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a people of God, learning to love like Jesus



A Word From Pastor Todd

A friend of mine sent me the link to a series of “Tweets” today. I don’t do a lot on Twitter (I seldom find much of interest there), but I found this set surprisingly helpful. They came from Professor Aisha Ahmad, a professor at the University of Toronto and a researcher who has spent her career studying civil wars and uprisings across the Islamic world. Dr. Ahmad’s work has taken her to crisis zones across the world (including Afghanistan, Somalia, and Lebanon), where at times she found herself enduring long periods of intense personal stress. Those experiences led her to understand what she calls “the 6 month wall”. In her own words: “I **always** hit a wall 6 months into a tough assignment in a disaster zone. The desire to “get away” or “make it stop” is intense.”

Six months into COVID, I can relate. I don’t know about you, but I’m tired. Yes, I’ve accomplished a lot, learned lots of new technology, new ways to plan worship, new ways to attend and conduct meetings, but if I’m honest, I’d just as soon it was all over now. But at the same time I know it won’t be – at least not for a while. And that thought makes me tired. I try to snap myself out of it, sometimes beat myself up for it, but it doesn’t go away. Dr Ahmad says “the wall is real and normal.” “It’s not productive to try to ram your head through it.” There are things that have to be done, of course, but don’t expect to do them as well as you’ve done them before. Don’t expect to be “sparklingly happy” or “wildly creative.” Meeting basic obligations and being kind to others is enough of a goal as the “wall” looms. Try to take “mental” breaks – take walks, make phone calls, and trust that in time, this “wall” will fade.

We have travelled through strange and challenging days. The darker months of fall and winter may well bring more. I’d love to be able to tell you what lies ahead, what Christmas services will look like, when we’ll have live music, singing, and fellowship again. But the truth is, we don’t know. No one knows. All we can do is make the best decisions we can in response to conditions as they unfold. But we have a promise – one that we have “inherited” from our ancestors in faith. When Israel found itself in exile in Babylon, God delivered this promise through the prophet Isaiah.

“Don’t fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won’t sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you won’t be scorched and flame won’t burn you. I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior.” Isaiah 43:1b-3a

In the meantime, if you find yourself crankier, less focused, frustrated, or just plain tired, offer yourself grace. And offer grace to others when you see signs of the same in them. Be gentle, be kind, and walk with God.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Todd

MVUMC is planning their annual work-day at beautiful Camp Shady brook in Deckers, CO on Saturday, October 3rd from 9 am-5pm. Camp Shady Brook will provide lunch, water, and drinks. Please bring suntan lotion, gloves, masks, and a hat.. There is a sign up in the Narthex. For those that want to car pool meet at the church parking lot at 8 am. Multigenerational- All Are Welcome! Point of contact for this event is Jim Grover. His # is 719-210-1044



Help Keep Our Neighbors Warm This Winter!

Bring your gently used winter coats to Mt. View during the month of September. All sizes, children to adult XXL.

Collection Box In Narthex

**??? Call Donna Richards, 687-4393
Or Jim Grover, 687-1239**



The Mission Committee has voted to do a collection for law enforcement and first responders in Woodland Park

What: Donations of snacks/ drinks for our local law enforcement and first responders.
Suggestions- healthy snacks, granola bars, and breakfast bars, nuts, Gatorade, PowerAde, ice tea etc.

Location: Donations can be dropped off at the church. Containers will be located in the narthex, upper level by the mailboxes and the container outside by the office entrance. (They will be well marked)

Contact Wendy Davis with any questions (7196608935)



Giving Back to First Responders

DID YOU KNOW.....That Mountain View United Methodist Church has a Facebook page? And did you know that our pastor, Todd, is posting 1-2 devotions to that page each week? Wow!! Give yourself some time to check them out and be a regular viewer. And if you know folks in your life that would benefit from these messages, please do invite others to enjoy them too. To see our Facebook page, log into Facebook, search for and go to the Mountain View United Methodist Church page, and you will see Todd's video devotions posted on the "Home" page. If you want them to post to your own Facebook newsfeeds, just "LIKE" this page and Todd's devotions will come to you whenever he posts them. Pastor Todd is leading services online so beautifully, and you'll want to share the opportunity to worship this way with others in your life. So be sure to invite the people in your world who wish for a great worship experience in Word and Music to join us Sundays 10:30am online, in-person (by RSVP), or by phone.

