

PASTOR STEVE OFFERS "EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS" FOUR SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY 11:45 – 1:00 WITH LIGHT LUNCH

Worshippers who are interested in exploring membership in the United Methodist Church, have considered becoming a member, or simply want to know more about the history, teachings (doctrine) and polity (policies) of this denomination, as well as about the Mountain View church, are encouraged to join this four-week class. Pastor Steve also welcomes those who are already church members and simply want to increase their understanding of our UMC, as well as get better acquainted with other worshippers. At the end of the class, participants who are not currently members will be guided on the process for becoming members. Because a light lunch is planned, and some materials will need to be ordered, please pre-register for the class by Wednesday, February 2. For more information contact Steve on a Sunday or call him at (719) 493-2863, or email him at mtviewumc pastor@gmail.com. To pre-register for the class contact Sandy in the office at (719) 687-3868, or by emailing her at mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com.

In This Issue



Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; so you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all our strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

Have you ever had to write a personal vision statement? Maybe it was a mission statement. It's not as easy as its sounds. The difficulty is compounded by the confusion over the difference between a vision and mission. During my years in ministry, I've heard working groups get into such a drawn-out debate about these definitions that they never got around to writing either one!

So, here's a question: Are the scriptures above, from Deuteronomy and Mark, "vision" or "mission" statements? I would call both "mission" statements because they tell us how Israel, in the first passage, and Jesus, in the second, intend to carry out their vision of where God is calling them into the future. They tell us who they are and what they will do.

More importantly, did you notice that, according to Mark's record, Jesus didn't quote the mission of Israel (the Deuteronomy passage), known as the "Shema," verbatim. In fact, Jesus added the phrase "and with all your mind." (Though this could have been a King James addition, as that era began to make distinctions between the heart and the mind.)

MUCH more importantly, did you notice the obvious....that Jesus' mission added the second phrase from Leviticus, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus re-framed the mission he inherited and made it his own to carry out his vision of the Messiah, who came not to be served but to serve.

Your Church leadership met January 22 to set goals for this year based on our mission, "to love unconditionally, grow spiritually, and serve faithfully" in order to advance our vision of a future where peace is found and God's love prevails. You will hear more about those goals in the weeks to come. My sermons in February will draw upon biblical wisdom and Jesus' teachings to undergird the vision and mission with sound biblical theology and ethics. I hope you will join us in 10:30 worship at Mountain View church or by livestream online. And don't forget that, if you miss a Sunday, you can watch it by going to our website www.mt-viewumc.org and clicking on the livestream for the Sunday you missed.

See you each Sunday!

Blessings, Pastor Steve

February 6Holy Communion

5th Sunday after the Epiphany John 14:25-27 Ephesians 2:13-20 A Compelling Vision: Where Peace is Found and God's Love Prevails

February 13

6th Sunday after the Epiphany Luke 6:27-36 John 15:9-12 An Engaging Mission: To Love Unconditionally

February 20 Scout Sunday

7th Sunday after the

Epiphany
Luke 21:37-38
2 Peter 3:14-18
An Engaging Mission:
To Grow Spiritually

February 27

Transfiguration
Sunday
Luke 9:28-37
1 Peter 4:7-11
An Engaging Mission:
To Serve Faithfully



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

Mountain View Youth Group

Homeless Mission Project

February 20th. After service.

Youth will organize items during Sunday School, and after service head to the Springs to distribute to the Homeless. Parent Volunteers needed as drivers.



Volunteers Needed

- ⇒ **Treasurer.** This important role of treasurer will not be a paid position due to budget constraints.
- ⇒ Offering Counters. To count the weekly communion offerings and deposit with bank.
- ⇒ Safety Team volunteers. Good observers and communicators. No experience necessary. We will train.
- ⇒ 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 teach 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

mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com

IN-PERSON WORSHIP:

Sunday Mornings 10:30 am

ON-LINE WORSHIP:

Sunday Mornings 10:30 am

YouTube-https:// www.youtube.com/ watch? v=2VDQdBMpNjo

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 email ftinsley@coloradocollege.edu or at 719-661-3980.
- ⇒ The LIVING BIBLE class will commence our classes at 9:00 am on Sunday morning on January 9, 2022. We will continue studying "Genesis to Revelations" and beginning a new series of books of "Proverbs-Ecclesiastics-Song of Songs." 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 109). We are prepared and ready with study materials for anyone to join in at any time. For more information, please contact Tim Rucker at timrucker@hotmail.com or 719-689-5510. Links to join Living Bible: Dial-in number (US): (701)791-9045 Pletcher18 International dial-in numbers: https://fccdl.in/i/ pletcher18
- ⇒ WOMENS ENRICHMENT MINISTRY will resume our Thursday morning class in 2022 with the UPPER ROOM booklet on January 6 at 10:00 in the conference room. There are booklets available in the church office.

