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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."

SEPTEMBER 11

Remembering September 11 Worship Service - 10:00 am
 An Interfaith Gathering

SEPTEMBER 18

Return to Two Services
 Sunday School begins for children.
 Volunteer Fair
 Congregational Lunch

SEPTEMBER 25

Adult Education resumes .



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FROM THE CO-PASTORS

Dear Friends of Montview,

On September 11, 2011, Montview will again live into its calling to be a “House of Prayer for all People.” The next time you enter the Sanctuary, pause, look up at those words and consider for a moment their depth of meaning. The words carved in stone above our sanctuary entrance come from Isaiah 56:7. Set in the context of the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon, the passage speaks to the human conflict that surfaced as the exiles returned home. In a time of division and uncertainty, it is a stunning affirmation of grace and welcome in a time of turmoil. Where do the words lead us today?

10 years after the attacks of September 11th, Americans will contemplate what has changed in those years. Faith communities will reflect on the role religion has played and continues to play in both subtle and overt ways in the events of September 11th and their meaning today. On Sunday September 11th, 2011, we at Montview will join with Park Hill neighbors across denominational and faith communities to “come together to remember, pray and commit to the disciplined practice of peace in our time.” In our own time of conflict and turmoil, we choose again to be a House of Prayer for all people.

As we open our doors for worship on September 11, we hope you will pass through those Sanctuary doors, under the splendid words of Isaiah, walk with our brothers and sisters in neighboring faith communities through the suffering of 9/11 and be a part of reawakening hope in our common quest for a world where 9/11 is unthinkable. What a gift it is to be a House of Prayer for all people.

Grace and peace,



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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 4, 2011

Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149,
Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 11, 2011

Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114,
Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 18, 2011

Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45,
Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 25, 2011

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16,
Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 2, 2011

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 9, 2011

Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23,
Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 16, 2011

Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99,
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 23, 2011

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 30, 2011

Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 6, 2011

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 13, 2011

Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123,
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

CHRIST THE KING

November 20, 2011

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100,
Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 27, 2011

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 4, 2011

Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 11, 2011

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 18, 2011

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Luke 1:46b-55
Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

PRAYER TREE

Connie Jungbluth and family (sister of Linda Rein), Jean Joseph (grandmother of Emily McGee), Steve Pearlman, Helen Bradley (sister of Anne Schreiner), Bill and Joanne Jordan, David and Angi Watters (sister and brother-in-law of Julie Terry), Lily Foreman (niece of Darci Davis), Amy Hecht, Wilma Lindsey, Marjorie Frauenfelder (mother of Nancy Hinrichs), Mitch Janasek (cousin of Nancy Hinrichs), Ted Bryant, Ed Simons, Virginia Imig (mother of Sarah Imig Osani), Wally Williams

MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Theresa Marre

WEDDINGS

8/27 Emily Watts and James Maybanks
7/29 Erica Rodarte and Francisco

Corral-Flores
7/23 Amber Williams and Jason Stowell
7/16 Katie Page and Paul DePenning

BIRTHS

8/11 Liam Lucas Gaskins, son of Andrew and Erin Gaskins
6/22 Graham Johnston, son of Pam and Jim Johnston

DEATHS

8/3 Hervey "Mac" Macferran
8/1 Roy Whiting
7/31 Patricia Maxson, daughter of Helen Pustmueller
7/25 Dorothy Little, cousin of Dolores Collins
7/20 Pauline Sargent
7/18 Wilma Balay
7/10 Alice Homiak, mother of Bob Homiak and grandmother of Michael Homiak

MONTVIEW PUBLICATION DEADLINES

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or on disk) are preferred.
Unless previously approved,
submissions must be 200
words or less.*

MONTVIEW WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

Montview Children

Sandy Prouty, Minister of Children's Ministries



WHY SUNDAY SCHOOL?

It is Sunday morning, the only morning of this week that your family isn't scheduled for a school or neighborhood or sports activity or event. It is a morning that your family could relax and not get in the car until sometime much later in the day. It is the one morning in a busy week for such a luxuriously slow start. Why would you choose to get up and get everyone dressed and get to Sunday School? Really, why would you do that?

