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MOUNTAIN VIEW MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2018

a people of God, learning to love like Jesus

EVERYDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY!

*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Some years ago my wife and I rented a chalet in the Smoky Mountains and invited her family to share Thanksgiving with us. On Thanksgiving Day we cooked a huge Thanksgiving feast. We had turkey and dressing, ham and yams, green beans and corn casserole, mashed taters and turkey gravy, pumpkin and apple pie, and all of it delicious! The next day we set up a Christmas tree by the fireplace so we could share Christmas with one another and we decorated with ornaments we made special for the occasion. For my ornament, I made a Christmas moose. It looked more like the Easter Bunny than any moose I've ever seen. I guess I'm just not very crafty. And then every evening during our stay, we lit a fire, talked about old times, and played dominoes till bedtime.

On the last day of our visit, I spent some time on the front porch rocking an old rocking chair, staring out at the grandeur of the Smoky Mountains, and thanking God for the marvelous gifts of life and family. It was a real blessing. God gives many such blessings. Shoot, nearly every day is filled with more blessings than we rightfully deserve. Even a bad day has its share of blessings tucked up inside. All we have to do is look for them. As Henry Ward Beecher once said, "If one should give me a dish of sand and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet and sweep through it and now would it draw to itself...invisible particles by the mere power of attraction. The unthankful heart, like my finger in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings." Indeed, that's true. I guess that's why the Bible says, "give thanks in all circumstances." May we do so this Thanksgiving, and every other day besides. Amen!

UPCOMING SERVICES Sermon Series:

November 4- 24th Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day

Communion - Peak Military Care Network

Liturgist Lois Smith
Communion Servers: Lois Smith, Dave & Vicki Sapp
Sermon Building Community by Sticking Together
Scripture Ruth 1:1-18
Special Music Chancel Choir

November 11 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Veteran's Day

Liturgist Mike Theimer
Sermon Building Community by Helping Each Other
Scripture Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Special Music Mountain View Ringers

November 18 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist Marcene Etchieson
Sermon Building Community by Doing No Harm
Scripture 1 Samuel 1:1-20
Special Music Chancel Choir

November 25 - Last Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist Keith Sheldon
Sermon Building Community by Praying for All
Scripture 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Special Music TBD

The manuscript AND audio recording of each week's sermon is on our church website. You will find them under the "Check Us Out" tab on our website or at "Sermons: or at: <https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/weekly-sermons-1>.

CHURCH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT LEARNING AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS 8:30 - 10:00 AM

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ROUNDTABLE Sundays 8:30-10:00 am, Multi-purpose Room. Our focus for the next year will be on Spirituality.

November 4, 11 and 18, we will join the discussion of The Way Forward. During that time, we will continue to meet at 8:30 so that we can touch base with each other and coordinate upcoming events.

Sunday, November 25, we begin a study of Kent Nerburn's book, *Voices in the Stones: Life Lessons from the Native Way*.

The new coordinators are Nancy Thompson and Elaine Gould. Thanks to Sam Gould for his 10 years of leadership. Celebration of 10 year anniversary picnic held with present and past participants attending.

Sept-May Agenda-Finishing 3 week series with Robert King, retired Methodist Minister. Followed with class attending Way Forward Forum. Reviewing The Other Bible (books that were not included in the Holy Bible.) Ending with Religions of the World. Youth and others invited.

LIVING BIBLE CLASS: meets Sundays, at 9:00 am in room 109. The scheduled study is "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. Our current study is a Beth Moore unit entitled "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring The Fruit of the Spirit". Dianne Shafer is the contact for information on this study at 719-687-4133 or email heidinald@aol.com. All women of the church are invited, but please provide Dianne with your email address.

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



WOMEN'S SATURDAY BRUNCH

for all women, especially working women. Saturday, November 3, 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. At initial gathering, it was decided to meet bi-monthly. Six ladies attended the first gathering. Thank you Judith.

PLEASE JOIN US

Thursday
November 15
12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
Thanksgiving potluck lunch
Turkey and Ham will be provided
Please bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to share.
Signup sheet in narthex.



MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS

Wednesday, November 21
11:30 am—2:00 pm
Thanksgiving Lunch
Will serve the Day Break clients



LADIES CANDLELIGHT TEA

Ladies Christmas Candlelight Tea will be hosted by Fellowship Friends on Monday, December 3 from 2:30 – 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We need "hosts" to decorate a table of eight, volunteers to help decorate the hall, bakers to donate desserts and help serve coffee, tea and a Christmas Punch. Sign-up sheets will start early November for both hosts and attendees. Any questions, please call Lynn Dreger 687-8533.



