

Mountain View's Vision:

A future where  
peace is found,  
and God's love prevails.

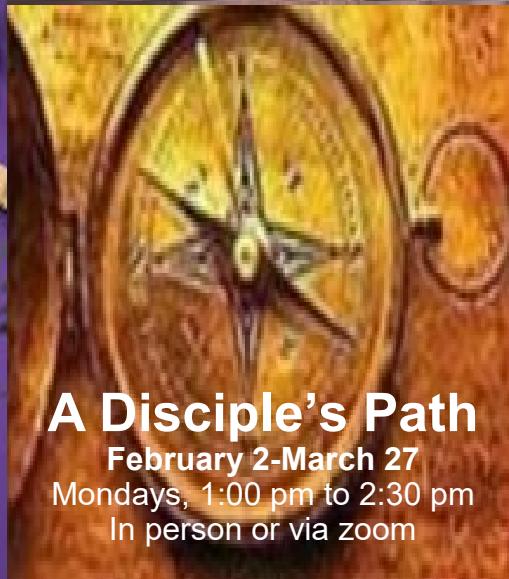
Mountain View's Mission:

To love unconditionally,  
grow spiritually,  
and serve faithfully  
through Christ.

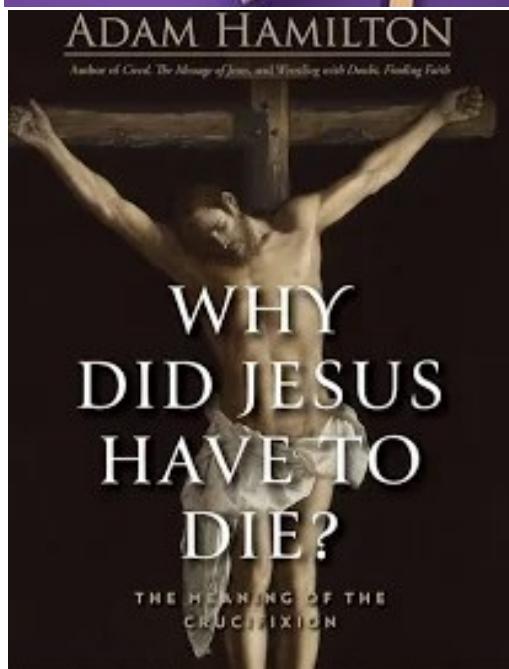
# Mountain View Messenger

February, 2026

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**February 18**  
**1 pm**



**A Disciple's Path**  
**February 2-March 27**  
**Mondays, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**  
**In person or via zoom**



## **Lenten Study Why Did Jesus Have to Die?**

By Adam Hamilton

**Women's Enrichment**  
**Thursdays, 10 am**  
**February 19-March 26**

**Living Bible**  
**Sundays, 9:15 am**  
**February 22- March 29**

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## WORSHIP

**Sunday Mornings 11:00 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.**



# A Message from the Church Council Chair



Happy New Year to everyone!!! Recently, I heard a lighthearted debate on "How long can you still say, Happy New Year to someone?" Some thought it was just the first week of January and most thought that the first time to see someone in January, is appropriate. Regardless, I want to be clear to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

This is important because I feel that Mountain View UMC is off to a wonderful start for our ministry. It feels like the new start time of 11:00 on Sundays, has been well received. And I believe Pastor Ingrid is able to manage being at East UMC and MV each Sunday.

The many activities and groups that are meeting at MV as well as our many outreach ministries are also off to a great start. Financially, the Finance Committee is very encouraged for 2026 and beyond. Our next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. I will look forward to updating everyone for the February Newsletter following that meeting.

As I finalize this message, it is Martin Luther King Day. As Dr. King said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" That is a powerful message to carry us into a vibrant 2026.

In the meantime, though the world can seem to be in such chaos at times, we are greatly blessed and the ministry of Mountain View UMC is vital to Teller County and beyond. God Bless you all.

Clarke Becker  
Church Council Chair and Lay Leader



## Adult Education Ministry



### **Soul Reset** - Facilitated by Sharon Pletcher & Tim Rucker

April 11, 2026 - May 16, 2026, Saturdays from 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Soul Reset book required. In Person or Zoom available

Are you ready to say "yes" to the journey toward wholeness? This offering is based on the book "Soul Reset, Breakdown, Breakthrough and The Journey to Wholeness" by Reverend Junius B. Dotson. The course offers a safe place where we can be real about depression, exhaustion, burnout, and grief. In this group, we can express our feelings and experiences and find grace, encouragement, and authentic community. As we follow, Pastor Dotson, we discover, as he did, that authenticity, vulnerability, and spiritual practices are the path to wholeness. Be sure to purchase the Soul Reset book for this six-week course.

