

Mountain View's Vision:
***A future where
peace is found, and
God's love prevails.***

Mountain View's Mission:
***To love unconditionally,
grow spiritually, and
serve faithfully through
Christ.***

Mountain View Messenger

March, 2023



**Comprehensive
Financial Briefing
March 5
after worship**

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FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

We are in the season of Lent. Lent remembers the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing himself to do what God sent him into the world to do. In the wilderness, Jesus encountered the Devil. Traditionally we have been taught that the Devil was tempting Jesus to abandon who he was and his mission. But the thing is the Devil wasn't really tempting Jesus. The Devil was describing how the world operates and we operate as well. If you take Jesus out of the story, many would look at what the Devil is describing as being those things you have to do to be successful in the world.

One of the problems with Lent is understanding why Jesus was sent into the wilderness in the first place. We have been taught that Jesus was sent into the world to prepare him for his mission which was to die on the cross so that you and I can be saved from our sins. That's only part of it. Jesus was sent into the broken world not just to die for it but to change it. And that is what Jesus started doing after he left the wilderness. He began challenging the way the world and people operated. He started with the people that he spent much of his time with, people who were, for whatever reason, left out and marginalized. Because Jesus challenged the way the world and people operated he was eventually arrested tired and crucified on a cross.

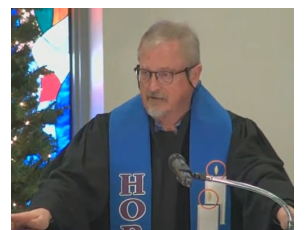
I do believe that Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. The result for many is that his death allows us the privilege of entering heaven after we die instead of spending eternity in hell. For many that is where their faith and understanding of Christianity ends. But there is so much more. Jesus' death and resurrection frees us from our bondage of sin and death that keeps us from loving our neighbor and changing the way the world and people operate.

I believe that the last thing the Devil wants is for Jesus and for you and I to change the way the world and people operate. I think that one of ways the Devil stops this from happening is by allowing us to focus on the part of the story that only talks about Jesus defeating him and temptation. It's clear from the story that we don't have the power of Jesus and so we should do everything we can to avoid temptation. Avoiding temptation means avoiding how the world and people operate. Avoiding how the world and people operate means we avoid doing what Jesus came into the world to do and that was to change and transform so it becomes more in line with God's Kingdom of love and inclusion. And so Lent becomes a time of following Jesus while avoiding the world and its temptation.

My point is we may spend time avoiding temptation and thus avoiding the world but what in our lives has changed. We may use this time to follow Jesus and our faith that he has saved us from our sins but what has changed. One of the reasons why more and more people are not going to church anymore is that they feel like there is no change in their lives. They feel like the church is more concerned about temptation and fear and personal salvation than it is in giving people the encouragement and faith that their lives can change as a result of their faith in Jesus. How many people are going to church services today and experiencing little or no change in their lives?

My hope is that during Lent we will feel like our lives can change and not that we are avoiding temptation but rather that we are getting closer to God's transformative love and grace in our lives. My hope is that we can leave church feeling like we have the faith and tools to not only stand up to the Devil but live confidently in spite of how the world and people operate. We can leave church feeling like we have a place where we belong and where we can turn to find the help and support for the challenges that we all face. The challenge of changing this world and people for Jesus.

See you in worship
Grace and Peaces
Pastor Jeff





Children and Youth

- ⇒ **Children's Sunday School:** Preschool to 5th grade. Children join in service and after children's time they will leave for upstairs.
- ⇒ **Youth Group:** 6th grade thru 12th grade will meet after children's time in the Youth Room upstairs.



NEED A MISSION?

- ⇒ **Mobile Greeter** to begin the Mountain View experience with a smile while operating the Congregational Carrier.
- ⇒ **Invitational Team Leader** to work on reaching out to the community and inviting them to be part of MVUMC.
- ⇒ **Offering Counters.** To count the weekly communion offerings and deposit with bank.
- ⇒ **Safety Team volunteers.** Good observers and communicators. No experience necessary. We will train.
- ⇒ **Greeters and Ushers:** To greet new and existing members before Sunday service.
- ⇒ **Sound Booth Operators.** Volunteers to learn the sound booth duties for our worship services.
- ⇒ **Children's Ministry Team.** To teach Sunday School or Youth Group on Sunday mornings.