As a mother of four children now in their twenties, I remember struggling with this decision. And now with many years of hindsight, I have some thoughts about this question and this reality. My first thought is "this too shall pass". It is hard to imagine when your children are small, when you are involved in every aspect of their lives, when you are the sun and moon to each of them, that one day you will not be in that position. As we know as they grow, they grow away from you step by step, competence by competence, influence by influence. They grow to hear other voices. They hear and see other messages about what is important, about how you should treat others, about what success means and how it looks. Some of these messages will not be ones that you chose for them when they were little or agree with now. These may not be the tender messages of parent to child. These may not be the messages of kindness and fairness. These may be messages of just the opposite. Your child may learn from voices and experiences out in the world of their days, that success often has little to do with kindness or fairness. They may conclude that competition is much more important than compassion. They may conclude that people think you're weird if you are kind and respectful to those of other backgrounds. They may conclude that if you see an advantage you should take it every time no matter what. They may conclude that their ends always justify

their means. At this same time, they may also conclude that you just don't understand and turn down your voice for other volumes.

This can happen. We've all seen or heard about this playing out. But still, *why Sunday School?* The answer is also about messages. In Sunday School, we introduce and reinforce a way of being in the world. It is the way of love in the most expanded sense of the word. In the stories of the Bible, children learn of people from long ago struggling with timeless questions of kindness and fairness, questions they also face to a greater and lesser degree each day. They learn that for thousands of years human beings have been trying to get along with each other. They learn of the trial and error and then of the completely applicable commands of Jesus to love your neighbors and in so doing, love God. Sunday School is a place of tradition, of generations and of joyful relationships. It is a place to learn, to explore and to grow. It is a place of acceptance where safe discussions of God, forgiveness, social dilemmas, diversity, respect, mistakes and mystery can be started and later followed up at home. It is a place to hear different words and sing different songs and be with different people and know that you are again and also home.

Our Sunday School partners with our parents to help our children hear messages different from the voices of the world. We reinforce each other in this counter-cultural, often subversive work. We share a daunting hope for our children that is in part realized by the habit of coming to Montview Church on Sunday mornings. *Why Sunday School?* Because as faithful parents and teachers, we have agreed to strengthen our children's lives with the ways of love and on each Sunday morning and together we do.

Please join us. We look forward to working with you!

THANK YOU

Our Children's Committee wishes to thank Dottie and Dick Harvey for the beautiful picture of Ruth the Gleaner. It once belonged to Dottie's mother. We will cherish it.



Montview Youth

FAITH UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Rev. Sheri Fry, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY & THE “COSMIC THERAPIST” GOD

The National Survey of Youth and Religion has some fascinating things to say about whom these teenagers are that roam the hallways and youth rooms of our mainline churches. One of the most significant findings of their in-depth research is that Christian teens seem to subscribe to what the researchers call “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism” (MTD). Sort of a view of God as not much more than a cosmic therapist whose sole aim is to help us feel good and achieve our personal goals. The creed goes something like this: 1) “A God exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth.” 2) “God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.” 3) “The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.” 4) “God doesn’t need to be particularly involved in one’s life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.” 5) “Good people go to heaven when they die.”

I think this hits the nail on the head. And this isn’t just the viewpoint of many teens. It has permeated into the adult ranks of the church as well. The survey found that MTD has replaced a more traditional version of Christian belief and practice. This “different religious faith,” happens to be a perfect bedfellow with our modern consumer culture that sells happiness as the goal of life and supplies consumer products that promise to satiate our unending appetite for feeling good. None of this should be a surprise. Over the years I have heard from adults and teens that youth ministry should be about being nice to each other and having fun together. In essence, youth group as “The Nice People’s Club.” Here’s the problem: there are lots of “Nice People’s Clubs” out there in the secular world. Does the Church not have an identity distinct from secular culture? In *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony*,

Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon strongly argue that when the Church ceases to have an identity separate from the secular culture, it ceases to be the Church. “...both the conservative and liberal church... are basically accommodationist (that is, Constantinian) in their social ethic. Both assume wrongly that the American church’s primary social task is to underwrite American democracy.”