### **Saints, Angels, Miracles and You** - Facilitated by Barbara Royal

To be scheduled for late spring 2026

Mondays at 2:00 PM

Explore the history of wonder workers in Islamic, Christian and Jewish traditions to make miracles, as you discover your relation to saints and angels and your own ability to be a miracle maker. The class is interactive and experiential. Held in person, only, at 2 pm on Mondays. Springtime dates to be announced. Enjoy the group discussions and enthusiasm to learn more about world religions and how the angels work in our lives.



# Adult Education Ministry

**February 2, 1 pm**

## **A Disciple's Path**

In person—Multi-Purpose Room

zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357230851>

**February 2, 6 pm**

## **Luther's Reformation**

In person—Sanctuary

zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85967363385>

**February 9, 1 pm**

## **A Disciple's Path**

In person—Multi-Purpose Room

zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357230851>

**February 16, 1 pm**

## **A Disciple's Path**

In person—Multi-Purpose Room

zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357230851>

**February 19, 10 am Women's Enrichment**

## **Why Did Jesus Have to Die?**

In person—Conference Room

**February 22, 9:15 am Living Bible**

## **Why Did Jesus Have to Die?**

In person—Conference Room

**February 23, 1 pm**

## **A Disciple's Path**

In person—Multi-Purpose Room

zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357230851>

**February 26, 10 am Women's Enrichment**

## **Why Did Jesus Have to Die?**

For even  
the Son of Man  
came not  
to be served  
but to serve  
others.

Mark 10:45

**Luther's Reformation** - Facilitated by Mike Bryant

**January 19, 2026 – February 2, 2026**

Mondays from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Sanctuary or via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85967363385>

Martin Luther was famously provoked into posting his 95 theses by the Church cynically peddling indulgences—reductions in purgatory sentences. One of history's great ironies is what the pope was trying to raise money for: Saint Peter's basilica in Rome, which even today stands as the symbol of papal grandeur. In this three-week course we take a deep dive into how Martin Luther, a lowly monk, broke centuries of papal supremacy in Western Europe.

**A Disciple's Path**—Facilitated by Rev. Ingrid Beguiristain

**February 2, 2026 —March 27, 2026**

Mondays from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Multi Purpose Room or via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357230851>

A Wesleyan approach to discipleship that guides followers through spiritual practices, gift discovery, and ministry engagement using prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. and helps you develop spiritual practices, discover your unique gifts, and engage in ministry that brings transformation to your own life and to the lives of others and the world.

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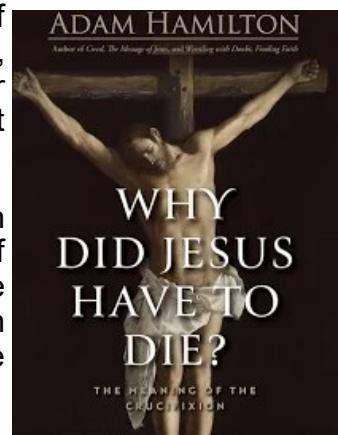
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**Living Bible, Sundays, 9:15 am**

**February 22– March 29**

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What if that's because we've been asking the wrong question? What if the cross isn't a transaction to be explained, but a living Word from God meant to transform who we are and how we live.



## 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. 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. They will continue with the series "Genesis to Revelation." February 1 begins with 1 Timothy. They will begin the Lenten study—"Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" by Adam Hamilton on February 22. Please join us to explore the Good News of the New Covenant with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Join online, by phone, or in person. For in person class, please join them in the church Conference Room (Room 109). For more information, please contact Tim Rucker at [timrucker@hotmail.com](mailto:timrucker@hotmail.com) or 303-818-3697.

**WOMENS ENRICHMENT** is held on Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Conference Room. Please contact Sharon Pletcher if you are interested. "Max Lucado's "Life Lessons from Romans" is the current study.

In this profound epistle, Paul explores all the wrong directions and takes us to the only right one. The wrong solutions are pleasure and pride, and the correct solution is Christ Jesus. Join beloved author Max Lucado as he dives into the book of Romans to consider in Paul's words everything from practical instruction for a growing church to the very core of the Christian faith.