For more information contact Sandy at 719-687-3868 or mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday

9:00 am—12:30 pm

719-687-3868

mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com

IN-PERSON WORSHIP:

Sunday Mornings 10:30 am

ON-LINE WORSHIP:

Sunday Mornings 10:30 am

YouTube-https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0F41LQaQe1gW5S_4h1VIRg

Facebook-<https://www.facebook.com/RampartRangeWP>



GIVE ONLINE

Visit Our Website

www.mt-viewumc.org

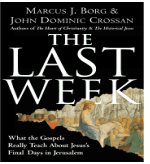
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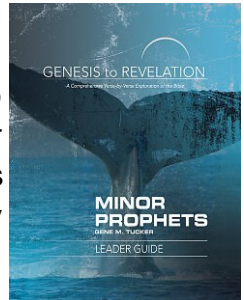


Adult Learning and Sharing Opportunities

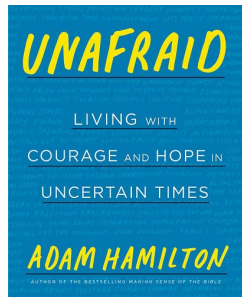
- ⇒ **CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ROUNDTABLE** is an informal discussion group that meets live and on zoom. We are studying The Last Week by Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan. This gives an account of Jesus' last eight days. There will be no class on Easter. We meet in the Multi-Purpose Room at 8:30 am. To participate by zoom, call Fred Tinsley at 719-651-3980.



- ⇒ **LIVING BIBLE** class is held at 9:00 am on Sunday morning. We will continue studying "Genesis to Revelation" with the Minor Prophets. Beginning with Hosea and concluding with Malachi, there are twelve short prophesies designated as the minor Prophets, so called because of the size of the books, not because of their content. Please join our Living Bible class online, by phone, or in person. For in person class, please join us in our church conference room (Room 109). We are prepared and ready with study materials for anyone to join in at any time. For more information, please contact Tim Rucker at timrucker@hotmail.com or 719-689-5510. Links to join Living Bible: Dial-in number (US): (701) 791-9045 Pletcher18 Live video feed: <https://fccdl.in/i/pletcher18>



- ⇒ **WOMENS ENRICHMENT MINISTRY** will begin Adam Hamilton's "UNAFRAID" on February 6. We know Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid," but with everything going on in the world, how is it possible not to be anxious? In this five-week study based on his book *Unafraid*, Adam Hamilton explores the worries and fears most of us experience. Your small group can learn to identify fears and discover practical steps for overcoming them...all in the light of Scripture and a faith that promises again and again that we can live with courage and hope. WEM meet on Thursday's at 10:00 am in the church's conference room. Contact Vickie Huffer if you are interested.



INTRODUCTION TO LAY-CARE PASTORAL MINISTRY

Mondays February 6, 13, 27, March 6, 13, 20 6:00 pm



Adult Fellowship Potluck and Planning—
Thursday, April 20 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. There is no theme for this meal. After we eat, we will get organized for the upcoming year. Any questions, please email Beth Tinsley at beth.tinsley719@gmail.com



Adult Fellowship Weight Watchers Weigh Ins and Seminars—Is anyone interested in participating in a weight watchers group meeting at the church. We will have a meeting on Friday, March 10 at 10 am in the Dining Room to discuss.



EMMAUS

OF THE ROCKIES

Men's Walk #185
April 20 to April 23

Women's Walk #186
April 27 to April 30



We all need a hand sometimes ...

we need a grab bar installed, a ramp put in, batteries changed in our smoke detector, a light bulb changed that we cannot reach ... things like this.

☞ If you find yourself in this position, contact the church office to get added to the list.

☞ If you have some spare time and can help, contact the church office to find out what is on the list!

Contact the Church Office:

719-687-3868

Mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com



The Worship Committee is adding a new section called "Ask the Pastor". Folks can ask questions as they think of them for the good of the congregation and community.

So ... Any questions that you would like to ASK THE PASTOR?

CARE NOTES

A variety of topics are available in their own display rack in the Narthex.

This month: "Getting Through the Annual Reminders of Your Loss"

Memory writes on every page of the calendar—a birthday, anniversary, and a holiday—all bitter-sweet days. How to work your way through?



