

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

April, 2025

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April 13

Palm Sunday Celebration

10:30 am

**Easter Egg Hunt and
Churchwide Potluck
(all are welcome!)**

11:30 am

April 17, 7:00

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 7:00

**GOOD
FRIDAY**

Easter Sunday, April 20

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INFORMATION

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Monday-Friday 9:00 am—12:30 pm

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WORSHIP

Sunday Mornings 10:30 am

ON-LINE WORSHIP

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

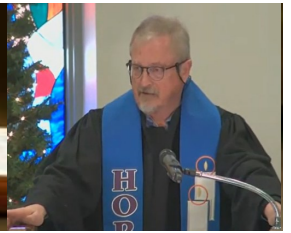
IN SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

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All of the Ministry Teams NEED your help! If you have an interest in a team, you can contact the office at 719-687-3868 or email the contact noted. **Ushers, greeters, and mobile greeters are ALWAYS needed.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



I have really enjoyed our Monday Evening Pastor's Scripture study. Each Monday at 4 pm a group of us gather in person and by zoom to study and discuss what the scripture I am preaching on Sunday means. Their input helps me to get a better idea of what I should focus on in the scripture text. It also gives them an idea of how I think and approach the scriptures. Our study reminds me that we don't always see the meaning of the text in the same way.

One of the things that I am mindful of when I prepare my sermon is that I am preaching to the choir. Meaning you all know what it is you should be doing. I can understand how some people might feel like they are being talked down to or being judged. Reinhold Niebuhr was a Twentieth Century Theologian who is quoted as saying that preachers have the duty to "Comfort the Afflicted and Afflict the Comfortable." Scripture does both. There are times when it comforts us like in the Psalm at times when we are struggling and then it afflicts us when we see something going on in the world that is hurting people and we are reluctant to speak out. That's the nature of our faith.

Whenever I did anything wrong or hurt someone or said something that was hurtful, my mother and father would remind me that I should know better. And maybe that is what scripture does. It reminds us that we should know better and then gives us that opportunity to do better. It reminds us who made this world we live and whose world it belongs to. It reminds us that we are not alone but that we live in a community. It reminds us that if the choice is between an object and person that the person is important. It reminds us that we are loved and forgiven and that we have been given the chance to do better.

There are a lot of people out there who don't think they need to go to church. They give various reasons for it. The church is full of hypocrites or all the church wants is our money, or the church excludes people or the church always seems to be fighting. I'll let you add your complaint to the list. The important reason to go to church of course is to thank God for God's grace and blessings in our lives and to find support from the faith community. But another reason to go to church is to listen to scripture and again be reminded of what we already know we should be doing but aren't. The truth is we are human and we do as Paul told the Romans things we know we should not do and not do the things we should be doing."

The good news is even though we may be reminded each Sunday of what we should be doing, God doesn't hold it against us or lose patience, but loves us even more. It's like my wife having to remind me to put the toilet seat down when I forget. She still loves me and that love makes me want to try to do better.

On another note I want to remind you that Easter will soon be here, April 13 will be waving palm branches to celebrate Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem. The following Thursday evening we will celebrate Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper followed the next day with a Good Friday Service. April 20 we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the new life and purpose he brings. I hope you will attend these services and bring a friend with you. But you know that already. Right?

Oh, and one more thing. Stay strong, stay loving.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff

Easter gives us yet another reason to be thankful to God. May the joy of the coming of Christ be filled in your heart and bring peace into your life. Have a blessed Easter.



A Message from the Church Council Chair



I want to provide some insight on our Pastoral Transition process with the Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church. I am grateful that Mike Bryant has stepped up to serve as the Chair of our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) as Jo Lied stepped down from that role at the end of 24. He has great leadership and is jumping in and working on making certain the great staff that support our MVUMC Ministry, and their status is clear and in place.

As most of you probably know, the Conference, or specifically, the Bishop Kristin Stoneking and her cabinet are in the process of appointments across the Conference. Our District Superintendent, Chris Carr, will be stepping down on June 30th of this year. Bishop Kristin has announced the appointment of his successor, Reverend Bun Koo Lee as District Superintendent of the Eastern/Southcentral Colorado (ESCO) District, starting on July 1, 2025.

Reverend Lee currently serves as Pastor at Riverton United Methodist Church in Riverton, Wyoming. He has 20 years of pastoral ministry across Mountain Sky conference and has served four different churches within the geographical bounds of the ESCO District: Zion UMC, Big Springs UMC, Julesburg UMC and New Life Korean Methodist Church. He has also served in churches in the Denver area, Wyoming, and in Seoul, South Korea, beginning in 1998.

At this time, the leadership of Mountain View has proposed a “Part Duty” Pastor to the Cabinet as we transition. There are potential opportunities for us to partner with another congregation in the Pikes Peak region that will allow us to strengthen our ministry as we move and grow our congregation. I am particularly proud and excited by the passion and enthusiasm of our leadership to step up and assume the duties that a part time pastor cannot fulfill. I fully believe this will make us a much stronger congregation as we go forward.

