

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
November 27, 2022
First Sunday Advent

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome

TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Prelude: "Deck the Halls" High Altitooters

Call to Worship: Mary Marsh

Leader: Welcome to the House of the Lord.

People: **This place is filled with all the familiar symbols of Advent and Christmas seasons.**

Leader: They have been hung to remind you that the King of Love will be born once again into our world, bringing with him hope, peace, love and joy.

People: **Then let us prepare our hearts to receive what Jesus, the King of Love, is bringing us. Hallelujah. AMEN.**

Song of Praise: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Hymnal # 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.

Before him, on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
that name to us is love.

Lighting the Advent Wreath - Candle of Hope: Jo Lied

The prophet Jeremiah foretold the birth of the Messiah gave the people of God living in darkness, hope. He said:

“The days are surely coming when I will raise up for David a righteous branch and he shall reign as King and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.”

We have formed these green pine branches into a wreath to remind us of the righteous branch symbolizing the birth of the Christ child and his grace and love which has no end. With the wreath, we have hung green garland to remind us of our life in Jesus, the Christ child that keeps growing and never dies.

In the wreath are placed four candles, representing the hope, peace, love and joy that the Christ child brings to our lives. This morning we light the first candle as a sign that Jesus is our hope and lights our way in a world made dark by sin and death.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Response: “Emmanuel” Hymnal # 204

Children are invited to come forward during this song to join our Children’s time

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

Children’s Time

TO PRAY AND OFFER OURSELVES

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song of Dedication: "Into My Heart" The Faith We Sing # 2160

Into my heart, into my heart,
come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
come in today, come in to stay;
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Out of my heart, out of my heart,
shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
shine out today, shine out always;
shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

Passing of the Offering Plates

This month's special communion offering is to Mt. Carmel's Veterans Service Center.
If you would like to make an offering online, see our [virtual offertory basket](#) at www.mt-viewumc.org.

Offertory Music: "O Come All Ye Faithful" High Altitooters

***Congregational Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** Hymnal # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Prayer of Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

TO PROCLAIM OUR FAITH

Special Music: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" High Altitooters

The Scripture: Matthew 24: 36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The Message: “Hope”

AND GO OUT TO SERVE

***Song:** “Loves Redeeming Work Is Done” Hymnal # 302 Verses 2,3, 6

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** “” Bruce Gibbons

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Health Concerns: Those dealing with ongoing health issues including cancer and memory loss, and those recovering from and awaiting surgery. Prayers for Vickie Huffor's sister, Lisa, Ann Snipes' daughter, Michelle, Mac McVicker, Hildred Davis's daughter, Betty, Bill Huffor, Rachel Grizzle, Barbara Hauber, John and Mary Schafer, Lori Whitehead's sister, Cyndi Tedeschi, Arthur Kuhlenschmidt, Lois Dauelsberg, Lovelyn Hughes, Colleen Wakeley, Kay Elliott's grandson, Lakin Rule, Lori Jones' friend

Ricky Manka, Mack Burk's brother, Claire Watson, Carol Wagner, Ginny George, Beth Tinsley, Carol Holcomb, Barb Smith, Jack Elwell, Joann & Gordon Leaf.

Please advise the church office of updates

Other Prayer Concerns: Rev Deanne Sharp's mother passed away, Don Young passed away, Barbara Hauber at the loss of her husband, Terry, Dan Vogel's family in caring for his father, Patti Metz at the loss of her cousin, Beverly, Jo Lied's great grandson, Jeremiah. Those dealing with tragedy and sadness and the loss of innocent lives. **Please give a special prayer to those dealing with the loss of a loved one.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

November's Communion Offering is "Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center"

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

- 8:45 am Contemporary Christian Roundtable
- 9:00 am Living Bible
- 10:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 10:30 am Church Services

