A Pulpit Players Production—A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Damascus: The Conversion of Saul
Montview Christmas Concert

The first Sunday afternoon in December was graced with another wonderful concert by our 200 Montview musicians! They performed inspiring works by composers including Bach and Finzi.

We were also gifted with an extra treat in the form of new compositions by Colorado composers. The first, Tony Domenick, wrote this year’s winning composition for the 3rd Annual John Kuzma Young Composers Award. With a text written by ecstatic 16th century poet Robert Southwell, The Burning Babe is a beautiful new piece elevated by the performance of our Westminster Choir.

The second local composer was our own Minister of Music, Adam Waite, whose new wintry orchestral composition, Over a Wild Solitude, seemed to capture the icy Colorado peaks in the dark weeks before the solstice. We also enjoyed his arrangement of O Come, O Come Emmanuel, a transcendent tribute to the season.

The children and youth choirs were especially uplifting with their beautifully rehearsed and performed offerings. Thank you to all the musicians who lent their voices and their instruments to create a magical night that has aptly prepared us for our journey through Advent to Christmas.

By Pat Garcia & Juli Davidson

Musique & Masque Musical: DEAR EDWINA, a Middle School Fable

The annual Musique & Masque fall production, entitled DEAR EDWINA, was performed at four sold-out (or nearly so) shows at Montview’s Miller Center. The musical was a sweet surprise; most of us had never seen this toe-tapping show before. Written by Zina Goldrich and Marcy Heisler, the same team who penned Junie B. Jones: The Musical, DEAR EDWINA was a heart-warming show about the joys of growing up.

Thirteen-year-old Edwina Spoonapple writes her own advice column, and sets it to music and broadcasts direct-from-the-garage. She gets her older siblings and quirky neighbors to perform her original songs and advice along with her. Together they set out to tackle the world’s problems in a barrage of songs about everything from manners to relationships to the natural questions that arise in a ‘tween’s life.

“I loved it. I came with my five-year-old who sang ‘my-salad-fork-fork-plate-knife-spoon’ for the next week,” said Montview member Leena Waite. “It was a catchy show with a real sweet message.”

Brought to life by Montview’s in-house theater company Musique & Masque, DEAR EDWINA featured more than 70 players and staff, ranging in age from 6 to 70. Montview’s youth were featured in this production, with back-up vocal support by the adults in the company. Just check out these photos: it was a good time on stage, backstage and for the audience.

By Juli Davidson

Soul Food Update

In October, the Montview Soul Food (Senior Support Services) team was able to serve 120 individuals with several participants having seconds. It was a cold, fall day, and we were told this was a larger group than usual. We were pleased to serve a warm, “comfort food” meal, and it was received with much appreciation. For the third time, one of our families stepped in to help serve, and they plan on being involved in the future. We were also able to repurpose a portion of the Deacon ice cream social items to reduce costs.

We are always in need of volunteers to join us to prepare, cook and package meals for those in need in our congregation and our neighborhood. Contact Paul Heitzenrater at p.r.heitzenrater@comcast.net if you would like to be a part of this ministry and if you can help us cook. Also, if you know of someone in need of a meal, please feel free to take a meal from the freezer in the kitchen off the Commons.

Article and photo by Paul Heitzenrater

If you’re interested in joining the Mission Life Committee, or if you would like more information about any of the Churchwide Mission Projects or ongoing outreach opportunities, please contact Jennifer Seward at seward@montview.org.

Churchwide Mission Projects

Montview members of all ages worked together on two churchwide mission projects this fall. We assembled 200 snack bags for our homeless packet program in October, and packaged 2,000 pounds of rice and beans in November. The rice and beans were gratefully welcomed by Montview mission partners Metro Caring, Inner City Parish and the Greater Park Hill Community food pantry. Mark your calendar for our next churchwide mission project on February 3.

