



MOUNTAIN VIEW MESSENGER

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a people of God, learning to love like Jesus

A Sermon from the Hummingbirds

"Look at the birds of the air..." Mt. 6:26

My wife recently hung some hummingbird feeders on the deck behind our house. Over the past few weeks we've seen Broadtail hummingbirds, Calliope hummingbirds, and the beautiful, orange-hued, rough and tumble Rufous hummingbird! When the hummingbirds first came to our feeders, we noticed that they were often nervous and anxious, even frightened by our presence. And who could blame them. After all, we're 15-20 thousand times larger than the average hummingbird and must appear dangerous to them. Little did they realize that we were the ones providing their nectar! But over time I've noticed that they have become less and less anxious in our presence. Quite often, they don't seem the least bit bothered as we sit on the deck and admire their beauty.

This evolution from anxiety to ease reminds me somewhat of how my own relationship with God has evolved over time. When I first met God, I was nervous in his presence – anxious that I might inadvertently do something worthy of his judgment – and eager, too, to do only those things that I believed he found pleasing. Quite frankly, I didn't understand just how much he delighted in me and it was hard sometimes to relax in his presence. But over time, I've come to see God as my Father and Friend who delights in me just as much – no – exceedingly more than I delight in the tiny hummingbirds that grace my backyard feeders. I would never in a million years do anything to harm them! And God would never in a million eons do anything to harm me! He's the one who feeds me, watches over me, and relishes my visits just as I feed the Broadtail, watch over the Calliope, and relish the little Rufous!

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used the birds to teach us about God's great and gracious care: "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Mt. 6:26) And later he said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows." (Mt. 10:29-31) Do not be afraid! That's the message I found myself whispering to the hummingbirds when they first came to see me. And that's the message God has been whispering to me since the day we first met. It's taken awhile, but I'm beginning to believe it! How about you? Amen!

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sermon Series: The Parables of Jesus

August 5 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion -

Liturgist Lois Smith
Communion Servers: Lois Smith, Pat & Lovelyn Hughes
Sermon The Unforgiving Servant
Scripture Matthew 18: 23-35
Special Music Chancel Choir

August 12 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist Lovelyn Hughes
Sermon Lois Smith
Scripture Pastor Michael will be visiting
New Grandbabies!
Special Music Summer Handbell Choir

August 19 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist Mary Marsh
Sermon The Laborers in the Vineyard
Scripture Matthew 20:1-16
Special Music Chancel Choir

August 26 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist Keith Sheldon
Sermon Two Troublesome Sons
Scripture Matthew 21: 28-32
Special Music Piano/Organ duet

Past sermons (audio) @ www.mt-viewumc.org

CHURCH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT LEARNING AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Contemporary Christian Roundtable New Study

The current study is *Being Christian in the Twenty-First Century* by Sam Gould, a church member.

The Contemporary Christian Roundtable is an adult Sunday school class within Mountain View United Methodist Church. The group has three objectives. They are to (1) study topics which will empower and inform our faith, (2) enhance our ability to articulate and express our faith and (3) be a supportive and reconciling faith community within the larger Mountain View community. We honor and celebrate the diversity of all God's creation and welcome ALL people (including all sexual orientations and gender identities), regardless of who they are, where they have been, or what they believe. All are invited to join us in study, service, prayer, and the thoughtful, honest sharing of our faith journey.

The class meets in the Multipurpose Room directly behind the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am each Sunday morning. Members of the group take turns at leading the class discussion. Please join us.

LIVING BIBLE CLASS: Will resume Sunday, September 16 at 9:00 am in room 109. The scheduled study will be "Standard Lesson Quarterly", a comprehensive overview of the Bible in 6 years.

VOICES IN PRAYER: Meets 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 (WEM) meets Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am in room 109 thru August 16. The study will be "A Place to Pray-Conversations on the Lord's Prayer". Call Ann Snipes 720-427-1828 for further information.

Please feel welcome to join any of the many church groups that meet throughout the week and month.