Of course, it goes without saying that if all we want our teens to learn is that God wants them to be good citizens – to be nice to each other and to live a happy life – it doesn’t take long to teach that message. They pick that up pretty early on. So, once they get it, what use is the Church to them – unless of course the Church is working to make them happy, too?

“...sit down with our teens and have these conversations – to ask them what they really think about God, sin, death, forgiveness, salvation, the afterlife, peace, justice and love. We just might be surprised at what they have to tell us.”

So here’s what I’d suggest. Spend some time with the teens in our church, present them with this notion of Moralistic Therapeutic Deism and ask them what they think. Is this how they understand God and faith? If so, are they willing to risk going deeper with their faith? And if they don’t see themselves reflected in MTD, are they willing to try to articulate what it is they do understand the Christian faith to be about? Maybe it’s time to just sit down with these teens and have these conversations – to ask them what they really think about God, sin, death, forgiveness, salvation, the afterlife, peace, justice and love. We just might be surprised at what they have to tell us.

SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

We have added several titles to our library that explore safety for children. These books can help parents and children talk about ways children can be safe from sexual abuse. Please preview these books before sharing them with your children.

They are shelved separately from the other children's books and are located on the west wall of the children's section on the top shelf above the Juvenile Non-Fiction books.

The books are:

- It's My Body by Lory Freeman
 - It's NOT the Stork! By Robie H. Harris
 - Loving Touches by Lory Freeman
 - My Body is Private by Linda Walvoord Girard
 - Off Limits by Sandy K. Wurtele & Feather Berkower
 - Some Parts are NOT for Sharing by Julie K. Federico
 - Your Body Belongs to You by Cornelia Spelman
- Donna Beck, Library Committee Chair

AN INVITATION - MONTVIEW MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Just a reminder that the Montview Memorial Library is open and ready for your use. Please drop by and browse through the sizable collection for adults, teens and children.

To check out a book do the following:

- Locate the card in the pocket found at the back of the book.
- On the card write your name, phone number and the date of check-out. Parents, please help small children.
- Place the card in the basket on the glass-topped table.

- Adult books are on loan for three weeks.
- Children's books are on loan for two weeks.
- To help remember when a book is due, write the due date on the slip below the pocket.
- Return the books to the book drop box. Do not reshelve.
- When books are not returned, you will receive a friendly telephone call as a reminder.

If you have a suggestion of materials you would like to see in the library, please contact Donna Beck at 303-343-7509. - Donna Beck, Library Committee Chair

MONTVIEW'S JEWELS OF LIGHT

If you have ever stood in the Montview sanctuary alone, the majesty and power of the stained glass windows have most likely amazed and humbled you. Windows in various parts of the buildings depict stories and characters of the Bible, saints and leaders of the church universal, or symbols and more abstract designs. Created and crafted in rich and dominant color, they remind us of our heritage and the faith and history we share.

This year the Heritage Center, located beside the library, celebrates the treasure of these windows with a display. Visit it for an overview of the windows, housed in many areas of the church; then, two choices are available. Borrow one of the booklets from the Heritage Center, and take your own more detailed tour to see windows, created over a period of 80+ years reflecting various period styles of stained glass design. (And please, please return the booklet when you

have finished.) Or, you may choose to join one of the two tours, held **October 2 or October 16 between services**, hosted by one of the Heritage Committee, which offer the opportunity for questions and stories about the windows.

To be surrounded by extraordinary art, created by master craftsmen, is one of the gifts of this church. Gift yourself with a visit to the Heritage Center, and then take one of the tours. When you have completed your tour - singly or in a group, share your experience with others.

- Rosalie McCall Johnson



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ENGAGING OUR TRADITION • EXPANDING OUR PERSPECTIVE

SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 23 (5 WEEKS)

GREAT FIGURES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Amy-Jill Levine, University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, will lecture at Montview in November. In preparation for her visit, our own Russ Wehner will lead a class using a video series with Professor Levine. Her vivid portraits of the cast of characters in the New Testament will improve your biblical literacy and showcase the New Testament as a great repository of literary genius.