By Jen Seward
Dr. Elaine Pagels Brings a Widened Scriptural Perspective to Denver

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With her new book just published, Dr. Elaine Pagels, bestselling author and religious historian, filled our Sanctuary with a crowd of eager listeners for both her lectures. As the Harrington Spear Paine Foundation Professor of Religion at Princeton University, Dr. Pagels has spent a lifetime reading, teaching and debating the importance of the “lost gospels” discovered at the Nag Hammadi site in the mid-1950s.

“These books—the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Truth, the Gospel of Mary Magdalene—and all the others, shine a bright light into the century just after the crucifixion of Jesus,” she told us. “How the church whittled all the early scriptures in circulation down to our current New Testament almost four centuries later could have more to do with politics than any effort for inclusion or historical accuracy,” she believes.

For her first lecture, Dr. Pagels used the cataclysmic end of the world to the story of her own life. Her life soaked in grief, anguish and anger, she immersed herself in raising her two younger children, and in continuing research into the scriptures. As Tim Beal pointed out, “The Bible is a Library of Questions, not so much a Book of Answers.” And, as Dr. Pagels noted, “Life is full of mystery, power and grace. We recognize this only in community, not in solitude.”

After her address, Dr. Pagels sat down with Dr. Timothy Beal, whose most recent book is The Book of Revelation: A Biography. During their ensuing conversation, the two scholars agreed that one of the major effects of Revelation has been to “annihilate ambiguity.” Leaning on this book allows anyone—scholar, dictator, reformer or seeker—to argue that

- there are no gray areas: only black and white,
- it is right to demonize the “other,” and
- all conflict is non-negotiable.

Both Drs. Pagels and Beal agreed that this “either-or,” “black & white” worldview is perhaps not too closely related to Jesus’ message. The enigmatic Book of Revelation may be an extremely useful tool in understanding the political and day-to-day pressures of the end of the First Century AD. But it does not leave us much closer to the sayings and teachings of Jesus, who favored love, compassion, a direct experience of the divine and moving away from war, hatred and temptation.

Dr. Pagels’ book, Revelations: Visions, Prophecy and Politics in the Book of Revelation, and Dr. Beal’s book, The Book of Revelation: A Biography, were both available for purchase in the Commons. Dr. Beal is the Florence Harkness Professor of Religion and chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Case Western Reserve University.

On night two, instead of a classic lecture, Dr. Pagels chose to present her latest work, Why Religion? in a roundtable discussion with her Denver friend Rev. Larry Angus and Montview Co-Pastor Rev. Clover Beal. In this book, Elaine Pagels takes her readers into the story of her own life. Why Religion? tells of her joy at discovering the Gnostic Gospels, followed by her happy marriage to particle physicist Heintz Pagels and the birth of their first child. Later, within two years, they lost that child to a fatal disease, and she lost her husband to a hiking accident.

Her life soaked in grief, anguish and anger, she immersed herself in raising her two younger children, and in continuing research into the Nag Hammadi texts. “I found both solace and meaning there. I began to recognize suffering as a condition of life,” she told her listeners. “This is bearable only in community—because of the kinship of all beings with one another, and with the creator, and with the earth. In fact, the whole universe and all that is in it is made of the same stuff. This” she continued, “allowed me to drop creeds, dogma and certitude from my cosmology. This caused me to accept ambivalence as the human condition—under the all-encompassing love of God.”

Dr. Pagels explained she believed in the “living Jesus” of the Gnostic Gospels, a divine teacher who still invites inquiry, questions and discussion about meaning. She suggested we each journey within to find our inner voice, our spark of the divine, the voice of truth.

This discussion brought many questions and expressions of gratitude from the audience, including the recognition that Montview Church’s descriptor “Question Think Serve Grow” is well-supported in very early Christian texts.

It was a blessing to spend two evenings with this scholar who has influenced so much late 20th and early 21st century thinking and research into the scriptures. As Tim Beal pointed out, “The Bible is a Library of Questions, not so much a Book of Answers.”

And, as Dr. Pagels noted, “Life is full of mystery, power and grace. We recognize this only in community, not in solitude.”

