



Mountain View Messenger

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"Give away your life;
you'll find life given
back, but not merely
given back - given
back with bonus and
blessing. Giving, not
getting, is the way.
Generosity begets
generosity."

Luke 6:38 (msg)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

*John 7:37b-38
(NRSV)*

November has always been a special month for me. It's primarily been associated with two events: Thanksgiving, and my birthday...occasionally on the same day! Early in my family life those two events happened at "The River." And not just any river...the Jordan River. Though not the Jordan River in Israel, which contrary to the popular song is not "deep and wide," at least not today when both Israel and Jordan have siphoned most natural water out of the Jordan for agriculture and cities.

My Jordan River on the US gulf coast actually was quite deep and wide. Our family cabin there was a place of rest and renewal when we weren't fishing. It was my dad's break from work before the busy Christmas season. I was out of school; my brother came home from college and, when he could, from seminary. We all relaxed, except my amazing mother of course, who organized and prepped a Thanksgiving Day dinner and, if on a different day, a birthday dinner and cake for me. If this smells of "privilege," you're spot on. But I'll save that topic for another season.

November, since I've been a pastor, has been a full but also spiritually renewing month. Like in so many of my pastorates, Sundays at Mountain View will include All Saints Day, when we remember those who have died in the faith and blessed us with their lives. November usually includes a Consecration Day when we celebrate the financial support for ministry and mission through our congregation; it includes a Sunday to celebrate Thanksgiving and the blessings that we might overlook otherwise. And this year, as happens often in our church year, we start the season of Advent in November to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. November worship is liturgically "deep and wide." And diverse.

I hope you will join us, and invite your family and friends, to drink deeply from the living waters of our Lord Jesus Christ this month. In truth, as Jesus said, it is out of your hearts "shall flow rivers of living water." That has been your gift to me; your hearts have been so generous, so life-giving. As I anticipate emerging from a COVID-19 quarantine (writing this Oct 20), I look forward to November's blessings, with you!

In Christ's service,

Pastor Steve



November 7

Mt Carmel Veteran's
Center
All Saint's Sunday
24^h Sunday
after Pentecost
Hebrews 11:1-2, 13-16
Generous Living:
Keeping the Faith

November 14

Consecration Sunday
Veterans' Day
25th Sunday
after Pentecost
Matthew 26:6-16
Generous Living:
Contagious Giving

November 21

Reign of Christ Sunday
Thanksgiving
Celebration
1 Timothy 4:1-5
Generous Living:
Always Giving Thanks

November 28

United Methodist
Student Day
1st Sunday of Advent
Luke 21:29-36
Sing We now of
Christmas: A Carol for
Waiters



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.



Volunteers Needed

- ⇒ **Treasurer:** Process payments and financial statements.
- ⇒ **Offering Counters.** To count the weekly communion offerings and deposit with bank.
- ⇒ **Safety Committee:** To review Safety Team policies and procedures.
- ⇒ **Safety Team:** To provide a safe atmosphere for our congregation.
- ⇒ **Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT):** To provide medical assistance as necessary.
- ⇒ **Cameras:** To maintain safety as we come and go by observing our parking lots for situations needing assistance.
- ⇒ **Greeters and Ushers:** To greet new and existing members before Sunday service.
- ⇒ **Sound Booth Operators:** Volunteers to learn the sound booth duties for our worship services.
- ⇒ **Children's Ministry Team:** To team Sunday School or Youth Group on Sunday mornings.

For more information contact Sandy at 719-687-3868 or mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday

9:00 am—12:30 pm

719-687-3686

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP:

Sunday Mornings 10:30 am

ON-LINE WORSHIP:

Sunday Mornings 10:30 am

YouTube-<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0gktXVS29Afpf97SmdV02A>

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



Adult Learning and Sharing Opportunities

⇒ CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ROUNDTABLE

currently meets online Sundays from 8:45 am, to 9:45 am. You are free to join us from 8:30 am to 8:45 am for Informal sharing and chat. For the latest meeting information, please call Fred Tinsley at 719-661-3980 or email ftinsley@coloradocollege.edu.