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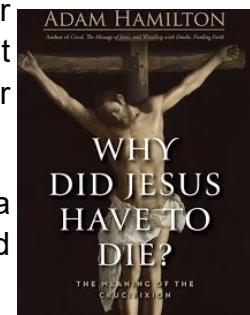
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## CALLING ALL LITURGISTS!

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!**





## LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES



Lay Servant ministries present a broad range of mission and ministry opportunities. Each course will equip leaders to better lead and work with others, not only in the church, but also in the community and throughout the world.

We as children of God, all have spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit. God can use these gifts and talents to minister to others.

Institute for Discipleship and BeADisciple.com have released their upcoming courses. Please let Sandy know if you are interested in seeing their list of courses. We have a small scholarship to help pay for the courses.

Don't forget we are offering **A Disciple's Path**—Facilitated by Rev. Ingrid Beguiristain on **February 2, 2026 —March 27, 2026**, Mondays from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Multi Purpose Room or via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86104791478>.

### **REMEMBER YOUR STAR WORD?**

Are you using your star word as a prayer practice? Have you been using your word as a guiding word? Participants are encouraged to trust the word they have drawn, and not to replace the word. Have you placed your star word somewhere you will see it regularly to allow consistent reflection on how God has moved through, around, or in connection to that word? If you cannot find yours or didn't get one, let the office know to get one.



Want to get rid of your old Christmas things? Drop off trees and decorations at Santa's Workshop (the ValuSource office) Monday-Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. 4575 Galley Road, Suite #200E. On Galley between Academy and Powers, the office east of Ent Federal Credit Union, park on the east side of the building. They are upstairs. [thechristmastreeproject.org](http://thechristmastreeproject.org)

### **RECYCLE PILL BOTTLES**

Instead of throwing away your empty pill bottles, pull your label off, wash 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.



**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%+\$30 credit card charge. If you use checking account information, there is only the 1.5% base Donorbox charge.



## Congregational Care Corner

### 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 Ingrid, with the assistance of the Congregational Care Team, is once again offering home communion. If you would like Pastor Ingrid 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. Communion Bags are available for members to take and return for friends or family who would like to receive communion but cannot make it to church for health or other reasons. See Pastor Ingrid for a bag!



### It's me, it's me O Lord, Standing in the Need of Prayer

Do you need an intercessor? Someone to share your struggle mentally, emotionally, physically or spiritually? The prayer ministry is here for you! Pray requests can be submitted through the church web site, on Sunday with a prayer slip or during joys and concerns.



#### Supply Items Needed

Gallon zip lock bags  
Snack size zip lock bags

#### Non-Perishable Food Items

Raisins – small boxes  
Trail mix – we can put into smaller bags  
Protein bars  
Granola bars  
Nuts

#### Necessities/Personal Items

Hand warmers  
Band aids  
Hand sanitizers – pocket size  
Lotions – travel size  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes

### Blessing Bags - March 4 10:00 am

We are putting together Blessing Bags to bring to Springs Mission in Colorado Springs and to the Aspen Mine Center in Cripple Creek for those in need of these items.

Contact Wendy Davis [wendylouzeller@aol.com](mailto:wendylouzeller@aol.com) with questions.

#### Necessities/Personal Items (continued)

Floss  
Mouthwash – travel size  
Soaps  
Washcloths  
Shampoo – travel size  
Conditioner – travel size  
Sunscreen – small  
Lip balm  
Baby wipes – if large package, we can divide into small bags  
Brushes, combs – travel size  
First aid kits - (travel size)  
Hair Elastics  
Feminine products – if large package, we can divide into small bags

**EVERYONE!**

# let's do community lunch

1st & 3rd  
Wednesdays  
12 pm

DONATIONS  
WELCOME

RSVP 719-687-3868 by 12 pm Monday



## Integrational Ministry

Integration Team – **NEEDS A LEADER** but has lots of support.. 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 Lorie Whitehead. Greeters welcome members and visitors on Sundays and special services. An important role in making everyone feel welcome.

Mountain of Fun Group – Coordinated by Lynda Morgan and Karin Taylor. 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!

## 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 Lynda Morgan (mormac14@msn.com) and/or Karin Taylor (kht40@hotmail.com). Once joined, we will keep you posted on upcoming activities.