By Juli Davidson
Located at the corner of Dahlia and Montview, the Miller Center with its four-story tower looks a little weary and worn. Completed in 1918 under the leadership of the Rev. Robert T. Caldwell, it was built in response to the need for a larger worship center as well as a community meeting place. The Norman Gothic architecture, constructed of Castle Rock limestone, stood out in its growing Park Hill neighborhood of homes. However, rather than stained glass windows, its windows were clear, a requirement of the architect. Designated the Auditorium, the structure remained the major gathering place for Montview’s growing congregation until the building of the new sanctuary, dedicated in 1958.

The Miller Center may look weary, but what energy has fueled the activity in this building. In its worship center Montview’s most cherished services took place: weddings, baptisms, and funerals, which included those for the Fallen Warriors of WWII, whose blue stars on the flag on the podium were replaced by gold stars. Sunday worship grew to three services. The building’s rectangular space, plus its incorporation of some of the original East Wing (1910), no longer met the needs of the congregation. In 1949, construction of the Memorial Wing began, pushing out the south wall to include what are now the McCollum Room and the Green Room, as well as the Cellar. The Tower remained a place for offices of the assistant and associate ministers as well as the symphonic carillon.

Some parts of the Auditorium remained constant: on the stage were the candlesticks, the cross, the chairs, the communion table, the lectern and the pulpit. But, in 1952, the stained glass window above the stage was installed. It is Montview’s most complex stained glass window, considered one of the outstanding windows in any Denver church. It offers to that space a grandeur; visitors will often stop and stare or move to a pew, sit quietly, and look at it for a time. And it brings to that large room a sense of completion.

In 1958, the new sanctuary was dedicated, and the Auditorium, now the Miller Center, became the grande dame of spaces for Montview: her identity changed to a location for the performing arts with the tower used for storage. Many performances continue to use that part of our building.

We celebrated the 100th Year Anniversary of the Auditorium/Miller Center this spring, 2018. She has grown and changed, just as has our congregation. She has overseen great celebration and great sadness and adapted to whatever use was demanded of her. And we consider her one of God’s gifts to us.
Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest

Montview celebrated the 15th anniversary of what has become an important tradition – the annual pumpkin carving contest. Each year just before Halloween, Fellowship Hall fills with folks competing to create the most impressively carved jack-o-lanterns. Competition has become fierce. My parents were at the first carving, about a month before my birth, and commented how each year has pushed the “best” category higher and higher. When my mom asked if I had outgrown the evening, I think I said, “Not until I’m dead.”

It’s thrilling to watch as the pumpkin middles are scraped, scooped and dumped. This year marked the first ‘green’ event. All the guts and all of the utensils for the dinner were recycled or composted in line with Montview’s new mission through Earth Care Congregation.

At the end of the evening, the creations are put side by side and illuminated by tiny candles. The lights are dimmed and an impressive scene appears. Voting has been done with everything from gold coins to plastic spiders to this year’s googly eyes. After the tally is counted, the final round masterpieces are pulled forward and Pastor Ian orchestrates an applause vote. This year, his eardrums almost burst from the shrieks for the winning masterpiece.

Third place went to Milan for his brain-exploding gourd. Sophia took home second place with a 3-D skull cracker, saying she had been competing for four years and she got her idea on Pinterest. First place was a much gentler interpretation in the form of a kitty-cat that looked like it might meow its own winner’s speech. Best sculptor was Caroline Whitehead, who was presented with the envied “Hula Dog.” This is the trophy that has been passed from home to home in each of the fifteen years. Its survival might be considered a church miracle, as it has been injured and repaired as well as lost and found.

Special thanks to Montview member, Andrea Fuller, for the yummy spaghetti dinner she created. Year sixteen should be no less spookily exhilarating.

Long-Term Campus Vision

At the end of September, Session and the pastors unveiled the much anticipated Long-Term Campus Vision at a lunchtime gathering in Fellowship Hall. Members of session, Ian, Clover and John McIntyre from Tryba Architects each presented parts of the document that was the culmination of nearly two years of work to provide a guidebook for future renovations to Montview’s beloved building and campus. It is a true long-term plan, meaning it is much too ambitious to tackle all at once, so Session and staff leaders presented a carefully considered set of priority projects that can be pursued in the short term. They include taking care of Montview’s historic building, improving accessibility, and re-imagining the Miller Center as a local performing arts venue that would benefit the entire community. The event was well attended and color copies of the plan were available for perusal.