I do have a Church Council Meeting scheduled for April 26th, and I am hopeful I will have more details to share with you later next month.

Blessings, Clarke

FOR A CHUCKLE OR TWO

The sermon this morning will be “Jesus Walks on Water.” The sermon tonight will be “Searching for Jesus.”

Don’t forget the rummage sale. It is a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don’t let worry kill you off—let the church help.

Tryouts for the choir: They need all the help they can get.

Potluck lunch on Sunday. Prayer and medication to follow.

Hymn singing in the park. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.



Adult Education Ministry

April 7 (Monday) Scripture for April 13
4:00-5:00 pm
Conference Room
Worship Scripture Study
Luke 19:28-40
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357230851>

April 14 (Monday) Scripture for April 20
4:00-5:00 pm
Conference Room
Worship Scripture Study
Luke 24:1-2
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357230851>

April 21 (Monday) Scripture for April 27
4:00-5:00 pm
Conference Room
Worship Scripture Study
Acts 5:27-32
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357230851>

April 22 (Tuesday)
2:00-3:00 pm
Conference Room
Soul Reset
In Person ONLY

April 28 (Monday) Scripture for May 4
4:00-5:00 pm
Conference Room
Worship Scripture Study
John 21:1-19
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357230851>

April 29 (Tuesday)
2:00-3:00 pm
Conference Room
Soul Reset
In Person ONLY

Worship Scripture Study, On Going, 4 pm, Rev. Jeff Wakeley—I invite you to help me to study the Bible scripture that I will be speaking on the next Sunday morning worship. We will be using the Revised Common Lectionary for our text. The lectionary, which runs on a three year cycle, consists of readings from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Epistles, and of course, the Gospel. We will be studying the context of the word as well as how it applies to our lives. You can attend in person or by zoom. Call the office to let me know you'll be participating. In Person in the Conference Room and Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357230851>

Soul Reset, Tuesdays, April 22 through May 27, 2 pm, Sharon Pletcher and Fred Tinsley In Person ONLY. Materials Required. Are you ready to say "yes" to the journey toward wholeness? This is the third offering of this study based on the book Soul Reset: Breakdown, Breakthrough, and the Journey to Wholeness by Junius B. Dotson. This study offers a safe place where we can be real about depression, exhaustion, burnout, and grief. In this group, we can express our feelings and experiences and find grace, encouragement, and authentic community. As we follow Pastor Dotson, we discover, as he did, that authenticity, vulnerability, and spiritual practices are the path to wholeness. **Be sure to purchase the Soul Reset book (available on Amazon) for this 6-week study.** If you are interested, please let Sandy know (719-687-3868), even if the dates and times don't work for you.



Saints, Angels, Miracles and You, September 8 through October 6, 4 pm, Barbara Royal
Explore the history of wonder workers in Jewish, Christian and Islamic traditions to make miracles as you discover your relation to saints and angels and your own ability to be a miracle worker.

Mark Your Calendar!



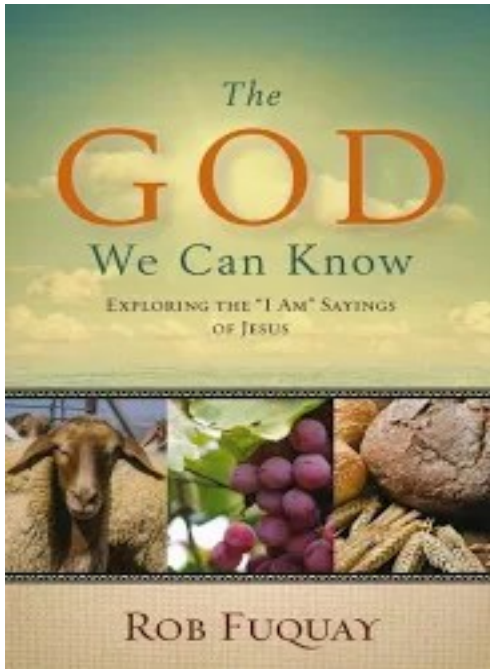
**June 14
We need
your
help!**

To make a difference in
someone's life, you
don't have to be brilliant,
beautiful or perfect.
You just have to care.

-Mandy Hale

Adult Education Ministry Weekly Spiritual Offerings

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ROUNDTABLE is an informal discussion group that meets live and on Zoom. Class meets in the Multi-Purpose Room at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings. We For more information or to participate by Zoom, call Sam Gould at 719-694-3408.



LENTEN STUDY

Women's Enrichment and **Living Bible** will be studying "The God We Can Know—Exploring the "I AM" Sayings of Jesus" as our Lenten Study.

Getting to know God means getting to know ourselves. The more we know who God is the more we know who we are. The Gospel of John records several declarations of Jesus known as the "I Am" sayings. This 7-week study is designed for the entire congregation to explore each of those sayings and will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?"