# Mission Ministry

**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.

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

## 2026 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Jan - Heifer International  
Feb – Teller County Senior Coalition  
Mar – Woodland Park Senior Organization  
Apr – Hope Lives Here  
May – Nighthawk Ranch  
Jun – Colorado Mission of Mercy



4th Monday of Every Month  
Midland Coin Laundry  
109 W Midland Avenue  
9:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Volunteers will be providing the coins for washing and drying your laundry. All are welcome.

## 2025 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Jan - Community Lunch \$733.33  
Feb - UMCOR—CA Fires \$1,560  
Mar - Community Partnership \$1,099  
Apr - Aspen Mine Center \$640  
May - Faithful Hearts Equine Learning Center \$703  
Jun - Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research \$875  
Jul - Focus on the Forest \$798  
Aug - Community Cupboard \$1,078  
Sep - TCRAS Mighty Medical Fund \$973  
Oct - Care Portal \$719  
Nov - Wreath Across America \$714  
Dec - Alternative Gift Market \$6,327  
Little Chapel Food Pantry \$1,276  
Open Hearts Open Doors \$2,493  
Exodus Road \$431PEO \$648  
Doctors without Borders \$1,101  
Mobility Worldwide \$478

**DRIVERS  
NEEDED**

**We need drivers for the congregational cart, before and after service.**

**Please contact  
Sandy at 719-687-3868.  
Thank you.**



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 \$73.36 from 12 households.** For additional information please contact Wendy Davis at wendylouzeller@aol.com or 719-660-8935.

## **THANK YOU, GOD, FOR FILLING US WITH YOUR SPIRIT OF LOVE AND UNITY ALL AROUND OUR WORLD.**



Have you noticed the circle of our fellow congregants and the minister gathered in prayer before the service on Sunday mornings?

This is an open invitation to all who wish to express their love in unity before the service begins. You don't have to use words, just be present with the love you have for each other, our church, our minister, the liturgist, musicians, worship staff and the world.

If you prefer, please join the circle from your chair. We are one.

Voices In Prayer, blessings to all.

# **Legacy Gifting**

Dear Mountain View United Methodist Church Family,

"All that we are, all that we have, comes from God and will one day return to God." John Wesley.

We rely on your generosity and giving to support our congregation, staff, ministries, and our wonderful building.

Legacy Gifts from our departed members have recently paved our parking lot, significantly upgraded our audio-visual systems, and enhanced our music and hand bells.

We would like you to consider a Legacy Gift after your passing to support our congregation in the future after your passing. This is a gift where you recognize MVUMC with a gift from a bank account, IRA, other Retirement account, Annuity or insurance policy.

It is usually very easy to designate MVUMC as a beneficiary for a percentage or a dollar figure on a beneficiary form with a financial organization.

**The Church's Tax Payor ID number is: 84-0800995. This designates us as a 501 (c) 3 charity.**

The church should be designated as a beneficiary as follows:

Mountain View United Methodist Church  
1101 Rampart Range Road  
Woodland Park, CO 80863

If you would like to discuss this further please contact either of the following:

- Rob Browning at [robert.browning55@gmail.com](mailto:robert.browning55@gmail.com) or (816) 679-3240
- Lee Taylor at [taylorlf1@gmail.com](mailto:taylorlf1@gmail.com) or (719) 687-9541

Sincerely, Your MVUMC Finance Team.

**WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH OUR PETS. WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN REACH OUT TO OUR TELLER COUNTY COMMUNITY IN A CREATIVE WAY. BE PART OF THE TEAM.**

The church's Animal Ministry is new and we need your ideas and enthusiasm to help it grow and serve our Teller County community. Contact [barbaraGroyal@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraGroyal@gmail.com) to be part of the team.



But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. Job 12:7-10



Please be sure to join the church's Facebook group, Animal Friends of Teller County.

## **Teller County Sheriff Department Offers a House Check or Traffic Patrol during Owner's Absence**

### **Request a House Check**

Sign up today to have your vacation home or lived-in property checked by deputies on a regular basis. Go to <https://www.tellercounty.gov/FormCenter/Sheriffs-Office-Forms-5/Special-Request-for-Services-48> and fill out the Request Form. Specify start and end dates. Deputies will put your address on their regular patrols that are checked 24/7.