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2018 Long Term Campus Vision

View the Long-Term Campus Vision document from our website at www.montview.org/announcements.
Dottie and Dick Harvey

Dottie and Dick have not only been married for 65 years, but have been Montview members for about that long. However, their lives began about 90 miles apart in Illinois. Both Dottie and Dick grew up in small towns that served agrarian populations. As Dottie said, her town sat between the soybean and the corn fields. Dottie’s Dad ran a general store along with being the town Postmaster and Agent for the electric ‘train’ that ran all over central Illinois. Dottie’s school was so small that grades 1 through 4 were in the same room and 5 through 8 were upstairs in one room. Dottie remembers knowing almost all the children in town and building playhouses together.

Dick’s maternal grandfather was the town family doctor. His grandfather raised registered collies that won prizes in Westminster Dog Shows in Chicago and New York City. Dick’s job was helping care for and clean up after these prize winners. Dick’s Dad also raised prize pigs that were shown at the Illinois State Fair. At one fair it was Dick’s job to sleep just outside a fence next to the pigs. He was awakened in the night when one of them tried to pull the blanket off his cot through the fence. Dick enjoyed playing basketball and running track in high school and became a lifelong friend of an early coach.

Both Dottie and Dick excelled at school and won scholarships that paid the $15 a semester tuition at the University of Illinois. In college Dottie and Dick happened to be at a student political caucus meeting, but they did not actually meet. Having been in the Air Force ROTC during college, a few months after he graduated in 1950, Dick was assigned to active duty as an Air Force Intelligence Officer after the Korean War had started. While he was stationed in Topeka, Kansas, training B-29 flight crews going overseas, he was temporarily sent to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver for additional training.

Meanwhile, Dottie had graduated Phi Beta Kappa from college with a major in Educational Communication. After teaching junior high school in Dundee, Illinois, near Chicago, she was accepted as a ‘stewardess’ for United Airlines and based in Denver. By chance, both Dottie and Dick ended up in the United Airlines Office at Stapleton, Dick hoping to meet a nice young stewardess and Dottie there to receive a message that her date for the evening was called away. When Dottie saw Dick she remembered seeing him at that college meeting years before and delivered a very catchy pick-up-line, “You don’t know me, but I know you.” That began a round of dating while Dick remained in Denver. When he returned to Topeka, they sent lots of letters and arranged numerous rendezvous in Omaha, NE.

After Dick was discharged from the Air Force and Dottie resigned from United, they were married in May, 1953 and headed to Denver to begin their lives, family and careers. Dick entered Denver University Law School, and Dottie taught school at Smiley Junior High. They lived not far from Montview and had heard others speak highly of the church and Arthur Miller, Pastor. After passing the Bar, Dick was offered a job at Gorsuch, Kirgis, Campbell, Walker and Grover Law Firm. If the first name sounds familiar, that partner was the grandfather of the current Supreme Court Justice, Neil Gorsuch. Dick worked with Neil’s father, however, he never met the current Justice. After decades of working as a Civil Litigator specializing in construction law, Dick was appointed a US Magistrate Judge and served in the US District Court in Denver handling the beginning phases of criminal, as well as civil rights cases and trying to mediate and settle civil cases. He concluded his legal career as a private Mediator and Arbitrator.

Dottie and Dick had 3 girls who kept them busy. Dottie led a Girl Scout Troop for many years. When the girls were teens, Dottie and Dick took them to Switzerland to visit the International Girl Scout Center, Our Chalet, as well as stops in Denmark and Germany. The family took regular summer vacations driving across country exploring national parks and visiting family members. Dottie and Dick have enjoyed traveling internationally, biking in Nova Scotia, to Australia to visit a daughter, trips to Provence and Spain, with Montview friends and once with a Montview group lead by Dusty Taylor.