**Take one
- and take heart.
Give one - and give hope.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women's
Second Cup of Coffee**
2nd and 4th Mondays at 9 am
Lydia Eell's house
785 Westwood Trace
719-687-1827



**COMMUNITY
Dinner**

WEDNESDAY, March 1 and 15

COMMUNITY DINNER

March 1 Menu:

Brandy Chicken
Broccoli & Cauliflower

March 15 Menu:

Sloppy Joes & Potato Salad

RSVP by Monday at noon, call

719-687-3868 or go to

[https://www.mountainview](https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/)

[umcwp.com/](https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/) and click on

Community Dinner

**Mountain View Men's
BREAKFAST**
Every Friday at 7:30 am at Grandmother's Kitchen

**Women's
Enrichment**
Thursdays at 10 am




**Emmaus Reunion
Meetings
1st and 3rd
Saturdays
10 am
Fellowship Hall**

Training Class

Saturday, March 18

10 am to 3 pm

Multi-Purpose Room



First Aid



CPR



AED

**Comprehensive
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**Bring your non-
perishable Items**

March 19

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly or Jam
- Mac & Cheese
- Spaghetti or pasta sauce
 - Soup
 - Canned Meat

**Your generosity is
greatly appreciated!**

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Our Congregation



Meet Your New Neighbors With a Gift Bag from MVUMC....and from you. Your new neighbors are moving in throughout Teller County all summer long. Meet the new folks in your neighborhoods as they arrive and bring them a gift of a nice MVUMC reusable tote bag and ink pen, as well as a welcome letter and information from the church.

Add your own gift to the bag... of a baked good or kitchen towel or something if you like. Make our new residents know that they are welcome to be our guests any time here at Mountain View. Bags are available for you to pick up at the tables and counter in the narthex.

The Integrational Team is looking for volunteers. Our purpose is to ensure those attending Mountain View, whether a member or non member, feel welcome in our church community. Duties would be sending a welcome note, showing new attendees where coffee is and introducing them around, getting to know something about them and engage in conversation. We are developing this team so input is appreciated. If interested, please contact Angela Thelin at athelin512@gmail.com.



WINDOW/BUMPER STICKERS—We have 100 oval window/bumper stickers available for your cars with our beautiful MVUMC logo! These are given at no charge and courtesy of your gifts to MVUMC through the **Invitational Ministry Team**. Be a part of easily giving MVUMC another point of visibility in our community and maybe sparking conversation and interest about it with folks who are curious when they see it....Please see Sue Burks or Carol Goll to pick one up for each of your cars.

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, notes, calls and encouraging words following my recent surgery. A couple more weeks of recovery and then on with life.

Karen Cooper

VOICES IN PRAYER

Are ready to receive your prayer requests. There is a dedicated button on the church's web site for your confidential prayer requests. The rest is up to God and your team members. A link to UpperRoom.org/Prayer Wall has also been added 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. Your voice will help make our service the greatest possible gift to each other and the world.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call Jo Lied, 719-726-0668, to schedule a Sunday to put flowers on the altar. Let Sandy know the reason for the honor or event and she will place in the bulletin for the designated Sunday Service. Flowers need to be on the altar by 10 am and picked up by Wednesday please.

PRAYER SHAWLS

We have some lovely prayer shawls available for those who would find comfort in them. We would also gladly accept prayer shawls for any who take comfort in making them. Contact Sandy at 719-687-3868 if you are interested.



MEMBER OF
**FEEDING
AMERICA**

Community Cupboard hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday,
9:30—11:30 am
414 North Highway 67,
Woodland Park

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide distribution dates are the 1st and 3rd Mondays, **2:00-5:30**. Little Chapel Food Pantry continues to need clean plastic bags and egg cartons. There are containers in the narthex for these items. Volunteers always needed.



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.

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 \$88.98 from 13 households.** For additional information please contact Wendy Davis at wendylouzeller@aol.com or 719-660-8935.



Wood Chopping—Help at the wood yard the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 am to 12 pm. The yard is behind the fire station located at 1010 Evergreen Heights in Woodland. Please bring a pair of work gloves, protective glasses and water. For more info contact Jim Grover (687-1239) or Wendy Davis (660-8935)

Safe at Home Ministry—the church office is maintaining a list of safety issues people at the church need help with at home ... installing a grab bar, changing smoke alarm batteries, changing a light bulb that cannot be reached ... things like this. If you have some spare time and can help, contact the church office to participate in this ministry. Church Office: mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com or 719-687-3868.



