.

After the war, the Sharrers returned to Michigan Tech University, in Houghton. He already had a college degree

but enjoyed studying, so he used the GI Bill to get a degree in metallurgy. There was a severe nationwide housing shortage, and the Sharrers found a waiting list for married students' accommodations ~ in Quonset huts. But they were fortunate to be friends with another couple who invited them to share their trailer. Jack and Sue spent an entire year in those cramped quarters, sleeping on the couch and grateful for the privilege. The friendship not only survived but thrived: The two couples remained best friends and traveled together for years afterward to many places in the American West and Europe. Jack and Sue also were avid hikers, and it annoyed her that he wouldn't let her try rappelling down a mountain.

Jack became chief engineer at an iron ore mine in Ironwood, Mich. All three daughters were born in Ironwood, and they assumed that the area's annual 150 inches of snow ~ yes, 150 inches ~ each winter wasn't unusual. "I never understood how there could be Easter egg hunts outside," Linda said. "When we were kids, the Easter Bunny hid jelly beans around our house ~ inside!"

Liz remembers their mom as "always the room mother, the Bluebirds and Campfire Girls leader, the Sunday School teacher, the piano player. She sewed costumes for us even though she hated to sew. Like many in her generation who lived through the Depression, she was the original recycler ~ she'd wash every plastic bag and piece of tinfoil and re-use them."

The family moved to Canfield, Ohio in 1960 when Jack took a position with a major steel company in nearby Youngstown. He was elected to the School Board and was active in their Methodist church, chairing several committees and serving as a delegate to the denomination's Annual Conference. Sue tutored elementary school students, delivered Meals on Wheels, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. By the time Jack retired, Liz and Linda were living in Colorado. So their parents followed them, and in 2002 they joined Montview. Jack died in 2007, and his remains were interred in the Montview Garden Columbarium. - by Barbara Haddad Ryan for the Communications Committee

NOVEMBER BALLOT INITIATIVES

Our state is facing challenges. In recent years, state spending has been cut to the bone to balance the budget, reversing past progress. Three November 2010 ballot measures threaten to further curtail the state's ability to operate.

As people of faith, we are called to think not simply of our own short-term self interest, but to take the long view. The Rev. James Forbes gave us several "plumb lines" or principles upon which to examine measures such as these.

- Does the policy seek the common good?
- Is the policy truthful in facts and in motives?
- Is it based on a true analysis and does it disclose its true intention?
- Does it protect the vulnerable?
- Is it good policy for reducing polarization of society?

Many faith-based organizations have examined the ballot measures and found that these measures challenge our core human and religious values. The Colorado Council of Churches has prepared an excellent video (www.cochurches.org) that explains these three ballot measures.

Over the next weeks, voters will hear these bills advertised as promoting less government and lower taxes for individuals. However, voters deserve to be told the truth about how these measures will hurt Colorado.

Amendment 60

- Reduces local funding for schools 50%
- Mandates that public agencies like water districts and universities pay property taxes that will translate to higher user fees

Amendment 61

- Prohibits the state from any form of borrowing, limiting future investment in infrastructure
- Places strict limitations on local borrowing

Proposition 101

- Cuts car registration fees to 1919 level, reducing a major source of transportation funding
 - Reduces telecommunications fees that help underserved communities
 - Reduces state income tax revenue, the primary funding source for most state services such as education (over 40% of state income tax revenues fund K-12)
- Despite promised short-term personal gain, these initiatives would have far reaching consequences for our local communities and state.

Supporters say that passage would force government to operate more efficiently. Colorado's budget is already transparent, and the state budget has already been cut significantly. They also say passage will force Colorado to balance its budget. But Colorado already balances its budget as required by our state constitution.

Those who proposed these drastic measures offer no alternative for providing the basics that communities need to thrive, such as water treatment plants, schools and corrections services.

At a time when the state is still reeling from the recession, these measures threaten the legacy we wish to pass on to our children.

