

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, 2024

## Access the Holy Spirit



### The Prayer of Saint Francis

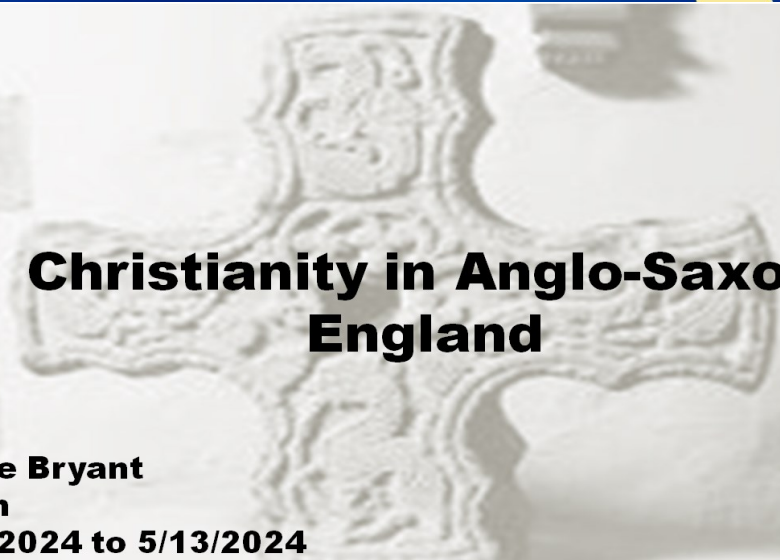
Monday School 4 pm  
4/8/24 - 5/20/24

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## Christianity in Anglo-Saxon England

**Mike Bryant**  
**6pm**  
**4/8/2024 to 5/13/2024**



# MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INFORMATION

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**Facebook**-<https://www.facebook.com/RampartRangeWP>

## WORSHIP

Sunday Mornings 10:30 am

### ON-LINE WORSHIP

**YouTube**-[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0F41LQaQe1gW5S\\_4h1VIRg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0F41LQaQe1gW5S_4h1VIRg)

# IN SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

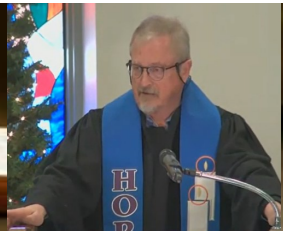
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All of the Ministry Teams NEED your help! If you have an interest in a team, you can contact the office at 719-687-3868 or email the contact noted. *Ushers, greeters, and mobile greeters are ALWAYS needed.*

# FROM THE PASTOR'S

## DESK



*“Gallup poll: More than half of Americans rarely go to church”*

I don't know about you, but headlines like this that appear online bother me a lot. The question is why do more than half of Americans rarely go to church? Is it because they have something better to do?

The sad part is that we just celebrated Easter. That fact that through the resurrection of Jesus, death has been “swallowed up in victory” and that we have been given the hope of new life and purpose ought to have broken down the doors to go to church. But that doesn't seem to be the case. Somehow the essential message of Easter and of the Christian Faith is getting drowned out. It may be because other voices who speak for what is Christian such as Christian Nationalism are louder and more attractive.

The Church is the creation of the Easter experience. In the Gospel of John Jesus told his Disciples that after the resurrection they would do greater things. Just a few short weeks after the resurrection and with the help of the Holy Spirit, they took the truth and experience of the resurrection and put real and lasting actions behind it. The first thing they did was to take the message into the streets that were filled with people from all over the known world who came to Jerusalem. This was meant to emphasize the good news of Jesus Christ, that the new life and purpose made possible by his death and resurrection was for all people no matter who they were or where they came from. The result of the resurrection was that everyone belongs in God's Kingdom. Today we are arguing over who belongs and who doesn't. The messaging of the church has unfortunately changed over time.

The problem I think is that we are sending out the wrong message. I can remember years ago having a discussion with someone who said that all the church wanted was their money. Another time someone told me that all the church was interested in was negatively judging you. I have listened to many people tell me what they heard the church saying to them. And unfortunately, what they heard was backed up by action.

We have a messaging problem. We may celebrate Easter but people are hearing something different. Some, as the headline I shared at the beginning suggests, have stopped listening. They still have their ears open. What they are listening for are not just words of love but acts of love. We may say God loves them but what really matters is Jesus showed and gave love when he physically suffered and died for us.

