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a people of God, learning to love like Jesus



A WORD FROM PASTOR TODD

"I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:7

I had a professor in seminary who started and ended each class by reading Philippians 1:3-11. He said it was his way of recognizing that while what we did in class together was important, the most important thing in all of our lives was the ongoing work of the Spirit, moving in and through us at all times. His "job", he said, was to join in with what the Spirit was already doing, to allow God to continue to shape his students, and to shape him as a professor. That lesson has stuck with me, and it comes to mind now, as I end one chapter of ministry and begin another.

These are strange days: a pandemic, protests, riots, toxic partisanship – the list of struggles goes on. It's hard to know what to expect next (murder hornets, anyone?), and it's hard to know how to respond. How do we live out our faith in the midst of all this? How do we move forward as a people? And of course, more personally: How in the world do we begin anew in ministry when a lot of the ways we've done things in the past aren't available? How do we get to know one another when meeting face-to-face is hard? What will this congregation, and the people called Methodists look like in the weeks, months and years to come?

And then I read Paul's words again, "the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job."

It's God's work we're about, not our own. Oh, make no mistake, there are plenty of things that we can and will do. We will continue to worship together, both on-line and eventually in person as well; not one or the other, but both together. We will continue to study together, to open our ears to new voices and our minds to new insights. We will pray together and listen for God's voice. We will continue to open our hearts and our lives to the community around us, acting as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. We will face new challenges, We will try new things. We will make mistakes, face disappointment, and struggle together.

Such is ministry in strange and changing times. There is no "road map" for the days ahead. We don't know even know for certain where the road lead. But we know that wherever it takes us, God will be with us. We can trust that the one who began a good work in us will be faithful to complete it.

I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the days and weeks to come, in person, on-line, by phone. I want to hear your story: the story of your past – how you came to this place. I want to hear what brings you joy, where you feel God is at work in you. I want to listen for God's voice with you as we begin a new journey.

I will close by returning to Philippians 1:9-11:

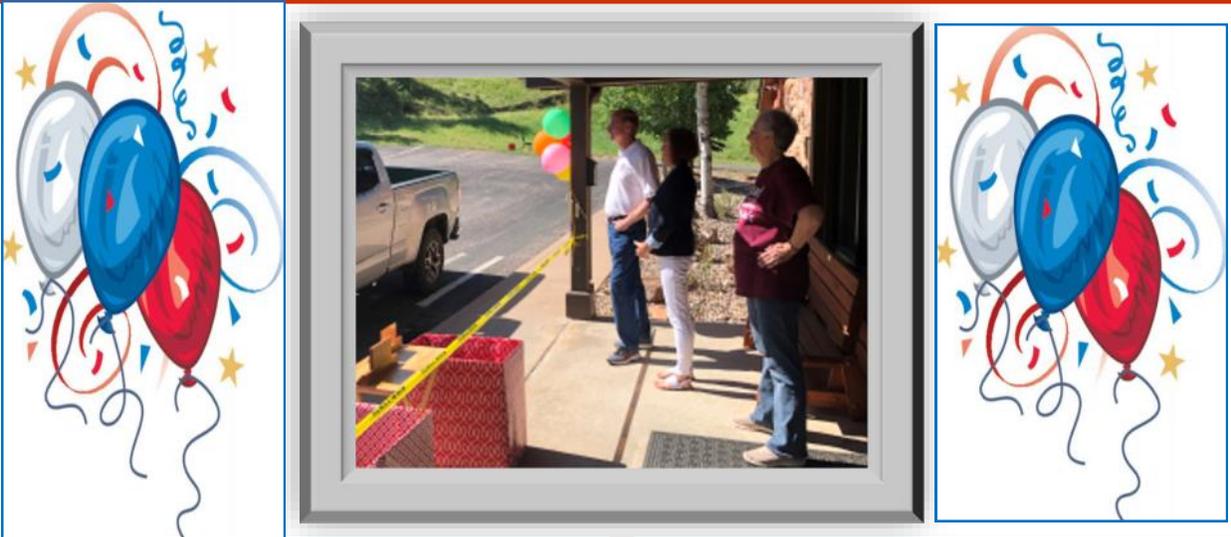
"This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich, with knowledge and all kinds of insight. I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ. I pray that you will be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God." May it be so.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Todd

“Hello everyone, the farewell drive-by on June 13 (Sat.) for Pastor Michael and Karen Cooper went well and was fun. Here are some pictures and the gift we gave to Pastor Michael and to Karen Cooper from the congregation. We used Karen’s desk plaque and made one for Pastor Michael. We thought it made a nice memorabilia for their talents and service to us all.”