OCTOBER 2 – 23 (4 WEEKS)

BULLY PREVENTION 101

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO HELP STOP BULLYING



Bullying is being talked about in schools, churches, and even at the first ever White House Conference on the topic. Despite all the attention, for many of us it is hard to know what is meant when we hear the word “bullying” or what we can do to stop it. With the advent of new kinds of bullying, like cyber-bullying and the resulting suicides that have made bullying national news, it is more important than ever to talk about this important issue. There are things we can do to help our kids, our families, and our communities.

In this interactive class you will learn more about what bullying is and what it is not, how to respond to bullying situations when they happen, and how to prevent bullying in your school, your workplace, and in your community.

Kari Knutson, MA is a native of Colorado and has worked with children, teens, and adults as a counselor since 2001. She is a speaker, trainer, and consultant on the issue of bully prevention for schools, city governments, and community organizations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY

RESUMES SEPTEMBER 14

Join us as we discuss *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. In this book, Fr. Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life and to show them that those who have fallen, failed, or “gone down” are the only ones who understand “up.” Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and

letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as “falling upward.” In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain, exploring the counterintuitive message that we grow spiritually much more by doing wrong than by doing right—a fresh way of thinking about spirituality that grows throughout life.

We will meet in the McCollum Room starting September 14 at 7:00 p.m. and continuing for the next 4-6 weeks. If you would like to order a book, please let Linda Rumbarger know by September 1 (lrumbarg@hotmail.com, 303.525.2917). New participants are always welcome!



49 Contemporary Forum

ers an educational forum for all ages

SEPTEMBER 25: U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN DIANA DEGETTE

Long time Montview Member, Diana DeGette will address us, speaking about the many pressing issues facing Congress and our nation. This is an excellent opportunity for you to ask those questions that need answers! Join us and invite a friend.

OCTOBER 2: PROPOSITION 103 AND COLORADO'S FISCAL CHALLENGES



Fiscal expert Carol Hedges will speak October 2 about an initiative on the November ballot to raise money for education as well as Colorado's ongoing fiscal challenges. The state has been struggling to cover vital services during the recession. Hedges is director of the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute, a project of the Colorado Center on Law and Policy and is speaking at the request of the Montview Community Organizing Ministry (MCOM).

She will discuss a balanced approach to funding essential services in the context of what citizens value. The presentation will also explain Proposition 103 that would return tax rates to 1999 levels for five years to raise funds for K-12 and public higher education. If approved, corporate and personal income tax rates would increase from 4.63% to 5%. Sales tax would increase from 2.9 to 3% for five years beginning in 2012 to restore cuts made to education over the past three years.

OCTOBER 9: EVOLUTIONARY SPIRITUALITY: WHAT IS IT AND WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

Dr. Maureen McCormack, S.L. will share with us what she is learning about an evolutionary relationship to life, living from that part of the self that deeply cares about making this world something extraordinary, a world that is evolving into something profound, in which there is a powerful drive toward transformation. Maureen is a past president of the Sisters of Loretto and former Dean of Students at Loretto Heights College. She serves on several boards, including the national and state boards of the Interfaith Alliance.

OCTOBER 16: THE DEATH PENALTY: AT WHAT COST?

Lisa Cisneros, Executive Director of Coloradans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty will present "The Death Penalty: At what cost?"

OCTOBER 23: HOW CULTURALLY BASED SHAME SHAPES A FAMILY

Your face burns. Your stomach twists. You look at the ground, unable to meet the eyes of those around you. All the while, hurtful, half-formed thoughts swirl through your mind: I'm different ... I'm not good enough ... they'll never, ever accept me for who I am. Whether it's connected to your disability, your appearance, your race, your gender, or your sexual orientation, you're experiencing shame - and it doesn't feel very good.

Chances are there is something in your life that you're ashamed of, and that you try to hide from the rest of the world. Shame based behavior is more common - and more harmful - than most people realize. In this personal, engaging, and eye-opening presentation, award winning author Dr. Anne K. Gross shares her mother's - and indeed her entire family's - story of living with polio at a time when individuals with disabilities were treated as outcasts, and describes her own personal journey to overcome the impact of shame on her life. This pivotal but rarely discussed topic will engage participants in how to conquer this toxic emotion in their own lives, as well as reap the rewards of increased intimacy in their relationships.

