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a people of God, learning to love like Jesus

OUR VISION OF IMMORTAL THINGS

I came across two poems recently, each expressing a different and contrasting sentiment regarding our vision of immortal things. The first poem, *Ode: Intimations of Immortality*, was written by William Wordsworth. It begins with a wistful verse describing a sad loss and a great longing:

There was a time when meadow, grove,
and stream,
The earth, and every common sight,
To me did seem
Apparelled in celestial light,
The glory and the freshness of a dream.
It is not now as it hath been of yore;—
Turn wheresoe'er I may,
By night or day.
The things which I have seen I now can
see no more.

For Wordsworth, the light of heaven's glory fades from sight as we pass through each advancing stage of life:

Heaven lies about us in our infancy!
Shades of the prison-house begin to close
Upon the growing Boy,
But he beholds the light, and whence it flows,
He sees it in his joys...
At length the Man perceives it die away,
And fade into the light of common day.

Yes, surrounded in our infancy by heaven's light, shades (of doubt, perhaps?) begin to close upon us in our youth, until at length, heaven's bright light fades into the dimmer light of each and every ordinary day where each day's duties leave little time for reflection or little capacity for perception of God's kind and glowing presence near at hand.

How different all this is from the sentiment ex-

pressed in the lyrics of Peter Mayer's song *Holy Now*. Mayer sings:

When I was in Sunday school
We would learn about the time
Moses split the sea in two
Jesus made the water wine
And I remember feeling sad
That miracles don't happen still
But now I can't keep track
'Cause everything's a miracle
Everything, Everything
Everything's a miracle.
When holy water was rare at best
It barely wet my fingertips
But now I have to hold my breath
Like I'm swimming in a sea of it
It used to be a world half there
Heaven's second-rate hand-me-down
But I walk it with a reverent air
'Cause everything is holy now
Everything, everything
Everything is holy now.

Has the light of God faded for you or grown brighter with the passage of time? Are you surrounded by what Wordsworth describes as the shady shadows of the prison house or, like Mayer, is everything more holy now? Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." (Mt. 5:8) This vision is a vision that need not grow dim with time. In fact, it can grow brighter and crisper if we keep our hearts pure. May God grant us the grace to keep our eyes open and our hearts pure – free from all that corrupts them or distracts them – that we may see God with greater and greater clarity, at all times, in all places, and in all people, until every day is holy and every place a sanctuary. Amen.

CHURCH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT LEARNING AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Contemporary Christian Roundtable New Study

The current study, *If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus* by Philip Gulley, is a ten week study that will conclude July 1.

Sunday, July 8, will begin the study on *Being Christian in the Twenty-First Century* by Sam Gould, a church member.

The Contemporary Christian Roundtable is an adult Sunday school class within Mountain View United Methodist Church. The group has three objectives. They are to (1) study topics which will empower and inform our faith, (2) enhance our ability to articulate and express our faith and (3) be a supportive and reconciling faith community within the larger Mountain View community. We honor and celebrate the diversity of all God's creation and welcome ALL people (including all sexual orientations and gender identities), regardless of who they are, where they have been, or what they believe. All are invited to join us in study, service, prayer, and the thoughtful, honest sharing of our faith journey.

The class meets in the Multipurpose Room directly behind the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am each Sunday morning. Members of the group take turns at leading the class discussion. Please join us.

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

VOICES IN PRAYER: Meets Sunday morning immediately following worship at the front of the sanctuary to pray for concerns that have been shared during worship.

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY (WEM) will continue to meet through the summer, June 14-August 16, Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am in room 109. We have a wealth of video studies in our library and will view these each week along with praying for our congregation. Please bag up your popcorn, red vines, and junior mints and join us for a biblical movie study. Call Ann Snipes 720-427-1828 for further information.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING immediately following worship on June 3.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS June service project: Meet Wednesday, June 13 at 10:00 am in the church kitchen to prepare sack lunches for the Eagle Lake Camp staff and deliver to Impact Church. Call Ann Snipes 720-427-1828 if you can participate.

LAND OF LAKES BOYS CHOIR CONCERT

Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm
Open to the public.

Invite your friends and neighbors.
Contact for the event is Gary Myers at 687-6021.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, June 21

The home of Marv & June Essing
2109 Lee Circle Drive, Woodland Park

Gather at 4:30 pm and eat at 5:00 pm

Hotdog cookout potluck.

Hotdogs and beverages provided.
Please provide a picnic style side dish to share.