What's the solution? We need to talk less and do more. So many churches are focused on belief. We talk about belief but we need to do better in backing belief with action. We need to act as a Church on the truth of resurrection. One way we have been doing it is through Missions. Just in March, the Angela Thelin with the Mission Team along with the Ute Pass Social Club put together 207 care packages consisting of toiletries and necessities for the homeless in Colorado Spring. When we had all that snow, the Aspen Mine Center in Divide put out a call for food because their shelves were getting bare and we responded. We provided a local family, not members of the church and grieving for a loved one who died, a safe and welcoming place to gather and celebrate his life and death. Each week we have groups using our church facility, not just because we have space, but because it is part of putting to action the truth of new life and purpose made possible through the resurrection. We acknowledge the important work these groups do and that God is present with them and blessing them.

The short of it is that the church is putting into action the truth and reality of the resurrection, just like they did in the beginning. We have to help people notice it. You can help by putting your faith into action as well. The first place to start is coming to worship and allowing the Holy Spirit to move in your life and lead you. We talk a lot about the importance of coming to church and worship but what do we really say about what we do after the worship service. How can we know where God is leading us to act without first spending time with God and opening our hearts to him and allowing God's Spirit to lead us.

My hope is that we can reverse that headline share at the beginning. We can do that if people can see and know that we are making the truth of God's love in the resurrected Jesus into loving and caring action.

On a closing note, congratulations to Sharon Pletcher, our Quiet Disciple for 2024. Congratulations also to our runner-ups, Lee Taylor, and Angela Thelin. They are great examples of making the truth of the resurrection into action. And congratulations to our newest baptized members of the church, Elli Ray and Sophia Pagan. I look forward to the great things they will be doing for Christ and his Kingdom.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff





# A Message from the Church Council Chair



## Quiet Disciple

**Congratulations Sharon Pletcher, 2023 Quiet Disciple.**

It was a VERY close race.

Congratulations also to Angela Thelin and Lee Taylor. All your efforts are really appreciated!



## BLESSING BAGS

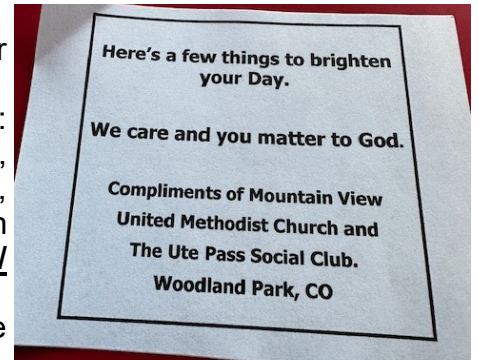
A Big THANK YOU for the donations and to those that helped put together the Blessing Bags. We made **207** bags in total. 177 were brought to Springs Mission along with miscellaneous hats, gloves, t-shirts, socks, underwear, coffee, tea and other foods items.... and dog food! They were so thankful to receive them.



When I arrived to set things up on 3/20, there was an All-Call to our church to donate any food items for the Aspen Mine Center. We were able to contribute 1 bag of dog food, some canned goods and 30 Blessing Bags from our donations.

Also a big thank you for PJ and Rick Packer and Clas, my husband for sorting the items donated at our church on Sunday with me.

If you want to learn more about Springs Mission, here is the link: <https://www.springsrescuemission.org/> They provide shelter, meals, store, and so much more. They are also a donation drop point for clothes, toys etc. to those in need without payment needed. If you want to learn more about the Aspen Mine Center, here's the link for that too <https://cocamc.org/>



This was a combined effort with donations and helpers from both the Ute Pass Social Club and Mountain View United Methodist Church.

I can't thank you enough for sharing in this special mission with me! My hope is we can bring a smile and a joy to someone!

Thank you,  
Angela





welcome  
to our newest members!



**Linda Sallee, Quilters Above the Clouds, makes and donates skirting for Candle Table.**



# Adult Education Ministry

## Monday School Offerings



### Christianity in Anglo-Saxon England

Mike Bryant, 6 weeks, 6pm, beginning 4/8/2024 to 5/13/2024

Easter is our most important holiday, but you won't find that word in the New Testament—it comes from the pagan goddess of fertility, evidence of the Church's strategy for converting the barbarians. In this class we examine both the conversion and how Christianity united the Anglo-Saxon tribes when the Vikings tried to conquer Britain.