MEET OUR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

I interviewed Marci Nickelsburg, Director of Children and Youth Ministry for the Staff Interview Column in the January Newsletter. Here are her answers to the 4 questions.

at What do you like about MVUMC? There are so many things about MVUMC that I love. I was drawn to this church 14 years ago for the music department. Being a singer/performer and lover of the arts, I found that there were so many with this same interest in the congregation, and they took pride in serving the Lord through music. We have so many talented members in this church, and the traditional style of worship is what I grew up with, so I was instantly comfortable here. I just "fit". Most of all it is the "community" that has kept me here so long. From the beginning I have felt important, loved, supported and encouraged through every aspect of my growth by members this congregation. They have been there through the good and the bad, and continue to be a foundation that I rely on. That is hard to find as an adult, and I have found that in MVUMC.

What brought you to apply for this position? As a volunteer member for many years, when times got tough for the church my dedication and talents seemed

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Ministry Team Members Set 2022 All-Church Goals

On the chilly Saturday morning of January 22, twenty-one members of our ministry teams and support committees met in the sanctuary to determine Mountain View's 2022 ministry priorities. Three additional members joined by Zoom for the plenary sessions. After Pastor Steve's opening prayer and overview of the day, Council Chair Sam Gould explained the process this past year of developing the Church's new vision: A Future Where Peace is Found and God's Love Prevails and mission: To love unconditionally, grow spiritually, and serve faithfully through Christ. He then updated our SWOT analysis drawing upon local and national demographic and religious trends provided by the Mountain Sky Conference and participant contributions.

Participants next broke into six small groups to brainstorm specific priorities for ministry in 2022, recorded their recommendations on newsprint and "sold" their ideas to the whole group once re-convened in the sanctuary. Each participant then voted by sticky "dots" on the recommendations for our 2022 priorities.

The consensus through this process resulted in three priorities for 2022 ministries: 1) Enhance our community presence (such as strengthening our communications internally and externally, more on line presence with programs and materials, developing the website and Facebook pages, and community outreach seminars/studies), 2) Expand small group opportunities (for learning, relationship-building and service and outreach to seasonal visitors, and 3) Create church family activities (such as community dinners including youth, dinner and a movie discussion group, grandparent day, etc.)

The Church Council will develop these priorities into clear "smart" goals for the Church. Committees and ministry teams are invited at their first meetings or the new year to develop their own action plans to achieve the goals that have been proposed, in addition to the vital ministries they maintain throughout the year.

Want to join a ministry team and get in on the action? Call the Church Office to indicate your interest, and Sandy will put you in touch with Chairperson Sam, Pastor Steve, or the leader of the team.



Words from the students and teachers of S.T.O.P., Spiritually Take Off pounds

I feel a lot of spiritual enlightenment in this class. Every woman who wants to be a better person should consider going to this class. I think being in a small group such as ours is a perfect size.

Liz West student and teacher

I appreciate being with positive people who believe in God to share my deep feelings and thoughts, who inspire me to trust in God to take the negatives from me. To believe in Him. To change my mindset.

Sharon Pletcher student and teacher

I don't feel this is necessarily a "diet" program. I think it is a "burden" reduction program. That still fits with the name. It is removing the weight from the shoulders.

Sandy Rucker student and teacher

The STOP workshop has been a powerful tool to help me "come to terms" with some of the spiritual and emotional aspects of my lifelong struggle with food. I'm confident as I continue to seek healing in those areas, the physical will follow. I'm not out of the woods yet, but I am on the trail.

Ruth Hoffman student and teacher

I have gained knowledge from the participants in this class and from those who have chosen not to take the class at this time. I am grateful for my time with them and the lessons I have learned.

Barbara Royal student and teacher

UPCOMING EVENTS



SUNDAY, February 20

SAFETY TIP SUNDAY

Fall Prevention and Emergency Dialers



SUNDAY, February 20

HOMELESS MISSION PROJECT

Youth will organize items
During Sunday School, and
after service head to the
Springs to distribute to the
Homeless. Parent
Volunteers are needed
as drivers.

