

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
November 19, 2023, 10:30 am
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost in the Season of Kingdomtide
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome: Jo Lied

Welcome to Mountain View United Methodist Church!

We are a *BIG PICTURE* inclusive congregation of thinking ... questioning people.

Big picture inclusiveness means we do not exclude any one class or caste of people, but advocate love and welcoming for all of God's family.

We don't care where you are in your spiritual and life journey. You are welcome to join us.

Our mission is to love unconditionally ... grow spiritually ... and serve faithfully through Christ.

Come ... love ... grow ... and serve with us!

Please make sure to sign in in the black attendance book in your row. We want to include YOU!

Moment for Missions

TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Prelude: "Fantasia on Lord, I Want to Be A Christian" Cheryl Conklin

Call to Worship

Leader: Today we give thanks and worship the God of all creation.

People: **Like those Pilgrims that came before us, we seek the freedom to worship and serve the God of grace and love.**

Leader: But they needed God's help and providence.

People: **We thank God for the help God sent the Pilgrims then and the help God sends us today.**

Leader: May our worship this day be full of gratitude for God's enduring and patient grace.

People: **Let us open our hearts and lift up our voices in true praise and thanksgiving.**

Hymn of Praise: "He Has Made Me Glad" The Faith We Sing # 2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
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Followed by "We Gather Together" Hymnal # 131

We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you,**

Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Hymnal # 431

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

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
Children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

Children's Time

TO PRAY AND OFFER OURSELVES

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Litany Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: O God, eternal and righteous; Who created the heavens and the earth, we gather to give you thanks.

People: For breath that fills us with your life; For love that softens our hearts; For beauty revealed at every turn.

Leader: For Christ the redeeming and forgiving One, Who is always faithful and merciful. We gather to give you thanks,

People: For renewal, transforming our lives; For peace calming the chaos of our souls; For hope, restoring our faith.

Leader: Spirit sustaining, and compassionate One, Who calls us into relationship with the living God, We give you thanks,

People: For caring when our hearts are aching; For friends supportive in times of need; For generosity lavish and overflowing.

Leader: God who created the earth and the heavens, Eternal, Redeeming and Sustaining One, We gather to give you thanks,

People: We come with hearts full of gratitude; For all things good; We give you thanks for You.

Leader: O God we give you thanks for being there when we are in need.

People: We thank you for being with those who we have lifted up publicly and privately in our hearts this day. We especially pray for those who are sick and dying and for those whose hearts are broken by grief.

Leader: O God we give you thanks for all who serve their neighbors in times of peace and conflict.

People: We pray for all who are victims of violence and war. We pray for all who suffer because the inhumanity of others who prey upon the weak and fearful

Leader: O God we give thanks for everything that we have and experience,

People: May we grow closer each day to you and come one step closer to making this world a just and better world for everyone to thrive. Thank you for loving us as we are and accept our gratitude for all you do for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, Healer and Friend. Amen.

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.

Passing of the Offering Plates

This month's special communion offering is American Legion 1980.

If you would like to make an offering online, see our [virtual offertory basket](http://www.mt-viewumc.org) at www.mt-viewumc.org.

Offertory: "It Is Well With My Soul" Cheryl Conklin

***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 Thanksgiving

TO PROCLAIM OUR FAITH

Anthem: "Jesus Be My Shield" Chancel Choir, accompanied by Cheryl Conklin, piano, and Treese Kjeldsen, flute, directed by Cherese Brower

The Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my

money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Message: "Getting It Right"

AND GO OUT TO SERVE

***Song:** "Let All Things Now Living" The Faith We Sing # 2008

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator
triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads
to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us;
God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire
shining forth in the night,
Til shallows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel
from light into light.

The law God enforces,
The stars in the courses
and sun its orbit
obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean
proclaim the Divine.
We, too, should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration
a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest
hosanna and praise!

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** "Let All Things Now Living" Cheryl Conklin

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Health Concerns: Those dealing with ongoing health issues including cancer and memory loss, and those recovering from and awaiting surgery. Prayers for Chris Bennett, Gail Kendrick, Sara McPeak, Judy Johnson, Lori Arment, Lisa Lied-Jo Lied's daughter-in-law, Debbie-friend of Wendy Davis, Joan Hatcher, Kevin Handley, Deanne Trodden, Joy Bostian, Ruth Williams, Larry Hanahan, Mike Snipes, Riley-niece of Debbie Martin, Joan & Colin Rook, Pat Grubbs, Beth Tinsley, Dan Ruth Hoffman, Dan Vogel's father, Elise Tiedt, Betty-Hildred Davis's daughter, Carl Marquardt-father of Eric & Christy Marquardt, Colleen Wakeley, Barb Smith, Joann & Gordon Leaf.