In Person and Zoom 828 5381 8270



### Accessing the Holy Spirit: The Prayer of Saint Francis

Barbara Royal, 7 weeks, 4pm, beginning 4/8/2024 to 5/20/2024

Using two lines each week from The Prayer of Saint Francis or if you choose, a section from Kent Nerburn's book that illuminates the way of the Spirit found in the Prayer, we will rely on the Holy Spirit to show us how we can further bless our lives and world. We will use an ancient form of Christian prayer to access the Holy Spirit to help us stay alert to God's words rather than our own.

Those who wish can share with the group what has been revealed to them. Who knows, perhaps Spirit may be using us to author a book! This will be a one hour 4:00 p.m. Monday School course lasting 7 weeks. Facilitated by Barbara Royal, Interfaith Certified Spiritual Director. You can purchase Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace by Kent Nerburn, from Amazon. Facilitated by Barbara Royal. By zoom and in person. Please register with Sandy at 719-687-3868. In preparation for this class, please repeat, daily, the following mantra; let yourself feel the words sink in and breathe God in deeply after each line: □ 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 is the Peace that I inspire. This mantra is inspired by A Prayer for the Ephesians, Ephesians 3:14-21 In Person and Zoom 838 1605 9558



## 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.

**LIVING BIBLE** class is held at 9:00 am on Sunday morning. We are continuing with our series "Genesis to Revelation." On April 14 we will be starting to study the Gospel according to the Book of Luke. Please do not hesitate in joining us for this exciting study, join online, by phone, or in person. For in person class, please join us in our church Conference Room (Room 109). For more information, please contact Tim Rucker at [timrucker@hotmail.com](mailto:timrucker@hotmail.com) or 303-818-3697. Links to join Living Bible: Dial-in number (US): (701) 791-9045 Pletcher18 Live video feed: <https://fccdl.in/i/pletcher18>

**WOMENS ENRICHMENT**—We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In this book, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters. Our current study is "Creed" by Adam Hamilton. Please contact **Vickie Huffor if you are interested.**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:mdmyerswp@yahoo.com)). Please let us know if you are interested.

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





# Children and Youth

**Children's Sunday School:** Preschool to 5th grade. Children join in service and after children's time they will leave for upstairs.

**Youth Group:** 6th grade thru 12th grade will meet after children's time in the Youth Room upstairs.



## Congregational Care

**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.

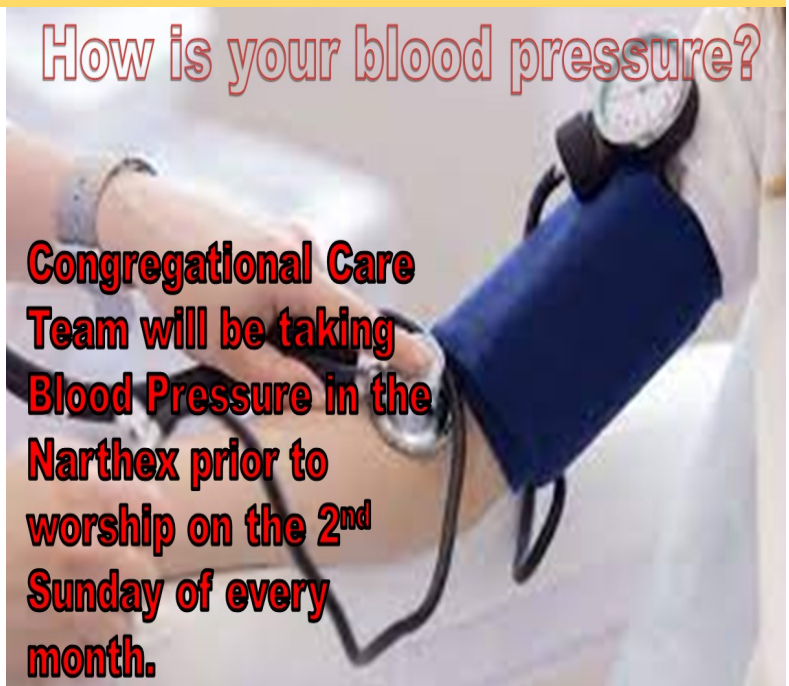
## HOME COMMUNION



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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month.**







 **Donate**

We now have a DONATE button on our website: [www.mt-viewumc.org](http://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%+\$0.30 credit card charge. If you use checking account information, there is only the 1.5% base

