



MOUNTAIN VIEW MESSENGER

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*...a people of God, learning to love
like Jesus*

Sunday, May 23rd is Pentecost this year. Pentecost is the third “highest” Holy Day of the Christian Calendar, one that marks a major milestone in the life of the church – the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower its ministry to the world. That’s the theory at least: but in practice, at least compared to Christmas and Easter it has become almost an afterthought. Sure, we put up the red decorations, and some of us wear red as well. Maybe we even read the Pentecost story in a different language or even a variety of languages once in a while. But overall I don’t know of too many churches with major Pentecost traditions. I don’t know too many Christians who make a point of not missing church on Pentecost Sunday either.

Part of it is timing of course: Pentecost often coincides with Memorial Day weekend (as it does this year), or Graduation Sunday, or the beginning of summer vacation – all events that lower church attendance. But it doesn’t help that the subject of the day – the coming of the Holy Spirit – is a difficult one for us to wrap our modern minds around. How do we relate to this spectacle: Gusts of wind, tongues of fire, almost three thousand people baptized in one day? It makes an exciting story, but we don’t often see that kind of outpouring these days. And even if something like that DID happen – how would we react?

I have to confess that the first time I was in a church and someone started speaking in tongues it all seemed so strange that my impulse was to re-locate, not to rejoice! I’ve wondered if I was wrong for feeling that way – if my discomfort with “miraculous” events like speaking in tongues was a sign of something lacking in my faith. Is it wrong that I don’t expect the Spirit to work in my life in that way? Am I missing the Holy Spirit at work?

Then I look back at the rest of the book of Acts, and realize that while the miracles present, they aren’t the point. It’s called “The Acts of the Apostles” for a reason; most of the book isn’t about miraculous acts of the Spirit: it’s about the faithful acts of those who follow Jesus. It’s about people sharing their gifts, their food, their time, their worship (Acts 2:43-47). It’s about people taking care of one another as best suits their abilities (Acts 6:3-6) and opening themselves up to new ideas about others (Acts 10). It’s the work of the Holy Spirit, but mostly about the way that Spirit works through believers, not just on them or around them.

And with those eyes, I realize that I see the Holy Spirit at work in powerful ways all the time:

- In small groups that gather to study scripture together.
- As people gather share their talents in worship.
- At community meals, where volunteers prepare and serve food for strangers and friends and strangers who become friends.
- As other volunteer to work at food banks, with Habitats for Humanity, with Help the Needy, and a variety of other groups.
- in offering gifts and tithes to support the work of the church - local, regionally, and globally - and in other donations for outreach across the area.
- in prayers, raised up in public and an private, both for the healing of our broken world and in praise of the ways we have seen God’s healing power at work.

Maybe the problem isn’t a lack of the Spirit in my faith, maybe it’s in failing to recognize the Spirit when I see it – not in the rare spectacles, but in the everyday life of faithful people following the “the Way” of Jesus Christ together.

Hope to see you in worship on May 23rd, as we celebrate Pentecost, and anticipate the ways Holy Spirit will continue to move and use us in the days and weeks to come!

Grace and Peace,
Todd

Welcome to Mountain View United Methodist Church

We are OPEN!

We still need to follow COVID-19 guidelines for face masks, social distancing, a maximum attendance of 50 people, and no gathering before or after services.



WORSHIP begins at 10:30 AM EVERY Sunday!

We offer 3 ways to worship!



1 - In person. Reservations are suggested. Call 719-687-3868 or go on line to our website, www.mt-viewumc.org and click on the RESERVATION button. We can have a maximum of 50 in attendance at one time.



2 - via YouTube. We have begun streaming services to YouTube!
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0gktXVS29Afpf97SmdVO2A>



3 - by phone. Call any of the following Zoom Numbers:

1-669-900-6833	1-301-715-8592
1-253-215-8782	1-312-626-6799
1-929-205-6099	1-346-248-7799

You will hear a message that says "Welcome to Zoom, enter your meeting ID followed by a pound." You don't have to listen to all of this. Just enter **829 418 035 90#**.