Over the decades, Dottie and Dick have both been Elders and Deacons multiple times. Dottie taught Sunday School, and Dick served on the Pastor Nominating Committee selecting Fay Hill as Pastor.
Harveys continued

They have been and still are involved in social action issues and have met for decades with other couples in Drifters. Dottie has for over 60 years been meeting with a Montview woman’s group rarely heard of: Harried Housewives! They have supported one another through several stages of life.

Dottie and Dick moved into an apartment at Clermont Park (a retirement community in University Hills) about 5 years ago and enjoy seeing numerous other Montview members who live there. Dottie sings in a Clermont Park musical group, The Show Stoppers, directed by Montview’s former Music Director, Jerry McCollum. Dick continues to play golf and is involved in community service work with Sudanese immigrants, some of whom have been involved in Montview’s Social Justice Ministry.

The Harveys enjoy 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, many of whom live in Denver. They hold dear the friendships that they have made at Montview, have found support in their church family, value the wisdom and guidance of the lay and clergy leadership and are very glad that 65 years ago they joined this Montview community of ‘travelers.’

“Life is short, and we have not much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us... so be swift to love and make haste to be kind.” Henri Ariel, Swiss Philosopher; Citation from Dottie.

Jim Nora

Jim, an only child, was raised by his mother who worked as a nurse in Chicago. His dad was a doctor in a small town. Jim graduated from high school at 16, but had to wait until he was 17 to enlist in the Army. After Officer Candidate School, the Army assigned him to the Philippines with the Army Air Corps. After reading an ad for the G.I. Bill and seeing that Harvard’s tuition could be covered by the bill, Jim headed there for college. He then attended medical school at Yale University, and became a small-town doctor in Wisconsin where he had a large number of cardiology patients. While still in his 20’s he wrote about his success using an anticoagulant medication with his cardiac patients, which was printed as the lead article in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). Jim went on to the University of Wisconsin to specialize in cardiology and genetics, and become a professor.

While teaching and supervising students in Wisconsin, Jim met one of the rare female residents who came through the cardiac rotation, Audrey. After pediatric residency, Audrey moved to Houston, to work as a pediatrician at The Children’s Hospital in the Texas Medical Center. After a long-distance romance, Jim was able to transfer to the faculty in Houston and they have been married 52 years.

Working in Houston in the ‘60’s, Jim was involved in some of the first heart transplants. Jim developed an anti-rejection medication which contributed to the success rate. At one time, he had under his care more than half of the living heart transplant recipients in the world. Not only was he written up in Life Magazine but had a book written about him and his success. Many students working with him over the years were inspired to specialize in cardiology due to his mentorship.

In 1970, Jim and Audrey moved to Denver with their children, J.J. and Betsy, and began work at the University of Colorado. During his career, Jim has been invited to be a speaker or visiting professor on every continent, except Antarctica! Not only has he been a practicing cardiologist and geneticist, but the author of medical textbooks and trade books on genetics and heart disease (plus many articles on those subjects). He has also written novels, non-fiction books and books of poetry.
NEW MEMBERS
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ANNE MEEKER
Anne moved here from Vero Beach, Florida, to live closer to her two daughters. Most assuredly a “people person,” she can be found at one of the local restaurants in Stapleton or at a jazz club. She is a long time supporter of Habitat for Humanity. She enjoys reading, gardening, and sports. Anne loves the music and peaceful feeling Montview offers.

CAROL TIERNEY
Carol is already active at Montview singing soprano in the choir. She moved here from Tucson, Arizona, with more long-term ties to Minnesota and Wisconsin. She is retired from a career in community relations with a focus on non-profit fund raising. One of her two children and her twin grandsons live in Denver. Carol enjoys volunteering, art history, travel, music, and reading.

DONNA SMITH
Donna moved to Denver from Athens, Georgia, and continues to cheer for the Auburn Tigers (Alabama) football team. The reason for the move was to live closer to her children and her granddog. She is a retired school psychologist and adoption specialist. She is passionate about children’s causes, environmental issues, and climate change. Donna says “I’m wearing myself out” having fun while exploring Colorado.