**Total Goal through 2025 - \$133,000**

<b>\$25,833 Still Needed</b>	<b>Room to Breathe and Grow</b>
Pledges through 2025 - \$107,167	3/4 of the Way to Goal \$99,750
<b>Goal through 2024 - \$88,667</b>	
Pledges through 2024 - \$79,772	1/2 of the Way to Goal \$66,500
Pledges through 2023 - \$45,984	
<b>Goal through 2023 - \$44,333</b>	
Pledges Collected - \$45,984	1/4 of the Way to Goal \$33,250

***"Legacy Gifting and Tax Effective Donations"***

**April 17**

**In conjunction with the Community Lunch**

**April 21**

**After Church Service**

*Presented by Lee Taylor and the Finance Committee*



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 \$88.79 from 12 households.** For additional information please contact Wendy Davis at [wendylouzeller@aol.com](mailto:wendylouzeller@aol.com) or 719-660-8935.



**Mt. View United Methodist Church  
Financial Facts as of FEBRUARY 2024**

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

	Monthly		Monthly Variance	Year to Date		YTD Annual Variance
	Actual	Budget		Actual	Budget	
<b>Operating Fund:</b>						
Tithes & Offerings (pledged) (1)	20,540	15,928	<b>4,613</b>	39,675	31,855	<b>7,820</b>
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged) (2)	2,567	4,288	<b>(1,721)</b>	4,229	8,575	<b>(4,346)</b>
Other Operating Fund Revenue	681	586	96	1,261	1,172	89
Transfers from Restricted Funds-RTBG-Only in January	-	-	-	3,692	-	3,692
<b>Total Operating Fund Revenue</b>	<b>23,788</b>	<b>20,801</b>	<b>2,988</b>	<b>48,857</b>	<b>41,602</b>	<b>7,255</b>
<b>Total Operating Fund Expenses (3)</b>	<b>(21,174)</b>	<b>(23,163)</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>(37,685)</b>	<b>(42,573)</b>	<b>4,888</b>
<b>Operating Fund Revenue in Excess of Expenses</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>(2,363)</b>	<b>4,977</b>	<b>11,172</b>	<b>(971)</b>	<b>12,143</b>
RTBG Transfers into General Fund from Restricted Fund	3,692	-	3,692	3,692	3,692	-
Close the Designated RTBG Mtg Fund to Restricted RTBG Fund (4)	(1,578)	-	(1,578)	(738)	-	(738)
Mortgage Principal Reduction	(5,942)	(5,988)	47	(11,868)	(11,962)	94
<b>Operating Fund Net Cash Flow (5)</b>	<b>(1,214)</b>	<b>(8,351)</b>	<b>7,137</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>(9,241)</b>	<b>11,499</b>
<b>Restricted Fund:</b>						
<b>Pledged Restricted RTBG Income (6)</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>(646)</b>	<b>7,040</b>	<b>5,631</b>	<b>1,409</b>
<b>Unpledged Restricted RTBG Income (6)</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>453</b>
Pledged Building Principal Income	200	200	-	400	400	-
All other Restricted Fund Income	1,210	-	1,210	3,986	-	3,986
Restricted Fund Expenses	(6,171)	(3,692)	(2,480)	(15,922)	(7,383)	(8,539)
<b>Restricted Fund Revenue in Excess of Expenses</b>	<b>(2,091)</b>	<b>(176)</b>	<b>(1,916)</b>	<b>(3,044)</b>	<b>(352)</b>	<b>(2,692)</b>
To Restricted RTBG Fund from Closed Designated RTBG Mtg Fund (4)	1,578	-	1,578	738	-	738
RTBG to Vectra Checking in Jan before bank consolidation-adjust out in Feb(4)	-	-	-	(983)	-	(983)
<b>Restricted Fund Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>(513)</b>	<b>(176)</b>	<b>(337)</b>	<b>(3,289)</b>	<b>(352)</b>	<b>(2,937)</b>
<b>Combined Funds Net Cash Flow (7)</b>	<b>(1,727)</b>	<b>(8,527)</b>	<b>6,800</b>	<b>(1,031)</b>	<b>(9,593)</b>	<b>8,562</b>