MOMTIME AT MONTVIEW

Take a break and connect with other moms at MomTime, fall session starts September 16

MomTime provides an opportunity for mothers of young children to learn, grow and support each other through the challenges and joys of this season of life. Each session

focuses on a topic related to parenting, balancing life's many demands, taking care of yourself and contributing to our larger community and world. It is also a time for moms to just take a break and connect with other moms. Breakfast and childcare are provided. We will meet the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of each month in Rm. 305 starting September 16 at 9:15-11:15.

For further information check our blog: www.montviewmomtime.wordpress.com or contact Leah Oliver at leahcnoliver@yahoo.com or Anna Clark at Anna.A.Clark@gmail.com.



Montview in the World

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



THE CASA DEL

The Casa del Sol serves to house abandoned, orphaned, and maltreated children between the age of 0 and 8 in the State of Puebla, Mexico. It provides food, clothing, medical care, and schooling until the children are reintegrated into a family setting, typically by means of adoption. Since it opened its doors in 1991, the Casa del Sol has housed and nurtured more than 950 children. Javier Polsfut, a Montview member, was adopted from Casa Del Sol in 2000.

For ten years, the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church community has engaged with the Casa del Sol. Each time a Montview work trip has visited Mexico in nine of the past 10 years, the group has visited Casa del Sol. In particular, many Montview youth have held an infant in their arms or kicked a ball with the older resident children there. The Montview youth and adults, alike, have described their experiences at the Casa del Sol as one of the most moving of their visit to the country.

Casa Del Sol received \$21,000 from the Montview Capital Campaign through the Global Mission Committee to remodel and expand its Volunteer Quarters which originally consisted of two small bedrooms and a shared bathroom squeezed between

the orphanage's laundry and kitchen for a maximum capacity of two volunteers. While the supply of volunteer labor is high, the lack of volunteer housing resulted in inefficient and inadequate volunteer service, often resulting in only one on-site volunteer.

The newly expanded volunteer quarters at Casa del Sol provides room and personal space for four volunteers and an opportunity for the Montview community to consider long-term volunteer engagement at the orphanage. Specifically, Montview is invited to serve as a conduit to attract and prepare women and girls from the Montview or larger Denver community to spend six to twelve months in dedicated service at the Casa del Sol. A period of long-term volunteer service at Casa del Sol would provide women and girls a chance to get to know Mexico deeply, to assist children in tremendous need, to reflect on their lives and personal missions as they prepare to return to the United States, and to develop Spanish fluency, as well, if language acquisition is of interest. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Associate Pastor Sheri Fry or Global Mission Committee chair Jim Polsfut.

IPODERAC

The Montview Capital Campaign provided \$20,000 to IPODERAC, a home for 72 abandoned boys in Puebla, Mexico, through the Global Mission Committee to support the construction of a new volunteer house. The volunteer house is now complete and has three bedrooms, each with two beds and a separate bath, and a kitchen and living area. The intent is to have a nice place where volunteers, whether they are there for a week



or a year, can live on the grounds at IPODERAC. Two other organizations helped in donating funds for the construction of the volunteer house.

Montview volunteers and staff have visited IPODERAC six times over the past decade. The last work trip included 40 youth who built a soccer field for the boys. The volunteer house is the last structure to be built or renovated in multi-year effort to improve the infrastructure at IPODERAC and they are now ready to accept more short and long-term volunteers. Montview members who are interested in this opportunity should contact Associate Pastor Sheri Fry or Mary Buckley, who serves on the Global Mission Committee.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR 2011 - 2012 SEASON

Westminster Choir is starting another season of powerful, transforming music. We often say that the power of our artistry is a measure of the depth of our spirits. Each person carries the archetypal power of art as a quality of soul, mind and body. Our work as musicians is a covenant to live an examined life following our vocation and talent. It is not too much to say that one must be a holy spirit to receive the Holy Spirit.