Gain all you can, without hurting either yourself or your neighbour...save all you can, by cutting off every expense which serves only to indulge foolish desire...and then, give all you can, or, in other words, give all you have to God." *From The Use of Money by John Wesley*

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.
(Attributed to John Wesley)

Commitment Cards



PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMITMENT CARDS BY NOVEMBER 11

Thank you for generously sharing your time, talent, and treasure to support the cause of Christ at Mountain View! The Stewardship Team and Finance Committee wish to thank everyone who has submitted a commitment card toward the 2019 budget. Commitment cards help the church plan an accurate and stable budget to support life-giving ministry in the coming year. To date, we have received 90 commitment cards for a total of \$261,924 committed toward our goal of \$382,076. Despite the fact that we receive a significant amount of money from unpledged giving each year, we still have a way to go to reach our goal. If you haven't already done so, please consider submitting a commitment card this year and return your card to the church office or via the Sunday offering no later than Sunday, November 11, so we can build a budget based on your input. May God bless you for all you do in and through Mountain View!

PASTOR'S HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 9

Pastor Michael, Pamela, and Christina invite you to an open house on Sunday, December 9 between 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm at their home located at 15160 W Hwy 24, Woodland Park, Colorado. The times are being divided based on last names; but of course, if you can't visit during your designated times, please come when you are able. Last names beginning with:

A-F 1:30-3:00 pm

G-P 3:00-4:30 pm

R-Z 4:30-6:00 pm

Please RSVP by December 5 to pamelagore@msn.com or (401) 787-7096 if you plan to attend. And please, BRING NOTHING but yourself! We look forward to seeing you!



CHILDREN & YOUTH SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 4, 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Youth Group

Wednesday, November 7, 9:00 am
Children's Ministry Team

Wednesday, November 7, 6:00 pm
Best Christmas Pageant Ever Rehearsal

Saturday, November 10, 4:00 pm
Best Christmas Pageant Ever Rehearsal

Sunday, November 11, 4:30 pm
Pack Operation Christmas Child boxes

Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 pm
Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Saturday, November 17, 4:00 pm
Best Christmas Pageant Ever Rehearsal

Sunday, November 18, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Youth Group

Wednesday, November 21, 6:00 pm
Best Christmas Pageant Ever Rehearsal

Sunday, November 25
NO YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, November 28, 6:00 pm
Best Christmas Pageant Ever Rehearsal

Saturday & Sunday, Dec 15 & 16
Performances of "Best Christmas Pageant Ever".

Sunday, Feb 24
Activity: Homeless Mission Project.

Friday & Saturday Mar 8-9
30 Hour Famine / lock-in.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

NOVEMBER 11 we will pack our donations for "Operation Christmas Child". Small items may be donated for the shoe-box's. NO LIQUIDS please. A monetary donation of \$9.00 may also be made for shipping cost of each box. Items that will fit into a shoe box and are accepted are accepted include: small toys, flip flops, sandals, combs, brushes, hair ties, reading and coloring books, crayons and colored pencils, school supplies, t-shirts. Especially needed are items for 11-14 year olds such as small tool kit, small sewing kit, games, etc. Please pick up a box and fill it for one child. Especially needed are boxes for teens.



WOMEN'S SECOND CUP OF COFFEE November 13 & 27

Calling All Women to Second Cup at 9:00 am Tuesdays, November 6 & 20 Pamela Gore is host-ess. We have a core group of relationship building ladies and invite others to join us. Contact Oattie for more information.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 9:30AM TO 12:30 PM

If you will be serving on a committee or ministry team in 2019, please mark your calendar and reserve Saturday, January 19 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm for Leadership Training and Annual Planning. More information will be published as we get closer. Thanks!

CHURCH FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Do you have concerns about accessibility and mobility issues in our facility? The Church Council and Trustees would like to better understand your concerns. A brief information meeting will be held after church Sunday, November 18 in Rooms 105/106. Please come prepared to share your concerns so we can better understand your needs.



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!

Feel free to ask a team member (Carol, Mary Anne, Teresa, Victor, Sue, Mack, Jeff, Janice or Jessica) if you would like a bag for a friend or neighbor to start an invitational conversation!