**Notes for FEBRUARY 2024:**

- (1) Pledged Tithes & Offerings were **over** budget for the month by **\$4,613** and **over** budget for the year by **\$7,820**
- (2) Unpledged Tithes & Offerings were **under** budget for the month by **\$1,721**, and **under** budget for the year by **\$4,346**
- (3) Operating Expenses were **under** budget for the month by **\$1,990**, and **under** budget for the year by **\$4,888**
- (4) The Designated RTBG Mtg Fund has been closed and properly re-assigned into a new Donor Restricted Fund called "Bldg-RTBG Mtg Fund". YTD \$738 was re-assigned into this new restricted fund. Also, during Feb, a bank consolidation project was under way, to go from managing 4 bank accounts to just 1. Our Fund Accounting Software removes the need for separate bank accounts. Three extra bank accounts should be closed out during March. In addition, some restricted funds were combined as needed.
- (5) Operating Fund Net Cash Flow was **negative** for the month by **\$1,214**, and **positive** for the year by **\$2,257**, which is **\$15,190 better than budgeted**
- (6) Total RTBG Offerings received were **under** the pledged budget for the month by **\$646**, and **over** the pledged budget for the year by **\$1,862**. See the table next page for RTBG cash flow details.
- (7) The combined cash has **decreased** this year by **\$2,090**

**Mortgage Principal Reduction from beginning 2024 balance of \$565,810:**

	Current Month		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>\$</b>	<b>553,941</b>			
From RTBG Funds & Operating Funds	5,942	5,988	11,868	11,962
From Restricted Principal Only Donations	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,941.71</b>	<b>5,988</b>	<b>11,868</b>	<b>11,962</b>

**Cash Allocations**

	Current Month	Beginning of Year	YTD Increase or (Decrease) in Cash Balance
<b>*Operating and Designated Fund Balances:</b>			
Operating Fund Balance Held in Consolidated Checking	13,931	10,936	2,995
Designated Bldg Insurance Reserve Held in CD start Jan 2024	27,500	-	27,500
Designated Bldg Insurance Reserve Held in Consolidated Checking	-	27,500	(27,500)
Designated Capital Assets Reserve Held in Consolidated Checking	4,761	34,761	(30,000)
Designated Capital Assets Reserve Held in 6 month CD start Jan 2024	30,000	-	30,000
Designated SPRC Reserve Held in Consolidated Checking	5,808	5,808	-
Designated RTBG MTG Fund Held in Consolidated Checking	-	738	(738)
<b>Total Consolidated Checking &amp; CDs Cash Balance</b>	<b>82,000</b>	<b>79,742</b>	<b>2,257.47</b>

RTBG Cash Flow	
RTBG \$ INCOME 2023	45,984
RTBG \$ INCOME YTD	8,493
RTBG TO MTG 2023	(29,532)
RTBG \$ TO MTG YTD	(7,383)
RTBG \$ BALANCE	17,561

**\*Restricted Fund Balances:**

Consolidated Checking-Bldg-RTBG Mortgage Funds	17,561	-	17,561
Consolidated Checking-Bldg-Principal Payment Funds	1,186	-	1,186
Consolidated Checking-All Other Restricted Funds	16,913	-	16,913
Restricted Building Savings Account Balance-for Principal Only Payments	100	628	(527)
Restricted Checking Fund Balance	101	22,809	(22,709)
Restricted Mortgage Checking Fund Balance-from Gen \$\$	14,767	14,767	-
Restricted Mortgage Checking Fund Balance-from RTBG \$\$	-	15,713	(15,713)
<b>Total of all Restricted Fund Balances</b>	<b>50,627</b>	<b>53,916</b>	<b>(3,288.69)</b>
<b>Total Combined Cash for All Funds (5)</b>	<b>132,627</b>	<b>133,658</b>	<b>(1,031)</b>

**\* Coming soon: Only 1 bank account (checking) holding all funds at Park State Bank: Operating, Designated, and Restricted**

Located in:

Consolidated Checking-RTBG	17,561
(RTBG \$ used for two 1/2 mtg pmnts Feb 2024) (Each 1/2 mtg pmnt is \$3,691.625)	



# Hospitality and Special Events Ministry



**April 3**  
**FREE LUNCH**  
**12 noon**

Tuna & Noodle Casserole  
**RSVP by Monday at Noon**  
**719-687-3868**

[mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com](mailto:mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com)



**April 17**  
**FREE LUNCH**  
**12 noon**

Spaghetti  
**RSVP by Monday at Noon**  
**719-687-3868**

[mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com](mailto:mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com)



# FREE LUNCH

**12-1 pm**

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays**

**RSVP by Monday noon please!**

Mountain View United Methodist Church

1101 Rampart Range Road

Call **719-687-3868** for your reservation

[mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com](mailto:mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com)

Donations Welcome!