This life we lead as choral singers is as demanding as it is rewarding. We rehearse Thursday nights, 7:30 - 9:30 from late August through late May. We sing about 100 compositions in the course of a thirty-seven week season. More than a month of Sundays! We have two Saturday retreats at the church, one in the fall and one in the spring. Our repertoire ranges widely, in many genres, from classic choral literature to new works written specifically for us. Westminster Choir is most of all a community. The network of friendships

and shared experiences, sometimes over many decades, shows a richness and depth that only God knows.

The start of a new season is an excellent time for new singers to begin with us. Music reading is a must, perfection is not. The ability to sing in tune and in ensemble with colleagues is important, a world class voice is not. Consistent attendance at rehearsals and services is expected, perfect attendance is rare. I say often that we are a "game day" choir. We work in a way that hopefully brings us to a performance edge with the singers we have on a particular day at just the right time. It is an adventure, believe me. If you are interested please contact me - kuzma@montview.org, 303-355-1651 ext. 104 or Barbara Hulac - hulac@montview.org, same phone, ext. 105. - *John Kuzma, Minister of Music*

OUR FIRST REHEARSAL IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

NOTHING BEATS SINGING WITH YOUR FRIENDS

The Timbrel (3rd-8th grade) and Jubilate (9th-12th grade) choir season begins Sunday, September 11, and there is a place for you! Both choirs rehearse on Sunday afternoons - Timbrel Choir from 4:00-5:00pm in the Children's Choir Room, and Jubilate Choir from 5:00-6:00pm in the Westminster Choir Room. These dynamic ensembles provide worship leadership throughout the year, and are featured in Montview's Christmas and Spring concerts as well as the annual Lessons & Carols service during Advent. Nothing beats singing with your friends, so come join us! For further information, contact Martha Fiser at 303-692-9071/msfiser@yahoo.com or John Kuzma at 303-355-1651/kuzma@montview.org.

from Tragedy...to Chaos...to Hope
REMEMBERING
SEPTEMBER 11TH
An Interfaith Gathering

Sunday, September 11
10:00 am

The 10th anniversary of the September 11th tragedy falls on a Sunday. Montview has been asked by other Park Hill churches to be the host of an interfaith service of remembrance at 10:00 am, in place of our normal worship service. While this means a disruption to our normal schedule, we believe the chance to honor this day with our Park Hill neighbors is important. The morning will not look at all like our normal worship service, but we hope it will be a time of great meaning for all who attend. Please join us in welcoming 6 other congregations from the area for a powerful morning of remembrance and hope.

HABITAT MISSION PROJECT GOING STRONG

In May Montview members were challenged to raise \$5,000 to match the \$5,000 provided by Faith in Action so that we could become a full partner in sponsoring a duplex at 800/804 S. Patton Court. In addition we hoped to provide 10 construction volunteers for each of seven build days. Response from our congregation has confirmed Montview's commitment to supporting this close to home mission project. To date, nearly 100 people have donated a total of \$6,640. And, the response of construction volunteers has been so great that two additional work days have been added.

Our construction crews have been a great cross section of members. Alex, our youngest

volunteer celebrated his 16th birthday on the site. So far no one has stepped forward to claim the oldest title (although lots of gray hair has been seen). There have been families working together - moms and dads with their kids from teens to adults, husbands and wives, and even a grandmother and granddaughter.

From the perspective of our construction volunteers, it has been a summer of heat, hard work, lots of sweat and the challenge of learning new skills. But more than that, it has been camaraderie, fun, fellowship and a great sense of accomplishment at the end of the day. Our crews raised the first walls, set the roof trusses, nailed down the roof sheathing, put up

and painted siding, and performed many other needed tasks.

There is still more work to be done in September, with interior finish work, painting, and landscaping to be completed. If you are interested, check with Kirstin at kjensen05@q.com to see if volunteers are still needed.