⇒ The **LIVING BIBLE** class will switch gears for the holiday season with a study of "**Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience**". The study comes with books for individuals and a DVD with a short 10-12 minute video for each of four sessions. We will begin Advent study on November 28th, and continue for four Sundays ending on December 19th. Please join our Living Bible class online, by phone, or in person. For in person class, please join us in our church conference room (Room 110). We are prepared and ready with study materials for anyone to join in at any time. For more information, please contact Tim Rucker at 719-689-5510, timrucker@hotmail.com. Links to join Living Bible: Dial-in number (US): (701) 791-9045 Pletcher18 International dial-in numbers: <https://fccdl.in/i/pletcher18>

⇒ **WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY** invites you to join our next video and book study: Discerning The Voice Of God by Priscilla Shirer. We meet every **Thursday** in the conference of the church from **10:00 to 11:00 am**. The study is projected to last 14 weeks alternating between videos and workbook readings. Books can be purchased through Amazon. If you have already purchased a book last year and choose not to attend this year, please consider offering it to someone new to our group. Contact Sharon Pletcher 719-687-9698 or Vicki Huffor 719-330-8801

Committee Members Needed

The **Education Ministry Team Leader**—Marci Nickelsburg has done a great job on leading this with the Youth and Children. But this is more than the kids. We have the Contemporary Christian Roundtable and the Living Bible study groups. But there could be more!

Our wonderful **Treasurer** has moved to Texas! This is a **critical need**! Do you have financial experience? Are you willing to help? Do you know anyone?

Offering Counters—a couple of our team leads have stepped up to cover the Treasurer duties until the position is filled. They were part of our Offering Counters. They are no longer able to county offers as it would be a conflict of interest. Please! If you can help count, let us know!

Temporary Invitational Ministry Team Leader—this team is on top of our outreach to our neighbors. Sue Burks has taken on additional duties as Treasurer and can no longer fulfil the requirements of the Team Leader.

Tim Rucker is assuming the **Safety Team** Leader position in 2022. Help is needed with watching the cameras and assisting outside before and after service to make sure everyone is safe getting to and from their vehicles.

Contact **Sandy** at **719-687-3868** or mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com if you are interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SUNDAY, November 21

SAFETY TIP SUNDAY

Teller County sheriff's office will present information on Frauds and Scams.



MONDAY, November 8 & 22

WOMEN'S SECOND CUP OF COFFEE

Calling all women to a Second Cup of Coffee at 9:00 am the 2nd and 4th Monday's. Lydia Eells is hostess, and the group will meet in her home at 785 Westwood Trace. We have a core group of relationship building ladies and invite others to join us. If you are joining for the first time, please RSVP to Lydia at 719-687-1827.



WEDNESDAY, November 3 & 17

COMMUNITY DINNER

⇒ November 3 Menu:

Raspberry pork roast, mac and cheese, candied carrots, banana pudding

⇒ November 17 Menu:

Tacoritos, Mexican corn, guacamole, sour cream, salsa and chips, sopapilla dessert

To make your reservation, call 405-550-7510 or go to <https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/> and click on Community Dinner



THURSDAYS, All

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT GROUP

Meets on Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Conference Room. Contact Sharon Pletcher at spletche1@gmail.com for information.



FRIDAYS, All

MOUNTAIN VIEW MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men meet on Friday mornings, 7:30AM at Grandmother's Kitchen.



SATURDAY, November 6 & 20

WOMEN'S EMMAUS (JC Mountain Girls)

Meet at June Essings house, 2109 Lee Circle Drivel on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9:00 am. Contact Sharon Pletcher (spletche1@gmail.com) for information.



