

# Mountain View Summer Events?

**Welcoming Our New Pastor—July 3** 

**Potlucks and BBQs** 

Music

**Vacation Bible School—August 8-11** 

Gary Myers Reception—May 22

What would you like?

Exploring...

Don't forget Pizza with the Pastor on Sundays after worship.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters;

He restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake."

(Psalm 23:1-3)

Sometimes it's helpful for you to know when I actually write this column, so that you know the context. Today I am writing it the day after Easter Sunday. Sometimes it's actually called "Easter Monday," which in many countries is a public holiday. In Australia and Canada, it's a day to enjoy the outdoors, to "lie down in green pastures." In many Polish communities, it's known as *Dyngus*, or "Splash Monday," where children often play water games. In the United States, it's known as the Egg Roll Day, a tradition dating back to 1878, epitomized by the children who roll eggs with the President.

For many church leaders and pastors, such as me, it's a day to celebrate the culmination of all the Lenten and Holy Week activities, and delight in the joy of our Easter Sunday worship. And what a wonderful morning when our sanctuary was filled with many guests as well as long-time members who were back in worship with us! I also enjoyed having my daughter Sarah and her family in worship, then taking them out for Easter dinner. Our mutual busy lives make this a rare occasion!

I give thanks to God for all the many Mountain View servant leaders who spent hours to create and lead these April worship services, and all the support staff and members working behind the scenes.

For me, Easter Monday is also a time to take a deep breath as God "restores my soul" and as I start to prepare for these next two months with you before I "re-retire" July 1. Here's a bit of what is on my remaining agenda as your pastor:

- To be attentive to the pastoral needs of our congregation, working with the Care Team
- To prepare with Sandy and other leaders the pastor's office, documents, resources and staff for Rev. Jeff Wakeley, your new pastor who begins his ministry here July 1
- To plan out meaningful worship services for May and June that engage you spiritually and reach beyond our existing membership to those seeking a vibrant, alive church
- To lead an Exploring Membership class, encouraging those who have worshipped and served with us but never joined to consider a deeper relationship with Mountain View.

On a personal note, I will be attending a family gathering June 3-5 to celebrate the life of my nephew, Rev. David Burnett, who died December 5, 2020, from a COVID-assisted death after a long-term battle with MS and who's service was delayed until this spring.

Rev. Brenda Lear, a dear friend and retired pastor, will lead worship June 5. I also am grateful for your expressions of care these last couple of months as my wife Ingrid has had a series of tests to determine the cause of swollen lymph nodes. We both are grateful and will keep you posted on her condition.

See you Sunday in worship, and as well as the friends you invite! Blessings in Christ,

Steve



### May 1 Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of Easter
Psalm 42;
Luke 24:13-21, 28-35
Journey to Wholeness:
Finding Joy When
Spiritually Down

### May 8

Mother's Day
4th Sunday of Easter
John 10:27-30
Acts 9:36-43
Journey to Wholeness:
A Beloved Woman Who
Received A Blessing

### **May 15**

5th Sunday of Easter
1 Kings 19:1-9
Mark 6:30-33
Journey to Wholeness:
Finding Renewal When
Overly Responsible

### **May 22**

Methodist Heritage Sunday 6th Sunday of Easter John 21:15-17 Journey to Wholeness: Finding Acceptance When Feeling Shamed

### May 29 Memorial Day

Weekend

Ascension of the Lord
Luke 24:44-53
Genesis 23:1-6
II Corinthians 1:3-5
Journey to Wholeness:
Finding Wholeness
through Grieving



### **Children and Youth**

- ⇒ **Children's Sunday School:** Preschool to 5th grade. Children join in service and after children's time they will leave for upstairs.
- ⇒ **Youth Group:** 6th grade thru 12th grade will meet after children's time in the Youth Room upstairs.



# CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am—12:30 pm 719-687-3868

mountain.viewumcwp@gmail.com

### **Volunteers Needed**

- ⇒ **Disaster Response Leader** to create a team to develop MVUMC's disaster response plan.
- ⇒ **Invitational Team Leader** to work on reaching out to the community and inviting them to be part of MVUMC.
- ⇒ **Integrational Team Leader** welcomes new people and helps connect them in the life of the church.
- ⇒ 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.