For more details of any group, please contact Ottie Baumgardner, Educational Team Leader at 687-2646 or ottiebaum@gmail.com

MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS

Wednesday, August 15, 12:00 pm

Annual salad luncheon hosted by
Lovelyn Hughes



Please RSVP to Lovelyn at 719-687-1342
by Monday, August 13.



NEW

WOMEN'S SATURDAY BRUNCH for all women, especially working women. Saturday, September 15, at 10:00 am in the home of Judith Meyer, 437 Shady

Lane, WP. Casserole and drinks provided. Please bring small side dish. RSVP 580-471-6010 by Wednesday, September 12. At initial gathering, frequency to be established.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, August 16
12:00 pm

Potluck Picnic at the Pavilion at Manitou Lake

Bring a dish to share and your own beverage. Table service provided.



Adult Fellowship

Carpool from the church parking lot at 11:45 to save on entrance fee.

Bring your National Park pass if you have one.

All are welcome, children and summer guests included.

**CALLING NEW MEMBERS
AND CURRENT MEMBERS WITH NEW INTEREST!**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Mountain View United Methodist Church? Are you already a member but want to learn more about Christian discipleship in the Methodist tradition? If so then Pastor Michael invites you to join him for class called *A Disciple's Path: Deeping Your Relationship with Christ and the Church – A Guide for United Methodists*. This class will examine our Methodist history, our doctrinal standards, and the vows of membership which call us to support Christ's church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. During our study we'll examine the following specific topics:

- What Does It Mean to Be a United Methodist?
- A Disciples Path Defined
- Prayer: Prayer and Scripture Meditation
- Presence: Corporate Worship and Small-group Community
- Gifts: Financial Generosity
- Service: Spiritual Gifts and Gift-based Service
- Witness: Invitational Evangelism

This class will commence in early September and will meet at a time and on a schedule most convenient to the majority of those who express interest. At the end of the class, persons desiring to join the church or renew their membership vows will be given that opportunity. Don't miss your chance to explore the Disciples Path! Please contact the church office no later than Monday, August 13 to register your interest. You may call (719) 687-3868 or e-mail mtviewumc@qwestoffice.net.



**THE BAPTISTS AND METHODISTS ARE HOSTING A BLOCK PARTY!
COME JOIN US ON THE LAWN AT 1101 RAMPART RANGE ROAD
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 FROM 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
WE WILL SUPPLY THE HOT DOGS AND THE FUN!**



WOMEN'S SECOND CUP OF COFFEE
August 14 & 28

Calling All Women to Second Cup at 9:00 am Tuesdays, August 14 & 28 Pamela Gore is hostess. We have a core group of relationship building ladies and invite others to join us. Contact Ottie at 687-2646 for more information.



Men's and Women's Walks to Emmaus will be held in mid to late October of this year. The Women's Walk is scheduled October 18-21. The Men's Walk is scheduled for October 25-28. Both retreats will be held at Camp Elam in Woodland Park. **Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending.**

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening.

During and after the three days, Emmaus leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The members of the small groups challenge and support one another in faithful living. The three-day Emmaus experience and follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESOURCE AVAILABLE

"Every Victory Counts", by the Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's is available to borrow from the church office. This is essential information and inspiration for a lifetime of wellness with Parkinson's Disease with encouragement and inspiration from people who are living with Parkinson's.

SUMMER RESIDENT RECEPTION

Thursday, August 23 @ 5:00 pm

Pastor Michael and Pamela are hosting the "summer" people at their home. Since the summer crowd are not in the area for the holiday open house, the Gore's would like an opportunity to have you in their home. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Pamela at pamelagore@msn.com or 401-787-7096 by Wednesday, August 15.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

- Sunday, August 5 4:30-6:00 pm Youth Group
- Sunday, August 12 11:45 am
Back to School BBQ Bash - Pot Luck
Kids receive backpacks and school supplies
NO YOUTH GROUP
- Tuesday, August 14 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Terrific Tuesday- Skills Day - Ages 6-11
Projects: Woodworking, Macramé, Quilting
- Sunday, August 19 4:30 - 6:00 pm Youth Group
- Sunday, August 26 4:30 - 6:00 pm Youth Group



Please bring a side dish. We'll plan to give each of our children and youth a full school supply backpack at the Bash. Please start bringing school supplies or give a money donation (check to MVUMC, memo School Supplies) by August 5.