Respectfully, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)





Announcement!

Cherish Elaine, granddaughter to Karen Cooper and Russ Nauta born Thursday, June 25th, weighing 4 lbs. and 13 ozs.



Notes of Gratitude:

Pamela, Christina, and I want to thank you for allowing us to serve you these past 4 years. It has been a tremendous joy and a high honor! We look forward to hearing great things from you under the leadership of your new Pastor! All the best...and remember...God is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him! (Nahum 1:7) All the best to all of you!

Pastor Michael, Pamela, & Christina

"We would like to thank everyone for your cards, notes, calls, thoughts, prayers and well wishes for Russ's back surgery and recovery; my retirement and farewell drive by; and Kim's pregnancy. Even though we have moved from Woodland Park, Mountain View is still a very big part of our life."

Karen, Russ, Kim, Tim, Hope, Mercy, Lois and baby Cherish

"Thank you for celebrating my 80th birthday with me! I appreciate the cards, emails, gifts and time taken to come to the drive by "party" on Sat June 27th I appreciate and love every one of you, and I look forward to seeing you all at some time in the future!"

Rusty Merrill

"Community Partnership would like to thank you for your continued partnership when our community needs us all more than ever. We appreciate your communication as we walk through this time. Your time, work, & dedication are greatly appreciated and are imperative to this community. We look forward to a continued working relationship and deeply appreciate your partnership".

Leadership Team for Community Partnership

"Blessingst to all our family of God at Mt. View United Methodist, Thank you all so very much for your heart to reach the world for Christ thru OCC Shoeboxes! The Pikes Peak area sent over 6,000 shoeboxes joining the world total of 10,596,405! Millions of lives will change & you are all a part of it!

Thank you and God Bless each of you!"

Tam & Les Harris (Pikes Peak Team)



**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!



happy
Fourth
of July!

When Will We Re Open?

As of this writing, the Mountain View Safety Team and the church's Medical Response Team have finalized the draft reopening protocol. That protocol is based on federal, state, local, and ecclesial guidance. On June 10th, the Church Council met to review that protocol and discuss issues surrounding the matter of reopening. Whatever the Council decided regarding the timing of reopening, please be advised that they must first request permission from the Bishop or her designee before they can reopen the church for in-person worship. That requirement has been established by the Bishop to ensure that all United Methodist churches in the Mountain Sky Annual Conference have taken all necessary and prudent measures required to reopen their churches safely and well. We have taken the first step and submitted that request. We have also sent out a survey and are compiling results to determine the needs and wishes of the congregation. We are taking everyone's needs and wishes into consideration. Finally, please be aware of the fact that worship will be very different from what it once was – at least in the beginning and probably for some months to follow – as we seek to comply with the latest and best public health information and guidance. We want to ensure that any who wish to worship in-person are kept safe while doing so. In any event, we anticipate continuing online worship beyond any reopening date so all persons can continue to participate in worship despite health restrictions which might otherwise prevent their physical presence. The Council will be meeting early/mid July with Pastor Todd to discuss all issues surrounding re-opening and we will hopefully be closer to an answer by mid July.

