



# MOUNTAIN VIEW MESSENGER

## January, 2021

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*...a people of God, learning to love like Jesus*

It's a new year: 2021. 2020 is finally over!

As I sit down to write a newsletter article I often look back at things I've written in the past, so I out of curiosity I searched my computer and found the article I wrote last year for January. It was like letter from another planet! Don't get me

wrong, it was clear the year ahead would be challenging one, with a contentious General Conference looming, and hyper-partisan election on tap. But who knew that within three months there would be far bigger challenges! A pandemic, with social distancing, closed schools and churches, packed hospitals, over 300,000 deaths.

And now we sit at the beginning of a new year. We have hope for a new beginning, with a vaccine scheduled for release that will gradually reduce the threat of Covid and help us to re-open our lives. But what will this new year look like? I have to honestly say, I have no idea! A part of me is almost afraid to even think about it. As I write this the first vaccinations are being given, but the virus is also still spreading. Hospitalizations and deaths are sadly still on the rise. There is a light at the end of the tunnel (and no, it is NOT an oncoming train) but we it will be some time before we are truly out into the blue sky again.

I am especially wary of talk about getting back to "normal". As a friend of mine likes to say, "normal is a setting on the dryer." Time does not go backwards, only forward. Time, and experiences, change us. This experience will change us.

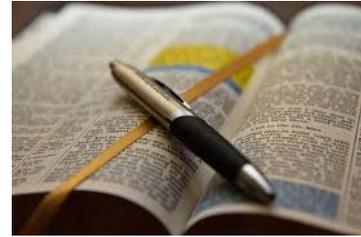
It already has: Live-stream worship has become part of what it means to be church. Online devotions, classes, and meetings have become part of our routine. None of those things will go away. Going forward, church members will be able to participate in the life of the their congregation when they are out of town, on vacation, or unable to get out of the house due to illness or bad weather.

Covid isn't the only challenge facing the church, of course. We still find ourselves in a politically and socially divided country and theologically divided denomination. How do we navigate these troubled waters? Must we "take sides", or can we find a way to become a place where people can learn to love across barriers and boundaries? What is the "good news" that we feel called to share with the people of our area?

None of these questions have easy answers. But in the short term, I hope we can begin to reflect on them, and to set at a few goals for the coming year that will allow us to seek the bigger answers together, as a people united in the love of Christ and one another. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, some of us will gather (whether in person or by Zoom, time will tell) to try to do just that. If you are already leading one of Mountain View's committees you will automatically be asked to attend. If you're not, but you'd like to be part of the conversation, please contact me and I will be happy to include you.



A final thought: In chapter 29 of Jeremiah the prophet wrote a letter to a group of people that had been carried into exile as hostages when Babylon conquered Jerusalem. I'm sure they were hoping that his letter would contain hopeful prophesies of their imminent return, but it didn't. Just the opposite – he told them to settle in for a long stay! But he also told them to prosper, to build houses and plant gardens and have children. Then gave them a reminder: "I know the plans I have in mind for you... plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future with hope." It wouldn't be the future they wanted. They wouldn't ever be the same people or have the same lives that they had before the exile. But they would remain God's people.



In many ways, I believe that we find ourselves in a similar time. We are not in a physical exile, but we are in a spiritual/social one. We are being changed, and we won't return from this exile as the same people we were before. But God will be with us. If we search for God, God will be present with us. And God will bring us home.

Blessings,  
Pastor Todd

## **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. We have begun streaming our services live to YouTube!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0gktXVS29Afpf97SmdVO2A>

For the time being, you can call **346-248-7799, 312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099** and enter meeting ID **823 6538 3051** and listen to our worship services. 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!

### **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-\$1,705  
Oct - World Communion Day-\$1,395  
Nov - Veteran Group-\$475  
Dec - Alternative Gift Market-\$2,020

**Thanks for your generosity!**

### **Counter's Desperately Needed!**

We are in need of a counter for the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. Please contact the church office if you are interested and available for one or both Sunday's. You can contact the church by calling 687-3868 or emailing [mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com](mailto:mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com).

## VOICES IN PRAYER

Greeting to the congregation,

Voices in Prayer is back and ready to receive your prayer requests. We have a dedicated button on the church's web site for you to submit your confidential prayer requests. All you have to do is go to the web site, click on the confidential **Prayer**

**Request** button and fill in your request. The rest is up to God and your team members.

The team will also receive from Pastor Todd the prayer requests submitted during each Sunday's service.

We have added to the church's web site a link to **UpperRoom.org/Prayer Wall** for additional service on your prayer request. Please note this service is **NOT** confidential but you will have many more voices praying for you if you choose.

Starting with the next newsletter, we will have a section for you to let the congregation know about your **Joyful Answers to Prayer**. Just submit it at the **Confidential Prayer Request** button and we will make sure it gets published.

There is **one more important thing**. If you would like to be a member of **Voices in Prayer**, please drop us a line at the above email address. Your voice will help make our service the greatest possible gift to each other and the world.