**WOMEN'S SECOND CUP
OF COFFEE**
June 12 & 26

Calling All Women to Second Cup at 9:00 am Tuesdays, June 12 and 26. Pamela will be gone each date, but she is welcoming us to meet at her house as usual. 15160 W Hwy 24. A little road off Hwy 24 between the Episcopal Church and the veterinarian office. We have a core group of relationship building ladies and invite others to join us. Contact Ottie at 687-2646 for more

MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS

Wednesday, June 13 at 10:00 am
Church kitchen
Prepare sack lunches
for the Eagle Lake Camp attendees

Call Ann Snipes 720-427-1828
if you can help.



Men's and Women's Walks to Emmaus will be held in mid to late October of this year. The Women's Walk is scheduled October 18-21. The Men's Walk is scheduled for October 25-28. Both retreats will be held at Camp Elam in Woodland Park. ***Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending.***

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of

God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening.

During and after the three days, Emmaus leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The members of the small groups challenge and support one another in faithful living. The three-day Emmaus experience and follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world.

UPCOMING SERVICES

June 3 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Communion - Conference Offering

Liturgist Lois Smith
Communion Servers: Rusty Merrill, Mike Theimer
Sermon The Ministry of Reconciliation
Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Special Music Maddy Elliott

June 10 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist Jeff Kuykendall
Sermon Jesus – The Ultimate Mind Reader
Mac McVicker
Scripture Matthew 9:1-8
Special Music Chancel Choir

June 17 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Liturgist Jerry Burnham
Sermon Mercy House
Scripture Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Special Music Harp duet

June 24 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist Mary Marsh
Sermon Rev. Tiffany Keith,
Guest Preacher
Special Music Handbell quartet

Past sermons (audio) @ www.mt-viewumc.org

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS: Do you like breakfast? Would you like to fellowship with your friends from church? There are three groups that meet for breakfast on a regular basis. The Men's Emmaus Alumni Group meets at the Hungry Bear restaurant every Wednesday at 7:00 am. The Women's Emmaus Alumni Group meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:15 am at the Smokehouse. Graduates of the Emmaus Retreat Program, or those interested in learning more, are welcome to attend. An open Men's Fellowship breakfast also meets at Grandmother's Kitchen every Friday at 7:30 am.



THE INVITATIONAL MINISTRY TEAM IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Mountain View will sponsor a booth at the Woodland Park Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration at Memorial Park.

If you would like to help out for an hour or more, including set up (7:00 – 8:30 am), fun time (8:30 – 3:00), and tear down (3:00 until complete), please contact Mary Anne Sheldon at 719.686.7511.

Thank you all!
Looking forward to seeing you there!



EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY TEAM

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

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

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

For more details of any group, please contact Ottie Baumgardner, Educational Team Leader at 687-2646 or ottiebaum@gmail.com

HOST HOMES/FAMILIES NEEDED

We are looking for 4 family's/church members to host Counselors from the Eagle Lake Camp that is to take place June 11-15. Each house would be responsible for providing a light breakfast and dinner for the students, and invite them into your home for lodging. This camp is hosted by 4 local Woodland Park Churches including Mountain View. We're partnering to bring life-on-life ministry through counselor relationships in the midst of an exciting camp experience. Inflatables, eurobungy, gaga ball and other high-energy activities are only the beginning. If you are interested please contact Marci Nickelsburg - marcニックルブルグ@gmail.com for more information, or visit <https://eaglelakecamps.com/day-camp-host-family/>.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING OUR SURVEY ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

Thank you for participating in our recent survey on human sexuality. One hundred and twenty (120) members and active constituents took the survey. Our local church's Way Forward Task Force will spend the month of June analyzing the results of the survey and comparing them with the report to be issued by our Council of Bishops sometime before the second week of July. After that, our local Task Force will report to the Church Council and the congregation with recommendations on a way forward that we hope will foster mutual understanding among church members of divergent views, maximize our unity as a congregation, and bring us together around our stated purpose of making disciples who love like Jesus in order to create a world where God's love reigns! Until then, please remember to pray for our local church and our denomination using the Prayer of Saint Francis as your guide:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
 where there is hatred let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
 grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled, as to console;
 to be understood, as to understand;
 to be loved, as to love;
 for it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



MOUNTAIN SKY AREA PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



"As Christians, we are all called to be pilgrims, navigating the way to God. For many this pilgrimage is figurative, a spiritual journey that deepens our awareness. Some, however, choose to undertake physical journeys to the lands most sacred to our tradition." (Thomas Merton)

Bishop Karen Oliveto invites all lay and clergy on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The trip will take place **Jan. 28 to Feb. 6, 2019**. "It is a powerful, life-changing experience to walk the paths that Jesus walked," said Bishop Karen. "It opens up the Bible and causes us to reflect more deeply on the stories that ground our faith." Bishop Karen encourages people to take this pilgrimage: "Join the Mountain Sky family as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This powerful trip will expand your knowledge of scripture and deepen your faith" as we visit sacred sites, worship together, and encounter God in ancient places so central to our faith. Journey with us!"