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

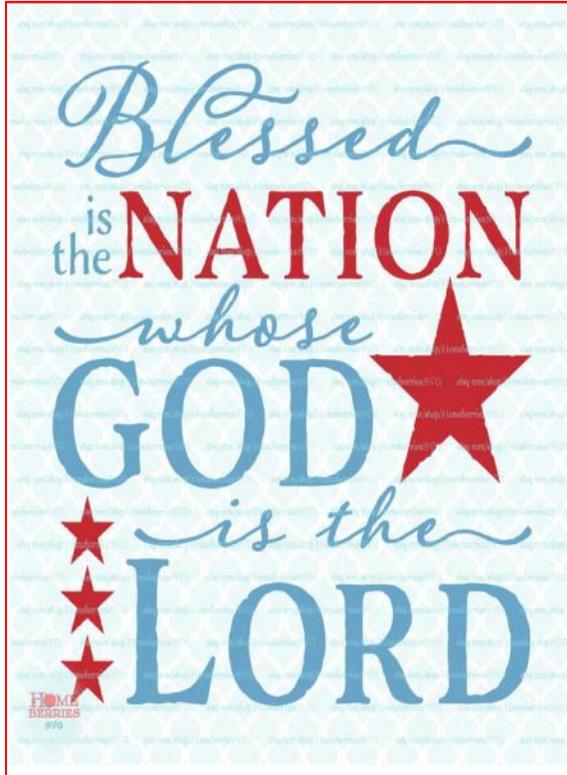
For additional information please contact Wendy Davis @ wendylouzeller@aol.com or

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



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>.

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!

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

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.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS



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



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.

WOMENS ENRICHMENT MINISTRY-WEM

Is currently on hold until services resume at the church. Contact Vickie Huffer 719-330-8801 or Sharon Pletcher at 719-339-7444 for the latest information.

SOLOS - Singles group is currently on hold but typically meets the first and third Friday of each month. Contact Jim Grover at 719-687-1239 or 719-210-1044 for further information.



WOMEN'S SECOND CUP OF COFFEE

CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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.

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| 2020 July BIRTH-DAYS | 2020 July ANNIVERSARIES | Mary & Larry Hanahan 7/13 |
| Emily Dolloff -Holt 7/2 | Craig & Elizabeth Miller 7/1 | Jim & Carol Sharp 7/15 |
| Stephanie Brown 7/5 | Dan & Jan Nicholson 7/3 | Val & Sherry Carr 7/21 |
| Kenneth Matthews 7/5 | Larry & Teina Snyder 7/9 | |
| Laura Fahrion 7/7 | Bruce & Diane Lutz 7/11 | |
| Jessica Kuykendall 7/11 | | |
| Bruce Lutz 7/11 | | |

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

Mission Opportunities!

Out of the Pews, Over the Walls, Into the World

- 2020 COMMUNION OFFERINGS**
- Jan - Teller Senior Coalition - \$814
 - Feb - Habitat for Humanity-\$1,720
 - Mar - TCRAS-\$1,028
 - Apr - UMCOR-\$1,100
 - May - CarePortal
 - Jun - Woodland Park Senior Center
 - Jul - Swim Across America
 - Aug - Accessibility Fund
 - Sep - Focus on the Forest
 - Oct - UMCOR—Bahama Hurricanes
 - Nov - Mt. Carmel Veteran Center
 - 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, May 11 & 25.

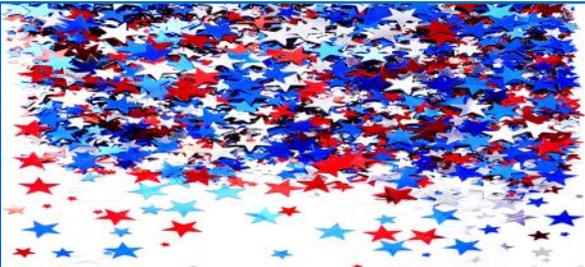
Little Chapel Food Pantry continues to need clean plastic bags and egg cartons. There are containers in the narthex for these items.



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 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.

**JULY COMMUNION/MISSION OFFERING
SWIM ACROSS AMERICA**

As you know, on the first Sunday of the month, when we typically take communion, we also receive a special offering for some mission organization. This month, the Mission Team has selected Swim Across America - a national organization that raises funds to support cancer research. Ann Brown and Debby Elliott will participate in this year's fund raising event, logging miles for swimming, hiking, biking, and kayaking. Instructions on how you can support their efforts will be sent to the congregation via email or you may contact the church office or Ann Brown directly at parkstrings@yahoo.com for more information.