With compassion from your team,  
Carol Goll, Jo Lied, Sharon Pletcher, Karen Vickery, June Essig, Barbara Royal,  
Pastor Todd



## JOYFUL ANSWERS TO PRAYER

- Judy and Brian Kritchlow moved to Colorado Springs due to poor oxygen saturation in the higher elevation and now Judy's oxygen saturation is in the 90s.
- Tom Carey was here in assisted living and his family has successfully moved him to Maryland. He is now in memory care.
- Lori Jones is getting back into her daily routine and is a paid staff member at TCRAS.
- Jim Grover is doing better in his recovery from COVID,
- Judy Drake's mastectomy went well. She is waiting to hear on her lymph node analysis.
- Mike Snipes is having a lot less pain in his back.
- Pastor Todd's father is out of the hospital and doing better.
- Congratulations are called for Carol Goll's great-great granddaughter Taylor's first birthday on December 20. She has made it through her infection challenges thus far. She's still in the hospital so keep the prayers going.
- Karen Vickery has met a miracle doctor and does not need a pacemaker.

AND Linda Brock and Jude Turner would like to thank everyone for their prayers for my brother, Jim Brock. He was discharged last Wednesday and will be recovering at home. A wonderful Christmas present for his family.

### FACEBOOK DEVOTIONAL

On Monday and Wednesday mornings - around 10ish - Pastor Todd presents a devotional. Via Facebook on Mountain View United Methodist Church.

### COFFEE "in" THE OFFICE

Please join Pastor Todd for coffee "in" the office Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm via Zoom. Nothing fancy or official, just a chance for conversation and prayer together. Join the Zoom meeting by going to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82365383051>



### COMMUNITY DINNER

MVUMC Community Dinner is the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** of each month from **5 to 6 PM**, takeout or delivery. Call **405-550-7510** or [221Lindale@gmail.com](mailto:221Lindale@gmail.com) for information.

**January  
6 and 20**

### WOMEN'S SECOND CUP OF COFFEE

Calling All Women to Second Cup of Coffee at **9:00 am the 2nd and 4th 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**.

**January  
12 and 26**

**FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS**—Cancelled until further notice.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS** will not meet during the month of January.

### 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



## ADULT LEARNING AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

**CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ROUNDTABLE** currently meets online Sundays from 8:45 am, to 9:45 am. You are free to join us from 8:30 am to 8:45 am for informal sharing and chat. For the latest meeting information, please email Fred Tinsley ([ftinsley@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:ftinsley@coloradocollege.edu)) or call 719-661-3980.

**WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY-TEAM** is on hold until further notice. Those interested should contact Sharon Pletcher at 719 687-9698. Or, email at [spletche1@gmail.com](mailto:spletche1@gmail.com).

**LIVING BIBLE CLASS:** Please join us for a very in-depth study of the Bible with an emphasis in personal growth and understanding. We are studying the complete series from "Genesis to Revelation". We just completed I and II Chronicles and will take a break for the holidays. Living Bible class will resume with our next book studying "Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther" on 10 January, 2021. We meet every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM online and will resume in-person meetings when everyone feels comfortable to do so. If you would like to join us, please let me know so that I can order a "participant" study guide for you. Please contact Tim Rucker at 719-689-5510, [timrucker@hotmail.com](mailto:timrucker@hotmail.com) for more information.



Links to join Living Bible:

Dial-in number (US): (701) 791-9045  
Pletcher18

International dial-in numbers: <https://fccdl.in/i/pletcher18>

Online meeting ID: pletcher18

Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/pletcher18>



### **CPR/ First Aid**

The CPR/AED and First Aid class will HOPEFULLY happen on a Saturday in March – possibly the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Please contact Rusty Merrill if you are interested – 719-687-9086 or [merrillfarm73@gmail.com](mailto:merrillfarm73@gmail.com). Do you need a refresher course (4 hours) or have you never taken the course (6 hours)? Let Rusty know. The course will cover Adult, Child and Infant CPR/AED and Basic First Aid. The cost is between \$25 and \$30.

**Representatives from the church are going to begin contacting everyone to check in on them and update any information in our directory. Prayer requests will also be taken to share with the Voices in Prayer.**

## **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, Jo Lied, Angela Thelin, Elaine Gould, Beth Tinsley, Stephanie Witman, Fred Tinsley (Lay Leader). Contact information is available in the church directory located on our website at: <https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/member-login>.

## **CHURCH SECRETARY**

My name is Sandy Rucker and I am your new Church Secretary replacing Alicia Tangeman. I hope you will join me in praying for a wonderful new life for Alicia and her family. A few years ago I was baptized in this church and you have been amazingly supportive of me as I have experienced my ups and downs. Now I can be there for you as you were for me! I am so happy to be here and so blessed with the welcome I received! I am in the office Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

## **IS YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE IN OUR DIRECTORY?**

Do we have your correct contact information? The directory is located at <https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/member-login>. You can update your information or call the church office between 9 am and 12:30 pm should you need assistance.