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Wednesday, June 6, 9:00 am
Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday - Friday, June 6-8, 5:30 - 8:00pm
Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 10, 10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, June 19, 10:00 - 2:00
Leave from church at 9:00 am or meet at Mueller at 10:00 am
Totally Terrific Tuesday
Mueller State Park

Tuesday, July 17, 10:00 - 2:00
Totally Terrific Tuesday
Water fun day - church parking lot

Tuesday, August 14, 10:00 - 2:00
Totally Terrific Tuesday
Learn new skills day

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

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 2, 7:00-1:00 - Rummage Sale

Sunday, June 3, 2:00 pm - Handbell concert

Sunday, June 10, 4:30 - 6:00 pm - Youth Group

Sunday, June 17, 4:30 - 6:00 pm - Youth Group

Sunday, June 24 - NO YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, July 1 - NO YOUTH GROUP

Thursday, July 5, Symphony Above the Clouds
Participate and clean-up

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

- Volunteers for Vacation Bible School
- Dates: June 6th-8th 5:30pm-8:00pm, Sunday, June 10th 10:30am
- Teachers and Youth Helpers
- Dinner Preparers/Kitchen Help
- Decorators and Craft compilers
- Music Leader for Songs

Those interested may email Children's Ministry at marcinickelsburg@gmail.com



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

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



CHOICES Baby Bottle fund raising campaign starts Sunday, May 20 and concludes on Sunday, June 10. This is our annual opportunity to support CHOICES financially. Pick up your baby bottle in the narthex on Mother's Day, put loose change, bills, or even a check in it between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Return the bottle to the narthex starting on Father's Day. This campaign raises needed funds to support CHOICES throughout the year and increases community awareness of the services provided by CHOICES.

FINANCE FACT - MAY 2018

30-Apr-18					
	Monthly		Annually		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
Tithes & Offerings (pledged)	24,718	20,686	96,345	86,495	9,850
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged)	6,594	5,888	19,447	22,080	(2,633)
Other Revenue	1,593	8	2,639	330	2,309
Total Revenue	32,905	26,582	118,431	108,905	9,526
Total Expenses	21,409	24,534	92,132	99,022	6,890
Revenue over Expenses	11,496	2,048	26,299	9,883	16,416
Mortgage Principal Reduction*	(5,687)	(4,223)	(18,719)	(16,941)	(1,778)
Net Cash Flow	5,809	(2,175)	7,580	(7,058)	14,638

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

Important Notes for April 2018:

- (1) Pledged revenues were over budget for the month by \$4,032.
- (2) Unpledged revenues were over budget for the month by \$706.
- (3) Expenses were under budget for the month.
- (4) An extra principal only mortgage payment of \$1,445 was made in April.

Mortgage Principal Reduction

	Monthly	Annually
Undesignated funds (see above)	\$4,242.00	\$17,274.00
Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc**	\$1,445.00	\$1,445.00
Total	\$5,687.00	\$18,719.00

Cash Allocations

Total Fund Balances	1,546,402.57		
<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>(1,480,741.99)</u>		
Cash in Operating Checking Covering Designated Funds	65,660.58		
Operating Bank Account (April, 2018)	99,143.05		
Owed to restricted fund(s)			
<u>Cash to cover designated funds</u>	<u>(65,660.58)</u>		
Unrestricted cash to pay bills	33,482.47		
	<u>Operating Checking</u>	<u>Cash for Bills</u>	<u>Cash Designated</u>
	99,143.05	33,482.47	33,500.00
			19,000.00
Restricted Fund Balances			13,160.58
Building Fund Balance	33,482.14		
Restricted Fund Balances	4,910.84		
Deposit in Transit	-		
From Operations Checking	-		
Total of all Restricted Fund Fund Balances	38,392.98		65,660.58
			General reserve
			Capital reserve
			Other

Our Mission: Making Disciples Who Love Like Jesus!