Contact Marci for questions.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

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 every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:15 am at the Smokehouse. Graduates of the Emmaus Retreat Program, or those interested in learning more, are welcome to attend.

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



A few months ago, the Trustees and 16 other churches within the area were approached by the Woodland Park Police asking us to develop a security plan and to work with other churches within the area, to develop training for these individuals on the security team. As many are aware, the Trustees have begun to lock the doors to the church 10 minutes after service begins. Trustees are stationed at numerous points within the church to allow late arrivals to enter. This is for the safety of the congregation. The Security Committee is entertaining numerous ideas for additional security. If you have concerns, please let us know! Trustees: D Brown, Clas Thelin, Mike Snipes, Tom Fritz, Don Reinert, Jerry Burnham, Dan Meyer, Paul Theis.



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 9, Mountain View United Methodist Church 40th Anniversary Celebration. Remember and visit with charter members, celebration scrap-

book and photo display in narthex, potluck after service. Drag out those Mountain View cookbooks and recreate our best recipes. Everyone welcome. Call Ann Snipes if you have ideas or items to display, 720-427-1828.

YOU'RE INVITED

"Dress a Girl Around the World" is an organization that makes dresses for poor girls around the world. They gather the second Wednesday of each month in the fellowship hall from 1:00-5:00 pm to sew dresses. You are invited to join with the sewing or make a donation of cotton fabric and sewing supplies. For more information, see their website at www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com or contact Maria Stepien at 224.383.5742.



INVITE A FRIEND

As an Invitational Church, we need to be welcoming new people into our midst. The Invitational Ministry Team challenges you to invite someone to attend church with you and/or introduce yourself to someone new on Sunday Morning!



Commission on a Way Forward

Council of Bishops



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pre-Release of the Denominational Report on Human Sexuality: A copy of the Commission on a Way Forward's Report on human sexuality is now available online. The report was forwarded to the United Methodist Judicial Council with a request that the Judicial Council issue a declaratory decision on the constitutionality of the three sets of petitions submitted by the Commission on a Way Forward for consideration at the General Conference in February of 2019. The request for a Judicial Council ruling on the constitutionality of each plan is designed to prevent General Conference members from voting to support legislation that might later be declared in violation of our denominational constitution, thereby rendering their decisions null and void. You can find the report by searching for "Judicial Council October 2018 Docket" and then scrolling down to Docket No. 1018-12. The report is found in Exhibit D, beginning on page 131 of the document. In the meantime, the Mountain View Way Forward Task Force will continue to monitor and publicize information related to the Commission on a Way Forward and the upcoming Special Session of the General Conference. In addition, the Task Force will develop opportunities for creative conversation among congregants to foster unity, love, tolerance, and understanding among people with differing view. Regardless of your own views on the matter, we hope you will participate in those conversations when they become available in order to stay in community with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we move forward *together* in making disciples who love like Jesus!

MOUNTAIN SKY AREA PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



"As Christians, we are all called to be pilgrims, navigating the way to God. For many this pilgrimage is figurative, a spiritual journey that deepens our awareness. Some, however, choose to undertake physical journeys to the lands most sacred to our tradition." (Thomas Merton)

Bishop Karen Oliveto invites all lay and clergy on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The trip will take place **Jan. 28 to Feb. 6, 2019**. "It is a powerful, life-changing experience to walk the paths that Jesus walked," said Bishop Karen. "It opens up the Bible and causes us to reflect more deeply on the stories that ground our faith. " Bishop Karen encourages people to take this pilgrimage: "Join the Mountain Sky family as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This powerful trip will expand your knowledge of scripture and deepen your faith" as we visit sacred sites, worship together, and encounter God in ancient places so central to our faith. Journey with us!"