### **Request a Traffic Patrol**

Let the Sheriff Department know where and when there are opportunities to remind drivers about traffic laws and we must obey them. Go to <https://www.tellercounty.gov/FormCenter/Sheriffs-Office-Forms-5/Special-Request-for-Services-48> and fill out the Request Form.



# February Special Communion



## 2025 Year in Review

The older adults that TSC help appreciate your generous donations and support. You make our important work possible. Your support is a blessing that is helping older adults continue to live in this Community they love.

Teller Senior Coalition (TSC) assisted 957 older adults (age 60 or over) so they can live with independence and dignity and stay in their homes.

From January 2025 through December 2025 Teller Senior Coalition:

- Provided 12,521 door-to-door transportation trips, taking 531 seniors and residents to medical appointments, to buy groceries, and other essential purposes. TSC has a fleet of 14 vehicles, 9 of which are wheelchair accessible.
- Provided 1,327 hours of case management, understanding our client's needs and solutions.
- Provided 63 hours of safety related handyman support, installing grab bars, railings.
- Provided 1,394 hours of homemaker services, keeping homes clean and healthy.
- Delivered 60 Thanksgiving Holiday meals.
- Key Food Pantry in Teller County providing food during suspension of Snap benefits/ government shutdown. Worked with County Officials to provide 1,802 bags of supplemental food, 91 food bags for the local elementary school students, and 9,954 boxes of Home delivered meals for homebound seniors.
- Facilitated \$10,477 heating assistance to low-income residents through CO Energy Outreach.
- Facilitated \$25,057 rent and mortgage support to low-income struggling residents.
- TSC held Social Activities (Bingo, Coffee and Donuts) and monthly trips to local attractions (averaging 47 participants per month) so seniors could interact with peers and have fun.

One senior wrote "You guys are the greatest. The services you provide are needed by so many. Thanks for all you do."

For some seniors, we are their family, an advocate ensuring they receive all the support they need. Many seniors have limited financial resources, making the care we provide so important to their well-being. Our seniors say thank you for caring about their welfare.





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, Barbara Royal, Bruce Gibbons, Eric Marquardt, Lynda Morgan 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.



**What is THRIVE?** THRIVE is an initiative to look at five areas of church renewal. The THRIVE committee has started working through the five principles which are: **Clarity**: Understanding and living into our congregation's unique purpose. We have begun to explore this area and will continue to narrow in our focus. **Witness**: Empowering the congregation to share transformative stories of faith. We have also looked at this tenant and it is the area where we would like input. **Abundance**: Cultivating generosity, gratitude and wise stewardship of resources. We will be discussing this area on **February 2 at 5 pm**. **Kinship**: Nurturing deep, abiding relationships throughout our community / congregation. **Joy**: Rejoicing with one another regularly through play, rest, and celebration.

Please prayerfully consider how your life can THRIVE with Mountain View!

As part of our witness to the community, we will be changing the sign on the front of our property. The following are the signs that we will be using for the rest of the year. You have an opportunity to sponsor a sign for \$26 if you feel called to do so. Additional sign ideas can be submitted to Sandy or me for discussion by the committee. We, as a committee, are excited about helping us all to THRIVE at Mountain View!



The Worship Team at MVUMC is responsible for three areas that affect the worship services:

- **Technology**: Provides the video, sound equipment and streaming 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.

# 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.

We ALL need to watch out for each other. If you see a safety or security concern, PLEASE let us know.



## 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**

## Tips to Drive Safely

Maybe you already know that driving at night or in bad weather is a problem for you. Some drivers also have problems with certain routes or driving on busy highways. Consider these tips to help you make safe choices about driving:



- **Talk with your doctor.** If you have any concerns about your health and driving, see your doctor. Don't risk hurting yourself or others.
- **Be physically active.** This will help you keep and even improve your strength and flexibility which may help your driving abilities.
- **Consider your car.** If possible, drive a car with automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, and large mirrors. New cars come equipped with backup cameras which can make parking and backing up easier, as well as other sensor that can alert a driver to a nearby object or vehicle before an accident occurs.

- **Take care of your eyes and ears.** Always wear your glasses or contact lenses if you need them to see clearly. If you use hearing aids, be sure to wear them while driving.
- **Avoid driving certain times of day.** Cut back on or stop driving at night if you have trouble seeing in the dark. Try to avoid driving during sunrise and sunset, when the sun can be directly in your line of vision.
- **Check in with yourself.** Don't drive if you feel lightheaded or drowsy. Be sure to check any warnings on medications. Try to avoid driving when stressed or tired.
- **Don't crowd.** Leave ample space between your car and the car in front of you and start braking early when you need to stop.



