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## APRIL 2018

*a people of God, learning to love like Jesus*

### APRIL FOOLS!

Easter falls this year on April Fool's Day, a day when we traditionally play pranks on one another. Perhaps this is a happy coincidence. It reminds me of an ancient theory of the atonement. Theories of the atonement attempt to explain how Jesus' death accomplished our "at-one-ment" with God. In other words, they attempt to describe how Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection overcame our separation from God and made us "at one" with God again.

According to this ancient theory, through our sin we had all fallen captive to the Devil and were destined to spend eternity in his dark domain of death. But God loved us too much to lose us. So, the Father offered Satan a prisoner exchange. He offered to exchange his Son for Satan's other prisoners. That was an offer that Satan couldn't refuse! After all, capturing God's Son would be worth more than imprisoning all the world's sinners, combined! So, the deal was struck. Through death, Jesus entered the realm of death where he was taken prisoner by the Prince of Death and all lost sinners were set free from their imprisonment in death's dark domain. But then came Easter and the Devil discovered he couldn't hold his captive! Jesus rose triumphant from the grave and left the Devil emptyhanded. And the Father said, "April Fools!" And the Son said, "April Fools!" And the Spirit said, "April Fools!" And all the world laughed!

It's an old theory, and a crude theory, and it may take a pre-modern mind to fully embrace it, but I find a great deal of truth in it, nonetheless. Whatever happened on those three days from Good Friday to Easter morning, something momentous happened to set us free from the power of death so we can live with God now and live with him forever! In the words of Hebrews 2:14-15, "Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death." Now that's good news! Take it to heart and have a happy Easter as you remember the greatest April Fools prank ever done! Amen!

### UPCOMING SERVICES

#### April 1 - Easter Sunday

Liturgist Lois Smith  
Children's Time

#### April 22 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Liturgist Keith Sheldon  
Children's Time

#### April 8 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

**Communion** - One Great Hour of Sharing

Communion Servers  
Liturgist Joy Bostian  
Children's Time

#### April 29 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Liturgist Jeff Kuykendall  
Children's Time

Past sermons (audio) @ [www.mt-viewumc.org](http://www.mt-viewumc.org)

#### April 15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Liturgist Jo Lied  
Children's Time

# CHURCH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

## ADULT LEARNING AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY MORNINGS 8:30 - 10:00 AM

#### CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ROUNDTABLE (CCR)

Current study is John Philip Newell's book entitled *The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings*. Dr. Newell is an ordained Church of Scotland minister with a passion for peace among the great wisdom traditions of humanity. He is an internationally acclaimed teacher, retreat leader and speaker, and is the widely read author of several books, including *Listening for the Heartbeat of God*, *Praying with the Earth* and *A New Harmony: The Spirit, the Earth & the Human Soul*. Formerly warden of Iona Abbey in the Western Isles of Scotland, he is now companion theologian for the American Spirituality Center of Casa del Sol at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico and the co-founder of Heartbeat: A Journey Towards Earth's Wellbe-

ing. He will be speaking at First United Methodist Church on April 11 and at Iliff School of Theology on April 18.

**LIVING BIBLE CLASS:** Meets Sunday morning at 9:00 am in room 109 on the sanctuary level of the church. Current study is *Thirteen Apostles*. Contact Pat Hoffman at 719-686-5301 for further information.

**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:** Thursday mornings at 10:00 am at the church. Our current study is titled "Jesus the One and Only" by Beth Moore. It consists of video sessions and homework. If you would like any additional information contact Dianne Shafer at 687-4133.

### WOMEN'S SECOND CUP OF COFFEE

April 10 & 24



Second and fourth Tuesdays from 9:00 - 10:00 am, all women are invited to meet at Pamela Gore's home. Babies and preschoolers welcome. A short devotional will be shared and time will be devoted to building relationships.

Coordinator: Ottie Baumgardner 687-2646. Call for more information. **Please come!**

## Adult



## Fellowship

**A great time of fellowship for all.  
Plan to join us.**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

12:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Potluck lunch

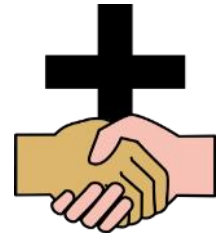
Please provide a salad or vegetable to share.

Meat and dessert provided by Dale & Linda Petersen, hosts.  
Bring the name of your favorite hymn.

Table service and beverages will be provided.