Zoom will respond "Enter your participant ID followed by pound. Otherwise just press pound to continue." Again, you don't have to listen to this, just enter **#**.

Zoom will respond that you are in the meeting or you are in the waiting room. It will sound like people are talking over each other but ignore it. Soon you will be connected into the service.

No one on the call can hear you so don't worry about making any noise.

As always, you are encouraged to share the online invitation with your FRANS – Friends, Relative, Associates, and Neighbors. What a wonderful way to spread hope in a time when so many need the joy and help that Jesus gives!

Children's Sunday School

We have Children's Sunday School again! Masks are required. Children will enter through the upstairs doors and go directly into the classroom. Parents will need to sign them in and pick them up upstairs. Please RSVP to marcinickelsburg@gmail.com.



CHURCH OFFICE

The church office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.
 Phone number is 719-687-3868 and email is mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com.



Sound Booth Trainees Needed

We are in need of volunteers to learn the sound booth duties for our worship services. If you are interested, please email Sandy at mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com or calling 719-687-3868.



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
 May—Woodland Park Senior Organization
 Jun—Swim Across America
 Jul—TBD
 Aug—TBD
 Sep—TBD
 Oct—World Communion Sunday
 Nov—Veterans
 Dec—Alternative Gift Market

Thanks for your generosity!



VOICES IN PRAYER

Greeting to the congregation—Voices in Prayer is ready to receive your prayer requests. We have a dedicated button on the church's web site for you to submit your confidential prayer requests. All you have to do is go to the web site, click on the confidential **Prayer Request** button and fill in your request. The rest is up to God and your team members.

The team will also receive from Pastor Todd the prayer requests submitted during each Sunday's service.

We have added to the church's web site a link to [UpperRoom.org/Prayer Wall](https://www.UpperRoom.org/PrayerWall) 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.

There is **one more important thing**. If you would like to be a member of **Voices in Prayer**, please drop us a line at the above email address. Your voice will help make our service the greatest possible gift to each other and the world. *With compassion from your team, Carol Goll, Jo Lied, Sharon Pletcher, Karen Vickery, June Essig, Barbara Royal, Pastor Todd Scranton*

Prayer Requests ▾



* ✝ * FACEBOOK DEVOTIONAL



On Monday and Wednesday mornings - around 10ish - Pastor Todd presents a devotional. Via Facebook on Mountain View United Methodist Church.

COFFEE "in" THE OFFICE

Please join Pastor Todd for coffee "in" the office Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm via Zoom. Nothing fancy or official, just a chance for conversation and prayer together. Join the Zoom meeting by going to [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/817 2679 8400](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81726798400)



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to honor or remember a loved one or event, you may place a flower arrangement on the altar for that Sunday. Please call Jo Lied (altar flower coordinator) at 719-726-0668 and Sandy Rucker (office secretary) at 719-687-3868. Inform Sandy of the reason for the honor or event and she will place in the online bulletin for the designated Sunday Service. Please have flowers on the altar by 10:00 am that morning and remove by Wednesday of the following week.

The **Safety Committee** is looking for volunteers to help with policy and protocol review, and oversee for the Safety Team and Medical Emergency Response Team. The **Safety Team** and **Camera Watchers** are looking for additional team members, also. Training will be provided. If you are interested in either or both volunteer opportunities contact Mike Theimer (mtheimer@olympian.org) for more information.

COMMUNITY DINNER

May 19th will be the last meal as we do not serve in June, July or August.

Menu for May 5 Cinco de Mayo

Soft chicken & pork soft tacos
Mexican corn
Pickled slaw
Guacamole, lettuce, picante sauce
Tres Leches cake

Menu for May 19

Smoked turkey and sausage
Potato salad
Brookfille slaw
Banana Split Dessert



Or go to <https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/> and click on Community Dinner to make your reservation.