The duplex should be finished in early October and the home dedication will be later in the fall. **Information about the dedication will be posted on the Habitat Bulletin Board, in the Sunday Bulletin, in the weekly Montview email (This Week @ Montview) and at www.montview.org.** All are welcome to attend and see our completed project. - Ellen West

MONTVIEW MENTORS NEED YOU

The Montview Mentors is a tutoring group that works with Ashley Elementary School students Wednesday afternoons from 3:15-5 PM. No prior experience is needed to help these deserving students with reading and writing besides a

willingness to donate your time and energy. The first semester we will focus on basic skills, and during the second semester we may work with interested students to get them ready to participate in the Denver Shakespeare Festival in May which is

an amazing experience for all of us! This is a personal ministry that gives back multifold. Join us, won't you? Call Martha Fitzpatrick, 303 986-2252, or Jamie Vernon, 303 394-9901, for more info if you have a few hours each week to help these great children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME JOIN THE ACOLYTES

Calling all kids in grades 4 and higher! Come join the acolytes who serve Montview by carrying the light into our church at Sunday morning worship. We are now putting together teams that will serve about once a month during the school year. Contact Beth Ellsworth at bellsworth99@gmail.com if you would like to be part of this important Montview tradition.

BOILER UPDATE

In March one of Montview's two boilers came to a squishy wet end as its copper core failed, leaking to the extent that it could never again be lit. Due to a very generous gift from a member we were able to replace this boiler with a system that should use significantly less natural gas, to remove an ancient inoperative boiler cluttering up the boiler room, and to change our domestic hot water supply to a more efficient system. *I think churches often stand or fall depending on the generosity of their members. This gift, like others, helps us stand and even move forward during some tough times.* Except for some ongoing adjustments to tune the system to the building demand, the system should be running before October cold weather. - Michael McMullen



~ 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)

IT IS THE SEASON TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A Message from the 2011 Stewardship Committee

If you make a difference, shouldn't it be every day of the year, not only during a particular season? Or, maybe *where* you make a difference is the important thing. And, of course, *how* you make a difference matters too. The good news is this: Making a difference as a member or friend of Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church not only involves the where, and the how, but also the who, what, when, and why. It's not about the *if*, at all, because being a part of our culture of giving means making a difference

through our gifts and our actions. It's who we are and what we do. It's why we will celebrate the **2011 Season of Stewardship from September 18 through Dedication Sunday, October 23.**

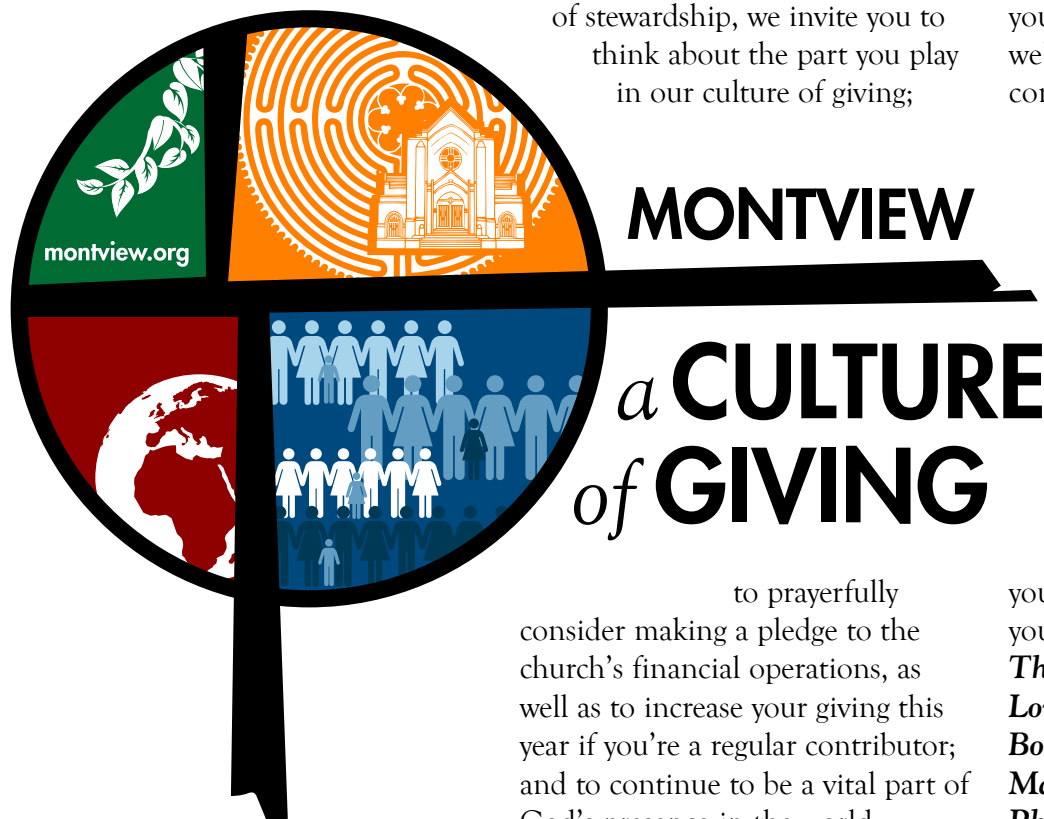
It takes a lot to be Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church – over 1000 members, over one million dollars, and countless volunteer and staff hours are just the beginning. And every member, every dollar, and every hour are priceless for the differences we make when we stand together. As we move through this year's season of stewardship, we invite you to think about the part you play in our culture of giving;