## Greeters Invitational Role



- Be on Time
- Always wear your name badge
- Greet and welcome ALL with excitement – let them know we appreciate their presence!!
- If visitors ask, refer them to information at the welcome desk
- Greeters are the first, and may be the only interaction a visitor will have with our church – please ensure they feel welcome
- Conserve our heat; help lower our energy costs – on especially cold days, limit the time doors are kept open



**Interested in this important ministry? Contact Jessica at 719-771-0220**

### **INTEGRATIONAL TEAM**

March 2018

Welcome to Mountain View United Methodist Church. We hope you are enjoying the donut holes during Holy Hospitality. Many church committees are ready and willing to answer any questions about our church during this time.

The freezer ministry is in full mode with items to help in emergencies and other medical issues. The food is in the kitchen freezer labeled and ready for those in need. Please call Stephanie Witman or Colleen Reinert for assistance with your food requests.

Marcia Myers, team leader

### **EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY TEAM**

The church re-alignment of following our mission of Making Disciples Who Love Like Jesus organized into five teams of Invite, Integrate, Educate, Missions and Worship. The Educational Team's purpose is to provide intentional discipleship.

We have many adult groups in place for Christian learning and sharing. The groups are two Sunday School classes, two early morning men's breakfast groups and one women's group meeting at local restaurants, Women's Second Cup of Coffee, Mountain Marthas and Women's Enrichment.

Sunday morning opportunities exist for newborns through fifth grade. Youth meet on Sunday evenings.

For more details of any group, please contact Ottie Baumgardner, Educational Team Leader at 687-2646 or [ottie-baum@gmail.com](mailto:ottie-baum@gmail.com),

### MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS

**BLESSING BAGS:** Mountain View Martha's and the Mission Team have prepared Blessing Bags for homeless persons. If you would like to have a Blessing Bag in your car, they are available in the cabinet under the coffee cups in the narthex.



**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.

### ANONYMOUS DONORS GIVE PROTECTIVE VEST TO LOCAL POLICE

Through the great generosity of an anonymous Mountain View couple, the Woodland Park Police Department has received a donation to acquire advanced active shooter/crowd control gear to include a helmet, vest, first aid kit, and individual trauma aid kit. This gear will be purchased through the Shield 616 agency whose motto is taken from Ephesians 6:16 which says, "Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." The Shield 616 agency encourages you to pray for the recipient of this gear as you remember all of our First Responders who daily lay their lives on the line so we can live in peace and safety. Indeed, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn. 15:13 NLT) Thank you donors!



The photos are from the volunteer work that was done at the *Marian House Soup Kitchen* Saturday, March 10 in Colorado Springs. Volunteers from Mountain View UMC were Brian & Brenda Cooper, Joe & Ottie Baumgardner, Dale and Linda Peterson, Donna Richards and her friend Lil, Martine Vogel and Jamie Schmitt. We helped serve almost 500 meals to the less fortunate and needy in the downtown Colorado Springs area.

### UPDATE FROM THE UMC COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD

What is Christ's way forward for doing mission and ministry in the worldwide United Methodist Church? That is the question bishops pondered during a recent meeting in Dallas as they received an updated report from the Commission on a Way Forward.

In the report given to the Council, the Commission shared with the bishops two sketches of how the United Methodist Church might move forward. Details may change based on the continuing work of the Commission. The final report from the Bishops should be published sometime between May and early July.

**ONE CHURCH MODEL:** The One Church Model gives churches the room they need to maximize the presence of United Methodist witness in as many places in the world as possible. The One Church Model provides a generous unity that gives conferences, churches, and pastors the flexibility to uniquely reach their missional context in relation to human sexuality without changing the connectational nature of The United Methodist Church.

**MULTI-BRANCH: ONE CHURCH MODEL:** This model is grounded in a unified core that includes shared doctrine and services and one Council of Bishops, while also creating different branches. The five U.S. jurisdictions would be replaced by three connectational conferences, each covering the whole country, based on theology and perspective on LGBTQ ministry (i.e. progressive, contextual, traditional branches). Annual conferences would decide which connectational conference to affiliate with; only local churches who choose a branch other than the one chosen by their annual conference would vote to join another conference.

During their meeting in Dallas, the bishops also heard reports on the impact of both models on pension benefits, the connection, central conferences and fiscal responsibilities.