One by one, Jesus' statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first "I Am." These significant yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known.

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT meets on Thursdays at 10 am in the Conference Room. Please contact Sharon Pletcher, 719-339-7444 or spletche1@gmail.com, if you are interested in participating. New study will begin May 1.

LIVING BIBLE meets on Sundays at 9 am in the Conference Room. This study will go through Easter (April 20). April 27 we will continue with our series "Genesis to Revelation" and begin the Book of Romans. Please join us to explore the Good News of the New Covenant with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please contact Tim Rucker, 303-818-3697 or timrucker@hotmail.com, if you are interested in participating.

DONATIONS

EASTER CANDY

We are accepting donations for easter candy and egg stuffings for our Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 13th
Please Bring to the Donation Box by the office.

Thank you! Children's Ministry



April 13
Palm Sunday Celebration
10:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt and
Churchwide Potluck
(all are welcome!)
11:30 am





Congregational Care

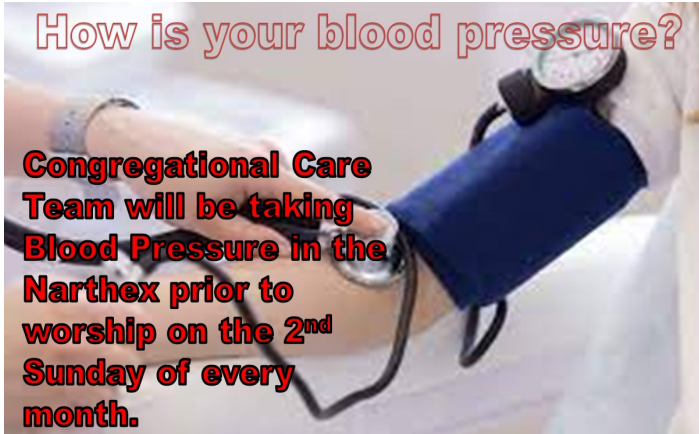
HOME COMMUNION

Sometimes illness and infirmity make it difficult to come to worship service. It may even cause you to miss out on receiving Holy Communion. Pastor Jeff, with the assistance of the Congregational Care Team, is once again offering home communion. If you would like Pastor Jeff or one of our communion stewards to bring the communion element to your home, you may call the church office (719) 687-3868 to schedule a time for them to come. And remember, *everyone is welcome to receive communion in the United Methodist Church.* You don't have to feel worthy or good and you don't have to be a member of the church.



How is your blood pressure?

Congregational Care Team will be taking Blood Pressure in the Narthex prior to worship on the 2nd Sunday of every month.



Congregational Care will have a meeting on Thursday, April 10 at 11 We will discuss becoming Lay Ministers and the June church camping trip.

Church Camping Trip—June 20– 23

We will have a campout at South Meadows Campground, on 67, there are three sites available. Call Amy

Borchardt if interested in a campsite. We will have a prayer workshop in the afternoon of the 22 and a cookout that night. All are welcome. More information to come.



Donate

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.

Giving - Mountain View

	\$226,523	\$44,300
Nov		
Oct		
Sep		
Aug		
Jul		
Jun		
May	Left to go \$182,620	Left to go \$37,778
Apr		
Mar		
Feb	\$43,903	\$6,522
Jan		
	General	RTBG

After a very strong start of donations in January, we experienced a considerably lower in February. Our positive total funds flow of \$12,500 after January was almost "eaten up" in February by a negative funds flow of \$11,700. Still, we are slightly cash positive year to date but it was a good reminder of how quickly things can change. As you can see from the attached graph, our general donations are slightly ahead of plan while we see a shortfall in RTBG donations.

I am still optimistic about our ability to bridge the budget gap for 2025 thanks to your continued strong support.

In Faith, Clas Thelin – Finance Chair

Mt. View United Methodist Church

Financial Facts as of FEBRUARY 2025

(((Room To Breathe And Grow (RTBG) Campaign Items Highlighted in Purple)))

TOTAL CASH FLOW TABLE

Operating Fund:	Monthly		Monthly Variance	Year to Date		YTD Annual Variance
	Actual	Budget		Actual	Budget	
Total Operating Fund Revenue	14,839	19,809	(4,970)	43,903	41,077	2,826
Total Operating Fund Expenses (3)	(21,706)	(23,718)	2,012	(36,311)	(40,349)	4,038
Operating Fund Revenue in Excess of Expenses	(6,867)	(3,909)	(2,958)	7,592	728	6,864
Mortgage Principal Reduction & RTBG Transfers into General Fund	(2,447)	(2,488)	-	(4,879)	(4,919)	-
Operating Fund Net Cash Flow (4)	(9,314)	(6,397)	(2,917)	2,713	(4,191)	6,904
Restricted Fund:						
Total Restricted Fund Revenue	1,970	4,388	(2,418)	8,765	8,776	(11)
Restricted Fund Expenses	(4,425)	(4,137)	(287)	(10,710)	(8,275)	(2,435)
Restricted Fund Net Cash Flow	(2,455)	250	(2,705)	(1,945)	501	(2,446)
Combined Funds Net Cash Flow (6)	(11,769)	(6,146)	(5,623)	768	(3,690)	4,458