OUR CONGREGATION

- ⇒ Barb Royal's book, **IN THE GARDEN: MESSAGES FROM HEAVEN FOR LIFE ON EARTH** is available at amazon.com on October 5. It contains messages from the departed to their living loved ones. Barb will have a book signing on November 7 here at the church (no books can be sold on-site).
- ⇒ Sandy Rucker is collecting your stories about Mountain View UMC—special times you remember. Please send them to her at mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com.
- ⇒ **Treasurer - Critical Vacancy:** Our congregation will soon lose two of our key volunteers, Ken & Ingrid Weihe. They are moving to Texas at the end of October. Ingrid has recently served as the Church Treasurer & Ken with the Trustees. We are in desperate need for someone to step-up to fill our Treasurer Position. Anyone interested please contact Sandy in the office or Lee Taylor at (719) 440-8240.
- ⇒ Look for new folks in our congregation to meet and to help make feel welcome at MVUMC. Many new residents are arriving in our area all the time and are being made aware of our church as a great place to come and check out as they get settled into their new homes in Teller County.
- ⇒ Mission Team in bringing in an Angel Tree for One Nation Walking.
- ⇒ Chuck and Joy Bostian want to thank all of the kind people who sent cards, and prayers to help us get through this trying time. All the caring thoughts helped us to get through Joy's head injury from a serious fall, Chuck's knee replacement, the loss of a daughter-in-law hit by a drunk driver and the loss of a former son-in-law under questionable circumstances. Getting the cards and prayers helped us get through the difficult time.

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](http://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.



MORE OF OUR CONGREGATION



Ladies Emmaus Walk—Mountain View Te—October 22

Above: Sharon Pletcher (sponsor), Debbie Martin, Mary Marsh, Lori Arment, Lydia Eells (sponsor), Rusty Merrill (sponsor) - Patti Metz (sponsor) is there too but she won't turn toward the camera!



Left: Karen Cooper recuperating from her foot surgery—October 25

Below: Ladies preparing October 20 Community Dinner—June Essing, Kathy Kelsay (a neighbor of Ingrid's), Ruth Hoffman, Ingrid Weihe (her last time!), and Linda Petersen. Thank you ladies! It was delicious (as always)!





Your Stewardship Team Invites You to Generous Giving in 2022!

"This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealth in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God."
1 Corinthians 9:10-11 (The Message)

Our Mountain View Church leaders are excited about 2022 plans for ministry and mission! Support Committee and Ministry Team leaders are mostly in place, and they are busy this fall inviting you to get involved in ministries that will make a difference in our community through this church. Our "generous God" has given each of us something we "can then give away," to quote Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Your Nominations Team has welcomed your responses to our Volunteer Commitment Form and is organizing your responses to give these leaders. "People" resources are vital to our witness.

Likewise, your Stewardship Team has been assisting your Finance Committee to develop a plan for raising the "financial" resources that Mountain View Church will need to carry out its Mission in 2022. Here are some of the highlights of that plan to expect as we move into November:

October 31 Pastor Steve returns (from his covid quarantine) to preach sermons through Thanksgiving Sunday on "Generous Living."

Each Sunday members will also speak about their faith and share why and how they give.

November 5 all members will receive a letter in the mail (USPS!) containing a 2022 Commitment Card and some options for making financial contributions

November 14 during worship you will be invited to bring your Card (also called "Estimate of Giving" or "pledge") to the altar so that you can dedicate your commitments to God.

November 15 until end of Year – Financial Secretary updates Finance Committee as commitments are turned into the office

December 16 – Finance Committee meets to finalize 2022 Church Budget Proposal

January 25 – Church Council meets to set 2022 Church Budget

We look forward to seeing how God will move our hearts in the next year to "Generous Living!" Hope you will be a part of your Church's mission in 2022, in both volunteer ministries and financial support.