WOMEN'S SECOND CUP OF COFFEE ** CHANGED TO MONDAYS

Calling All Women to Second Cup of Coffee at **9:00 am the 2nd and 4th MONDAYS**. 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 @ **687-1827**.

**May
10 and 24**

MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS will not meet during the month of May.

HOLY HOSPITALITY HOSTS—Holy Hospitality has been suspended in light of COVID-19 restrictions. Please stay tuned for information about when/ it will resume.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS—Cancelled until further notice.

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.



WOMENS ENRICHMENT MINISTRY has decided to use the Upper Room Devotional books for our Summer Study, studying Wednesday's reading and the questions in the back. We meet **Thursdays at 10:00 am in the youth room** of the church until August 26. All women are invited, and in compliance with CDC guidelines masks are required. Our FALL study will be a Priscilla Shirer book and videos, **DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD**, starting September 9 through December 2 (approximately). There is a workbook, contact Sharon Pletcher if you wish to participate.

Living Bible class meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for a very in-depth study of the Bible with an emphasis in personal growth and understanding. We are currently studying the complete Bible series "Genesis to Revelation" and are just beginning the book of "Job." This book really looks deep into piety under the most difficult of circumstances, but also illustrates that it is ok to hurt and ask why. We are prepared and ready with study materials for anyone to join in at any time. Please join our Living Bible class online, by phone, or in person. Each week, we try and mix it up with a rotation in facilitators (Pat Hoffman, Sharon Pletcher, and Tim Rucker) of our study. For in person class, please join us in our church's Youth Room, or as some like to call it, the "Old Sanctuary". If you would like to join in person, please enter through the east doors. For more information, please contact Tim Rucker at 719-689-5510, timrucker@hotmail.com.

Women's Emmaus (JC Mountain Girls) are meeting at the church in the upstairs Youth Room and on Zoom. The 1st and 3rd Saturdays in May. Contact Sharon Pletcher (spletche1@gmail.com) for information.

**May
1 and 15**

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

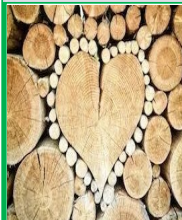
The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is a standing committee of the church. Chief among the SPRC's duties are the tasks of encouraging, strengthening, nurturing, and supporting the pastor and staff while also promoting unity within the congregation. The SPRC members are always available to receive your suggestions for strengthening the overall ministry of our staff and congregation. Please feel free to contact any of the following members to share your ideas or input: Lynda Morgan (Chair), Craig Miller, Lydia Eells, Jo Lied, Elaine Gould, Beth Tinsley, Stephanie Witman, Fred Tinsley (Lay Leader). Contact information is available in the church directory located on our website at: <https://www.mountainviewumcwp.com/member-login>.

Church Council

Chairperson	Sam Gould	sam.gould1942@gmail.com
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Secretary	Sandy Rucker	mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com
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Splitting Firewood

NE Teller County Fire Department at 1010 Evergreen Heights Drive in Woodland Park is looking for volunteers to split firewood on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9 am to 12 pm. Hot coffee, water, and donuts will be available for your efforts. Call Jim Grover at 719-210-1044 if you are interested or have questions.

Volunteers for Habitat for Humanity

Individuals or groups are needed to help with construction at the Trailhead Town-home project next to 700 Valley View Drive. Contact Sara Vestal at 719-687-4447 or volunteer@tellerhabitat.org



Prayer Shawl Ministry



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.

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.



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 plastic container 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.



DONATIONS IN ONE LOCATION

Nestled all together now in the Narthex by the north entrance are the Mission Team containers for donations of: plastic bags (Walmart style), used eyeglasses, dead batteries, old cell phones, and egg cartons. You can also place these items in the delivery box, outside the office doors and Sandy will collect them and put them in the correct place.



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 October to December we received \$82.08 from just 10 households.** For additional information please contact Wendy at 719-660-8935 or wendylouzeller@aol.com.