Notes for FEBRUARY 2025:

- (1) Pledged Tithes & Offerings were **under budget** for the month by **\$5,868** and **over budget** for the year by **\$2,993**
- (2) Unpledged Tithes & Offerings were **over budget** for the month by **\$1,219**, and **over budget** for the year by **\$1,566**
- (3) Operating Fund Expenses were **under budget** for the month by **\$2,012**, and **under budget** for the year by **\$4,038**
- (4) Operating Fund Net Cash Flow was **negative** for the month by **\$9,314**, and **positive** for the year by **\$2,713**
which is **\$6,904 better than budgeted**
- (5) Total RTBG Offerings received were **under budget** for the month by **\$2,877**, and **under budget** for the year by **\$1,362**.
- The 3 year Room to Breathe and Grow Campaign goes thru 2025.
- (6) The combined cash has **increased this year by \$768**

Finance Ministry's Financial Facts

Mortgage Principal Reduction from beginning of \$489,498:					
\$	Balance @ 02-28-2025	Current Month		Year to Date	
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	477,236	6,139	6,179	12,262	12,302
From RTBG Funds & Operating Funds		-	-	-	-
From Restricted Principal Only Donations					
Total		6,139	6,179	12,262	12,302
		Current		YTD Increase or	
		Month	Beginning	(Decrease) in	
			of Year	Cash Balance	
Cash Accounts Allocations					
*Operating and Designated Fund Balances:					
Operating Fund Balance Held in Consolidated Checking		1,372	201	1,171	
Designated Bldg Insurance Reserve Held in CD started Jan 2024		28,953	28,215	738	
Designated Bldg Insurance Reserve Held in Consolidated Checking		-	-	-	
Designated Capital Assets Reserve Held in Consolidated Checking		4,761	4,761	-	
Designated Capital Assets Reserve Held in CD started Jan 2024		31,585	30,780	805	
Designated SPRC Reserve Held in Consolidated Checking		5,808	5,808	-	
Designated Mortgage Reserve Held in Consolidated Checking		14,767	14,767	-	
Total Operations Checking & CDs Cash Balance		87,244	84,531	2,713	
*Restricted Fund Balances:					
Consolidated Checking-Bldg-RTBG Mortgage Funds		17,866	18,728	(862)	
Consolidated Checking-Bldg-Principal Payment Funds		345	345	-	
Consolidated Checking-All Other Restricted Funds		38,225	39,308	(1,083)	
Total of all Restricted Fund Cash Balances		56,436	58,381	(1,945)	
Total Combined Cash for All Funds (6)		143,680	142,912	768	
* Starting April 2024: Only 1 bank account (checking) holding all funds at Park State Bank: Operating, Designated, and Restricted					
Park State Bank CD accounts added in January 2024					

Hospitality

EVERYONE!

let's do
community
lunch

**1st & 3rd
Wednesdays**

12 pm

**DONATIONS
WELCOME**

RSVP 719-687-3868 by 12 pm Monday



CALLING ALL LITURGISTS!

The liturgist begins each Sunday's service with the Call to Worship and generally reads one of the scriptures before returning to the congregation. We currently have a few regular liturgists, but this position is open to anyone who is willing to volunteer. The Liturgist Coordinator sends out periodic requests for liturgists. You choose your Sunday(s).

If you are interested, please reply to loisdauels@aol.com. The first Sunday of the month, a communion server also serves as liturgist and is scheduled by Marcia Myers (mdmyerswp@yahoo.com). Please let us know if you are interested.

THANK YOU!
**YOUR READING IS
APPRECIATED!**

Tina Myers

On the evening of Monday, March 10, Tina called her friends for help, as she was feeling unwell. Tragically, before they could get her to the hospital, she suffered a cardiac arrest at home. Despite the dedicated efforts of the EMS team, who transported her to the Cardiac ICU, she never regained consciousness.

We know this news will come as a shock to everyone who knew her. Tina was always vibrant and health-conscious. Just five months ago, she lost her sweetheart, Jimmy, and it is comforting to think that during her final moments, she ran into his arms again.

To all her friends, our family is deeply grateful for the love and support you've shown. We invite you to share your memories of Tina; please feel free to call her cell phone anytime. Her family will answer. We want to celebrate her life with you and cherish the love we all have for her.

Thank you for keeping Tina's memory alive with us.

Cards can be sent to Tina Myers Family, 1443 Matthew Circle, Estes Park, CO





Integrational Ministry

Integration Team – is led by Angela Thelin with support from Elaine Gould. The Integration role is to reach out to people who have come into the church and visited or call on past members who haven't been visiting church in person.