Join Sunday Worship By Computer via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84999187687>

Or Dial In By Phone And Follow The Prompts:

+1-669-900-6833 When prompted enter 847 3325 3029# US (San Jose)

Or:

+1-253-215-8782 When prompted enter 847 3325 3029# US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 847 3325 3029

Jesus invites all people to Him in Matthew 11:28-30. This is why we need to open up our worship experience and offer His Invitation to those on our paths.

28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



ADULT LEARNING AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ROUNDTABLE is currently meeting online on Sundays at 9:00 am, until the church reopens. For the latest meeting information, please contact Fred at 719-661-3980 for further information

LIVING BIBLE CLASS is currently meeting online and will resume in-person meetings when the church reopens. Please contact Tim Rucker at 719-689-5510 for information.



VOICES IN PRAYER: Is currently on hold until services resume at the church. When that happens, Voices in Prayer will meet Sunday morning immediately following worship at the front of the sanctuary to pray for concerns that have been shared during worship.

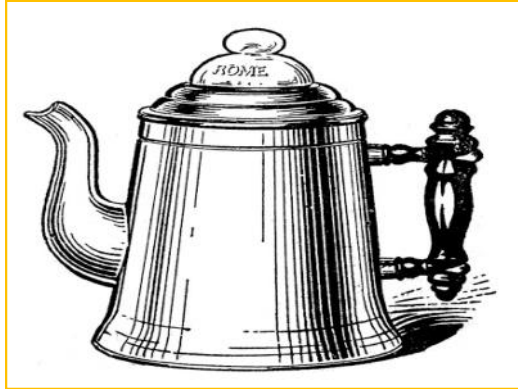
WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY-TEAM

Women's Enrichment will begin a new series on Thursday, October 1st. The series is called "Discerning the Voices of God". Barbara Royal will be leading the group via zoom. Those interested should contact Barbra @ barbragroyal@gmail.com or 687-6823.

SOLOS - Saturday, October 3rd, SOLOS will meet for a fairly easy 1 hour hike at noon. Meet at the end of Kings Crown Road at Pike National Forest. For details and more information, please Contact Jim Grover at 719-687-1239 or 719-210-1044 .

WOMEN'S SECOND CUP OF COFFEE

Calling All Women to Second Cup of Coffee at 9:00 am the second and fourth Tuesdays. Lydia Eells is hostess, and the group will meet in her home at 785 Westwood Trace, Woodland Park. We have a core group of relationship building ladies and invite others to join us. If you are joining for the first time, please RSVP to Lydia @ 687-1827.



IS YOUR PICTURE IN OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY?

Did you know, we have an online pictorial directory? Is your picture in it? Please send an electronic photo to the church office and we'll ensure your picture appears in it. The directory is located at <https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/member-login>. Call the church office should you need assistance.



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS - CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Do you like breakfast? Would you like to fellowship with your friends from church? There are three groups that meet for breakfast on a regular basis.

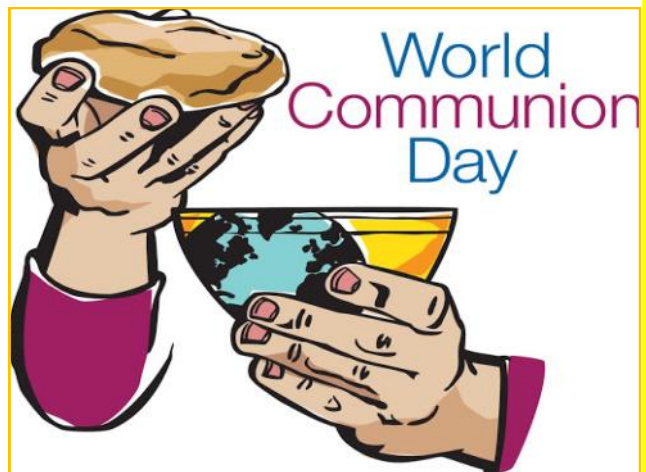
The Men's Emmaus Alumni Group meets at the Hungry Bear restaurant every Wednesday at 7:00 am.