**Special Thanks**  
**for the response to**  
**our emergency**  
**request for canned**  
**goods during the**  
**snow. Aspen**  
**Mine's shelves had**  
**been empty. We**  
**filled their shelves**  
**with our collection**  
**of canned goods.**



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:athelin512@gmail.com). Once joined, we will keep you posted on upcoming activities.

# Mission Ministry

## 2024 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Jan - Faithful Hearts  
Feb - TCRAS  
Mar - UMCOR  
Apr - Nighthawk Ranch  
May - Swim Across America

**If you have a group  
you would like to see benefit from  
our  
Communion Offerings  
this year, please contact  
719-687-3868 or email**

Staff/Pastor/Parish  
Relations Committee

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 liturgist.

**HELP! We need someone to drive the cart  
before and after worship. Contact  
719-687-3868 if you can help!**



# NIGHTHAWK RANCH

*where spirits soar*



Any idea what these kids have in common? They have attended Nighthawk Ranch.

I live fairly close and would drive by the ranch on my way to Guffey. Over the years, I was able to witness a bunch of kids waiting outside the arena to meet the horses. By their stance, some were excited and some were clearly scared. It didn't take long to see these kids lose their fear! Later in the week I could see them DRIVING CATTLE! And I thought "wow! What a wonderful experience for kids."



And then I found out what Nighthawk Ranch really is. Nighthawk Ranch is much more than just another camp experience. Kids and teenagers ages 10-18 with *cancer* (first phases of treatment behind them) have



the opportunity to live on a ranch and to develop skills that will show them just how *incredibly capable* they are. Nighthawk Ranch is a unique place that offers activities a typical camp offers (archery, ropes course, camping, etc.), but also offers campers a chance to experience the activities that come with living on a working ranch.



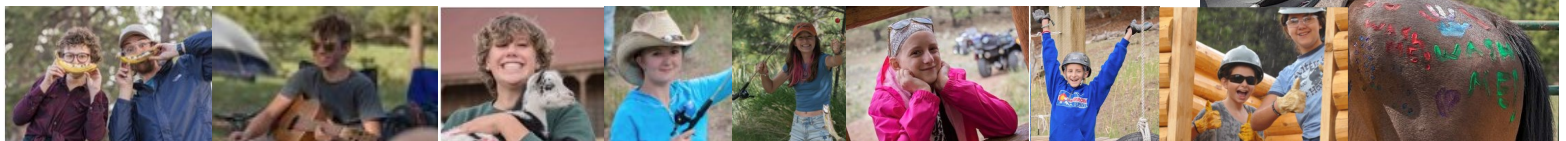
Campers wake up bright and early each day to feed the cows and horses. Each camper is responsible for grooming and caring for their own horse; which will be the horse they also learn to ride. Horses and cows are not the only animals at Nighthawk Ranch. Camp participants will see deer, goats, rabbits, dogs, and many other species of wildlife roaming around the ranch. For kids and teenagers who love animals, this will be an experience that will stay with them forever.



Each session is limited to seven (7) campers to allow each participant to have personalized support. Campers are encouraged to not only challenge themselves, but to cheer on others as they all meet challenges head-on and handle them with strength and joy. By the end of each one-week session, the spirits of the campers really do soar!

All one-week sessions at Nighthawk Ranch are **100% FREE!** Because of our relationship with Angel Flight Central (AFC) we are able to not only accept kids from Colorado but from surrounding states as well. Travel expenses are completely paid for, so there is absolutely **no cost to the families.** With all the care and support of the staff and volunteers, the natural beauty of the land, the wonder of the wildlife, and all the activities, campers will have the time of their lives. At Nighthawk Ranch kids and teenagers can do what they do best... just be kids!

**Nighthawk Ranch is our April Special Communion.**





# Our Missionary



Today, March 5, 2024, was UMIN'S 70<sup>th</sup> birthday! United Mission to Nepal was officially started in Kathmandu on this day all those years ago. The hospital here in Tansen started a few months later, so we will have a small celebration sometime in June. I was so taken with the new logo created by UMN for the 70<sup>th</sup>, that I asked to use it! 70 years of Sustaining Grace! What a reminder that we would not be

here if it weren't for God's grace holding and sustaining the work and his servants over all these past years! And – we are still thankful for His sustaining grace – which has helped us through the past 4 months through many ups and downs.

We celebrated God's grace at the baptism of 16 new believers from churches in Tansen. Two ladies we know well – one since she was a little girl. What joy to be part of that day.