Contact Marci at marcinickelsburg@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

SUNDAYS in FEBRUARY

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

11:45 am—1:00 pm Led by Pastor Steve Burnett



MONDAY, February 14 and 20

WOMEN'S SECOND CUP OF COFFEE

9 am the 2nd and 4th Monday's Group meets at Lydia Eells' home at 785 Westwood Trace. 719-687-1827.



WEDNESDAY, February 2 and 16

COMMUNITY DINNER

⇒ February 2 Menu:

Porkies, hash brown casserole, ranch style beans, acini di pepe salad

⇒ February 16 Menu:

Chicken and noodles, candied carrots, layered pea salad, cherry crunch

To make your reservation, call 405-550-7510 or go to https://www.mountainview umcwp.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, February 5 and 19

WOMEN'S EMMAUS

(JC Mountain Girls)

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



OUR CONGREGATION

⇒ We would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, cards, notes and calls over the last few months during my foot surgery recovery and Russ's many health issues, hospital and rehab stays. They are what gave all of us the strength we need to move forward through these challenging days.



Memorial Service for Russ will be Saturday, February 19, 2022, 2:00 pm at Mountain View. Please wear bright colors.

Karen Cooper and family

- ⇒ Harry Wallace passed away on January 11.
- ⇒ Pat Hoffman passed away on January 26.

Monday March 14 Catholic Church 220 S West St Save a life Give blood Other Dates are May 9, July 11, September 12, and November 14

THANKS FROM THE MISSION TEAM

Thanks to our generous and caring congregation, the Mission Team was able to provide \$3,484 for the Alternative Gift Market. Our donations to each of the six charities was as follows:

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 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.





Be assured that both confidentiality and safety are respected and protected in our church.

Cameras Installed: Indoor cameras are only in generally public rooms (Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, east lobby) and children's activity areas (Sunday School classroom #205, and Youth Room/Old Sanctuary).

No Cameras Installed: None of the offices (Pastor, admin, finance, children's ministries) have cameras. Meeting rooms (multi-purpose room #105/106, conference room #109, library #110, counting room #207) do not have cameras.

The audio capabilities are only retrieved after a safety or security incident for law enforcement use. Adjustments can be made for sensitive meetings.

Please contact me if you have any further concerns or comments. Tim Rucker, timrucker@hotmail.com, 719-689-5510

MEET OUR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

to be needed, and so I continued to serve. From there it just progressed to being able to be hired on as the Youth and Children's Director. I love the children/youth and am blessed to be able to contribute to their faith, growth and understanding their relationship with God and the world.

From where are you? I was born in Garland, Texas, where I lived until I graduated High School. I attended Oklahoma City University in Oklahoma, and then moved to San Francisco, CA with my husband. From there we lived up and down the coast and eventually landed in Madison, Wisconsin where I had both of my children. I moved back to Dallas to be near family, then back to Malibu, CA and then to Colorado where we have lived for 14 years.

Do you want to share anything about your family? I am the mother of two amazing humans, William and Mia. William just graduated in 2021 from WPHS, and Mia is a Junior there this year. My husband Max is a chef by trade but is currently the General Manager of Fiesta Mexicana here in Woodland Park. Our little family is made up of many different personalities, talents, and interests but we all love to go to and participate in the theater and love to travel.

Jo Lied





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 \$123.62 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 glassses and water. For more info contact Jim Grover (687-1239) or Wendy Davis (660-8935)

Volunteer opportunity: Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief is currently serving in the Marshall Fire area (near Boulder), 2 hours away. They organize teams of volunteers to sift through debris in



burned homes to help homeowners find important possessions. They provide team leaders and tools and an organized approach with scheduled work at specific addresses. Volunteers come from surrounding states and nearby to serve as day labor, or stay overnight for several days in the local church headquarters. It's pretty physically demanding work. Prospective volunteers need to sign up and read about the program at https://www.spvolunteer.org/project-response/544. Questions? Karin Taylor (719)440-8241

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson Vice Chairperson Secretary Lay Leader Lay Member to Annual Conference **Trustees Chair** Staff Parish Relations Chair Finance Chair Stewardship Chair Treasurer Financial Secretary Invitational Ministry Team Congregational Care Ministry Team **Educational Ministry Team** Mission Ministry Team Hospitality/Special Events Team

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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—\$1,110

Nov-Mt. Carmel Veterans Center-\$1,461

Dec—Alternative Gift Market—\$3,484

Thank you for your generosity!

2022 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Jan - UMCOR Tornado Victims

Feb - Aspen Mine Center

Mar - Christian Faith Ministries

Apr –UMCOR Sunday

May - TBD

Jun - TBD

Jul - TBD

Aug - TBD

Sep - TBD

Oct - TBD

Nov - TBD

Dec - TBD

Thank you for your generosity!