The Women's Emmaus Alumni Group meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at the church. Graduates of the Emmaus Retreat Program, or those interested in learning more, are welcome to attend.

An open Men's Fellowship breakfast meets at Grandmother's Kitchen every Friday at 7:30 am.

2020 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Jan - Teller Senior Coalition - \$1,414
Feb - Habitat for Humanity-\$1,720
Mar - TCRAS-\$1,028
Apr - UMCOR-\$780
May - Care Portal-\$755
Jun - Woodland Park Senior Center-\$690
Jul - Swim Across America- \$945
Aug - Mountain Sky Missions-\$435
Sep - Local Fire Department
Oct - World Communion Day
Nov - Veteran Group
Dec - Alternative Gift Market



**Woodland Park/Teller County
Community Cupboard
and
Divide Food Pantry**



Community Cupboard hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9:30—11:30 am

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide distribution dates are Mondays, October 12th & 26th.

Little Chapel Food Pantry continues to need clean plastic bags and egg cartons. There are containers in the narthex for these items.

Community Partnership has an ongoing need for school supplies. Please visit their website at <http://www.cpteller.org/> for additional information. Patricia Metz has also volunteered to be a point of contact. Her home # is 719-687-1005 and cell # is 719-246-1507

DONATIONS IN ONE LOCATION

Nestled all together now in the Narthex by the north entrance are the Mission Team containers for donations of: plastic bags (Walmart style), used eyeglasses, dead batteries, old cell phones, General Mills box tops, and egg cartons. You can also place these items in the delivery box, outside the office doors and Alicia will collect them and put them in the correct place.

**WORSHIP ONLINE
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM**

Mountain View is worshipping online until such time as we are able to reopen our facilities. A weekly invitation to online worship is emailed to everyone in our congregational database. The invitation includes a phone number for dialing into the service as well as a link for those wishing to connect via computer. You can also find information on our website at the following link: <https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/online-worship-information>. As always, you are encouraged to share the online invitation with your FRANs – Friends, Relative, Associates, and Neighbors. What a wonderful way to spread hope in a time when so many need the joy and help that Jesus gives!

Counter's Needed!

We are in need of a counter for the first and 3rd Sunday of every month. Please contact the church office or Bryan Critchlow if you are interested and available for one or both Sunday's. Bryan's # is 719-687-0471 and you can call or email the church at mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com.



City Market Community Rewards Program

Dear Mountain View United Methodist Church,

Congratulations on your enrollment into the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Program. Your participants may begin enrolling upon receipt of this email.

You have been assigned a new NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number KV972. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

To Use the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Program:

Simply encourage your participants to visit the appropriate link below:

For King Soopers Stores - go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>

For City Market Stores - go to <http://www.citymarket.com>

Once logged into their King Soopers or City Market account they can search for Mountain View United Methodist Church either by name or KV972 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *loyalty* card.

*Customers must have a registered King Soopers or City Market *loyalty* card account to link to your organization. If a member does not yet have a King Soopers or City Market *loyalty* card, please let them know they are available at the customer service desk at any King Soopers or City Market

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your organization until after your participants register their *loyalty* card. Participants must swipe their registered King Soopers or City Market *loyalty* card or use the phone number that is related to their registered King Soopers or City Market *loyalty* card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Thank you!

King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Department

For additional information please contact Wendy Davis @ wendylouzeller@aol.com or

719-660-8935.



HELP NEEDED

Are you and your children or grandchildren looking for a service project during this time of quarantine and isolation? Our Teller County seniors would enjoy a picture or note of encouragement as they are unable to take part in their usual social activities. Our own Jerry Burnham is at the Senior Center at 321 N. Pine, Monday - Friday from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. The seniors call and order five prepared meals which are provided for pickup or delivery each Monday noon, and these friendly notes would brighten their day. If possible, please drop them off no later than Friday for the next Monday distribution

Disclaimer* Birthday's and Anniversaries are pulled from the Church's database. If you did not provide your birthday and/ or anniversary when providing your address and phone #, it will not be listed here either. If your birthday &/or anniversary is not listed, and you would like it listed, please email Alicia @moun-tain.viewumcwp@gmail.com