We now have a DONATE button on our website: www.mt-viewumc.org! Click on DONATE on the Home page. Scroll down and click on the blue button and away you go! Please note that there are costs involved with on-line donations. If you use a credit card, there is a 1.5% base Donorbox charge plus a 2.9%+\$.30 credit card charge. If you use checking account information, there is only the 1.5% base Donorbox charge.

Worship Services



2023 CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson	Sam Gould	sam.gould1942@gmail.com
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Pastor	Jeff Wakeley	mtviewumcpastor@gmail.com

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Rob Browning	robert.browning55@gmail.com
Tim Rucker	timrucker@hotmail.com

2023 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Jan - Ronald McDonald House—\$747
 Feb - Habitat for Humanity
 Mar - Community Cupboard
 Apr – UMCOR
 May - tbd
 Jun - Swim Across America
 Jul - tbd
 Aug - tbd
 Sep - tbd
 Oct - tbd
 Nov - tbd
 Dec - tbd

Thank you for your generosity!

Come Sing with Us!!!

**Woodland Park
 Community Singers**
Monday 6:30–8 pm
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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

March 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday																																																																																												
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Financial Facts

Mt. View United Methodist Church Financial Facts as of January 2023

	Monthly		Monthly Variance	Year to Date		Annual Variance
	Actual	Budget		Actual	Budget	
Tithes & Offerings (pledged) (1)	26,916	17,500	9,416	26,916	17,500	9,416
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged) (2)	6,132	4,167	1,966	6,132	4,167	1,966
Other Revenue	248	417	(169)	248	417	(169)
Transfers from Restricted Funds	1,689	-	1,689	1,689	-	1,689
Total Revenue	34,985	22,083	12,902	34,985	22,083	12,902
Total Expenses (3)	(18,392)	(23,182)	4,790	(18,392)	(23,182)	4,790
Revenue in Excess of Expenses	16,593	(1,099)	17,692	16,593	(1,099)	17,692
Purchase of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Use of Designated Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Temporary Payroll Withholdings Payable	159	-	159	159	-	159
Mortgage Principal Reduction	(7,412)	(5,774)	(1,638)	(7,412)	(5,774)	(1,638)
Operating Fund Net Cash Flow (4)	9,341	(6,873)	16,213	9,341	(6,873)	16,213
Restricted Fund Net Cash Flow	(4,088)	-	(4,088)	(4,088)	-	(4,088)
Combined Funds Net Cash Flow (5)	5,253	(6,873)	12,126	5,253	(6,873)	12,126

Notes for January 2023:

- (1) Pledged revenues were over budget for the month by **\$9,416** and over budget for the year by **\$9,416**
- (2) Unpledged revenues were over budget for the month by **\$1,966**, and over budget for the year by **\$1,966**
- (3) Expenses were under budget for the month by **\$4,790**, and under budget for the year by **\$4,790**
- (4) Operating Fund Net Cash Flow was positive for the month by **\$9,341** and positive for the year by **\$9,341**, which is **\$16,213** above budget.
- (5) Combined cash has increased this year by **\$5,253**

Mortgage Principal Reduction from beginning 2023 balance of \$645,877.98:

	Current Month		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Balance @ 01/31/2023:				
\$ 638,466				
Operating Funds	5,723	5,774	5,723	5,774
Restricted gifts	1,689	-	1,689	-
Total	7,412	5,774	7,412	5,774

	Current Month	Beginning of Year	YTD Increase or (Decrease) in Cash Balance
Cash Allocations			
Operating and Designated Fund Balances:			
Operating Fund Balance	33,471	24,131	9,341
Designated Bldg Insurance Reserve	27,500	27,500	-
Designated Capital Assets Reserve (no monthly increase during 2023)	34,761	34,761	-
Designated SPRC Reserve (no monthly increase during 2023)	5,808	5,808	-
Total Checking Cash Balance	101,540	92,199	9,341
Restricted Fund Balances:			
Building Savings Fund Balance	625	1,964	(1,339)
Restricted Checking Fund Balance	20,194	22,942	(2,748)
Restricted Mortgage Checking Fund Balance	14,767	14,767	-
Total of all Restricted Fund Balances	35,585	39,673	(4,088)
Total Combined Cash for All Funds (5)	137,125	131,872	5,253