*Saturday night
November 3*

UPDATE ON COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD

In service to the delegates of the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference, the Council of Bishops asked for a declaratory decision of the Judicial Council regarding the constitutionality of the three plans contained in the report of the Commission on a Way Forward (regarding human sexuality).

In a unanimous decision, the Judicial Council raised questions regarding petitions in all three plans while finding the One Church Plan, the plan supported by the Council of Bishops, to be most in compliance with the Constitution of The United Methodist Church and the Traditional Plan to have significant constitutional problems. The Judicial Council said that they did not have jurisdiction (to make a ruling) over the Connectional Conference Plan. The work is now squarely in the hands of the General Conference delegates as they prepare for the limited three-day General Conference to be held in February of 2019.

You may read a description of the three proposed plans in the Commission on a Way Forward's final report located online at: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/way-forward-report-released-in-all-four-official-languages-of-general-confe>. You may also read the Judicial Council decision online at: <http://www.umc.org/decisions/78141>

MOUNTAIN VIEW HOLDING CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS ON HUMAN SEXUALITY: LESSONS ONLINE

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church will meet in February of 2019 to discuss recommendations from our denominational Commission on a Way Forward regarding our denomination's current position on homosexuality. A recent survey of our own congregation discovered some differences of opinion regarding greater inclusion of homosexual persons in the life of the church while 28% of our congregation also indicated an interest in studying the issue further. To facilitate healthy conversation within our congregation, a series of Constructive Conversations on Human Sexuality are currently underway. November sessions will be held Sunday/Monday November 4/5, November 11/12, and November 18/19 with each Monday session repeating the content of the previous Sunday session. These sessions will seek to create a safe place for members to discuss the issue of homosexuality in light of church teaching and denominational actions. The sessions will not seek to persuade persons to adopt a particular opinion on the matter, but will rather endeavor to promote unity over uniformity and understanding over agreement. Sunday sessions will occur at 8:45 am in the youth room/former sanctuary. Monday session will occur at 7:00 pm in rooms 105/106. Topics include the importance of church unity, principles of biblical interpretation, and current views on homosexuality. All are urged to participate. Come with an open mind, a desire to learn, and a commitment to love others – including those whose views may differ from you own – just as Jesus loves them. If you cannot attend in person, you will find the content of each lesson on our website at: <https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/way-forward-information>.

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 the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:15 am in the fellowship hall. 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.

FINANCE FACT - OCTOBER 2018

30-Sep-18					
	Monthly		Annually		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
Tithes & Offerings (pledged)	20,604	25,861	205,044	198,852	6,192
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged)	8,493	6,670	49,582	56,637	(7,055)
Other Revenue	93	308	4,824	1,568	3,256
Total Revenue	29,190	32,839	259,450	257,057	2,393
Total Expenses	21,264	26,714	209,314	230,012	20,698
Revenue over Expenses	7,926	6,125	50,136	27,045	23,091
Mortgage Principal Reduction*	(4,329)	(4,319)	(42,014)	(38,885)	(3,129)
Net Cash Flow	3,597	1,806	8,122	(11,840)	19,962

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

Important Notes for September 2018:

- (1) Pledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$5,257.
- (2) Unpledged revenues were over budget for the month by \$1,823.
- (3) Expenses were under budget for the month and for the year to date.

Mortgage Principal Reduction

	Monthly	Annually
Undesignated funds (see above)	\$4,329.00	\$39,094.00
Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc**		\$2,920.00
Total	\$4,329.00	\$42,014.00

Cash Allocations				
Total Fund Balances		1,572,081.15		
<u>General Fund Total</u>		<u>(1,495,207.54)</u>		
Cash in Operating Checking Covering Designated Funds		76,873.61		
Operating Bank Account (September, 2018)		102,086.22		
Owed to restricted fund(s)				
<u>Cash to cover designated funds</u>		<u>(76,873.61)</u>		
Unrestricted cash to pay bills		25,212.61		
	<u>Operating Checking</u>	<u>Cash for Bills</u>	<u>Cash Designated</u>	
	102,086.22	25,212.61	37,500.00	General reserve
			24,000.00	Capital reserve
Restricted Fund Balances			15,373.61	Other
Building Fund Balance		34,199.73		
Restricted Fund Balances		9,368.51		
Deposit in Transit		-		
From Operations Checking		-		0
Total of all Restricted Fund Balances		43,568.24	76,873.61	

HANGING OF THE GREENS

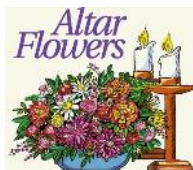
The Worship Committee and Mountain View Marthas will host the Hanging of the Greens and decorations for the Christmas season on Saturday, December 1 at 9:00 am. Join us for food, fun, fellowship, and holiday music as we transform our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas worship. Save Saturday January 5, 9:00-11:00 am as we un-decorate and safely store decorations for next year.

