

Holy Week Worship



March 25th Palm Sunday

We will take a congregational photo at **10:50 AM**. If you come to the **9 AM** service, please hang around. If you normally come to the **11:10 AM** service, please plan to come early. We want to get everyone into the photo, which we will take in the parking lot in front of the entrance doors.

March 29th Maundy Thursday

At **7:00 PM**, we will host the congregation from Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Edgewood for a service of communion, preaching, and stripping the altar.

A combined choir will lead us in music. This will be a great way to commemorate Holy Week, prepare for Easter, and to participate in the fellowship of the universal church.



March 30th Good Friday

At **7:00 PM**, Holy Cross Episcopal Church will host us as the two congregations come together again for a service of preaching and sacrament. A combined choir will lead us in music as we recall the suffering of our Lord.



Easter and April Worship

April 1st Easter



This is no joke! We will have a sunrise service at **7:00 AM** in the Outdoor Chapel. The service of resurrection will include communion.

After the sunrise service, the congregation is invited to join

together for breakfast in the Welcome Center, with an Easter Egg hunt to follow. Our second service will be at **10 AM** and will feature special music from the choir and from instrumentalists.

Saturday April 7th

Experience Holy Yoga, **9:00 AM**. This half-day event takes place at locations across the country. It includes a Holy Yoga practice, the Word, worship, and community. We would love for you to get a taste of what it's like to be in the Holy Yoga community, so grab your mat and join us. Cost is \$15 and pre-registration is recommended.

April 29th Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Mountainside JUG Band will lead worship in both services, **9 AM** and **11:10 AM**.

April 15th Third Sunday of Easter

At the **11:10 AM** service, we will "demonstrate" a Messy Church worship. If you are wondering what Messy Church is and are curious about how it works or how it is different, then you will want to attend. This service will be a demonstration, designed for folks who are already a part of our church (and not specifically targeted to non-church members). Because this service will include lunch, we need to have reservations.

Other Events

Saturday April 14th

See All the People workshop at St. Johns UMC in Albuquerque. Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries. He will discuss what is working in other places and inspire us to reach out beyond our church walls in faith. We will work together as a group after lunch to develop an action plan that fits Mountainside. Pre-registration is recommended.

Sunday April 22nd

Bishop Bledsoe will hold a listening session at Central UMC, Albuquerque, at **3:00 PM**. Our denomination is facing uncertain times as we struggle through debates over human sexuality – essentially how and whether we are going to include LGBTQ persons in ministry and the life of the church and how and whether we might maintain unity in the face of such diverse options, preferences, and practices. The commission on a Way Forward has asked each conference to foster “listening sessions” for preliminary feedback on the proposed way forward. The objective will be to share information about the process, learn more about the “sketches”, discuss together and with our delegates where are values, hopes, and fears lie as a Conference. Our delegates will vote on our behalf at the special.

New Church Photo Directory

We will be taking pictures for a new church directory on **Sun. April 22nd & Sun. April 29th** between the hours of **10AM-2PM**. Pictures will be available for purchase through the photographer. Please sign up for a time slot for your sitting for either Sunday.

Due out this summer, more information on the directory will come at a later date. If you do not wish for your photo to be in the directory, but are willing to add your contact information we will have a form for you to fill out. Please fill out these forms whether or not your contact information has changed or not.



Mission News

March 1st news from S.E. Coleman in Uganda

- This picture shows students of the Kisugu Central Primary School. They are P7's, the top class in Uganda and are candidates for graduation from Primary School. Mountainside UMC has helped support these students with backpacks, etc
- S.E. Coleman will be back in Albuquerque by the end of March and the leaves April 1st for 6 months in Guatemala.



March News from the McFredericks in Brno Czech Republic

- A successful “Good News Conference” brought local leaders together to practice sharing the Gospel with others.
- Praise the Lord for 3 students who make a commitment to follow Christ at winter camp this year.
- Pray for their new teen group started by a missionary's son. Teen for Christ (TFC) is for 6th through 9th graders.
- Pray for Kerensa as she teaches a Christian leadership course in Germany for 2 ½ weeks.

Food Boxes

During February the food pantry gave out 194 food boxes.

- 156 seniors over 60**
- 267 adults 18 to 59 years**
- 141 children under 18**
- 9 families were new**



A new shift was started in February-----Tuesday 1-3PM

Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, March 17th, eleven Mountainside volunteers joined other volunteers, Habitat staffers, and the future owners of a Habitat for Humanity house to help in the construction of a new house on Mesa del Rio NW, near West Mesa HS, on the west side of Albuquerque. It was a beautiful St. Patrick's Day that included a corned beef and cabbage lunch, provided by another volunteer group. We raised walls, developed our hammer and electric-drill skills, and enjoyed the fellowship. Blessed to be a blessing.

We anticipate participating in Habitat projects 2-4 times a year. Watch this newsletter for announcements. If you would like to be on the Habitat notification list, **please contact Rob Easterling (rgeaste@comcast.net, 379-9683).**



Extended Upward Program

We are pleased to announce the second year of Extended Upward. It is an addition to the normal Upward season that we completed at the end of February. It gives kids a chance to play a wider group of teams, and to gain valuable court and practice time. This program is run by Coach John Terry, who has been a wonderful volunteer coach with Upward at Mountainside Church since our program's inception in 2012.