Greeters - The coordination of greeters is led by Angela Thelin. Greeters welcome members and visitors on Sundays and special services. An important role in making everyone feel welcome.

Mountain of Fun Group – Coordinated by Angela Thelin. This group is two fold. To strengthen the bonds between our members who are part of this group and also to invite family and friends to the activities we will be hosting to create an environment of fun!

Dinner Groups – coordinated by Angela Thelin. Dinner groups are comprised of 8-10 people. Can meet in home, or restaurant or can meet at lunch or dinner, depending on the groups choice. We have two groups to date.

DINNER GROUPS

The Integration Team is coordinating the Dinner Groups. We did these before COVID and they were a lot of fun. Dinner groups build connections with fellow church members. Meeting over a meal bonds people together.

How it works:

- Groups will be assigned by the Integration Team pairing newer members with longtime members. They will be a group of 6 or 8.
- Each month a member of the group will host a dinner at their home, or you can decide to go out.
- Host will determine the menu based on the group's dietary restrictions.
- Host determines with the group the date and time to meet. It can be a lunch or a dinner.

- Host provides the main dish. If eating out, host may pay for apps or dessert.
- Participants of the group will bring a salad, rolls, vegetable, dessert or appetizer.

Groups are encouraged to change members once a year in order to ensure you meet new members.

We started some groups already but if interested, please email or call Angela Thelin at athelin512@gmail.com or 203-824-2750. If emailing or calling, the information needed is you name(s), whether you want to be with singles or couples, your phone, email, and whether your preference is to Eat In/out, and whether you want a group that meets days or nights.

Mountain of Fun Group

We are starting the Mountains of Fun Group to strengthen the bonds of love and care among our members and invite friends and families to join us for activities and to show that we are an active and fun congregation! Some ideas for activities were cooking classes, meet for drinks/happy hour, mine tour, movies, meet for dinner, events in Springs, etc. Church members who would like to join the Mountain of Fun Group would be responsible for organizing an event to keep things going. We will try to meet monthly. If you are interested in joining the group, please email Angela Thelin at athelin512@gmail.com. Once joined, we will keep you posted on upcoming activities.

Mission Ministry

SHORT TERM HELP: If you have a short-term need for assistance with essential living expenses, the Congregational Family Care Fund may be able to help. The fund is available to church members and their immediate families for help with groceries, utilities, rent or housing costs, medicine, car repair, or other basic necessities. Contact Sandy for more information. All inquiries held strictly confidential.

**If you have a group
you would like to see
benefit from our
Communion Offerings
this year, please
contact**

**719-687-3868 or email
mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com**

2025 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Jan - Community Lunch \$733.33
Feb - UMCOR—CA Fires \$1,510
Mar - Community Partnership
Apr - Aspen Mine Center
May - Community Cupboard

The Mission Team will be organizing work days at the Marian House Soup Kitchen on a quarterly basis. The dates will be **April 12 and **July 12**. There are two shifts: **7 am to 10 am** to prepare the meal and **10 am to 1 pm** in serving the people. Contact **Donna Richards** or **Wendy Davis** for more information and to sign up to volunteer.**



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 the last period, we received \$98.83 from 13 households.** For additional information please contact Wendy Davis at wendylouzell@aol.com or 719-660-8935.

**Marion House Soup
Kitchen
April 12**

**Volunteers needed for
both shifts!**

**Did you notice
the shutters
on the
sanctuary
doors?**

They are safety
measure to block the
view of the sanctuary

if it is needed. Cindy DeMore is the angel
who sewed our shutter covers.





Blessing Bags

We made 130 blessing bags! We had 18 people helping both from Mountain View UMC and the Ute Pass Social Club. 65 bags will be distributed to Springs Mission in Colorado Springs and 65 will go to the Aspen Mine Center.

Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped assembled. This ministry doesn't happen without many hands!



Do you know Ed Pine? He sits in the back of the sanctuary and uses the walker. When we thought the parking lot was going to be paved in March but we had to get ALL the snow from the black, Ed sent over this front end loader to help us out! Thank you Ed!

The 2024 Volunteer of the Year Winner, Rusty Merrell, is an octogenarian but her age does not slow her down.

Says the Chamber's announcement: "Her unwavering dedication to numerous local organizations from serving at the Little Chapel Food Pantry and teaching Sunday school at Mountainview United Methodist Church to leading student tours at Mueller State Park and mentoring Girl Scouts, Rusty's impact is far reaching. She also shares her musical talents with the Woodland Park Wind Symphony and supports the Walk to Emmaus retreat, all while inspiring others with her tireless commitment. A true role model, Rusty's selfless service continues to enrich the community in countless ways."

Former Chamber chairman Steve Woolf concurs. "She is the epitome of an unselfish volunteer who strives to positively influence the community without regard for her own glory," he said. "Rusty outshines volunteers who are half her age."