HONORING OUR VETERANS CALLING ALL VETERANS:



We will recognize our veterans on Sunday, November 11 by reading their names during worship. If your name was read last year, then it should already appear on our list of veterans; but if you're in doubt or new to the congregation, please contact Mac McVicker at valkyrie3610@hotmail.com or (303) 647-2054 to ensure your name appears. Thank you for your service!

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



HONOR SOMEONE

You have the opportunity to honor special people or special dates in your life by providing flowers for the altar during 2019. If the Flower Chart in the narthex has space that can be filled in for the date you choose, then sign your name and give the occasion for the celebration. Your name and occasion will be printed in the bulletin that Sunday.

You may furnish flowers from your garden or purchase them. Please have the flowers on the altar before worship on Sunday morning and feel free to take them home with you following worship.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Finance Committee has voted to take the amount of \$3,363.55 out of the **Play Park Restricted Fund** (the total amount) and put them for designated used by the newly created Security Committee. The Church Council has approved this action. The Play Park monies were collected years ago, and unfortunately were not enough to accomplish the goal of building a play park. Because the monies were stranded, the Finance Committee took action to put the amount to good work. The funds will now be used to improve facility security for our children and all congregants. This action will be reported and, hopefully, approved at the Charge Conference on December 8. If anyone has questions or concerns, please discuss this with Pastor Gore or Vicki Sapp, Finance Chair.

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.



Bob & Mary Jane Barth
Trudy Feldhauser
Bruce (Hadi) Gibbons
Doug & Linda Moon
Orestes & Jane Pino

Wayne Ross
Tim & Sandy Rucker
Eleanor Sharp
Kathy Stimits
Ken & Ingrid Weihe

Our Mission: Making Disciples Who Love Like Jesus!

2018 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 ~ \$2486
 Sep - Local Fire Stations ~ \$3,353.50
 Oct - World Communion
 Nov - Welcome Home Warrior
 Dec - Alternative Gift Market



Woodland Park/Teller County Community Cupboard and Divide Food Pantry



September items: Flour & sugar. There is a box in each entryway for your donations.

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide distribution dates are Mondays, November 5 & 19 and December 3 & 17.

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



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.

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.



MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS continue to collect items for Blessing Bags and College/Military Care Packages. Lists are available in the bins in the Narthex and items can be placed there. Mountain View Martha's will assemble the bags and care boxes during January and February. We are having great success with these projects, and appreciate your support.

Ann Snipes and Jeanette Myers, Marthas co-chairpersons

NOVEMBER 4 COMMUNION OFFERING WILL BENEFIT PEAK MILITARY CARE NETWORK

The Peak Military Care Network connects service members, veterans and their families, at no cost to the vet, to the highest quality resources provided by our trusted community partners.

As an umbrella organization, PMCN collaborates with over 44 partner agencies, as well as local military installations and Veterans Affairs staff

PMCN's staff directly assisted more than 1,200 service members, veterans and family members in 2017; as of August, of this year, PMCN has already assisted more individuals than in all of 2017.

PMCN's partner agency network provided more than 104,000 services to our military and veteran community in 2017.



NOVEMBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Grace Hammond
- 2 - Janet Corns
- 2 - Jimmy Weaver
- 3 - Bryan Critchlow
- 5 - Lori Jones
- 6 - Hoyt Eells
- 6 - Tom Kerry
- 6 - Donna Richards
- 7 - Gary Brown

- 8 - Dora Kellstrom
- 8 - Gordon Leaf
- 9 - Karen Cooper
- 9 - Enrique Sanchez
- 11 - Joe Baumgardner
- 14 - Jack Elwell
- 15 - Craig Miller
- 15 - Carol Wallace
- 16 - Janice Richey
- 17 - Sylvia Courter
- 17 - Prentis Porter
- 17 - Don Reinert
- 20 - Cathy Davis
- 20 - Dan Nicholson
- 24 - Sylvi Vogel
- 25 - Lovelyn Hughes
- 25 - Ginny Kunkel

- 26 - Mia Nickelsburg
- 26 - Barbara Smith
- 28 - Wendy Davis

NOVEMBER 2018 ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Robert & Elisa Morgan
- 10 - Gordon & Joann Leaf
- 11 - Dan & Martine Vogel
- 14 - Jim & Sharon Pletcher
- 15 - Ralph & Linda Arthur
- 16 - Steve & Ceacy Thatcher
- 24 - Harry & Carol Wallace
- 25 - Cliff & Paula Prater
- 25 - Gary & Janice Richey
- 28 - John & Wendy Davis
- 28 - Tim & Sandy Rucker

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.