It's up to each of us to do our homework and vote our values. For more information:

www.cochurches.org

www.lookingforwardcolorado.com

www.donthurtcolorado.com

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~ 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)

CLEAN WATER CONVERTS A CYNIC

"I meant to ask if you had any heart problems," said Teferi Dina, as we skidded down a steep, rain-slicked embankment to see the first of six clean water projects funded by the Montview Church in the Western Wollega Province of Ethiopia. It was easier to continue sliding down than to climb back up; so I assured Teferi that I was healthy and we slip-heeled to the bottom of the ravine where he wanted to show me the new village spring.

Africa has projects scattered throughout the continent. Most are well intended, but many are what people from other cultures determine Africans need. There are empty brick churches too hot for the climate, water pumps with broken parts unavailable in Africa, and women's craft programs that produce unsalable merchandise. Some denominations extend care only



for those of their same faith. So, I approached this project with a bit of cynicism. My skepticism started to erode once I saw the simplicity of the Western Wollega village level protected-spring clean-water program.

Teferi Dina is the development officer of the Bethel Synod of the

Mekane Yesus Church. The village water projects, and, associated reforestation endeavors also funded by Montview, are two of the many excellent programs he supervises. Communities must apply to his office for water development, and, if they meet the rigorous requirements, they then work together to build the

concrete structures that enclose the spring, store and supply water. After construction, the community maintains the system. Thus, the difference between this project and so many others: the community owns the project; accessible clean water adds immediate value to their lives. As we approached the first well, several little girls sat watching the water splash onto the concrete floor. One stepped down to solemnly drink from her cupped hands. A bare-footed older woman walked down the hill to fill her clay pot with water. Once filled, I attempted to lift that pot. It wouldn't budge. Most women collect water in plastic jerry cans, but the traditional clay pots keep the water cooler. As the woman roped her clay pot to her back, she told me that life is very hard, but having clean water nearby makes it easier.

The thick red mud on the road to the next village presented more of a challenge to our vehicle than to my heart. This spring development provides a real measure of hope to



a community of Muslims recently resettled from drought-devastated eastern Ethiopia to Western Wollega, for these people a strange place in which they lack land, skills, and essential material goods. By the time we had made it up the hill, dozens of children surrounded our truck. They then followed us down another slippery slope to the newly completed spring facility where community elders then gathered to formally thank Montview Church for enabling the clean water program. Access to nearby clean water means far less water-borne disease. It is also safer and significantly less burdensome for the women and children who must carry water every day.

By the time we visited the third clean water project my improved navigation skills allowed me to scamper down the ravine almost as easily as did the children holding my hands. Since our visit was on a Sunday, the village elders were in all-day church services, but the happiness and pride in their own newly completed project was evident in the eyes of all the children gathered around the enclosed spring.

Did I mention my cynicism was replaced with amazement at the most impressive projects I have seen in Africa?
- Sue Leister

10/10/10: HUNGER RELIEF DAY

Metro CareRing has set a serious goal for itself: to collect enough food/toiletries or money to purchase food/toiletries for all hungry people in Denver by October 10, 2010. According to its statistics, “seventy-five percent of households utilizing the MCR food pantry reported going without food/skipping meals because funds to purchase food were not available ‘within the last week.’” In response to MCR’s request for food/toiletries and/or money to meet that goal, Montview Church will run its 10/10/10 Hunger Relief Drive September 19 - October 3, 2010.

Stretch your dollars and gifts to MCR by employing one of the following creative strategies:

- Save \$1 a day between now and October 10. Envelopes for sending money are attached to the display in the Commons. If a check, add Montview Church to the memo line.
- Take a walk around your neighborhood. Ask your neighbors for their support, food or money. Bring your collection to church to be delivered to MCR.



October 10, 2010: Hunger Relief Day

- Contact your local bakery, grocery store or farmers market and ask for donations for Metro CareRing.
- Have your family, friends or office donate grocery store gift certificates of any amount. MCR uses those for fresh produce and perishable items. Envelopes for your donation are on the display in the Commons.