Coach Terry is looking for some additional players to fill out the Extended Upward teams that have already signed up. He invites parents and children to attend practices to determine if their child likes the program and is a good fit for them. Sort of like a "test drive."

Practices for players in Grades 2 -5 is at the MAC on Thursday and Friday from 6 to 8:30PM. Practice times for other grades are on Monday from 6:30 to 8:20PM and Saturdays from 12:30 to 3:30 PM at Vista Grande Community Center. The next practice for Grades 6 and above is on Monday and Thursday for Grades 2 through 5. Coach Terry says that they need Grades 1-3 (Girls & Boys), 4-5 (Boys), and 6-8 (Girls and Boys). They specifically need girls because they are trying to start some all-girl teams. At this time, Upward Extended has about 50 players. If you are interested, **please contact Joyce Freymiller (foursallywags@gmail.com).** By the 24th we will finalize the first 2 Tournaments we will attend and, the number and type of teams that will participate. A copy of the Extended Upward Application Form is online for download from the Upward website at mumsm.org.

Henderson Settlement Update

Please pray for the Henderson Settlement Mission Team. The time is coming soon (**May 12-19**) where we will be off working on home repair projects in the Laurel Fork Valley of southern Kentucky. Our coin jugs are set up in the Narthax so we can make our fundraising goal of \$5000. We only need \$600 more. So far the men are ahead \$240 to the women's \$160. Thank you again to God and our wonderful church members for their prayers, support, and donations towards this mission!

Dear Mountainside Family,

THANK YOU!

This is a belated note for the additional support you sent in during the holiday season. You all are so wonderful to be such faithful partners with us in reaching the Czech Republic. We've just finished training with local leaders on reaching out and we are encouraged at the response! Thanks for helping make this possible.

Much Love,
Jason, Kerensa
Mollyn & Niam McFrederick

We have the privilege of hosting the Holy Yoga Experience here at Mountainside Methodist Church on **Saturday, April 7, 2018** and will run from **9AM to 1PM**. We are one of 28 locations across the country that will host the event. The half-day event includes Holy Yoga practice, instruction, Bible study, worship and fellowship. It's an



opportunity for people of all levels of yoga experience to engage with the local Holy Yoga community.

The cost of the event is \$15 and everybody is welcome to attend. More information about Holy Yoga and to register for the event contact Holy Yoga at <https://holyyoga.net/hyexperience/>.

Holy Yoga is a form of experiential worship created to deepen people's connection to Christ. Its sole purpose is to facilitate a Christ-honoring experience that offers an opportunity to believers and non-believers to authentically connect to God through His Word, worship and wellness. Holy Yoga exists to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth through the modality of yoga.

Ignite

This small-group gathering is meant for youth, 6th grade through 12th grade, to join with like-minded peers and ignite their passion in Christ through good food, inspiring devotionals, and fun games and activities. Bring your friends and join us the **first and third Saturday of every month, 5PM – 7PM** We start with dinner at 5 P.M., continue our discussions with an adult or youth-led devotional, and end with a fun activity. No RSVP necessary. **Please contact Tifani today at 417-6309** to get reminders about this event, or to sign up to HOST the next Ignite, either with food or your own devotional. Tell a youth in your life today!

Youth Skate Night

Youth Skate Night is a monthly event open to all and is held on the last Monday of every month at Roller King for Christian Music Night. We join other youth groups from around the area and take over the skate rink, with lots of room to skate. **Join us April 30th, 6-8PM** No RSVP is necessary but inviting others is encouraged. All Youth, 6th grade through 12th grade, get their entry fee and skate rentals paid for. Food, drinks, and games are provided at an additional cost. If you would like to sign up for car pool, to chaperone, or to get more information on this or other youth events, **please contact Tifani at 417-6309 or at tvincent@mountainsidemethodist.org**. Put it on your calendar today!



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Newsletter Submission Guidelines

If you have an article or photos you would like to submit to the Mountainside United Methodist Church's newsletter, *The Beacon*, please follow these guidelines:

Submit articles as a pdf, Word document, or within the body of an email to office@mountainsidemethodist.org or to the Newsletter Editor at jeanneillustrates@gmail.com.

For photos, please always send separate jpg files attached within the email with each photo titled in this manner: ArticleTitle_MonthYear An example might be FoodBoxes_Jan2018.

The deadline for submission is the **20th of every month**. We are especially interested in Mission oriented messages. Thank you for submitting to the Newsletter.

April Birthdays

- Garrett Shelton 4-3
- Kate Neill 4-4
- Karol Nimick 4-4
- Suzi Dennis 4-5
- Chase Burke 4-7
- Dick Porter 4-7
- Bill Schwebke 4-7
- Aileen Nimick 4-11
- Jim Lunn 4-11
- Aileen Nimick 4-11
- Beth Clifford 4-12
- Kat (Bradley) Crider 4-12
- Don Jackson 4-14
- Rick Freeman 4-16
- Sarah Nimick/Salazar 4-17
- David West 4-18
- Martha Luhrs 4-19
- Kate Watermiller 4-20
- Anna Berst 4-24
- Don Morrow 4-24
- Bob Scofield 4-24
- Donna Lytton 4-25
- Elizabeth Berst 4-25
- Jack Brisbin 4-25
- David Watermiller 4-30