2020 October BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Mitchell 10/3

Jim Grover 10/4

Russell Nauta 10/5

Paul Theis 10/5

John Fahrion 10/7

Robert Barth 10/9

Paul Davis 10/13

Jane Pino 10/13

George Drake 10/14

Ian Waltermire 10/18

Hailey Elliot 10/25

Kalvin McBride 10/25

Aiden Schmidt 10/25

Dottie Marshall 10/26

Sydney Dolloff-Holt 10/27

Michael Kirkland 10/27

Dianne Schafer 10/28

Robert McCornack 10/30

Sharon Pletcher 10/31

October Anniversaries

Jim & Tina Myers (33) 10/3

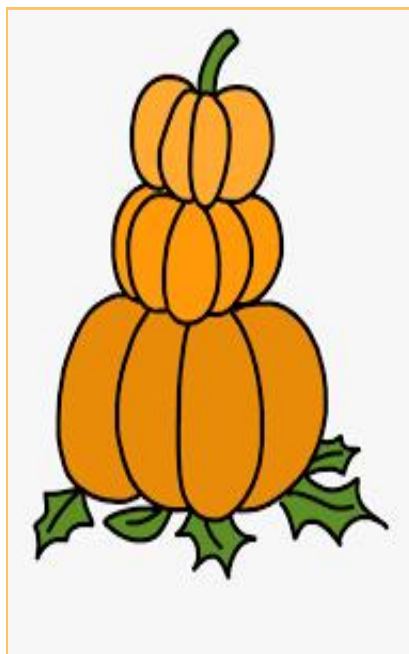
Dan & Judith Meyer (6) 10/4

Carol Lee & Daniel McCarthy (46) 10/5

Dave & Amy Williams (26) 10/8

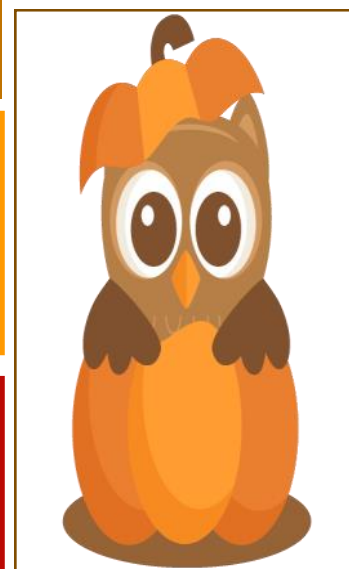
D & Ann Brown (29) 10/19

Virgil & Lori Arment (25) 10/21



MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS

MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS will not meet during the month of September due to church closure.



Mission Opportunities

Red Bird Mission participates in the following for support of their School: You collect the box tops from General Mill's products and bring them to church and put in the in the plastic container located in the narthex, we will then send them to Red Bird Mission and they will redeem the box tops for items or cash for their School. Thank you for helping support Red Bird Mission.

WANT TO GROW? ONLINE COURSES ARE AVAILABLE

Are you wanting to convert this time of physical distancing into spiritual growth? Then check out the many courses offered online through the Upper Room. Numerous courses are offered at little cost. For more information go to the following website: <https://urelearning.upperroom.org/courses>. And of course, The Upper Room website is a great place to go for a wealth of spiritual resources. Check it out at: <https://www.upperroom.org/>. You might also want to take some time to browse the official website of the United Methodist Church. There's a wealth of free information there on Who We Are, What We Believe, How We Serve, and the Ways We Grow. Visit it at: <https://www.umc.org/en/>. You might also check out the various program agencies of the United Methodist Church to learn more about their work. You can find them listed at the following site with links to their own pages: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/agencies>. So just don't sit there during this time... grow and do something!



INTRODUCING YOUR STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is a standing committee of the church. Chief among the SPRC's duties are the tasks of encouraging, strengthening, nurturing, and supporting the pastor and staff while also promoting unity within the congregation. The SPRC members are always available to receive your suggestions for strengthening the overall ministry of our staff and congregation. Please feel free to contact any of the following members to share your ideas or input: Lynda Morgan (Chair), Craig Miller, Lydia Eells, Orestes Pino, Trudy Feldhauser, Jo Lied, Angela Thelin, Elaine Gould, Beth Tinsley, Stephanie Witman, Joe Baumgardner (Lay Leader). Contact information is available in the church directory located on our website at: <https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/member-login>.