We leaned on God's grace when mourning the loss of Shyam – the

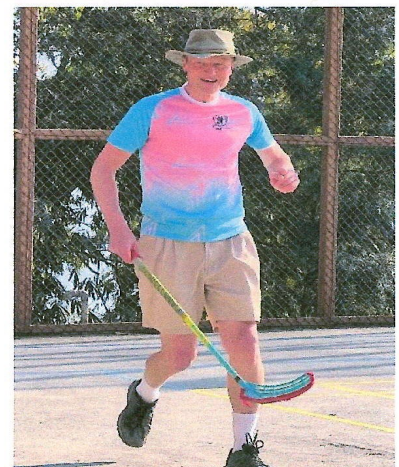
gardener with only one leg who had worked for so many years without complaint, and who had taken care of his wife, Bimi Sara, who has a crippling disease. We joined together to celebrate his life, and also to support Bimi Sara. We are thankful for her room at the



church where others help to care for her needs. (Bimi Sara is in the red under the blue bottles.)



Over these months we have had many joys and reminders of God's grace. Les enjoyed playing Sahalu (Finnish field hockey) and continued regularly running each morning – and didn't get seriously hurt! We celebrated the arrival of a new expat baby born in Tansen – reminding us of when our own Hannah was born safely here at the hospital. (That is Les behind the mask!)





Les was able to get some Barbershop singing started up again – and we enjoyed doing a couple of numbers at the recent Hospital Bhoj. There are no tenors at the moment – so Debbie gets to join in as the “high” voice.



In the midst of many good times, we are daily reminded of the suffering and pain of so many around us. Just in the past month, we have had a 12-year-old girl brought into the hospital after she had been raped and then had delivered a still born baby. We have had a young girl abused and beaten by her brother. A young mother went home just days after giving birth and hung herself. A young man who has grown up in the church, and who lost his father a couple of years ago, suddenly developed schizophrenia. These are the terrible reminders of how much more is needed than what we can hope to provide. We lean even more on God’s sustaining grace.

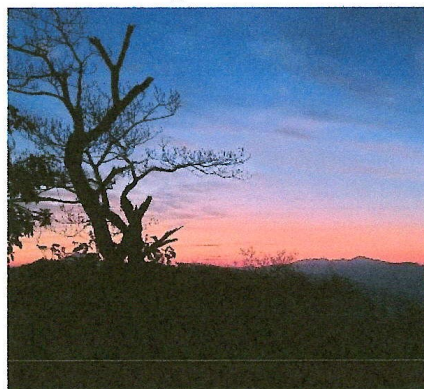
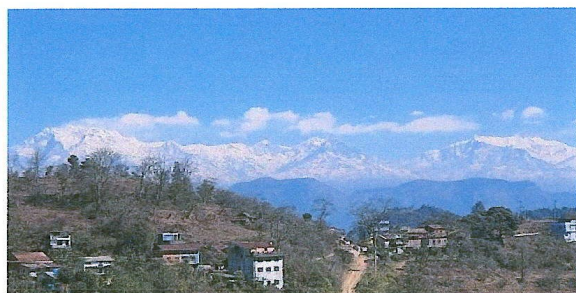
We are so thankful for your support of the hospital – as many people are cared for and helped due to your prayers and giving. Recently, a 12-year-old boy cut his knee with a sickle while cutting grass for the animals. The wound was left untreated until he fell on it and it started draining pus. He was brought to our hospital after being referred here from the government hospital. Even though his family couldn’t afford any treatment, he was admitted and had surgery and other treatment which saved his leg. These stories do far outweigh the negative ones.

I am sending along the 2024 version of our Friends of Tansen magazine which shares more stories about the work of the hospital. We thank God for you and for His work here over the past 70 years!

Love, Les and Debbie

Also – if you have an interest, we are writing our blog again about once a month. If you go to this link, you can sign up to get it delivered into your inbox. Thanks for taking time to read our news!

<https://dornonnepalmission.wordpress.com/>





# 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.

## 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**

**[mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com](mailto:mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com)**

# Listen When He Speaks

## April Scripture Reading



Day 1: Psalm 37:7-9

Day 2: Jeremiah 29:11-14

Day 3: Romans 12:12-13

Day 4: Philippians 4:5-7

Day 5: Isaiah 40:30-31

Day 6: Ecclesiastes 7:8-9

Day 7: James 5:7-8

Day 8: 1 Timothy 1:15-16

Day 9: Romans 5:3-5

Day 10: 1 Thessalonians 5:14

Day 11: Ephesians 4:1-3

Day 12: Psalm 37:7-8

Day 13: 2 Corinthians 6:4-6

Day 14: Galatians 6:9-10

Day 15: Romans 8:24-25

Day 16: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Day 17: James 1:19-20