GAYLE BERRY
Gayle is a former State Representative in the Colorado legislature, representing the western slope. Her interest in politics continues as she currently is self-employed in her own lobbying firm. Gayle enjoys working out, bicycling, golf, and reading. She now lives in Denver full-time.

SARAH AND FULTON BREEN
Sarah and Fulton traveled many miles prior to settling in Denver in 2016, meeting in China and attending grad school at the University of Michigan. Fulton is the finance director for a network of public schools. Sarah works for Junior Achievement. They are the parents of Leo, a toddler, and Jack, who was just born in November. Sarah enjoys cooking, hiking, and being outdoors. Fulton likes to run, swim, and read.

DIANNA AND JERRY BEVIL
The Bevils are both retired and moved to Denver from South Florida. Their blended family includes six children and many grandchildren. Jerry enjoys golf, camping, reading, and travel. Dianna likes traveling, reading, cooking, and ballroom dancing.
NEW MEMBERS

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JAN MCCLAIN
Jan recently moved to Stapleton to live close to her daughter and grandchildren. She and her late husband, who served in the army, relocated often with many of their years together spent in Ft. Collins. Jan has been ordained as a deacon and is trained to serve as a Stephen Minister. She likes to read and play the piano. One of her special interests is Bible study.

JOYCE AND RON BRADY
Joyce and Ron enjoy Montview’s robust music program with their first experience at Montview being when the church hosted a Colorado Symphony concert. Ron is a retired teacher. His hobbies are reading and photography. He started a neighborhood photography club. Joyce works part time as a special event planner and enjoys playing Mahjong. Both like to travel.

MARCIA AND RAY GISKE
The Giskes moved to Denver three years ago from Minneapolis to be near their children and four grandchildren. Both are retired and both love Montview’s preaching, music, and social justice and outreach programs. Ray enjoys reading and photography.

LINDSEY BAUDOIN
Lindsey and her husband Chad are the parents of three children: Emmett, Campbell, and Aubrey. She starts nursing school soon, pursuing a BSN degree. She served as a volunteer here at Montview when the church sponsored the 9 Health Fair. She enjoys baking and cooking with the kids—also long distance running, yoga, hiking, and skiing.

SUSAN SMITH
Sue is a retired speech pathologist. Now she keeps busy volunteering in her granddaughter’s kindergarten class. She moved here about a year ago from Scottsdale, Arizona. Her interests include hiking, reading, knitting, music, travel, and sewing. Sue already sings in Montview’s choir and would like to get involved in the quilting group.
**NEW MEMBERS**

**Received November 2018**

**HOMER ATANACIO & ROSELLE MANILAY**
Homer works as a clinical data manager. Roselle is the office manager for a home health agency. In his spare time Homer enjoys bodybuilding and biking and has a love of music. Roselle likes to travel, hike, and sing. They are the parents of one-year-old Francesco.

**LINDA BOFENKAMP**
Linda moved to Denver from Edina, Minnesota, to live closer to her daughter, Montview member Carrie Damon. Linda used to show Tibetan terriers and currently shares her home with a 9-year-old terrier. She enjoys reading, social justice, genealogy, travel, and her grandchildren.

**MICHAEL AND SUSAN BOULDEN**
The Bouldens moved from Dallas to Denver in May to live closer to two of their three daughters. Beth Warren, son-in-law Zack, and their two children are also members of Montview. Mike is a retired real estate lawyer. They enjoy good music, reading, and tennis.

**GUILLAUME DURVIN**
Guillaume and his wife Lizeth are the parents of three children. Pierre is in 3rd grade, Gael is a kindergartener, and Aymeric is a toddler. They moved to Denver from Paris about a year ago. He gets up at 5 AM to run before going to work as an IS manager.

**DIANE GIOVANETTI**
Diane is a retired high school English teacher. She moved to Denver from Atlanta two years ago to spend time with her family. Her interests include Bible study, current events, health and nutrition, and travel. Having served as a deacon in her previous church, she hopes to continue in that spirit by working with the homeless and the homebound.