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.

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.

NEED TO TALK? STEPHEN MINISTERS CAN LISTEN!

Do you ever feel like speaking with someone in confidence about matters that trouble or concern you? If so, please consider speaking with one of our Stephen Ministers. These men and women have been specifically trained and prayerfully commissioned to provide confidential care for anyone in need. Do yourself a favor, reach out and receive a Stephen Minister. You'll be glad you did! To learn more, contact Pastor Michael for a confidential evaluation today!



As the 2018 holiday season approaches, people are making their shopping lists and checking them twice. At Mountain View United Methodist Church, members have a unique opportunity to “Love Like Jesus” through the Alternative Gift Market. Truly meaningful AGM gifts can provide food, education, support services and a welcome respite for individuals struggling with poverty here in Teller County and across the globe. Consider honoring friends and family members by helping others in need.

Please stop by the Mission Committee table in the Narthex on Sundays, December 2, 9 and 16 to honor a loved one by contributing to the charity of your choice. Donations may also be mailed to the church office with your gift checklist.

Community Partnership – Community Partnership in Divide has been strengthening Teller County families since 1992. The group partners with other non-profits in the area to meet a variety of basic needs and provide enrichment activities. Programs offered include parenting and early childhood education, play groups, family support services and GED preparation and testing.

Honor the veterans in our area by contributing to **Welcome Home Warrior** – This group sponsors free family retreats to combat soldiers, veterans and their families. The all-volunteer organization meets at a local church camp to provide special groups for children, teens and couples, offering a much-needed respite for 55-60 people each session.

The Exodus Road, based in Colorado Springs, has just celebrated its **1,000th rescue!!!** Mark and Laura Parker began the program in 2013 after two years on the ground in SouthEast Asia, building networks, researching the problem and doing undercover work with local police. The growing non-profit focuses on bringing strategic solutions to the counter-trafficking movement. From the beginning, the primary goal lies in fueling targeted interventions and rescues by providing funds, covert gear, technology, resources and staff to support local authorities in finding and freeing modern-day slaves.

UMCOR US Disaster Relief– Once again Mother Nature has demonstrated her frightening power from California wildfires to Carolina hurricanes. The United Methodist Committee on Relief has been there, working through local churches and conference disaster response ministries to provide financial assistance and disaster response expertise. Through coordination with other agencies, volunteers and local governments, UMCOR is at the forefront, helping communities recover from disasters. An added bonus is that **100 percent** of your donation goes directly to help victims.

Compassion International – is a Christ-centered, child-focused, church-based organization dedicated to releasing children from poverty in Jesus’ name. Begun in 1952 following the Korean War, today Compassion International is a world-wide ministry helping women, children and families who suffer from economic, social and physical poverty.

Heifer Project – A Mountain View favorite, the Heifer Project is on a mission to end poverty and hunger across the globe. The organization donates a variety of animals to families in need. From honey bees to water buffalo, your gift to Heifer provides food, warmth and much-needed income to people living in poverty around the world.



2018 Alternative Gift Market

Local Missions

Community Partnership

of Cards Qty. Total

Adult Education and Parenting classes -- \$20
 Family Support & Children's Play Groups -- \$10

Welcome Home Warrior

Gift of \$10, \$25, \$50 or other

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National Missions

The Exodus Road

Gift of \$10, \$25, \$50 or other

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UMCOR US Disaster Response

Gift of \$10, \$25, \$50 or other

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International Missions

Compassion International

School supplies -- \$10
 Access to clean water -- \$20

Heifer Project

Flock of chicks or ducks -- \$20
 Share of a sheep -- \$10

Grand Total

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Gifts, made payable to Mountain View UMC, may be mailed to:
 Mt. View United Methodist Church, 1101 Rampart Range Rd.,
 Woodland Park CO 80863

Sponsored by the Mountain View UMC Mission Committee