Bags for groceries and toiletries are also available on the display in the Commons. Pick up one to fill on your next grocery store trip; know that your gift helps someone to have three meals a day, to feed a hungry baby its formula and to provide clean diapers, and to have soap/shampoo for a shower and clean clothes.

- Rosalie McCall Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARVEST OF HOPE • OCTOBER 7

The 2010 Harvest of Hope evening features School Safe Zones Project in Kenya. The African-themed Harvest of Hope event on Thursday, October 7th, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, African music and dancing, and a word from Church World Service (CWS) about its Safe School Zones initiative in Kenya. Speaker Sarah Bureti Tum is the School Safe Zones Coordinator for the East Africa Office of CWS. The program has grown from 10 pilot schools to 70 schools, and has been adopted as a model by the Kenyan Ministry of Education. Invitations are available on the CROP Hunger Walk tables, or you can learn more at www.harvestofhopecolorado.org.

MONTVIEW MEN'S RETREAT • OCTOBER 8-9

FAITH AND FILM: The 2010 Men's Retreat on October 8 - 9 will be centered around the screening and discussion of the award winning film "Jesus of Montreal" by French Canadian director Denys Arcand. The discussion will be led by Dr. Jeffrey H. Mahan. An active part of the Montview family, Jeffrey is ordained in the United Methodist Church and holds the Ralph E. and Norma E. Peck Chair in Religion and Public Communication at the Iliff School of Theology. The retreat is from Friday, October 8 through dinner on Saturday October 9 at Highlands Presbyterian Camp. For more information, contact Drew Currie at 303-746-9001 or drewcurrie@comcast.net.

FLU SHOT CLINIC • NOVEMBER 7 FROM 8:00 A.M. - 12.30 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

The cost for a flu shot is \$25, FluMist is \$35 (nasal spray option, FDA-approved for ages (2-49) and a pneumonia shot \$50. Acceptable forms of payment: cash, checks, MasterCard/Visa, flex-benefits cards. Insurances accepted: Medicare B, Humana, Rocky Mountain HMO, Tricare, Aetna, CHP (Child Health Plans), and Great West. Clients using Great West will need to pay at time of service and will be reimbursed by VNA. Sign up sheets will be in the Commons on Sunday, October 10, 17, and 31st between services from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

JOHN T. REEVES MD MEMORIAL LECTURE FEATURING GREGG L. SEMENZA MD PHD • NOVEMBER 9 AT 4 PM

The John T. Reeves MD Memorial Lecture will feature Gregg L. Semenza MD PhD., C Michael Armstrong Professor, Departments of Pediatrics, Medicine, Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Biological Chemistry, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He will speaking on the Physiological and Pathological Responses to Hypoxia. The lecture is Sponsored by the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Departments of Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Medicine, and Pediatrics and the Altitude Research Center

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

October 2010

3. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Morning Worship Services..... 8:30 & 11:00 AM
The Rev. Ian Gregory Cummins
 Childcare 8:15 AM Timbrel Choir 4:00 PM
 Sunday School 9:30 AM Jubilate Choir 5:00 PM
 Pulpit Players Practice 9:30 AM Youth Group Dinner 6:00 PM
 Children's Committee 12:00 PM MOB 6:30 PM
 Global Mission..... 12:15 PM

10. 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Morning Worship Services..... 8:30 & 11:00 AM
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Cearley
 Childcare 8:15 AM Timbrel Choir 4:00 PM
 Sunday School 9:30 AM JAM 5:00 PM
 Pulpit Players Practice 9:30 AM Jubilate Choir 5:00 PM
 Envision Committee 12:00 PM Youth Group Dinner 6:00 PM

17. 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Morning Worship Services..... 8:30 & 11:00 AM
The Rev. Sheri Fry
 Pulpit Players
 Park Hill CROP Walk
 Childcare 8:15 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:00 PM
 Sunday School 9:30 AM Timbrel Choir 4:00 PM
 Pulpit Players Practice 9:30 AM Jubilate Choir..... 5:00 PM