Dear Mountain View United Methodist Church,

It is my humble privilege to share with you all our ministry accomplishments in 2017 through the CHAD program. Our hope is that you will all be blessed by the impacts and the positive change that God has enabled us to create in so many people lives in Cambodia. Our collective sharing of gifts and generous efforts have made all this possible. I am grateful for your faithful partnership with us and looking forward for another fruitful and transformative year with you all. Please enjoy reading the CHAD 2017 Annual Report. May God bless you all!

Your partner in Christ,

Ken Cruz

To view CHAD's most recent annual report, go to the link <http://umccambodia.org/chad/> and then click on the file named **2017 CHAD's Annual Report (PDF)** which is on the right side of the first page

FINANCE FACT - JULY 2018

30-Jun-18					
	Monthly		Annually		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
Tithes & Offerings (pledged)	21,221	25,386	136,010	132,093	3,917
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged)	7,162	5,820	30,882	33,396	(2,514)
Other Revenue	37	308	3,074	645	2,429
Total Revenue	28,420	31,514	169,966	166,134	3,832
Total Expenses	23,477	29,781	92,132	99,022	6,890
Revenue over Expenses	4,943	1,733	77,834	67,112	10,722
Mortgage Principal Reduction*	(4,287)	(4,383)	(26,413)	(25,845)	(568)
Net Cash Flow	656	(2,650)	51,421	41,267	10,154

*Includes payments from unrestricted funds only, i.e., monthly principal payments

Important Notes for June 2018:

- (1) Pledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$4,165.
- (2) Unpledged revenues were over budget for the month by \$1,342.
- (3) Expenses were under budget for the month.

Mortgage Principal Reduction

	Monthly	Annually
Undesignated funds (see above)	\$4,287.00	\$24,968.00
Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc**		\$1,445.00
Total	\$4,287.00	\$26,413.00

Cash Allocations

Total Fund Balances	1,556,814.46		
<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>(1,485,071.63)</u>		
Cash in Operating Checking Covering Designated Funds	71,742.83		
Operating Bank Account (June,2018)	99,652.74		
Owed to restricted fund(s)			
<u>Cash to cover designated funds</u>	<u>(71,742.83)</u>		
Unrestricted cash to pay bills	27,909.91		
	<u>Operating Checking</u>	<u>Cash for Bills</u>	<u>Cash Designated</u>
	99,652.74	27,909.91	35,500.00 General reserve
			21,000.00 Capital reserve
Restricted Fund Balances			15,242.83 Other
Building Fund Balance	33,807.14		
Restricted Fund Balances	3,229.01		
Deposit in Transit	-		
From Operations Checking	-		
Total of all Restricted Fund Fund Balances	37,036.15	71,742.83	

Our Mission: Making Disciples Who Love Like Jesus!

2017 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Jan - Habitat for humanity ~ \$991
 Feb - Community Cupboard ~ \$936
 Mar- Help The Needy~\$1123
 Easter donations - DayBreak ~ \$495
 Apr - One Great Hour of Sharing ~ \$1068
 May - Woodland Park Senior Center ~ \$866

Jun - Conference Offering ~ \$597
 Jul - The Perry Family ~ \$1079
 Aug - High Chateau Fire Victims
 Sep - Local Fire Stations
 Oct - World Communion
 Nov - Welcome Home Warrior
 Dec - Alternative Gift Market



Woodland Park/Teller County Community Cupboard and Divide Food Pantry



August items: Canned goods There is a box in each entryway for your donations.

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide distribution dates are Mondays, August 13 & 27.

Divide Food Pantry continues to need clean plastic bags. There is a container in each entryway for the bags.

EYE GLASSES—old eyeglasses are being collected in the narthex by the Missions Committee and will be donated so others may have the gift of better vision.



BATTERY BUCKET



There is a "battery bucket" in the narthex for recycling

COMMUNION OFFERING AUGUST 5 will benefit the Chateau Fire Victims

THANK YOU to our friends at Mountain View for all the care and concerns following our accident. Each day gets easier.

Gordon and Joann Leaf

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 big cardboard soup can 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.



MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Teller County Habitat for Humanity
 Annual Vino & Notes Food & Jazz Festival
 Saturday, August 4, 12:00 - 6:00 pm
 Memorial Park.

Volunteers are needed.
 Signup sheet in the narthex.
 Set-up/take down, registration, gate volunteers, Habitat tent.
 For further information, contact Wendy Davis at 719-660-8935.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers to work from 7:00 am to 1:30 pm Saturday, August 11 at the Marian House Soup Kitchen in Colorado Springs. If you want to prepare the food from 7:00 - 10:30 am, please contact Jane Pino at 719-640-2844. If you want to serve the food from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm, please contact Joe Baumgardner at 719-687-2646.



2018 AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Paula Prater
- 4 - Lois Dauelsberg
- 5 - Michael Gore
- 6 - Bob Myers
- 7 - Carol McCarthy
- 7 - Ilene Thoe
- 8 - Joy Bostian
- 10 - Mack Burks
- 13 - Barb Klassen
- 14 - Sherry Carr

- 14 - June Essing
- 14 - Dale Petersen
- 14 - Addison Plutt
- 15 - Bill Huffor
- 15 - Nitia Schroeder
- 15 - Traci Slade
- 17 - Jo Lied (80)
- 18 - Karen Vickery
- 19 - Ralph Arthur
- 19 - Cara Smith
- 20 - Joanne Thies
- 20 - Stephanie Witman
- 25 - Glen Waltermire
- 26 - Julie Matthews
- 26 - Liz West
- 29 - Lois Smith
- 30 - Mahara Ripple
- 31 - Larry Larson

- 7 - George & Judy Drake
- 7 - Hoyt & Lydia Eells
- 8 - Jerry & Donna Richards
- 10 - Peter & Jan Perich
- 10 - Fred & Beth Tinsley
- 11 - Charles & Nitia Schroeder
- 15 - Clarke & Joni Becker
- 16 - Bob & Suzie Graf
- 18 - Chuck & Joy Bostian
- 18 - Ian & Deb Elliott
- 19 - Mike & Ann Snipes
- 20 - Brooke & Karolyn Smith
- 22 - Kurt & Lisa Reich
- 23 - Matt & Cara Smith
- 24 - Sam & Elaine Gould
- 27 - Jerry & Janet Corns
- 27 - Jim & Sylvia Courter
- 28 - Ken & Julie Matthews
- 30 - Max & Marci Nickelsburg

2018 AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

HOLY HOSPITALITY HOSTS

- January - Bell Choir
- February - Children's Ministry Team
- March - Nominating & Lay Leadership Committee
- April - Educational Ministry Team
- May - Integrational Ministry Team
- June - Chancel Choir
- July - Trustees
- August - Mission Committee
- September - Mountain View Marthas
- October - Worship Committee
- November - Finance Committee
- December - Invitational Ministry Team

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN CAREGIVERS



Let us know if:

- You want a home visit
- Are in the hospital or a rehab center
- Have lost a loved one
- Want a ride to an appointment

We are praying for you.

Contact Marcia Myers at 687-6021 or Pastor Michael at 687-3868. Emergencies (401) 824-9055.

FOOD MINISTRY

The food ministry has been very well received and appreciated by those who have benefited from it. However, please be reminded that all food MUST be fully cooked and ready to be reheated by the recipient. Please no unprepared food.

For further information, contact Stephanie Witman at 719-291-3888.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS continue to accept donations for Blessing Bags and College/Military Care Packages. There are boxes in the narthex with a preferred list of donations. We are having great success with these projects, and appreciate your support. Ann Snipes and Jeanette Myers, Marthas co-chairpersons

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you or anyone you know wishes to receive communion other than during a worship service, this ministry is available by calling the church office at 687-3868 or Lois Smith at 970-778-2589 to make arrangements. This is an opportunity to share in the Lord's supper.

Did you know?

We have medical equipment available for your emergency use. If you need a wheelchair, cane, walker, etc. you are encouraged to borrow them from the church. We will also store your used yet clean and operable equipment for others to use. The church office will determine if they are appropriate and needed for our stash. Let's help each other!