- **Plan your timing.** Avoid heavy traffic areas or rush-hour driving when you can.
- **Plan your route.** Drive on streets you know and find a way to go that requires few or no left turns. Choose a route that avoids highways or other high-speed roadways. If you must drive on a fast-moving highway, drive in the right-hand lane where traffic moves more slowly.
- **When in doubt, don't go out.** Bad weather, such as rain, ice, or snow, can make it hard for anyone to drive. Try to wait until the weather is better, or use buses, taxis, ridesharing services or other alternatives.

- **Wear seat belts.** Always wear your seat belt and make sure your passengers wear theirs too!
- **Limit distractions.** Eating, adjusting the radio, or chatting can all be distracting. If you use your cell phone while driving, use it hands-free and use voice activation when possible. Never type on your phone while driving.
- **Use window defrosters.** These will help keep windows and windshields clear.





**Serving  
with  
Love**

- Day 1 Mark 10:45
- Day 2 Galatians 5:13
- Day 3 1 Peter 4:10
- Day 4 Matthew 23:11
- Day 5 Acts 20:35
- Day 6 Romans 12:10-11
- Day 7 John 13:14-15
- Day 8 Philippians 2:3-4
- Day 9 1 John 3:18
- Day 10 Proverbs 11:25
- Day 11 Hebrews 6:10
- Day 12 Galatians 6:9-10
- Day 13 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Day 14 Colossians 3:23-24
- Day 15 James 2:17
- Day 16 Matthew 25:40

**Listen When He Speaks**

**February  
Scripture Reading**

- Day 17 Romans 12:13
- Day 18 Luke 6:38
- Day 19 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Day 20 Micah 6:8
- Day 21 John 15:12
- Day 22 Ephesians 2:10
- Day 23 Romans 15:2
- Day 24 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
- Day 25 2 Corinthians 9:12
- Day 26 Hebrews 13:16
- Day 27 Titus 3:8
- Day 28 John 3:16-17



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women's  
2nd Cup  
of Coffee**

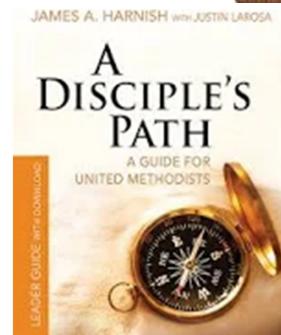
**2nd & 4th  
Mondays  
9 am**

Moved to church  
Fellowship Hall



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

**A Disciple's  
Path  
February 2 –  
March 16  
1 – 2:30 pm  
Presented by  
Rev. Ingrid  
Beguiristain**



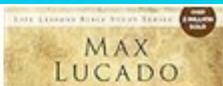
*Congregational  
Care*  
February 10 – 10 am

**EVERYONE!**  
**let's do  
Community  
lunch**  
RSVP 719-687-3868 by 12 pm Monday

**1st & 3rd  
Wednesdays  
12 pm**

DONATIONS  
WELCOME

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



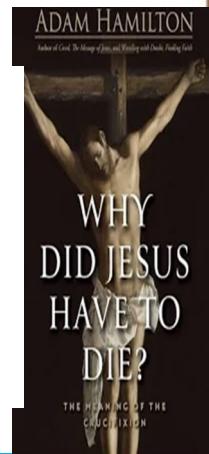
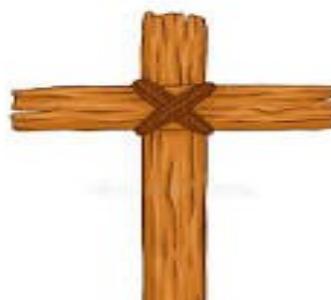
**Thrive!**  
**February 2, 5 pm**



**Living Bible  
9:15 am – 10:15 am  
1 Timothy**

**GENESIS to REVELATION**

*A Comprehensive Verse-by-Verse Exploration of the Bible*



**Lenten Study  
Begins AFTER  
February 18**

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

**Living Bible  
Sundays, 9:15 am**

**Ash Wednesday Service  
February 18  
1 pm**



# Our Congregation



**Men's Breakfast on Friday mornings at Grandmother's Kitchen**

★ we won! ★

Thank you for voting  
for us to become the best.