24. 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Morning Worship Services..... 8:30 & 11:00 AM
The Rev. Albert Hernandez
 Childcare 8:15 AM Parents of Teens (POT)..... 4:30 PM
 Sunday School 9:30 AM Jubilate Choir..... 5:00 PM
 Peace and Justice 12:15 PM MOB..... 6:00 PM
 Timbrel Choir 4:00 PM

31. 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Morning Worship Services..... 8:30 & 11:00 AM
The Rev. Ian Gregory Cummins
 Childcare 8:15 AM MOB Serve Dinner 5:00 PM
 Sunday School 9:30 AM @ Denver Rescue Mission
 Membership Development..... 12:00 PM

4.
 Communications 3:00 PM
 Montview Quilters..... 7:00 PM

11.
 Montview Quilters..... 10:00 AM
 JAM Serve Dinner
 @ Denver Rescue Mission

18.
 Montview Quilters 10:00 AM
 Montview S..... 7:00 AM
 TAC Tutoring 3:15 PM
 Session Dinner with
 Continuing Elders 6:30 PM

25.
 Messenger Monday... 9:00 AM
 Montview Quilters... 10:00 AM

November 1.
 Communications 3:00 PM
 Montview Quilters 7:00 PM

5.
 Men of Montview S..... 7:00 AM
 TAC Tutoring..... 3:15 PM
 Memorials Committee... 4:30 PM
 Building & Grounds... 6:30 PM
 Personnel Committee... 7:00 PM

12.
 TAC Tutoring..... 3:15 PM
 Worship & Music 7:00 PM

19.
 Men of Montview S..... 7:00 AM
 TAC Tutoring 3:15 PM
 Session Dinner with
 Continuing Elders 6:30 PM

26.
 TAC Tutoring 3:15 PM
 Adult Ed Committee ... 7:00 PM
 Envision Committee .. 7:00 PM

2.
 Men of Montview S..... 7:00 AM
 TAC Tutoring 3:15 PM
 Building & Grounds..... 6:30 PM
 Personnel Committee... 7:00 PM

6.
 Heritage Committee... 9:00 AM
 Wednesday Morning
 Women's Group 10:00 AM
 Montview Mentors..... 3:30 PM
 Wednesday Night
 Book Study 7:00 PM

13.
 Heritage Committee 9:00 AM
 Montview Mentors..... 3:30 PM
 Faith in Action 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Night
 Book Study..... 7:00 PM

20.
 Heritage Committee 9:00 AM
 Wednesday Morning
 Women's Group 10:00 AM
 Montview Mentors..... 3:30 PM
 Finance meeting..... 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Night
 Book Study..... 7:00 PM

27.
 Heritage Committee 9:00 AM
 Montview Mentors..... 3:30 PM
 Wednesday Night
 Book Study 7:00 PM
 Youth Serve Dinner
 to Interfaith Hospitality

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

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

14.
 Westminster Choir 7:30 PM

21.
 Choir Board Dinner 6:00 PM
 Westminster Choir 7:30 PM

28.
 Westminster Choir 7:30 PM

4.
 Men of Montview E..... 7:00 AM
 Montview Manor
 Board Meeting 5:30 PM
 Westminster Choir 7:30 PM

8.
 Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM
 MOM Time..... 9:30 AM
 Men's Retreat

15.
 Fri AM Bible Study 7 AM
 Drifter's 6:00 PM
**November
 Messenger Deadline**

22.
 Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM
 MOM Time..... 9:30 AM
 JAM Lock-In

29.
 Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM

5.
 Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM
 MOB Highlands Retreat

9.
 Men's Retreat
 Wayfarers Dinner
 7:00 PM
 MOB Camping

16.
 Pulpit Players
 Dress Rehearsal
 9:00 AM

23.

30.

6.
 New Member's Class
 8:30 AM

1.
 Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM
 JAM Retreat

2.
 MOM Time Retreat
 7:00 AM
 Westminster
 Choir Retreat
 9:00 AM