Day 18: Romans 5:2-5

Day 19: 2 Timothy 2:24-26

Day 20: James 1:2-4

Day 21: Colossians 1:11-12

Day 22: Hebrews 10:35-36

Day 23: Proverbs 16:32

Day 24: Luke 21:17-19

Day 25: Psalm 130:3-6

Day 26: Luke 8:15

Day 27: Colossians 3:12-14

Day 28: Proverbs 25:15

Day 29: Hebrews 6:10-12

Day 30: Romans 2:6-8



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Cup of Coffee

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mondays

Ruth Hoffman  
1186 Ptarmigan Drive  
RSVP please  
303-906-4903



Access the Holy Spirit



The Prayer of Saint Francis

Monday School 4 pm  
4/8/24 - 5/20/24

## Christianity in Anglo-Saxon England

Mike Bryant  
6pm  
4/8/2024 to 5/13/2024



**April 3**  
**FREE LUNCH**  
**12 noon**

Tuna & Noodle Casserole  
**RSVP by Monday at Noon**  
**719-687-3868**  
mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com



**April 17**  
**FREE LUNCH**  
**12 noon**

Spaghetti  
**RSVP by Monday at Noon**  
**719-687-3868**  
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## "Legacy Gifting and Tax Effective Donations"

**April 17**

In conjunction with the  
Community Lunch

**April 21**

After Church Service

Presented by Lee Taylor  
and the Finance Committee



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's  
**Enrichment**  
Thursdays at 10 am

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



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

**Needs of the  
Community  
Cupboard**

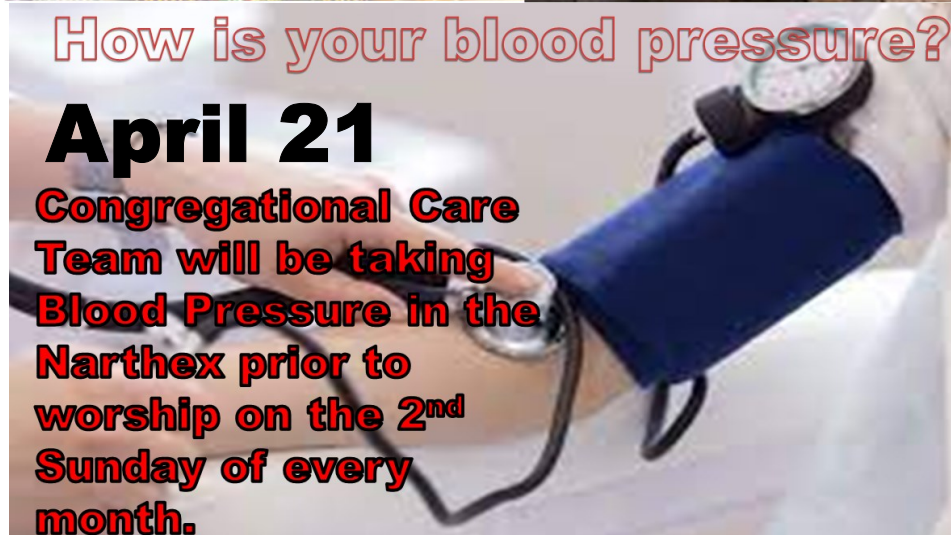
**Please bring a can  
of soup and/or  
Peanut Butter and  
Jelly to church  
next week!**



How is your blood pressure?

**April 21**

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



**ATTENTION**

**Safety  
Tip  
Sunday  
April 21**



# 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.

**WINDOW/BUMPER STICKERS**—We have 100 oval window/bumper stickers available for your cars with our beautiful MVUMC logo! These are given at no charge and courtesy of your gifts to MVUMC through the **Invitational Ministry Team**. Be a part of easily giving MVUMC another point of visibility in our community and maybe sparking conversation and interest about it with folks who are curious when they see it.....Please see Sue Burks or Carol Goll to pick one up for each of your cars.



## PLACE OF WORSHIP MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This Teller-favorite church community holds a mission of “Love unconditionally, grow spiritually, and serve faithfully through Christ.” Mountain View goes beyond a place of worship though, 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.

# BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

## April 2024

Special Communion is Nighthawk Ranch—a camp for kids with cancer <https://www.nighthawkcranchcolorado.org/>

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