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 Sunday Schedule
 Discipleship Hour 9 am, Worship Service 10:15 am
 Celebrate Recovery
 Friday at 7 pm



A beautiful, blessed reunion

Recently I spent some time at a Benedictine monastery. The rhythms renew me and I especially appreciate being unknown there.



Pastor's Perspective
 By The Rev. Karen Winkel

Imagine my surprise when, just an hour after arriving, I glanced across the small chapel where I had gone to worship and spied a colleague I hadn't seen in fifteen years.

When the service ended and folks began to file out silently, I waited for my long-ago friend to pass by. Then I gently slipped my arm through his and whispered, "Karen Winkel. Remember me?" Scott's eyes met mine and grew huge. Once outside, we hugged and vowed to catch up.

A few days later we did just that in a room reserved for guest conversation. Two hours flew by as we traded stories and reminisced. What made our time together even more wonderful was this: Scott's manner spoke to me of God's profound graciousness, a graciousness that is extended even when we have not communed with God in a

good long while.

A common refrain in my tradition is that God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Scott certainly embodied this reality — being in his presence was just as glorious, just as warming, as it had been years ago. My tradition also affirms that God is only and always love. Here, too, Scott exemplified God's nature — he asked nothing except that I be completely myself, warts and all.

If Scott could so easily shine his beautiful countenance upon me after so many years apart, if he could so fully receive me as I was then I have no doubt that God can and will do the same for any of us when — for whatever reason — we have drifted away.

One of my deep griefs is that far too many of us imagine a God who is stern and who abhors our imperfections (our humanness, in other words), a God who is quick to let judgments overshadow grace. Such notions about God limit and even harm us.

I'm not well-versed in the wisdom stories of other spiritual traditions but there's one in mine that is a powerhouse when it comes to revealing God's nature. In one of his longer, more well-known parables, Jesus tells a moving story about a father whose love for his wayward son is so enduring and so close to the surface that

even after years of being apart the father can't help but race down the road the second he sees his son coming up over the rise and heading home. (How many times a day did the father pull back the drapes, watching and waiting, praying for this day to come?) Chest heaving and dusty footed, the father in Jesus' story quickly embraces his son — and without a question or a word of condemnation. Immediately a joyful and generous reunion party starts being planned.

This is the face of God my friend Scott showed me in our unexpected reunion last month. More importantly, it's the face God wants to show each of us, whether we've been good, bad, or ugly while we've been away from God. Not satisfied with being apart, God is continually sending Scott-like people into our lives to point us back in God's direction; this could be someone we already know or love, but it could just as well be a stranger who treats us with unmerited, unparalleled grace.

No matter what we have done or not done, and no matter how much time has passed, God is always ready for a beautiful, blessed reunion. Even — especially — when we least expect it.

The Rev. Karen Winkel is the pastor of Community Spirit Church (United Church of Christ), a progressive congregation worshipping at Signature Event Center in Montrose.

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 116 Mary St. (Corner of Hwy. 62 & Mary)
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 1414 Hawk Pkwy, Unit C • 249-8116
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 Evangelists: Tim Jensen, Wayne Isham, Dan Wilson
 Bible Class: 10am • Sunday Morning Worship: 11am •
 Sunday Afternoon Worship: 1:30 pm

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
 746 N Nevada
 970-964-4765
 Pastor Jeremiah Quintin
 Sunday Worship 10 am

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
 1521 Hillcrest
 Cimarron Ward: Bishop Mott, 901-8736 home; 249-5373 office. 9:00 Sacrament Meeting
 Black Canyon Ward: Bishop Cory Crim 216-1860 home; 240-2072 office. 11:30 Sacrament Meeting
 San Juan Branch (Spanish speaking): President Sergio Munguia, 210-8421 home; 249-6048 office.
 11:30 am Sacrament Meeting
 Family History Center (enter via south east door): 249-

4739 Open: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 1:00 to 4:00 pm, and Sundays 10:15 am to 3:00 pm

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
 21028 Uncompahgre Road
 Spring Creek Ward: Bishop Ben Obergh,
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 Mike Lundberg, Pastor
 Worship Service: 9:30am • Children's Sunday School: 9:30am • Connection Cafe: 10:30am
 Connection Groups: 11 am • Jr./Sr High Sunday School: 11am
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 10 Hillcrest Way (located on E. Main)
 Pastor Steve Woodstock • 249-0530
 Sunday School: 9:00 am • Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Christ Lutheran Church
 Missouri Synod
 Conference Room@ Hampton Inn
 1980 N Townsend
 Sunday Worship 9:00 am
 Pastor Mel Mertens 970-316-1212
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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
 129 S. Park
 Sunday Service: 10am • Sunday School: 10am
 Wed. Testimony Meetings: 7pm

CIRCLE 3 COWBOY FELLOWSHIP
 62885 LaSalle Rd., Montrose
 Sunday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 Contact Gary Lear at 970-275-5579

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 Sunday School: 10am • Worship: 11 am

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 Meets each Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall on the Montrose County Fairgrounds, 1001 N. Second St.. Contact Pastor Terry at 970-778-8516

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 515 S. Hillcrest Dr. • 249-4319
 Pastor Chris Peterson
 Sunday: Christian Education - 9am • Worship Service: 10am • Unshakable Small Groups 5pm. • Wednesday: 6:30pm Adult Bible Study • Boys & Girls Ministries • Unshakable Youth

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 1840 E. Niagara • 249-4732
 www.fpcmontrose.com
 Pastor Mike Matsko
 Worship Services: 9:00 am and 10:45 am

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 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Worship Service 10:30 am
 Afternoon Service 2:00 P.M.
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm

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 16731 Woodgate Rd. • 249-5306
 Pastor Karl Leuthauser
 Sat. Evening Service: 6pm • Sunday Services: 9 & 10:30am

HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 611 S. Hillcrest (at Miami) • 249-9047
 MontroseUCC.org
 Sunday Worship: 10am

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 600 N. 2nd. • 249-8811
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 Sunday Service (in Spanish) at 11:00am