**2025**

Pikes Peak Courier has sponsored **Best of Teller**  
to determine Teller County's favorite businesses and  
more. We are thrilled to be named one of the best!



## BEST OF TELLER 2025 PLACE OF WORSHIP Gold Mountain View United Methodist Church

This repeat gold winner's mission is to "Love unconditionally, grow spiritually, and serve faithfully through Christ." Mountain View goes beyond a place of worship thought, 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](http://UpperRoom.org/Prayer Wall) 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.



## Living AFFORDABLY in Wildfire Country!

- Did you know Teller County is in the top 1% nationwide for risk of wildfire?
- Has your homeowners insurance gone up dramatically?
- Did you get one of those letters saying your insurance company will no longer cover you?
- Are you sure your insurance will replace your house if it burns down?
- What other questions do YOU want answered?

### JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY FORUM

**Saturday, February 7, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Woodland Park Library Downstairs Meeting Room**

The State Insurance Commissioner will be there along with a small panel of local leaders & experts.

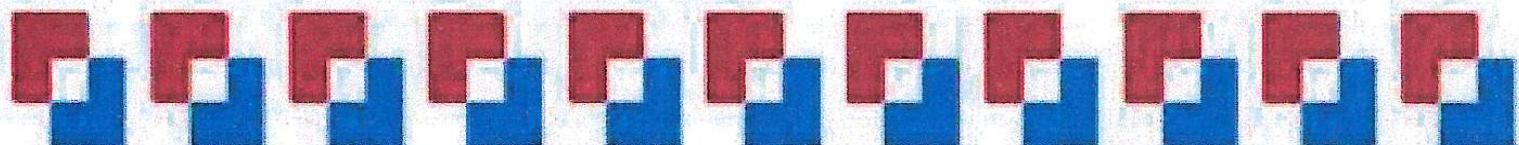
- They will share relevant information for Teller County pertaining to insurance and fires.
- They will answer questions from participants.
- And - most importantly - YOU will have a chance in small groups to make recommendations on next steps in our community and identify other questions you need our leaders to address.

This is the first of TWO community forums answering the critical question:

**How can Teller County residents live *affordably* and *safely* in Wildfire Country?**

**Part 2: *Living SAFELY in Wildfire Country!* will be February 28th.**

**Save the date and stay tuned!**



**This is a local Braver Angels event in collaboration with Teller County Democrats & Teller County Republicans.**

# Calendar of Events

## February

Special Communion: Teller County Senior Coalition

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lynda Morgan Birthday	2 CCR 8:30 AM Living Bible 9:15 AM Worship 11:00 AM	3 Disciple's Path 1:00 PM Thrive 5:00 PM Luther's Reformation 6:00 PM	4 Comm Lunch 12:00 PM Adult Ed 4:00 PM Bells 6:00 PM Choir 7:15	5 WEM 10:00 AM Tea, Cookies & Courage 2:00 PM	6 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM	7 Emmaus 10:00 AM
8 CCR 8:30 AM Living Bible 9:15 AM Worship 11:00 AM Mission Team 12:00 PM	9 2nd Cup 9:00 AM Lay Servant 12:00 PM Disciple's Path 1:00 PM	10 Fred Tinsley Birthday Cong Care 10:00 AM Worship Team 4:30 PM	11 Bells 6:00 PM Choir 7:15	12 WEM 10:00 AM	13 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Trustees 9:00 AM Pet Grief 12:00 PM	14 MaryEllen Zimmerman Anniversary  <b>Valentine's Day</b>
15 CCR 8:30 AM Living Bible 9:15 AM Worship 11:00 AM Safety Tip Sunday 12:00 PM	16 Disciple's Path 1:00 PM	17	18 Comm Lunch 12:00 PM <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 1:00 PM  Bells 6:00 PM No Choir  <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	19 Kurt Reich Birthday WEM 10:00 AM	20 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Pet Grief 12:00 PM	21 Emmaus 10:00 AM
22 CCR 8:30 AM Living Bible 9:15 AM Worship 11:00 AM	23 2nd Cup 9:00 AM Disciple's Path 1:00 PM	24	25 Bells 6:00 PM Choir 7:15	26 Kal & Cindy McBride Anniversary WEM 10:00 AM Finance 4:30 PM	27 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Pet Grief 12:00 PM	28