HOLY HOSPITALITY HOSTS

Holy Hospitality has been suspended in light of COVID-19 restrictions. Please stay tuned for information about when/if it will resume.

January - Bell Choir	
February - Educational & Children's Ministry Team (Living Bible class, Contemporary Christian	Roundtable; Children/Youth)
March - Nominating & Lay Leadership Committee	
April - Educational Ministry Team & Children/Youth (Adult Fellowship, Women's Enrichment,	Mountain View Marthas, Youth)
May - Integrational Ministry Team Stephen Ministry, Food & Kitchen Ministries	
June - Chancel Choir	
July - Trustees	
August - Mission Committee	
September - Mountain View Marthas	
October - Worship Committee	
November - Finance Committee	
December - Invitational Ministry Team	



Mt. View United Methodist Church						
Financial Facts as of August 31, 2020						
	Monthly		Monthly	Annually		Annual
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Tithes & Offerings (pledged) (1)	15,256	17,674	(2,418)	180,281	159,470	20,811
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged) (2)	4,065	4,837	(772)	19,266	32,156	(12,890)
Other Revenue	7	306	(299)	995	2,448	(1,453)
Transfers from Restricted Funds	-	-	-	1,100	-	1,100
Total Revenue	19,328	22,817	(3,489)	201,642	194,074	7,568
Total Expenses (3)	(22,066)	(25,053)	(2,987)	(152,869)	(167,619)	(14,750)
Revenue In Excess of Expenses	(2,738)	(2,236)	(502)	48,773	26,455	22,318
Designated Cap Asset funds used (6)	(1,635)	-	(1,635)	(3,234)	-	(3,234)
Payment of A/P and P/R taxes	219			(1,079)	-	(1,079)
Mortgage Principal Reduction	(4,675)	(4,709)	34	(38,340)	(37,368)	(972)
Operating Fund Net Cash Flow (4)	(8,829)	(6,945)	(1,884)	6,120	(10,913)	17,033
Restricted Fund Net Cash Flow	(301)	-	(301)	4,113	-	4,113
Combined Funds Net Cash Flow (5)	(9,130)	(6,945)	(2,185)	10,233	(10,913)	21,146
Notes for August 2020:						
(1) Pledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$2,418 and over budget for the year by \$20,811						
Several members accelerated their annual giving by donating earlier in the year.						
(2) Unpledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$772 and under budget for the year by \$12,890.						
(3) Expenses were under budget for the month by \$2,987 and under budget for the year by \$14,750						
(4) Operating Fund Net Cash flow was negative \$8,829 for the month and better than budgeted by \$17,033 year to date.						
(5) Total cash has increased this year by \$10,233 excluding the \$25,198 Payroll Protection Program loan funds.						
(6) Designated Capital Asset funds were used to purchase a cellular dialer for our fire prevention system for \$1,635						
Mortgage Prindpal Reduction						
(Balance @ 8/31/20 = \$832,825)	Current Month		Annual			
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		
Undesignated funds (see above)	4,675	4,709	37,240	37,368		
Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc**	0	0	1,100	0		
Total	4,675	4,709	38,340	37,368		
				Current Month	Beginning of Year	Increase or (Decrease) In Cash Balance
Cash Allocations						
Operating and Designated Fund Balances:						
Operating Fund Balance				24,975	(7,716)	32,691
Designated General Reserve				27,500	27,500	0
Designated Capital Reserve				31,409	34,643	(3,234)
Payroll Protection Program (original funding = \$25,198)				0		0
Total Checking Cash Balance				83,884	54,427	29,457
Restricted Fund Balances:						
Building Savings Fund Balance				21,388	20,941	447
Restricted Checking Fund Balances				16,138	10,611	5,527
Total of all Restricted Fund Fund Balances				37,526	31,552	5,974
Total Cash All Funds				121,410	85,979	35,431