### **IN-PERSON WORSHIP:**

**Sunday Mornings 10:30 am** 

### **ON-LINE WORSHIP:**

**Sunday Mornings 10:30 am** 

YouTube-https:// www.youtube.com/channel/ UC0F41LQaQe1gW5S\_4h 1VIRg

**Facebook**-https:// www.facebook.com/ RampartRangeWP Mountain View's Mission:



# Love unconditionally, grow spiritually, and serve faithfully through Christ.

A congregation member presents a favorite verse, tells why it is a favorite, and how if affects their life and/or their ministry.

Mike and Ruth Hoffman plan to walk the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) in Spain during the months of May and June this year. The Camino is an ancient pilgrim path to a city in northwest Spain where tradition says that the remains of St. James the

apostle are enshrined. The walk will involve hundreds of miles over several weeks. "It is a way sown with so many demonstrations of fervour, repentance, hospitality, art and culture which speak to us eloquently of the spiritual roots of the Old Continent." The Way of St James was one of

the most important Christian pilgrimages during the later Middle Ages. The scallop shell, often found on the shores in Galicia, has long been the symbol of the Camino de Santiago.



Mike and Ruth would appreciate your prayers during this pilgrimage. They would also like to take your prayer requests with them on their journey. Email the church with requests by Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>, or submit them on

the Prayer Cards in your bulletin. Anonymous prayer requests are perfectly fine.



This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

Follow Mike and Ruth on their pilgrimage via their blog:

https://

mikeandruthscaminoblog.wordpress.com/



For Sale: Black Pace Saver, Model Espree, 3-wheel electric scooter. Has air filled tires, removable basket and arm rests. Has very comfortable 18 in x 18 in gray leather padded seat and back that folds down. Seat rotates to either side for sitting in table. Has adjustable tiller. Has headlight and wimpy horn. Runs on 2 deep cycle batteries. Asking price \$200. If interested call or text at 719-726-0668.

# Ralph Arthur's Celebration of Life

Saturday, May 28 1:00 pm.

Cards may be sent to Linda Arthur

9540 Riverview Avenue Lakeside, CA 92040



### **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 <a href="mailto:ftinsley@coloradocollege.edu">ftinsley@coloradocollege.edu</a> or at 719-661-3980.
- ⇒ LIVING BIBLE class is held at 9:00 am on Sunday morning. On April 10, we will continue studying "Genesis to Revelations" and beginning a new series of books of "Isaiah." 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 <a href="mailto:timrucker@hotmail.com">timrucker@hotmail.com</a> or -689-5510. Links to join Living Bible: Dial-in number (US): (701) 791-9045 Pletcher18 International dial-in numbers: <a href="https://fccdl.in/i/pletcher18">https://fccdl.in/i/pletcher18</a>
- ⇒ WOMENS ENRICHMENT MINISTRY Bible class will begin the DVD 6 week series
  of THE CHOSEN, a story about the life of Jesus and the calling of initial disciples
  with discussion for each class. WE plan to meet May 5 through June 9, Thursday's
  at 10:00 am in the church conference room.
- ⇒ A new class for "old" seniors. **BALANCE!** This is for someone who can no longer do a full hour at the gym. We will work on balance, strength, activities of daily living, walking, sitting/standing, specific exercises to prevent falls, improve posture, range of motion in specific muscle groups. We will work on stairs/steps, dressing, getting up and down to the floor, coordination (gross and fine motor skills) and address any specific difficulties that participants may be experiencing. Call June Essing for details on where and when! 719-687-6854.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



WEDNESDAY, May 4 and 20

### **COMMUNITY DINNER**

### ⇒ May 4 Menu:

Chicken taco pie, jalapeño corn slaw, Mexican cornbread, sopapilla dessert

⇒ May 18 Menu: LAST DINNER UNTIL FALL Sloppy Joes, baked beans, potato salad, banana split dessert

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

> > Thursday, May 9 **Blood Drive!**

> > > Catholic Church 220 S West Street

**SAFETY TIP SUNDAY May 15** Fire Evacuation and **Preparation** May 22—Gary Myers **Retirement Celebration** after worship

May 28 1:00 pm Ralph Arthur's Celebration of Life

with Finger Foods

1st & 3rd Saturday's 🏌

9 am June Essing's 2109 Lee Circle Drive

Women's Enrichment

Thursdays at 10

Follow Mike and Ruth

pilgrimage via their blog:

noblog.wordpress.com/

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June 11— 10 am Karen Cooper's Brunch at her house







# Our Congreg



Meet Your New Neighbors With a Gift Bag from **MVUMC....** and from you. Your new neighbors are moving in throughout Teller County all summer long. Meet the new folks in your neighborhoods as they arrive and bring them a gift of a nice MVUMC reusable tote bag and ink pen, as well as a welcome letter and information from the church.

