

# MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 28, 2024

10:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

**Welcome:** Beth Tinsley

Welcome to Mountain View United Methodist Church!

We are a *BIG PICTURE* congregation of believing ... thinking ... questioning ... and welcoming people.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are invited 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. Please include your address if you are new to Mountain View or have a change of address.

## TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**Prelude:** "" Lois Dauelsberg

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come to the vineyard of God.

**People:** **We seek Christ, the vine of great love.**

**Leader:** Drink from the waters of life.

**People:** **O Awesome God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise:** "O Young and Fearless Prophet" Hymnal # 444 verses 1, 3, and 5

O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee,  
thy life is still a summons to serve humanity;  
to make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,  
to stand with humble courage for truth with hearts uncowed.

O help us stand unswerving against war's bloody way,  
where hate and lust and falsehood hold back Christ's holy sway;

forbid false love of country that blinds us to his call,  
who lifts above the nations the unity of all.

O young and fearless Prophet, we need thy presence here,  
amid our pride and glory to see thy face appear;  
once more to hear thy challenge above our noisy day,  
again to lead us forward along God's holy way.

**Affirmation of Faith:** "A Modern Affirmation" Hymnal # 885

**Leader:** Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**People:** **We believe in God the Father, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

**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

## Pastoral 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.

## Mission and Ministry Moment

### Passing of the Offering Plates

*This month's special communion offering is Nighthawk Ranch.*

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

### Offertory Music: " " Lois Dauelsberg

### Doxology: "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:** "Hymn of Promise" Marci Nickelsburg, accompanied by Cheryl Conklin

### Hymn of Preparation: "Help Us Accept Each Other" Hymnal #560

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

**The Scripture: Matthew 5:6**

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

**John 14:12**

*Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.*

**Matthew 8:27**

*They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"*

**Ezekiel 1:26-2:2**

*And above the dome over their heads there was something like a throne, in appearance like sapphire, and seated above the likeness of the throne was something that seemed like a human form. Upward from what appeared like the loins I saw something like gleaming amber, something that looked like fire enclosed all around, and downward from what looked like the loins I saw something that looked like fire, and there was a splendor all around. Like the bow in a cloud on a rainy day, such was the appearance of the splendor all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.*

*When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking.*

*He said to me: "O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.*

**The Message: "Recovery of the Humanity of Jesus and Perhaps Our Own" Reverend Rodney Saunders**

**Hymn of Going Forth:** “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” Hymnal # 273

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,  
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.  
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** “” Lois Dauelsberg

**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 Bob McDaniels-friend of Carol Goll, Tom and Barbara Canavan, Sadie-friend of Ann Snipes’ daughter, Cheryl Price, Clarke and Joni Becker, JoLinda Brewer-friend of Tim Rucker, Dr. Kevin Conrad, Pastor Jeff Wakeley, Gail Kendrick, Lisa Lied-Jo Lied’s daughter-in-law, Deanne Trodden, Mike Snipes, Beth Tinsley, Dan Vogel’s father, Elise Tiedt, Colleen Wakeley, Barb Smith, Joann & Gordon Leaf.

*Please advise the church office of updates*

**Other Prayer Concerns:** Family of Patti Metz at the loss of her uncle, family of Heather at the loss of her step-grandmother, 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**

# April, 2024

Special Communion: Night Hawk Ranch—a camp for kids with cancer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> Marci Nickelsburg solo Tricia Garding's Birthday  CCR 8:30 am Living Bible 9 am Worship 10:30 am	<b>29</b> George & Liz West's Anniversary  Accessing the Holy Spirit 4 pm Christianity in Anglo-Saxon England 6 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Sunday Billings Deadline Rich & Deb Bestling's Anniversary Children's Ministry 9 am Free Lunch 12-1 pm Mtn View Ringers 6 pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	<b>2</b> Alan Smith's Birthday  WEM 10 am	<b>3</b> Charlie Schroeder's Birthday Gary & Stephanie Brown's Anniversary  Men's Breakfast 7:30 am	<b>4</b> Emmaus 10 am
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **45th Anniversary Worship Celebration** will be on **Sunday, May 19, 2024**. The service will begin at **10:30 am** and will be followed by a **celebration potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall**. Would you consider writing a brief remembrance of your time in Mountain View and how important it was to you. Your remembrance will be kept on file as part of the colorful history of Mountain View.

**WOMENS ENRICHMENT**—Meets on Thursdays at 10 am. 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. The study of "Creed" by Adam Hamilton will begin April 4. Please contact **Vickie Huffor** if you are interested.

**CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ROUNDTABLE** is an informal discussion group that meets live and on Zoom. Sunday we will begin a 7 week study of the

book *Unbinding Christianity: Choosing the Values of Jesus Over the Beliefs of the Church* by Jan G. Linn. Jan Linn is an ordained UCC pastor who has served as pastor, college chaplain, and seminary professor. 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." We are studying the New Testament with the Gospel according to the Book of Luke. Please join us to explore the Good News of the New Covenant with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 719-689-5510. Links to join Living Bible: Dial-in number (US): (701) 791-9045 Pletcher18 Live video feed: <https://fccdl.in/i/pletcher18>

**Accessing the Holy Spirit: The Prayer of Saint Francis—7 weeks, 4pm beginning 4/8/2024 to 5/20/2024** *In Person and Zoom 838 1605 9558*

**Christianity in Anglo-Saxon England - 6 weeks, 6pm, beginning 4/8/2024 to 5/13/2024** *In Person and Zoom 828 5381 8270*

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

**FREE LUNCH!** We have moved our Community Dinner Program to 12:00 noon! Next meal is May 1 with Asian Month Celebration.

**Bring a Non-Perishable on April 21** to benefit Community Cupboard. Soup, soup, soup! Or something warm and comforting. Peanut butter and jelly is also needed. The Community Cupboard sends their gratitude for our generosity.

**Library**—Did you know we have a library? You should check it out. Go down the hall by the restrooms to the end on the left. You can borrow books any time!

*Lighting a candle for someone is a way to both extend your prayers and show solidarity with the person the prayer is being made on behalf of. The faithful also light candles as a sign of gratitude to God for answered prayers.*

**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 and the Congregational Care Team, is offering home communion. If you

would like the communion element brought 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.

**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

It is time to vote for the Best of Teller County. Last year Mountain View United Methodist Church was best place of worship! We would like to have this honor again! So please vote! You can vote every day until April 30. Go to <https://gazette.secondstreetapp.com/2024-Best-of-Teller/> Choose EVERYDAY LIFE. Go down to PLACE OF WORSHIP. Type in MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. It will ask for your email, your first and last name, and your zip code.

## INFORMATION

**SPECIAL COMMUNION**—Special Communion offerings should be placed in the basket with the Special Communion name on it. If you are writing a check, it should be made out to Mountain View UMC---note the mission charity...“April” Communion: Nighthawk Ranch. 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](http://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.

<b>Daily Prayers for the Families of</b>
<b>April 29, 2024</b>
Bader, Steve (deceased) & Jackie
<b>April 30, 2024</b>
ROYAL, Barbara
<b>May 1, 2024</b>
Spradling, Dave & Nancy
<b>May 2, 2024</b>
Vogel, Dan & Martine
<b>May 3, 2024</b>
Dielmann, Andrew
<b>May 4, 2024</b>
Marshall, Dottie
<b>May 5, 2024</b>
Rucker, Marcus & Stephanie