### UPDATE FROM MVUMC WAY FORWARD TASK FORCE

On January 23, the Mountain View Church Council voted to establish a Way Forward Task Force to develop a plan to prepare our congregation to receive and act on the recommendations of the Commission on a Way Forward with the goal of fostering mutual understanding among members of divergent views, maximizing unity within the congregation, and bringing people together around our stated mission of making disciples who love like Jesus. The 7-member Task Force has met 8 times and is in the process of finalizing a report for presentation to the Church Council in April. Please continue to pray for the members of the Task Force and for our entire congregation that we may embrace the future with hope in the living Christ who dwells among us and goes before us – even in uncertain times! May we continue to abide with him and follow his lead in making disciples so full of love that they transform the world in the name of God.



The Teller County Village Above the Clouds is a local grass roots non-profit senior service organization that seeks to help seniors throughout Teller County main-

tain their independence, stay in their homes, and remain active by providing support services to enhance their quality of life. We provide an array of programs and services based upon member needs and the availability of volunteers, including:

- Home maintenance & repairs
- Technical support for your computer or phone
- Social support
- Household chores
- Personal transportation
- Temporary support
- Referrals to paid contractor services and
- Educational and social activities and events.

Membership provides "insurance for the future":

Someone there for when you need it  
The support you need to stay in your home as you age  
New connections, friendship, activities & learning and  
Made your life a little easier.

Your membership fee entitles you to receive the available services that our volunteers can provide and the opportunity to also volunteer to assist other members. Ask us how you can become both a new member and/or volunteer! We need new members to serve and volunteers and partnering contractors to assist our members. Give us a call or send us an e-mail; we will answer your questions and get you started. You may contact us at:

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Woodland Park, Colorado 80866  
Phone: 719 600-8795  
E-Mail: [info@villageabovetheclouds.org](mailto:info@villageabovetheclouds.org)  
Website: [www.villageabovetheclouds.org](http://www.villageabovetheclouds.org)

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday  
Children will worship with their parents  
Nursery available for children 3 and under

Wednesday, April 4, 9:00 am  
Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Parent Survey has gone out. Please respond to help our Children's Ministry Team plan for the Summer!



After the eggs have been collected.

### YOUTH MINISTRY MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MEET SUNDAY FROM 4:30 - 6:00 PM

#### YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday  
NO YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, April 8, NO YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, April 15,  
Share about the Belize trip during worship  
4:30 - 6:00 pm

Sunday, April 22, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Sunday, April 29, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

### ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE -

Saturday, June 2 from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm. Donations may be dropped off in the church basement. Our youth group is small but mighty and determined to continue making a difference by participating in mission projects nationally and locally. **Please NO clothing or broken items and ABSOLUTELY NO ELECTRONICS.** The cost to dispose of electronics will reduce the overall profit. Thanks for supporting our Youth.



CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS? READY TO DOWNSIZE?  
WE WILL START TAKING ITEMS IN MARCH.

# GET YOUR RID OF STUFF

DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH BASEMENT,  
OR CALL MARCI TO SET UP A TIME. 719-551-8779

NO ELECTRONICS OR  
CLOTHING



**Belize Mission Trip-March, 2018**

## FINANCE FACT - MARCH 2018

28-Feb-18					
	Monthly		Annually		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
Tithes & Offerings (pledged)	23,349	20,211	50,906	40,423	10,483
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged)	2,620	3,816	6,545	10,410	(3,865)
Other Revenue	111	8	991	15	976
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>26,080</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>58,442</b>	<b>50,848</b>	7,594
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>20,174</b>	<b>25,253</b>	52,921	49,586	(3,335)
Revenue over Expenses	5,906	(1,218)	5,521	1,262	4,259
Mortgage Principal Reduction*	(4,202)	(4,184)	(8,385)	(8,348)	(37)
Net Cash Flow	<b>1,704</b>	<b>(5,402)</b>	<b>(2,864)</b>	<b>(7,086)</b>	<b>4,222</b>

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

**Important Notes for February 2018:**

- (1) Pledged revenues were over budget for the month by \$3,138.
- (2) Unpledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$1,196.
- (3) Expenses were under budget for the month.
- (4) Expenses are over budget for the year due to payment in January of the annual property insurance.