We encourage you to reflect on the quotations you'll find in the bulletin inserts over the next few weeks. 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 23**, when we'll dedicate our gifts for the coming year.

Whether you put your pledge 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 enabling Montview to make a difference for you, for those around you, and for those

you may never know. Thank you for your gifts.

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



to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the church's financial operations, as well as to increase your giving this year if you're a regular contributor; and to continue to be a vital part of God's presence in the world.

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SATURDAY

September 2011

<p>4. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Cearley Communion</p>	<p>5. Building Closed</p>	<p>6. Men of Montview S., 7:00 AM Building & Grounds 6:30 PM</p>	<p>7. Heritage Committee 9:00 AM Sunday School Teacher Training 6:30 PM</p>	<p>8. Westminster Choir 7:30 PM</p>	<p>9. Friday AM Bible Study ... 7 AM</p>	<p>10. Garden Club Meeting 9:00 AM Wayfarers Dinner 6:30 PM</p>
<p>11. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Remembering September 11th Interfaith Service ... 10:00 AM</i> Montview Community Organizing Ministry 12:15 PM St. Martin's Chamber Choir Concert 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12. Montview Quilters 9:00 AM Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Onion Club Men's Group 7:30 PM</p>	<p>13. Communications 8:30 AM</p>	<p>14. Heritage Committee 9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Women's Group 10:00 AM Montview Mentors 3:00 PM New Member's Class 5:30 PM Faith in Action 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Book Study 7:00 PM</p>	<p>15. Thursday Morning Womens Breakfast Group 7:30 AM Harvest of Hope Dinner 5:30 PM Choir Board Dinner 6:00 PM Westminster Choir 7:30 PM</p>	<p>16. Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM MOM Time 9:15 AM Drifters 6:00 PM</p>	<p>17. Musical Performance from Nepal 7:00 PM</p>
<p>18. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Rev. Ian Gregory Cummins <i>Return to Two Services</i> Cupcake Truck Volunteer Fair Sunday School Pulpit Players Congregational Lunch</p>	<p>19. Montview Quilters 9:00 AM</p>	<p>20. Men of Montview S. 7:00 AM Session Meeting .. 7:00 PM</p>	<p>21. Heritage Committee . 9:00 AM Montview Mentors 3:00 PM Wednesday Night Book Study 7:00 PM</p>	<p>22. Westminster Choir 7:30 PM</p>	<p>23. Friday AM Bible Study ... 7 AM</p>	<p>24.</p>
<p>25. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Rev. Sheri Fry Child Care New Member Reception Sunday School Pulpit Players JAM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>26. Montview Quilters 9:00 AM</p>	<p>27.</p>	<p>28. Heritage Committee 9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Women's Group 10:00 AM Montview Mentors 3:00 PM Wednesday Night Book Study 7:00 PM</p>	<p>29. Westminster Choir 7:30 PM</p>	<p>30. Friday AM Bible Study 7 AM MOM Time 9:15 AM</p>	

