

Be a Beacon on the Mountainside...  
Connecting People to Jesus.

## **MOUNTAINSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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### **CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 30, 2018**

## CLASSIC WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

*We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that God blesses you with His presence as you have blessed us with yours. You may light a candle with a prayer for yourself, your loved ones, or for a concern you have in your community or the world. You may do so before the service or during the worship songs.*

*\*Indicates congregation standing as able*

\*SONGS OF WELCOME AND JOY                      Jug Band

\*PASSING THE PEACE AND GREETINGS  
*The congregation is invited to exchange words of peace and greeting.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
*Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along your row.*

\*SONGS OF CELEBRATION AND PEACE                      Jug Band

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (together):  
**Magnificent and Merciful God, we come to worship you this morning at the close of one year and threshold of a new one. We know the road ahead of us holds many new challenges and opportunities to be the followers you desire. May we, like your son Jesus, be found dwelling in your presence and love when others come looking for us. In Christ steadfast love we pray. AMEN.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON  
*Children are invited to come to the front for the message. There is no children's church today.*

SCRIPTURE                      Matthew 2:13-15

MESSAGE                      "The Flight Out of Egypt"  
by Thorton Wilder              Readers' Theater

RESPONSE TO THE WORD                      Jug Band

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS  
*(The congregation is invited to voice joys and concerns. A tan card is available for prayer concerns that you would like to have added to our weekly prayer list or email distribution.)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

Magnificent and Merciful God, may the giving of our gifts this morning help firm our resolve to be the disciples of Christ that you desire for the world, full of compassion, mercy and lovingkindness. In Christ steadfast love we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY                      Song of Journey

\*DOXOLOGY                      "Praise God"                      #94

\*SONG OF SENDING FORTH                      Jugband

DISMISSAL

LITURGIST: Jack Brisbin

JugBand  
CHOIR DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST: Vera Kleinhenz  
ACCOMPANIST: Elena Maietta

## SUNDAY MORNING GROWTH GROUPS 10:15 AM:

Grace Fellowship	Round Room
Life	Fellowship Hall
Neu Group	Pastor's Office
	MAC

Newborns - 4 years old	Nursery
4 to 8 years old	Room 201
9 to 13 years old	Room 202
14 to 18 years old	Room 205

The Grace Class is doing a study of the book of James.  
The Fellowship Class is doing a study about Jesus.  
The Life Class is doing a study of the book of Revelation.  
The Neu Class is doing an Advent study.

## FIRST TIME GUESTS

Mountainside United Methodist Church would like to **welcome our first time guests** to our "Beacon on the Mountainside". In honor of your visit, MUMC would like to make a donation in your name to a charity. In order for us to make these donations in your name please be sure to fill out the "First Time Guest Card" found in the registration booklet.

## GIVING ALTERNATIVES

Thank you for your generous giving. We always welcome cash and checks. But if you are interested in alternative ways to donate to Mountainside UMC, there are a couple of methods.

**Electronic Giving:** You can set up electronic giving with Vanco by going to [www.mountainsidemethodist.org](http://www.mountainsidemethodist.org) and look for online giving. There is a form to fill out to set up your giving on a regular basis from your bank or by using a credit card.

**Bill Pay:** You can go to your bank and have them send a check to the church on a regular basis. We have several members who are using this method and it works very well.

## MEET OUR STAFF

For staff email addresses please check our website: [www.mountainsidemethodist.org](http://www.mountainsidemethodist.org)

Rev. W. Douglas Mills, PhD, Pastor  
Vera Kleinhenz, Choir Director/Organist  
Christy Mills, Facility Manager  
Jan Morris, Bookkeeper  
Joyce Furry, Office Administrator

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR CONNECT

### Sunday, December 30, 2018

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:15 AM Combined Worship: JUG Band

### Monday, December 31, 2018

Church Office Closed  
10:45 AM Yoga  
12:00 PM AA  
No Women's AA  
8:00 PM Watch Night Service  
8:00 PM Youth Lock In  
9:00 PM Board Games

### Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Church Office Closed  
12:00 AM Youth Lock In  
9:00 AM EM Food Pantry  
10:45 AM Whole Life 3D  
12:00 PM AA  
6:00 PM Trustees Meeting  
7:00 PM AA

### Wednesday, January 2, 2019

10:45 AM Yoga  
12:00 PM AA  
4:00 PM Upward Practice  
5:50 PM Jubilee Players  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 3, 2019

9:30 AM Bible Study & Potluck  
12:00 PM AA  
4:00 PM Upward Practice  
5:30 PM Worship Committee

### Friday, January 4, 2019

9:00 AM Dance Cardio by Melissa Chavez  
10:00 AM AI-Anon  
12:00 PM AA  
4:00 PM Upward Practice And Games

### Saturday, January 5, 2019

8:00 am Upward Games  
9:00 am CWS Rehearsal  
5:00 pm Ignite!

### Sunday, January 6, 2019

9:00 AM Classic Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
11:10 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
12:15 PM Unhanging Of The Greens

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



We will have a **New Year's Eve Watch Night Service at 8:00 pm December 31st**. You are invited to this prayer service and then to stay afterwards to play board (and other) games. The youth will have a lock-in that night. You are welcome to join the fun and stay as long as you like.



### Unhanging of the Greens: January 6<sup>th</sup> after the Contemporary Service.



Unhanging OF THE Greens

Please join us as we "unhang" the greens after Epiphany services on January 6, 2019. We'll share a light lunch of soup, bread, and dessert. Contact Janet Vertrees at 505 235-9087 with questions.

**Prayer Warriors:** If you are interested in helping to keep our Sunday services covered in prayer and re-vitalizing our prayer room please think about volunteering an hour of your time. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex or please speak with Don Ferris. Let us come together in prayer.



The church office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 1. If you have an emergency, please call the pastor on his cell phone at 505.359.0052.



If you would like to join our email lists, you can go to the church website, [www.mountainsidemethodist.org](http://www.mountainsidemethodist.org) and click on the link. It will allow you to choose which list you would like to join.

## CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Children's bulletins and bags are available from an usher or on the table in the narthex.

## YOUTH NEWS

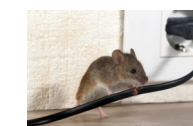
COME TO IGNITE! –our youth program at Mountainside. All youth, grades 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>, are invited to come. Bring a friend and join us for food, fun, and fellowship Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm twice a month at Mountainside UMC.

We are looking for adults who interested in becoming part of a host team for IGNITE! This includes contributing to a meal, activity, or leading a study for our youth. Contact Jack Brisbin at (505) 206-0026 or Lu Brisbin at (804) 832-0606.

## INTERESTED IN USING OUR FACILITY?

If you need to request a meeting or activity time in the building, please email Christy Mills at [facility@mountainsidemethodist.org](mailto:facility@mountainsidemethodist.org).

Tis the season for all critters to try to stay warm and they would love to stay warm in our church. Please remember



to keep the doors to the church closed when you are using the facilities for your events (no propping the doors open). Please remember that we are all responsible for our own clean up...trash needs to be taken out, lights turned off, crumbs vacuumed, thermostats reset, doors locked..all of these actions make us good stewards of our church. When you take the trash to the dumpster please make sure that the dumpster lid is completely closed and no trash is sticking out; otherwise, our bears get the blame for our human error. Mountainside is a very busy facility so let's all do our part to keep it a clean, critter free one.