## **DO YOU HAVE A KEY TO THE CHURCH?**

I am auditing our church key sign out list. Please email the church, the Identity number of the key(s) in your possession to [mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com](mailto:mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com) or call 719-687-3868 between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. Thank you.



Carrie Brown's college orchestra recorded a short version of the Messiah. Please take a look and enjoy: [Calvin University: Handel's Messiah Sing-Along 2020 - YouTube](#)

## 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, **January 11 and 25th, 3:30-6:30.** 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.



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.



## 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.



MVUMC is enrolled in the City Market Community Rewards Program. If you use a City Market Rewards Card (loyalty card) when you shop you can sign up! Go to CityMarket.com and set up an account. It asks for your Reward Card number. After you have the account set up, go to My Account and find Community Rewards. Search for KV972 (that's us!). Click enroll and go shop! **From July to September we received \$83.61 from just 8 households.** For additional information please contact Wendy Davis at 719-660-8935 or [Wendy Davis@wendylouzeller@aol.com](mailto:WendyDavis@wendylouzeller@aol.com).

# January 2021

## Monthly Planner

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**Mt. View United Methodist Church**  
**Financial Facts as of November 30, 2020 (Updated)**

	Monthly		Monthly Variance	Annually		Annual Variance
	Actual	Budget		Actual	Budget	
Tithes & Offerings (pledged) (1)	15,721	20,479	(4,758)	234,379	218,737	15,642
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged) (2)	3,755	5,167	(1,412)	28,704	46,945	(18,241)
Other Revenue	96	6	90	1,104	2,466	(1,362)
COVID PPP and Grant	-	-	-	40,198	-	40,198
Transfers from Restricted Funds	-	-	-	1,100	-	1,100
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>19,572</b>	<b>25,652</b>	<b>(6,080)</b>	<b>305,485</b>	<b>268,148</b>	<b>37,337</b>
<b>Total Expenses (3)</b>	<b>(24,083)</b>	<b>(20,602)</b>	<b>3,481</b>	<b>(214,213)</b>	<b>(227,542)</b>	<b>(13,329)</b>
Revenue in Excess of Expenses	(4,511)	5,050	(9,561)	91,272	40,606	50,666
Designated Cap Asset funds used (6)	-	-	-	(3,234)	-	(3,234)
Payment of A/P and P/R taxes	141	-	141	(1,151)	-	(1,151)
Mortgage Principal Reduction	(4,744)	(4,780)	36	(52,632)	(51,768)	(864)
<b>Operating Fund Net Cash Flow (4)</b>	<b>(9,114)</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>(9,384)</b>	<b>34,255</b>	<b>(11,162)</b>	<b>45,417</b>
Restricted Fund Net Cash Flow	(891)	-	(891)	4,770	-	4,770
<b>Combined Funds Net Cash Flow (5)</b>	<b>(10,005)</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>(10,275)</b>	<b>39,025</b>	<b>(11,162)</b>	<b>50,187</b>

**Notes for November 2020:**

- (1) Pledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$4,758 and over budget for the year by \$15,642.  
Several members accelerated their annual giving by donating earlier in the year.
- (2) Unpledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$1,412 and under budget for the year by \$18,241
- (3) Expenses were over budget for the month by \$3,481 which is due to the Deposit payment of \$4,000 paid for the new sound system and under budget for the year by \$13,329.
- (4) Operating Fund Net Cash Flow was negative \$9,114 for the month and better than budgeted by \$45,417 year to date.  
Major increase in Operating Net Cash Flow was due to recording income from PPP of \$25,198 & WP Grant of \$15,000.
- (5) Total cash has increased this year by \$39,025 due to the \$25,198 PPP and \$15,000 WP COVID funds.
- (6) Designated Capital Asset funds were used to purchase a cellular dialer for our fire prevention system for \$1,635, gas line repairs for \$1,299 and new sump pump for \$300.

**Mortgage Principal Reduction**

Balance @ 11/30/20 = \$818,532.71

Operating funds (see above)  
Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc\*\*  
**Total**

Current Month		Annual	
Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
4,744	4,780	51,532	51,768
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<b>4,744</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>52,632</b>	<b>51,768</b>

**Cash Allocations:**

**Operating and Designated Fund Balances:**

	Current Month	Beginning of Year	Increase or (Decrease) in Cash Balance
Operating Fund Balance	27,912	(7,716)	35,628
Designated General Reserve	27,500	27,500	0
Designated Capital Reserve	31,409	34,643	(3,234)
<b>Total Checking Cash Balance</b>	<b>86,821</b>	<b>54,427</b>	<b>32,394</b>

**Restricted Fund Balances:**

Building Savings Fund Balance	21,720	20,941	779
Restricted Checking Fund Balances	16,463	10,611	5,852
<b>Total of all Restricted Fund Fund Balances</b>	<b>38,183</b>	<b>31,552</b>	<b>6,631</b>

**Total Cash All Funds**

<b>125,004</b>	<b>85,979</b>	<b>39,025</b>
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Prepared: 12/23/2020