Christina Gore is graduating!

Please send your well-wishes to her at 58 Tanner Parkway Canon City, CO 81212

Cherese Bennett Update:

Thank you all so much for your continued prayers, they are very much needed! Saturday, the 10th, my boyfriend, Van, and I were side swiped by an oncoming motorcyclist going too fast around a blind curve. He crossed into our lane and hit us on our left side. Miraculously, Van was able to slow down the vehicle and stop before the bike fell to the ground. I was able to hop off and there were many good samaritans there to help us. I am doing pretty well. I am at home resting most of the time. Van is still in the hospital. He is getting ready for his 5th surgery as his injuries were pretty severe. All of our injuries are located on our lower left legs and feet. We have a long road to recovery ahead of us, but continue to stay strong with all of the support and prayers that we are receiving. Thank you so much, all of you!



Cards & letters are welcome. Send them to PO Box 4362, Woodland Park, CO 80866.



May 2021

If I have missed your birthday &/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.viewumcwp@gmail.com. Thank you.

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Mt. View United Methodist Church
Financial Facts as of March 31, 2021

	Monthly		Monthly	Year to Date		Annual
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Tithes & Offerings (pledged) (1)	16,110	18,498	(2,388)	61,998	55,495	6,503
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged) (2)	2,977	1,700	1,277	9,625	5,100	4,525
Other Revenue	9	6	3	281	18	263
COVID PPP and WP Grant	-	-	-	25,198	25,198	-
Transfers from Restricted Funds	-	-	-	1,250	-	1,250
Total Revenue	19,096	20,204	(1,108)	98,352	85,811	12,541
Total Expenses (3)	(17,597)	(21,208)	(3,611)	(54,807)	(65,474)	(10,667)
Revenue in Excess of Expenses	1,499	(1,004)	2,503	43,545	20,337	23,208
Designated Cap Asset funds used	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment of A/P and P/R taxes	194	-	194	(430)	-	(430)
Mortgage Principal Reduction	(5,349)	(5,160)	(189)	(16,605)	(15,479)	(1,126)
Operating Fund Net Cash Flow (4)	(3,656)	(6,164)	2,508	26,510	4,858	21,652
Restricted Fund Net Cash Flow	(338)	-	(338)	540	-	540
Combined Funds Net Cash Flow (5)	(3,994)	(6,164)	2,170	27,050	4,858	22,192

Notes for March 2021:

- (1) Pledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$2,388 but over budget for the year by \$6,503.
- (2) Unpledged revenues were over budget for the month by \$1,277 and over budget for the year by \$4,525.
- (3) Expenses were under budget for the month by \$3,611 and under budget for the year by \$10,667.
- (4) Operating Fund Net Cash flow was negative \$3,656 for the month but better than budget by \$21,652 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 \$27,050, mainly due to the \$25,198 PPP #2 funds.
 Without the PPP #2 funds, combined cash flow would have been positive \$1,852.

Mortgage Principal Reduction

Balance @ 3/31/21 = \$796,231.75	Current Month		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Operating funds (see above)	5,349	5,160	15,355	15,479
Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc	0	0	1,250	0
Total	5,349	5,160	16,605	15,479

Cash Allocations	Current Month	Beginning of Year	Increase or (Decrease) in Cash Balance
Operating and Designated Fund Balances:			
Operating Fund Balance (included PPP funds of \$25,198 received in Jan)	45,019	20,309	24,710
Designated General Reserve	27,500	27,500	0
Designated Capital Reserve (increase by \$600/month during 2021)	33,209	31,409	1,800
Total Checking Cash Balance	105,728	79,218	26,510
Restricted Fund Balances:			
Building Savings Fund Balance	21,106	22,148	(1,042)
Restricted Checking Fund Balances	17,891	16,309	1,582
Total of all Restricted Fund Fund Balances	38,997	38,457	540
Total Combined Cash for All Funds (5)	144,725	117,675	27,050