Animal Friends of Teller County

Barbara Royal has begun an Animal Ministry to let Teller County residents know Mountain View United Methodist Church is a church community that is diverse, ready to love each other, as well as all animals and our earth home. Barbara has set up a Facebook page called Animal Friends of Teller County: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2207766272959578>.

We need your help! First off, please post a picture of your pet along with a little story on our Facebook page. Whether you have a pet or not, please "like" and "join" the page. Tell your friends as well!

Please post your pet pictures and stories on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can send your pictures and stories to Sandy in the office and she will print them up and post them if you like.

Congregational Care will be planning activities for the kids and adults of Teller County to become more involved with our church. If you have any ideas for activities, please let either Amy Borchardt (cs6130rn@gmail.com) or Barbara Royal (barbaragroyal@gmail.com) know.

Your help and ideas are needed to make this Animal Ministry a success.



GLORY

2 COR 3:18



FAITHFULHEARTS RODEO BIBLE CAMP

FaithfulHearts Equine Learning Center
1 Zuni Point, Woodland Park, CO
FaithfulHeartsELC.org

June 5-7, 2025

Age 12-18- Limited to 25 Camper

Cost- \$175-includes room/board

\$60 Deposit Due by April 19th

Register online
Scan QR Code
Financial Assistance-
Contact Sherri Carr



EVENTS

Breakaway Roping
Barrels/Poles
Horsemanship/Trail

Awards to each event

Camp Questions:

Camp/Registration-Sherri Carr- FCA rep.
email- scarr@fca.org

cell- 719-892-0308

Stephanie Smith- facility and Instructor
email- stephanie@faithfulheartselc.org

Cell- 719-687-0119

Affirmative Prayer Group

Join us, by zoom, every afternoon at 3:45 pm
to gratefully acknowledge the value of
Mountain View United Methodist Church
and the gifts we give each other and
our community.

SEE, FEEL, AND KNOW

Let us expand our church!

In the fullness of the Presence is the love that I require.

In the fullness of the Presence is the faith that I acquire.

In the fullness of the Presence are the things that I desire.

Contact barbaragroyal@gmail.com for zoom link



OUR MISSION. OUR HISTORY.

The Mission statement of Community of Caring: Building a healthy community and individual self-sufficiency by promoting the values of respect, responsibility, trust, caring and family.

VISION: Actively employ resources, programs, and collaborative partnerships to build a vibrant, healthy community, and strategically promote, implement, and sustain systems change.

Community of Caring assists community members to be self-sufficient through diverse programming components. We help clients get through financial crisis in order to help them get stabilized. In order for our advocates to help clients, they assess 19 “social determinants of health” and consistently monitor and assess client progress through an action plan, and help the client adjust the plan to help make the most impact on their lives. The advocates help the clients identify and navigate resources and programs.

Community of Caring addresses the health and socio-economic disparities of the underserved, under-resourced, and underfunded. We provide food security, financial stability, rental and utility assistance, workforce development, health equity, education support and early childhood opportunities. We also work to address gaps in the community by mobilizing the community to work together to solve problems such as lack of housing and childcare.

History: In 2002, the Community of Caring Foundation, a Colorado tax-exempt nonprofit incorporated in 1998, opened the doors of the Aspen Mine Center in a former casino building graciously donated by its owners, to provide a “one-stop resource shop” for residents of Southern Teller County and the surrounding area. The Aspen Mine Center, located at 166 E Bennett Ave, now houses nearly a dozen nonprofit service organizations, full or part-time, along with another dozen agencies who pop in from time to time, often on Commodities Day, the last Friday of each month, when the place is really jumping with people and activities. This is collaboration and cooperation at its best.

Community of Caring founder and chairman of the board, Mary Bielz, an art teacher in the local schools for many years, had a dream, which grew into a passion as she was confronted with the extreme and varied needs of her students and their families. In the 1980s she worked with the Salvation Army to help fill those needs, eventually becoming a Salvation Army board member. But the needs kept growing.

People and families needed food, clothes, shoes, coats, a place to live, school supplies, heat, medicine, transportation, and jobs. At first, Bielz brought the national Community of Caring program to her RE-1 school district, with the core values of Respect, Responsibility, Trust, Family, and Caring. Ultimately, Community of Caring’s first major program was the Mountain Alternative School, which opened in 1992. Then she began to raise money for more.

“We began by crushing cans,” she said.

But then the fledgling nonprofit received a large donation from a bequest. With that money and local support, she began planning for a physical one-stop resource center, where people and their needs could be paired with goods and services.

The reception area on the main floor is staffed by Aspen Mine Center Client Services personnel, along with the offices of the Department of Human Services and Veterans Service Officer, and provides a play area, public phone, coffee shop/meeting area, and small library. The second floor houses a Pikes Peak Workforce Center facility, administrative offices, a kitchen and dining room for Wednesday community meals, the Aspen Mine Senior Club, A Willow Bends, and a large conference/classroom. The basement of the AMC includes the food pantry, clothes closet, a shower room and the offices of the Senior Advocates, Health Navigator, Mary Bielz, TESSA, Aspen Pointe, Public Health, The Independence Center and Bristlecone Family Counseling. The rear of the building has donation bins for clothes and small working appliances. The front entrance of the building features a mining display and waterfall.