**Mortgage Principal Reduction**

	Monthly	Annually
Undesignated funds (see above)	\$4,202.00	\$8,385.00
Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc**		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,202.00</b>	<b>\$8,385.00</b>

**Cash Allocations**

Total Fund Balances	1,530,791.97		
<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>(1,463,961.83)</u>		
Cash in Operating Checking Covering Designated Funds	66,830.14		
Operating Bank Account (February, 2018)	95,609.54		
Owed to restricted fund(s)			
<u>Cash to cover designated funds</u>	<u>(66,830.14)</u>		
Unrestricted cash to pay bills	28,779.40		
	<b><u>Operating Checking</u></b>	<b><u>Cash for Bills</u></b>	<b><u>Cash Designated</u></b>
	95,609.54	28,779.40	31,500.00
			17,000.00
<b>Restricted Fund Balances</b>			18,330.14
Building Fund Balance	33,789.70		
Restricted Fund Balances	8,605.27		
Deposit in Transit	-		
From Operations Checking	-		
Total of all Restricted Fund Fund Balances	42,394.97		66,830.14
			General reserve
			Capital reserve
			Other

# 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  
 May - Woodland Park Senior Center

Jun - Conference Offering  
 Jul - TBD  
 Aug - Local Fire Stations  
 Sep - TBD  
 Oct - World Communion  
 Nov - Welcome Home Warrior  
 Dec - Alternative Gift Market



### Woodland Park/Teller County Community Cupboard and Divide Food Pantry



April items are peanut butter and jelly. There is a box in each entryway for your donations.

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide distribution dates are Mondays, April 9 and 23

Divide Food Pantry continues to need clean, used egg cartons and plastic bags. There is a container in each entryway for those items.

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.



### Community Outreach Opportunity Help Cut Firewood

If you like to exercise, enjoy fresh mountain air and at the same time, help someone heat their home, come join the group one Saturday a month to cut firewood. Help the Needy has an organized event, the 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers run a log splitter, help cut, stack or load firewood into vehicles.

Next Work Date: April 21 (third Saturday)  
 Location: Beside Fire Station on County Line Road  
 Time: 9:00 am - Noon

For further information, please contact the Lebarios at 332-1640.

### MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING will benefit Help the Needy

#### BATTERY BUCKET



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

### From New Horizons Foundation, Inc.

"Thank you for your confidence. Your generous support has enabled the beneficiaries of your gift to continue the work they have been called to do. We appreciate the opportunity to co-labor with you on this important project." Donation of \$1400 to Shield 616 for a bullet proof vest for WPPD officer.

### MISSION OPPORTUNITY

What: Work Day Colorado Lions Camp  
 Where: Lions Camp~28541 North Colorado Hwy 67  
 Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Meet at the church at 8:45 to carpool to the camp.

More info contact Wendy Davis (719-660-8935)





**2018 APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

2 - Elisa Morgan  
 2 - Elise Tiedt  
 4 - Ann Brown  
 4 - Rick Cirka  
 5 - Beverly Evans

6 - Kathy Cirka  
 6 - C.W. Thompson  
 8 - Judy Drake  
 10 - Robert Morgan  
 11 - Jan Downing  
 13 - Jeff Kuykendall  
 13 - Cindy Mc Bride  
 15 - Jamie Schmitt  
 15 - Ron Snyder  
 16 - Olivia Fritz  
 16 - Catherine Seal  
 17 - Teina Snyder  
 18 - Lois Gullerud

21 - Terry Long  
 23 - Jan Perich  
 23 - Ann Snipes  
 23 - David Williams  
 27 - Judith Meyer  
 28 - Handi Jo Dolloff-Holt

**2018 APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

3 - Rick & Kathy Cirka  
 13 - Terry & Pam Long  
 20 - Gary & Marcia Myers  
 23 - Glen & Andrea Waltermire  
 29 - George & Elizabeth West

**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.

**THANK YOU**

The family of Barbara Klassen would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, monetary donations, meals and support during Barbara's illness and following her death. It was greatly appreciated. Jerry & Ben Klassen



**FOOD MINISTRY**

There are many folks in our congregation who are experiencing difficult times with health issues.

Questions have been asked, "How can I help?, Is there anything you need?"

This question has spurred the idea of creating a supply of meals that will be kept in our church freezer. When a need arises, we'll be prepared to help.

As we create meals at home, let us keep this ministry in mind by adding a few extra ingredients to be packaged. Let's have fresh meals stored in the freezer; not haphazard left-overs. Aluminum containers tightly sealed should be clearly marked with contents, reheating directions and the date prepared. The meals will be delivered as needed.

Watch for further updates as this ministry evolves. Hopefully in a positive and blessed direction.

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