Your Stewardship Team,

Clarke Becker, chairperson; Joni Becker, Suzanne Brown, Bill and Kay Elliott, Julie Matthews, Charles Schroeder, and Pastor Steve Burnett



Community Cupboard hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday,
9:30—11:30 am
414 North Highway 67,
Woodland Park

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide distribution dates are the 1st and 3rd Mondays, **3:30-6:30**. Little Chapel Food Pantry continues to need clean plastic bags and egg cartons. There are containers in the narthex for these items.



Community Partnership has an ongoing need for school supplies. Please visit their website at <http://www.cpteller.org/> for additional information. Patricia Metz has also volunteered to be a point of contact. Her home # is 719-687-1005 and cell # is 719-246-1507.

Did you know that shopping at any King Soopers store can earn extra money for Mountain View? Fifteen members who are enrolled in the King Soopers Community Rewards program netted \$91.70 for our church coffers this past quarter. You can sign up on-line or stop by the service desk to take part in this easy and profitable way to support our congregation.



Your mission committee



Wood Chopping—Help at the wood yard the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 am to 12 pm. The yard is behind the fire station located at 1010 Evergreen Heights in Woodland. Please bring a pair of work gloves, protective glasses and water. For more info contact Jim Grover (687-1239) or Wendy Davis (660-8935)



On Time.
Every Time.
Automatic Bank Drafting

SET IT & FORGET IT

Automatic Bank Drafts are an option for your Annual Stewardship Commitment. Your monthly commitment amount can be withdrawn from your account on either the 5th or the 20th. OR you choose to have the amount withdrawn from your account on **BOTH** the 5th and the 20th. Just write **BOTH** on the Bank Draft Authorization where you are asked to choose the 5th or the 20th.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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HOLY HOSPITALITY HOSTS

January - Bell Choir
 February - Educational & Children's Ministry Team (Living Bible class, Contemporary Christian Roundtable; Children/Youth)
 March - Nominating & Lay Leadership Committee
 April - Educational Ministry Team & Children/Youth (Adult Fellowship, Women's Enrichment, Youth)
 May - Integrational Ministry Team, Stephen Ministry, Food & Kitchen Ministries
 June - Chancel Choir
 July - Trustees
 August - Mission Committee
 September - Mountain View Marthas, Safety Team
 October - Worship Committee
November - Finance Committee
 December - Invitational Ministry Team

2021 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Jan - Little Chapel Food Pantry-\$990
 Feb - Habitat for Humanity of Teller County-\$1,175
 Mar - Help the Needy—\$1,258
 Apr - UMCOR Sunday—\$1,532
 May—Woodland Park Senior Organization- \$1,540
 Jun—Lion's Club Camp for Children with Disabilities-\$1,483
 Jul—Trustees for Handicapped Accessibility—\$1,678
 Aug—One Nation Walking Together—\$1,413
 Sep—UMC Fires in Pacific Northwest - \$1,832
 Oct—World Communion Sunday
Nov—Mt. Carmel Veterans Center
 Dec—Alternative Gift Market

Thank you for your generosity!

November 2021

If I have missed your birthday and/or anniversary, please let me know and I will add it to my list for next year. I want to celebrate with you! Call me, Sandy, at 719-687-3868, or email me at mountain.viewmwcwp@gmail.com. Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2  Elisa Morgan's Anniversary Grace Hammond's Birthday Janet Corn's Birthday	3 Bryan Critchlow's Birthday	4	5 Lori Jones' Birthday	6 Donna Richards' Birthday Thomas Kerry's Birthday
7 Gary Brown's Birthday 	8 Gordon Leaf's Birthday	9 Enrique Sanchez' Birthday Karen Cooper's Birthday	10 Gordon & Joann Leaf's Anniversary	11 Dan & Martine Vogels Anniversary Joe Baumbardner's Birthday 	12	13 
14 Jack Elwell's Birthday Jim & Sharon Pletcher's Anniversary	15 Craig Miller's Birthday Linda & Ralph Arthur's Anniversary	16 Ceacy Thatcher's Anniversary Janice Richey's Birthday	17	18 	19	20 Daniel Nicholson's Birthday
21	22 	23	24 Silvi Vogels Birthday	25 Thanksgiving Cliff & Paula Prater's Anniversary Gary & Janice Richey's Anniversary Lovelyn Hughes' Birthday	26 Barbara Smith's Birthday Mia Nickelsburg's Birthday	27 Pastor Steve Burnett's Birthday
28 Sandy & Tim Rucker's Anniversary Wendy Davis' Anniversary Wendy Davis' Birthday	29 	30	<div> <div> Oct 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div> <div> Dec 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div> </div>			