2017 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Jan - Habitat for humanity ~ \$991
 Feb - Community Cupboard ~ \$936
 Mar- Help The Needy~\$1123
 Easter donations - DayBreak ~ \$495
 Apr - One Great Hour of Sharing ~ \$1068
 May - Woodland Park Senior Center ~ \$866

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



Woodland Park/Teller County Community Cupboard and Divide Food Pantry



June items: mac & cheese and goldfish crackers. There is a box in each entryway for your donations.

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide distribution dates are Mondays, June 11 and 25.

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

EYE GLASSES—old eyeglasses are being collected in the narthex by the Missions Committee and will be donated so others may have the gift of better vision.



BATTERY BUCKET



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

COMMUNION OFFERING JUNE 3 FOR The Bridge of Love Conference Offering



Red Bird Mission participates in the following for support of their School: You collect the box tops from General Mill's products and bring them to church and put in the in the big cardboard soup can located in the narthex, we will then send them to Red Bird Mission and they will redeem the box tops for items or cash for their School. Thank you for helping support Red Bird Mission.



Community Outreach Opportunity Help Cut Firewood

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

Next Work Date: June 16 (third Saturday)
Location: Beside Fire Station on County Line Road
Time: 9:00 am - Noon

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

MISSION OPPORTUNITY We need volunteers to work from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday, June 9 at the Marian House Soup Kitchen. Their address is 14 West Bijou Street in Colorado Springs. Parking is available in the parking lot. Enter at the rear entrance to the kitchen. If you would like to car pool from the church parking lot, please meet us at 9:20 am. We will be serving lunch and cleaning up. Please contact Joe Baumgardner at [719-687-2646](tel:719-687-2646) with any questions.



2018 JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Clarke Becker
- 4 - Ottie Baumgardner
- 4 - D. Brown
- 4 - Vicki Huffor
- 4 - Marcia Mitchell

- 5 - Gene Cole
- 5 - Pam Long
- 5 - Gary Myers
- 9 - Zady Morgan
- 11 - Mary Anne Sheldon
- 17 - Carol Theimer
- 19 - Carol Sharp
- 20 - Annette Corson
- 23 - Bob Kendrick
- 24 - Bev Elwell
- 24 - Elaine Gould
- 24 - Rusty Merrill
- 28 - Lyle Wilgers

2018 JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Marcene Etchieson & Rob Mull
- 1 - Ron & Sue Snyder
- 3 - Jerry & Pat Burnham
- 4 - John & Mary Schafer
- 6 - Pat & Lovelyn Hughes
- 10 - Dennis & Marcia Mitchell
- 10 - Prentis & Sue Porter
- 25 - Rick & Dianne Shafer
- 26 - Gene & Barb Smith

HOLY HOSPITALITY HOSTS

- January - Bell Choir
- February - Children's Ministry Team
- March - Nominating & Lay Leadership Committee
- April - Educational Ministry Team
- May - Integrational Ministry Team
- June - Chancel Choir
- July - Trustees
- August - Mission Committee
- September - Mountain View Marthas
- October - Worship Committee
- November - Finance Committee
- December - Invitational Ministry Team

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN CAREGIVERS



Let us know if:

- You want a home visit
- Are in the hospital or a rehab center
- Have lost a loved one
- Want a ride to an appointment

We are praying for you.

Contact Marcia Myers at 687-6021 or Pastor Michael at 687-3868. Emergencies (401) 824-9055.

FOOD MINISTRY

The food ministry has been very well received and appreciated by those who have benefited from it. However, please be reminded that all food **MUST** be fully cooked and ready to be reheated by the recipient. Please no unprepared food, wild game or fish.

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



Drivers Needed

The Integrational team needs more drivers for those in our congregation that need rides to appointments. Most of the time, the ride goes someplace here in Woodland Park or to Colorado Springs. Let

the church office or Marcia Myers 687-6021, know if you have the time.

Did you know?

We have medical equipment available for your emergency use. If you need a wheelchair, cane, walker, etc. you are encouraged to borrow them from the church. We will also store your used yet clean and operable equipment for others to use. The church office will determine if they are appropriate and needed for our stash. Let's help each other!



MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS continue to accept donations for Blessing Bags and College/Military Care Packages. There are boxes in the narthex with a preferred list of donations. We are having great success with these projects, and appreciate your support. Ann Snipes and Jeanette Myers, Marthas co-chairpersons

MANY THANKS

Hoyt and I want to thank everyone for the many cards, calls, visits, and prayers during his recent illness. He still has a way to go to complete recovery, but the care that shown has been so supportive. We have a wonderful, caring church!
Lydia & Hoyt Eells