Come check us out!

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 (Mike Bryant, Elaine Gould, Jo Lied, Rusty Merrill, Craig Miller, Cheryl Price, Barbara Royal, and Beth Tinsley) are always available to receive your suggestions for strengthening the overall ministry of our staff and congregation. Please feel free to share your ideas or input.

Worship

The Worship Team at MVUMC is responsible for three areas that affect the worship services:

- **Technology:** Provides the video, sound equipment and steaming for YouTube broadcasts.
- **Music:** This includes the choir, bell choir, summer bell choir, soloists, instrumentalists, vocal quartet, and Changing Hearts group.
- **Sanctuary care:** Decorating for seasons of the church services (Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas) and other occasions as necessary, care and cleaning of the altar paraments, banners, communion and other special events. Organizing volunteers as ushers communion servers, liturgist, altar flowers, memorial and funeral services.

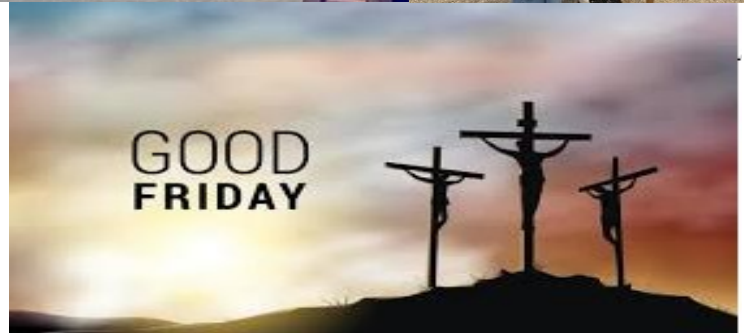
Each committee welcomes new volunteers and provides training, call the office or Ann Snipes (720-427-1828), to be directed to a committee. We especially need volunteers for sound booth, ushers, and

Girl Scout Sunday



Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 17, 7:00 pm



Good Friday Worship Service

April 18, 7:00 pm

Safety Ministry



Safety and (MERT) Medical Emergency Response Teams

We are starting the New Year with a variety of weather conditions. Safety and MERT along with our Snow Removal Team (SNORT) are attempting to make our church surroundings as safe as possible. We are ever vigilant in watching and assisting you to make your worship experience as care-free as possible.



The MERT and Safety team members strive to keep up on all possible certifications and are always seeking more ways to improve our training with a variety of resources.

If you see the congregational carrier cart (Connie) driving around, please know that this is for your safety, and also a wonderful way to greet folks exiting their vehicles. If you do not see the cart and/or are in need of assistance, PLEASE call Tim's cell phone (303)818-3697. Someone will be there as soon as possible.

We ALL need to watch out for each other. If you see a safety or security concern, PLEASE let us know.

ATTENTION

**Safety Tip
Sunday
is the
3rd Sunday
of the month**

We are always looking for more shepherds! If you would like to help watch over our flock, contact the office and ask for Tim.

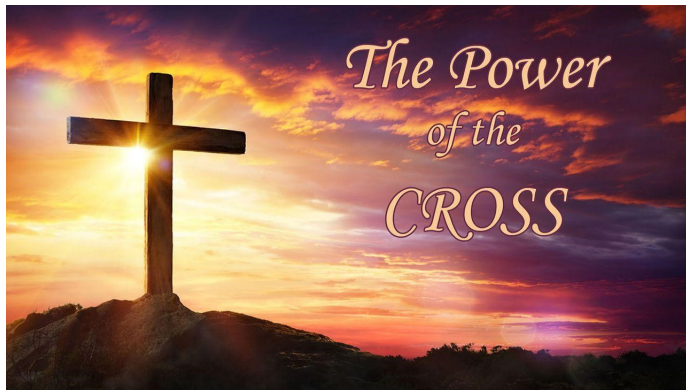


We all need a hand sometimes we need a grab bar installed, a ramp put in, batteries changed in our smoke detector, a light bulb changed that we cannot reach ... things like this.