**JUDITH AND LARRY GLENN**
Both Larry and Judy are retired and share a lifelong love of music. Judy was an opera singer for 40 years; Larry was a professor of music. Currently both teach voice. Their other interests include traveling, antiques, and gardening.
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**DOLLY & GEORGE RAINHART**
Dolly and George have been married for 51 years and have two children and five grandchildren. Dolly is retired and worked in child and family relations and later in the technical area. George is a retired architect. Dolly likes being outdoors to bike and walk. George served as an elder in their church in Albuquerque. He is a fly fisherman, watercolor artist, and food bank volunteer. Both enjoy Montview’s diverse community and the sermons.

**DANA RENO**
Dana moved to Denver a few months ago from Montecito, California. Her new puppy keeps her busy in her retirement. Dana has always been active in previous churches and once served as an elder when she lived in Chicago.

**CHASE ROBINSON**
Chase and his wife Serena are the parents of infant Chase, born in July. Chase’s parents, Cille and Ron Williams, are members at Montview. Chase is a doctor who recently completed an MBA. His hobbies include skiing, history, cycling, hunting, fishing, politics, art, architecture, and travel. His plans of getting involved at Montview include choir, adult education, and visiting those not able to attend church.

**LEENA WAITE**
Leena enhances Montview’s music program with her expertise as a violinist. Her husband Adam is Montview’s music director. They are the parents of Ethan, a kindergartener. Leena is the program coordinator for a non-profit center networking program and enjoys biking to work. In her free time Leena enjoys skiing, camping, and traveling.

**CHRISTEN & TITO WOODBURN**
Christen and Tito and their family have lived in Stapleton for five years, moving here from Lubbock, Texas, originally from Amarillo, Texas. Their children are Kight, a third grader, and Wren, a first grader. Tito works in research and clerical equipment sales; Christen is Assistant Vice President for Stewardship and Events at CU. Tito enjoys sports, skiing, woodworking, and restoring old machines. Christen volunteers in the PTA at their children’s school and likes to ski, exercise, and decorate.

**LAUREN & TIMOTHY MARTIN**
Laurie and Tim both work in the hospitality industry and moved to Denver from Las Vegas. Their daughter Ophelia is 15 months old. Their mutual interests include cooking and entertaining, traveling, skiing, and hiking.
Exploring Membership

Does Montview feel like your church home, and are you interested in learning more about membership?

Are you a member and know someone who is curious about the church?

Five times a year Montview offers a two-part Inquirers’ Class that offers an opportunity to explore membership. The class is not a commitment to join the church, but rather a time to learn and receive answers to your questions. If, after the class, you decide to join Montview, you will be welcomed as a member during a special portion of a scheduled Sunday service.

Here are the dates of the first two Inquirers’ Class opportunities for 2019:

Saturday, February 2, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Part 1)
Sunday, February 3, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (Part 2)
Joining Sunday, February 24, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Part 1)
Sunday, April 7, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (Part 2)
Joining Sunday, April 14, 11:00 a.m.

To learn more or to register, contact Carol O’Dwyer at 303-355-1651 ext. 106 or odwyer@montview.org.

Holiday Church Building Hours

Sunday, December 23 - Building open for 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services only.
Monday, December 24 - Office open 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Building open through end of services at midnight.
Tues-Wed, December 25-26 - Building closed.
Thurs-Fri, December 27-28 - Office open 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 30 - Building open for 11:00 a.m. service only.
Mon-Tues, December 31-January 1 - Building closed.

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We hope you will join us in celebrating the season.

**Lectio Divina** ("Divine Reading" Adult Education hour)
Sundays, December 2, 9, 16 - 9:30 a.m.

**Love Unbound** (A Service of Remembrance)
Monday, December 10 - 7:00 p.m.

**Lessons & Carols** (Scripture & Songs)
Sunday, December 16 - 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Christmas Eve Services:** (Monday, December 24)
- Family Services - 3:00 & 5:00 p.m.
- Candlelight Service - 7:30 p.m.
- Choral Music of Christmas - 10:15 p.m.
- Traditional Service - 11:00 p.m.

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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)*