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		I Lynda Morgan's Birthday	2 Jerry Burnham's Birthday	3	4 George West's Birthday	5
Charles Bostian's Birthday	7	8 BOY SCOUT DAY	9	10 Fred Tinsley's Birthday	11 Marva Laudert's Birthday	12
13 Mike Theimer's Birthday	14 Valentine OVC Vours Vours	15	16	17 Anne Speights' Birthday	18	19
20	21 Dale & Linda Petersen's Anniversary	22 Steve Bader's Birthday Vicki Sapp's Birthday	23	24	25	26 Cindy & Kal McBride's Anniversary Mary Schafer's Birthday
27	28		Jan 2022 S M T W T 2 3 4 5 6 9 10 11 12 13 16 17 18 19 20 23 24 25 26 27 30 31	F S S M 1 7 8 6 7 8 14 15 13 14 20 21 22	Mar 2022 T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 8 9 10 11 12 15 16 17 18 19 22 23 24 25 26 29 30 31	

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

Tithes & Offerings (pledged) (1) Tithes & Offerings (unpledged) (2) Other Revenue COVID PPP and WP Grant Transfers from Restricted Funds Total Revenue Total Expenses (3) Revenue in Excess of Expenses Designated Cap Asset funds used Purchase of Capital Assets Mortgage Receivable* Mortgage Principal Increase* Payment of A/P and P/R taxes Mortgage Principal Reduction Operating Fund Net Cash Flow (4) Restricted Fund Net Cash Flow Combined Funds Net Cash Flow (5)

Monthly		Monthly	Year to	Annual	
Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
20,076	18,498	1,578	222,147	221,980	167
10,520	2,614	7,906	55,722	27,164	28,558
61	6	55	2,099	72	2,027
-	-		25,198	25,198	
2,450	-	2,450	6,145		6,145
33,107	21,118	11,989	311,311	274,414	36,898
(20,957)	(24,014)	(3,057)	(224,219)	(254,090)	(29,871
12,150	(2,896)	15,046	87,092	20,324	66,768
-	-	-	-	-	
8	-	-	8	-	
4	-	141	(6,381)	-	(6,381
-	-	-	12,508	-	12,508
-	-	=	(1,527)	1.0	(1,527
(6,162)	(3,223)	(2,939)	(69,874)	(44,487)	(25,387
5,988	(6,119)	12,107	21,818	(24,164)	45,981
(5,038)	-	(5,038)	10,853	-	10,853
950	(6,119)	7,069	32,671	(24,164)	56,835

Notes for December 2021:

- (1) Pledged revenues were over budget for the month by \$1,578 and over budget for the year by \$167.
- (2) Unpledged revenues were over budget for the month by \$7.906 and over budget for the year by \$28,558.
- (3) Expenses were under budget for the month by \$3,057 and under budget for the year by \$29,871.
- (4) Operating Fund Net Cash flow was positive \$12,107 for the month and better than budget by \$45,981 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 \$56,834, in part due to the \$25,198 PPP #2 funds.

Without the PPP #2 funds, combined cash flow would have been positive \$31,636

Mortgage Principal Reduction from beginning 2021 balance of \$812,836.65

742,963

Balance @ 12/31/2021 \$ Operating funds (see above) Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc Total

Current	Month	Year to Date		
Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
6,162	3,223	65,816	44,487	
2,450	0	4,058	C	
8,612	3,223	69,874	44,487	

			Increase or
Cash Allocations	Current	Beginning	(Decrease) in
	Month	of Year	Cash Balance
Operating and Designated Fund Balances:			
Operating Fund Balance (included PPP funds of \$25,198 received in Jan)	29,788	20,309	9,479
Designated General Reserve	27,500	27,500	0
Designated Capital Reserve (increase by \$500/month during 2021)	37,409	31,409	6,000
Designated SPRC Reserve (incease by \$968/month during 2021)	5,808	0	5,808
Total Checking Cash Balance	100,505	79,218	21,287
Restricted Fund Balances:			
Building Savings Fund Balance	1,278	22,148	(20,870)
Restricted Checking Fund Balances	28,392	16,309	12,083
Restricted Mortgage Checking Fund Balance	20,170	0	20,170
Total of all Restricted Fund Fund Balances	49,840	38,457	11,383
Total Combined Cash for All Funds (6)	150,346	117,675	32,671

Prepared: 1/13/2022

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