Add your own gift to the bag... of a baked good or kitchen towel or something if you like. Make our new residents know that they are welcome to be our guests any time here at Mountain View. Bags are available for you to pick up at the tables and counter in the narthex.



Who: Anyone who loves to sing! What: Woodland Park Community Singers

When: Rehearsals are Mondays from 6:30pm-8:00pm Where: Mountain View United Methodist Church WP

Why: Because it's FUN!!

For more information call Melissa Mellen at 620-482-2170

The Happy Hoofers—Sloth (we get there when we get there!) Hiking Group is welcoming new members...

We hike on Tuesday mornings, usually meeting at the Senior Center parking lot at 8:30 or 9:00 am during the winter and 8:00 in the summer when it gets hot.

We usually hike 3-5 miles and only hike in the winter when the weather cooperates. Our pace is slow as we enjoy the weather cooperates. Our pace is slow as we enjoy nature. We try to hike trails in Teller County but go down to is slow as we enjoy the Springs when the ice and snow get too bad.

If interested, please contact Rusty Merrill at church or on merrillfarm73@gma.ilcom

### 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. 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.

# Mountain View Ringers

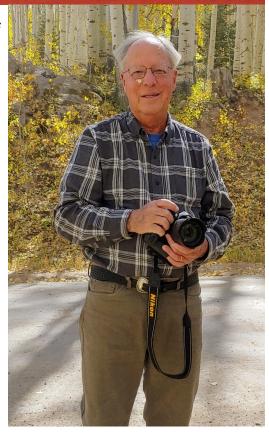
**Bell Choir Director Retiring**—Gary Myers, Director of the Mountain View Ringers Bell Choir for the last 12 years is retiring. Gary estimates the bells have played over 110 performances and learned over 200 songs with countless hours of practice during this time.

Thanks to all current and past players and to the congregation for their wonderful support.

Hadi Gibbons is the new director. She is a very experienced player and director at the college and church level.

Gary intends to remain with Mountain View, but he and his wife Marcia plan on a bit of traveling and enjoying life.

A RECEPTION for Gary will be held on May 22. We will have a Finger Food Pot Luck immediately following worship. Bring a "finger food" for the reception. Call the office if you have questions. 719-687-3868



Hadi Gibbons is pleased to assume leadership of the Mountain View Hand Bell Ensemble. Gary Myers has chosen to retire after successfully leading the group for 12 years, providing excellent musical additions to the worship services. We express our

deepest appreciation for his service.



Before retiring to Woodand Park, Hadi was Associate Professor of Music, Chair of Keyboard and Vocal Studies and Coordinator of the Voice Area at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. At the same time, she was Director of Music at First United Methodist Church, conducting the Chancel Choir, First A'Peals and More A'Pealin' hand bell choirs, and a brass ensemble.

Hadi is pleased to be asked to share her expertise with the Mountain View Hand Bell Ensemble and hopes to continue the excellence that Gary has maintained with the group. She will officially start in the fall with more detailed information coming out in August.





### **Community Cupboard hours:**

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

<u>The Little Chapel Food Pantry</u> in Divide distribution dates are the 1st and 3rd Mondays, **2:00-5:30**. Little Chapel Food Pantry continues to need clean plastic bags and egg cartons. There are containers in the narthex for these items. Volunteers always needed.





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 glasses and water. For more info contact Jim Grover (687-1239) or Wendy Davis (660-8935)

### **Mountain View UMC needs some Volunteers**

**We are in need Disaster Response Leader** to create a team to develop MVUMC's disaster response plan. Once the plans have been created, this team will disburse.