Please advise the church office of updates

Other Prayer Concerns: Sharon Pletcher and family at Jim's passing, 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.**

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 19

Flowers are on the alter today in memory of Beth Tinsley's sister, Tricia Noell

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 Tip Sunday

Monday, November 20

Tuesday, November 21

Wednesday, November 22

BULLETIN INFORMATION DUE

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day (church office closed)

Friday, November 24

7:30 am Mountain View Men at Grandma's Kitchen

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

8:45 am Contemporary Christian Roundtable

9:00 am Living Bible

10:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:30 am Church Services

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim and I are inviting you to join us at MVUMC for **Thanksgiving Dinner!** We will be eating around 2 pm on Thanksgiving. Please let me know that you are coming and if you would like to bring your favorite holiday side dish. I plan on preparing a turkey and stuffing ... unless someone else wants to. We can have a big, noisy, Mountain View family dinner TOGETHER! And Tim will have a tv set up with the football game going. RSVP to mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com or 719-687-3868.

The Mission Team has been asked to participate in The Giving Tree Project. We are coordinating with Hope Lives Here to give Christmas gifts to families and seniors in our community. The Giving Tree is in the Narthax. Choose an ornament from the tree. Purchase the gift and return it wrapped with the ornament attached by December 15th. Any questions regarding the requests, please talk to one of our Mission Team Members. Thanks for all your help to make Christmas a blessed time for these families.

Tweeds Holiday Home Tour is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. The tours will take place on December 2 and 3 from 10 am to 5 pm. Go to wphht.org for information about the home tour.

Come Sing the Christmas Story with the choir. Cherese Brower, our Choir Director, has invited choirs from churches far and wide to join us in singing the Christmas Story for our cantata this year.

MVUMC Ladies—Past and Present—come connect with old friends and new. You are invited to have lunch at Edelweiss German Restaurant, 34 East Ramona, Colorado Springs on Saturday, December 2 at 12:30 pm. RSVP to Karen Cooper at 719-687-7612 or kakicooper7612@gmail.com. Please RSVP no later than November 26 as seats are limited. Carpool from the lower church parking lot at 11:30 am.

Do you celebrate the holidays with “non traditional” fare? We would love it if you would share what it is—even better, share your recipe. Bring it to church or email it the office.

FREE LUNCH! We have moved our Community Dinner Program to 12:00 noon! Our menu on *December 6* is chili rellenos casserole, fritos, and sopapillas. Call the office at 719-687-3868 to reserve your place for lunch NOW!

Safety Tip Sunday—*November 19*

Bring a Non-Perishable on *November 19* to benefit Community Cupboard. They would be most pleased to see green beans, cream of mushroom soup, jars of gravy, baked beans, and canned fruit. The Community Cupboard sends their gratitude for our generosity.

Free Blood Pressure Checks—the Congregational Care Team is offering free blood pressure checks in the Narthex before worship on the 2nd Sunday (*November 12*) of each month!

Strings Christmas Performance—December 17, 2:00 pm—Sanctuary. Enjoy a large group performance of Christmas music featuring 30 plus string students of Ann Brown. Free and open to the public.

The Pope’s Forgery – Vatican City is the last remnant of the Papal States, a rich swath of central Italy where popes ruled like kings for a thousand years. What if it was all based on a lie? In this 3-week class we chronicle the violent episode in which the popes became temporal rulers. Taught by Mike Bryant on Mondays, December 4 through December 18, 6-7 pm. In person and on zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82576747963>

INFORMATION

COMMUNION CHECKS—Make out to Mountain View UMC---note the mission charity...“November” Communion: American Legion 1980. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS—Please call Jo Lied 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. Let 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.

Safe At Home Ministry—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, call the church office to get added to the list. If you have some spare time and can help, call the church office to find out what is on the list!

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 20, 2023
Queen, Bill & Becky
November 21, 2023
Bostian, Chuck & Joy
November 22, 2023
Dauelsberg, Larry & Lois
November 23, 2023
Harms, Craig & Bev
November 24, 2023
Lied, Robert & Jo
November 25, 2023
Morgan, James & Lynda
November 26, 2023
ROYAL, Barbara

Total Goal through 2025 - \$133,000	
\$11,182 Still Needed	Room to Breathe and Grow
<i>Pledges through 2025 - \$120,418</i>	
Goal through 2024 - \$88,667	3/4 of the Way to Goal \$99,750
<i>Pledges through 2024 - \$97,327</i>	
<i>Pledges through 2023 - \$57,196</i>	1/2 of the Way to Goal \$66,500
Goal through 2023 - \$44,333	
Pledges Collected - \$42,521	1/4 of the Way to Goal \$33,250