**INVITATIONAL MINISTRY MOMENT
NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO INVITE OTHERS TO WORSHIP!**

Your Invitational Ministry Team would like to remind you to keep up the good work of inviting others to share in our Sunday online worship service. You are already doing a great job at this as our guest attendance numbers clearly indicate. Every week we have numerous guests joining us online to worship Jesus. Just think about it...this time of social distancing really is one of the best opportunities we have to invite new folks to partake in worship with us. It's just so easy to send an email inviting them to worship, and it's so comfy for them to join our worship by simply dialing in or logging on from home. Just picture it – no fancy clothes, no sometimes awkward meeting of new people, and no time spent traveling to get to the church facility. And then maybe they won't want to miss out on face-to-face worship when we finally return to the building to sing praises to our Lord and Savior! There is always room for more! And at a time when we need it most, all who come can be truly blessed with God's peace, thru Jesus Christ, in our worship time together! Look for the weekly online worship invitation in your email inbox and forward it to your friends, or direct them to our church website to learn more at: <https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/online-worship-information>.

**Mt. View United Methodist Church
Financial Facts as of May 31, 2020**

	Monthly		Monthly Variance	Annually		Annual Variance
	Actual	Budget		Actual	Budget	
Tithes & Offerings (pledged) (1)						
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged) (2)	14,136	16,961	(2,825)	126,368	99,453	26,915
Other Revenue	555	3,561	(3,006)	10,062	18,393	(8,331)
Transfers from Restricted Funds	6	6	-	491	30	461
Total Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses (3)	14,697	20,528	(5,831)	136,921	117,876	19,045
Revenue in Excess of Expenses	(19,795)	(20,795)	(1,000)	(97,081)	(103,368)	(6,287)
Designated Cap Asset funds used	(5,098)	(267)	(4,831)	39,840	14,508	25,332
Payment of A/P and P/R taxes Mortgage Principal Reduction*	-	-	-	(1,599)	-	(1,599)
	(298)	(4,775)	40	(1,045)	-	(1,045)
Operating Fund Net Cash Flow (4)	(4,735)	(4,775)	40	(23,161)	(23,176)	15
Restricted Fund Net Cash Flow	(10,131)	(5,042)	(5,089)	14,035	(8,668)	22,703
Combined Funds Net Cash Flow (5)	304	-	304	3,976	-	-3,976
*Includes payments from unrestricted funds only, i.e., monthly principal payments	(9,827)	(5,042)	(4,785)	18,011	(8,668)	26,679

Notes for May 2020:

- (1) Pledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$2,825 and over budget for the year by \$26,915.
(2) Unpledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$3,006 and under budget for the year by \$8,331.
(3) Expenses were under budget for the month by \$1,000 and under budget for the year by \$6,287.
(4) Operating Fund Net Cash flow was negative \$9,833 for the month and better than budgeted by \$25,047 year to date.
(5) Total cash has increased this year by \$18,011 without including the Payroll Protection Program loan funds.

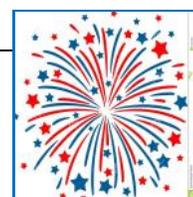
Mortgage Principal Reduction

(Balance @ 5/31/20 = \$848,004.59)

Undesignated funds (see above)
Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc**

Total

Current Month		Annual	
Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
4,735	4,775	23,161	23,176
0	0	0	0
4,735	4,775	23,161	23,176



Cash Allocations

Operating and Designated Fund Balances:

Operating Fund Balance
Designated General Reserve
Designated Capital Reserve
Payroll Protection Program (original funding = \$25,198)
Total Checking Cash Balance

Restricted Fund Balances:

Building Savings Fund Balance
Restricted Checking Fund Balances
Total of all Restricted Fund Fund Balances

Total Cash All Funds



	Current Month	Beginning of Year	Increase or (Decrease) in Cash Bal- ance
Operating Fund Balance	9,450	(7,716)	17,166
Designated General Reserve	27,500	27,500	0
Designated Capital Reserve	33,044	34,643	(1,599)
Payroll Protection Program (original funding = \$25,198)	21,026		21,026
Total Checking Cash Balance	91,020	54,427	36,593
Building Savings Fund Balance	22,029	20,941	1,088
Restricted Checking Fund Balances	16,139	10,611	5,528
Total of all Restricted Fund Fund Balances	38,168	31,552	6,616
Total Cash All Funds	129,188	85,979	43,209