Mt. View United Methodist Church
Financial Facts as of September 30, 2021

	Monthly		Monthly Variance	Year to Date		Annual Variance
	Actual	Budget		Actual	Budget	
Tithes & Offerings (pledged) (1)	16,385	18,498	(2,113)	172,829	166,485	6,344
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged) (2)	2,120	2,550	(430)	36,902	19,450	17,452
Other Revenue	47	6	41	927	54	873
COVID PPP and WP Grant	-	-	-	25,198	25,198	-
Transfers from Restricted Funds	-	-	-	3,695	-	3,695
Total Revenue	18,552	21,054	(2,502)	239,551	211,187	28,364
Total Expenses (3)	(17,713)	(19,817)	(2,104)	(165,707)	(189,872)	(24,165)
Revenue in Excess of Expenses	839	1,237	(398)	73,844	21,315	52,529
Designated Cap Asset funds used	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mortgage Receivable	(6,381)	-	(6,381)	(6,381)	-	(6,381)
Mortgage Principal Increase	8,469	-	8,469	8,469	-	8,469
Payment of A/P and P/R taxes	-	-	-	(1,527)	-	(1,527)
Mortgage Principal Reduction	(5,271)	(3,223)	(2,048)	(50,268)	(34,818)	(15,450)
Operating Fund Net Cash Flow (4)	(2,344)	(1,986)	(358)	24,137	(13,503)	37,640
Restricted Fund Net Cash Flow	3,679	-	3,679	6,427	-	6,427
Combined Funds Net Cash Flow (5)	1,335	(1,986)	3,321	30,564	(13,503)	44,067

Notes for September 2021:

- (1) Pledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$2,113 and over budget for the year by \$6,344.
- (2) Unpledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$430 and over budget for the year by \$17,452.
- (3) Expenses were under budget for the month by \$2,104 and under budget for the year by \$24,165.
- (4) Operating Fund Net Cash flow was negative \$2,344 for the month and better than budget by \$37,640 for the year.
 Major increase in Operating Net Cash Flow was due to income from PPP #2 of \$25,198 received in January.
- (5) Combined cash has increased this year by \$30,564 due to the \$25,198 PPP #2 funds.
 Without the PPP #2 funds, combined cash flow would have been positive \$5,366.

Mortgage Principal Reduction

Balance @ 9/30/21 = \$771,037.53,

Operating funds (see above)
 Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc
Total

Current Month		Year to Date	
Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
5,271	3,223	46,573	34,818
0	0	3,695	0
5,271	3,223	50,268	34,818

Cash Allocations

Operating and Designated Fund Balances:

	Current Month	Beginning of Year	Increase or (Decrease) in Cash Balance
Operating Fund Balance (included PPP funds of \$25,198 received in Jan)	37,042	20,309	16,733
Designated General Reserve	27,500	27,500	0
Designated Capital Reserve (increase by \$500/month during 2021)	35,909	31,409	4,500
Designated SPRC Reserve	2,904	-	2,904
Total Checking Cash Balance	103,355	79,218	24,137

Restricted Fund Balances:

Building Savings Fund Balance	21,122	22,148	(1,026)
Restricted Checking Fund Balances	23,762	16,309	7,453
Total of all Restricted Fund Fund Balances	44,884	38,457	6,427

Total Combined Cash for All Funds (6)	148,239	117,675	30,564
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