Monday, November 28

- 9:00 am Women's Second Cup of Coffee

Tuesday, November 29

- 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 30

BULLETIN INFORMATION DUE

- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

December's Communion Offering is the Alternative Gift Market

Thursday, December 1

- 10:00 am Women's Enrichment Ministry Group

Friday, December 2

- 7:30 am Mountain View Men at Grandma's Kitchen
- 2:00 pm Daily Activities Class

Saturday, December 3

- 9:00 am Women's Emmaus Meeting at the church
- 10:30 am Safety Team

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:45 am Contemporary Christian Roundtable
- 9:00 am Living Bible
- 10:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:30 am Church Services
11:30 am Safety Team

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Dinners—the next dinner is on December 7. The menu is chili (red or green), corn bread, and bread pudding. RSVP to Sandy at 719-687-3868 or mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com.

Mission Commitment Form and Spiritual Gift Survey—Please return these as soon as possible!

Bring a Non-Perishable on December 18 to benefit Community Cupboard. For November and December, they are looking for spaghetti or pasta sauce, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, instant oatmeal, ramen noodles, diced tomatoes, rice (big bags ok), jam or jelly, dog food (big bags ok), cat food (big bags ok).

Christmas Meals are being provided by the Teller County Salvation Army on Sunday, December 25 (Christmas) at the Woodland Park Community Church at 800 Valley View Drive. Meals will be served between 12 noon and 1:30 pm. You can eat in, pick up, or call 719-636-3891 for delivery.

Pledge Cards—we are THANKFUL to those who have submitted their Pledge Cards for 2023!

MVUMC Christmas Cantata—This year's cantata is "Festival of Christmas" and will be performed on December 18.

Children's Advent Craft Festival is December 18 after worship. Lunch will be provided.

Ushers for Christmas Eve— we need volunteers to usher on Christmas Eve, please. Contact Patti Metz at 719-246-1507 or metzpatti17@gmail.com.

Christmas Cookies—we are looking for volunteers to bake a dozen or two cookies for the Community Dinner on December 21. Contact Sandy Rucker at 719-687-3868 or mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com

INFORMATION

COMMUNION CHECKS—Make out to Mountain View UMC---note the mission charity—on memo line write "November" Communion with "month" in the quotes....and to add the charity ...example...on memo line.... "November" Communion: Mt. Carmel

Veteran's Service Center. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS—Please call Jo Lied (altar flower coordinator) at 719-726-0668 to schedule a date for you to bring flowers to honor someone and then call Sandy Rucker (church secretary) at 719-687-3868 to place in the bulletin for the designated Sunday service. Please have flowers on the alter by 10:00 am that morning and remove by Wednesday of the following week.

RECYCLE PILL BOTTLES—Instead of throwing away your empty pill bottles, pull your label off, wash them in soap and water and put them in the Pill Bottle Box in the Narthex. They will be donated to Matthew 25: Ministries to help improve the health care in hospitals and clinics in developing countries.

We now have a **DONATE** button on our website: www.mtviewumc.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%+\$0.30 credit card charge. If you use checking account information, there is only the 1.5% base Donorbox charge.

Meet Your New Neighbors. Bring them a gift bag from MVUMC and 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.

From Your Car Door to the Church Door. Our Congregational Carrier is available to take you to the Narthex door before and after worship services. It can carry what you use for mobility assistance or we have a wheelchair and walkers available too. Park in the West lot, exit your car and wave down at the driver.

Daily Prayers

Everyone can use a prayer even when they don't think they need it. Please take a moment in prayer for these people this week. These are people who have touched Mountain View at one time or another. They may or may not be in crisis.

Daily Prayers for the Families of

November 28, 2022

Jones, Don & Pat (deceased)

November 29, 2022

McReynolds, Ryan & Sarah

November 30, 2022
Burnham, JD
December 1, 2022
Robinson, Kay
December 2, 2022
Garrison, Levi & Julie
December 3, 2022
Tangeman, Darrin & Alicia, children Kiely & Kristen
December 4, 2022
Kujawu, Bill & Lois