- **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!**

**Church Office
719-687-3868**

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Listen When He Speaks

April

Scripture Reading

Day 1 1 Corinthians 1:18

Day 2 Mark 8:34

Day 3 John 3:16

Day 4 Matthew 10:38

Day 5 Galatians 2:20

Day 6 Hebrews 12:2

Day 7 Romans 5:8

Day 8 Luke 14:27

Day 9 Colossians 2:14

Day 10 1 Peter 2:24

Day 11 Philippians 2:8

Day 12 Mark 15:30

Day 13 Romans 6:23

Day 14 Galatians 6:14

Day 15 Luke 9:23

Day 16 Luke 23:43

Day 17 Colossians 1:20

Day 18 Romans 8:1

Day 19 Galatians 3:13

Day 20 Matthew 16:24

Day 21 Psalm 91:1-16

Day 22 1 John 2:2

Day 23 1 Peter 2:24-25

Day 24 Isaiah 53:5

Day 25 Matthew 27:32

Day 26 Matthew 7:17

Day 27 John 19:17

Day 28 Acts 5:30

Day 29 John 3:14

Day 30 Luke 23:26

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERYONE!

let's do
community
lunch

1st & 3rd
Wednesdays
12 pm

DONATIONS
WELCOME

RSVP 719-687-3868 by 12 pm Monday

Women's
2nd Cup
of Coffee

2nd & 4th
Mondays
9 am

Moved to church
Fellowship Hall

How is your blood pressure?

Congregational Care
Team will be taking
Blood Pressure in the
Narthex prior to
worship on the 2nd
Sunday of every
month.



SOUL
RESET
breakdown, breakthrough,
and the journey to wholeness
JUNIUS B. DOTSON

Tuesdays,
April 22 through May 27
2:00 pm—3:00 pm
Conference Room
In Person Only

Marion House Soup
Kitchen
April 12

April 17, 7:00 pm



Maundy Thursday

April 18, 7:00 pm

GOOD
FRIDAY



UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's
Enrichment
Thursdays at 10 am



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

ATTENTION
Safety Tip
Sunday
is the
3rd Sunday
of the month



Worship Scripture Study
Mondays,
4 pm



Emmaus Reunion
Meetings
1st and 3rd
Saturdays
10 am
Multi Purpose
Room

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.

*"Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within
me." — Psalm 51:10*

★ we won! ★

Thank you for voting
for us to become the best.

Pikes Peak Courier has sponsored **Best of Teller 2024**
to determine Teller County's favorite businesses and
more. We are thrilled to be named one of the best!



BEST OF TELLER 2024 PLACE OF WORSHIP

Gold

**Mountain View
United Methodist
Church**

This repeat gold winner's mission is to "Love unconditionally, grow spiritually, and serve faithfully through Christ." Mountain View goes beyond a place of worship thought, also serving as a community site for community events and performance space.

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](https://UpperRoom.org/PrayerWall) 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.

Calendar of Events

April

Special Communion: Aspen Mine Center

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Kitty Guillory Birthday CCR 8:30 am Living Bible 9 am Worship 10:30 am	31 Worship Scripture Study 4 pm	1 	2 <i>Sunday Bulletin Deadline</i> Elise Tiedt Birthday Children's Ministry 9 am Comm Lunch 12 pm Mtn View Ringers 6 pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	3 WEM 10 am Tea, Cookies & Courage 2 pm	4 Ann Brown Birthday Men's Breakfast 7:30 am	5 Emmaus 10 am
6 CCR 8:30 am Living Bible 9 am Worship 10:30 am	7 Worship Scripture Study 4 pm	8 	9 <i>Sunday Bulletin Deadline</i> Mtn View Ringers 6 pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	10 WEM 10 am Congregational Care 11 am Worship Team 4:30 pm	11 Pamela Smith Birthday Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Trustees 9 am	12
13 Cindy McBride Birthday CCR 8:30 am Living Bible 9 am Worship 10:30 am Easter Egg Potluck 11:30 am Mission Team 11:30 am	14 2nd Cup of Coffee 9 am Worship Scripture Study 4 pm	15 <i>Newsletter DEADLINE</i> 	16 <i>Sunday Bulletin Deadline</i> Comm Lunch 12 pm Finance 6 pm Mtn View Ringers 6 pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	17 WEM 10 am Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday	18 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Good Friday Service 7:00 pm Good Friday	19 Lorie Whitehead Birthday Emmaus 10 am
20 Gary & Marcia Myers Anniversary CCR 8:30 am Living Bible 9 am Worship 10:30 am Safety Tip Sunday 11:30 am Easter	21 Worship Scripture Study 4 pm	22 Ron & Kayla Parish Anniversary Soul Reset 2 pm	23 <i>Sunday Bulletin Deadline</i> Ann Snipes Birthday Mtn View Ringers 6 pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	24 WEM 10 am Adult Ed Mtg 4 pm	25 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am	26 Church Council 10 am
27 CCR 8:30 am Living Bible 9 am Worship 10:30 am	28 Tricia Garling Birthday 2nd Cup of Coffee 9 am Worship Scripture Study 4 pm	29 George & Liz West Anniversary Soul Reset 2 pm	30 <i>Sunday Bulletin</i> Mtn View Ringers 6 pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	1 Rich & Deb Resling Anniversary WEM 10 am Tea, Cookies & Courage 2 pm	2 Alan Smith Birthday Men's Breakfast 7:30 am	3 Gary & Stephanie Brown Anniversary and Charlie Schroeder Birthday Emmaus 10 am