**Invitational Team Leader** to work on reaching out to the community and inviting them to be part of MVUMC. Sue Burks has done a great job with this but is also working as a critical player as part of our Treasurer Team. It is getting to be a bit too much. We need someone to lead this team and keep people coming to Mountain View UMC.

**Integrational Team Leader** welcomes new people and helps connect them in the life of the church. The previous team has morphed into Congregational Care leaving welcoming new people open. We need to fill this vital position.

Call Sandy or Pastor Steve if you have questions or are interested. We need you! 719-687-3868









#### **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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Fred Tinsley
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Bruce Gibbons
Lee Taylor
Clarke Becker
Sue Burks
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### 2022 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Jan - UMCOR Tornado Victims—\$754

Feb - Aspen Mine Center—\$747

Mar - Christian Faith Ministries

Apr –UMCOR Sunday—Ukraine

### May - Senior Center

Jun - Swim Across America

Jul - Status Code 4

Aug - TBD

Sep - TBD

Oct - TBD

Nov - TBD

Dec - TBD

Thank you for your generosity!



### **BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

## May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Deb & Rich Resling's Anniversary	2	Gary & Stephanie Brown's Anniversary	4	5 Vicki Sapp's Annniversary	6 Ingrid Weihe's Birthday	7 Keith Sheldon's Birthday
Clas Thelin's Birthday  Hoppy Molher's Day	Jo Lied's Anniversary Marcia Myers' Birthday	10  Keith & Mary Anne Sheldon's Anniversary	11 Savannah Williams' Birthday	12 Angela Thelin's Birthday Avery Morgan's Birthday	13	14 CW & Linda Thompson's Anniversary
15 Debby Elliott's Birthday	16 Kay Sanchez's Birthday	17	18	19 John Schafer's Birthday	20 Rusty Merrill's Anniversary	ARMED FORCES DAY
22	23 WORLD O	24	25	26 Margaret McKinney's Birthday	27	28  Bruce & Hadi Gibbons' Anniversary
29	Charles Schroeder's Birthday Madelyn Elliott's Birthday	Marci Nickelsburg's Birthday	3 4 10 11 17 18	Apr 2022  I T W T F S  1 2  5 6 7 8 9  1 12 13 14 15 16  3 19 20 21 22 23  5 26 27 28 29 30	Jun 2022 S M T W T 1 2 5 6 7 8 9 12 13 14 15 16 19 20 21 22 23 26 27 28 29 30	3 4 10 11 17 18

### Mt. View United Methodist Church Financial Facts as of March 31, 2022

Tithes & Offerings (pledged) (1)
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged) (2)
Other Revenue
Transfers from Restricted Funds
Total Revenue
Total Expenses (3)
Revenue in Excess of Expenses
Purchase of Capital Assets *
Receipt of 403(b) Receivable
Accts Payable & 403(b) payable activity
Mortgage Principal Reduction
Operating Fund Net Cash Flow (4)
Restricted Fund Net Cash Flow
Combined Funds Net Cash Flow (5)

Monthl	У	Monthly	Year to	Annual	
Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
16,604	17,652	(1,048)	60,238	52,956	7,282
3,243	4,929	(1,686)	15,160	14,788	373
40	9	31	634	27	607
-	-	-	12,170	-	12,170
19,888	22,590	(2,703)	88,203	67,771	20,432
(14,263)	(14,413)	151	(46,301)	(50,700)	4,399
5,625	8,177	(2,552)	41,902	17,071	24,831
-	-	-	(4,196)	-	(4,196)
-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
(25)	-	(25)	-	-	-
(6,216)	(6,207)	(9)	(21,575)	(18,497)	(3,079)
(616)	1,969	(2,586)	17,130	(1,426)	18,556
364	-	364	(9,105)	-	(9,105)
(253)	1,969	(2,222)	8,025	(1,426)	9,451

<sup>\*</sup> Purchased 4 combo wireless mics with Hunt Memorial funds 2/8/22

#### Notes for March 2022:

- (1) Pledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$1,048 and over budget for the year by \$7,282
- (2) Unpledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$1,686, and over budget for the year by \$373
- (3) Operating Fund Expenses were under budget for the month by \$151, and under budget for the year by \$4,399
- (4) Operating Fund Net Cash Flow was negative \$616 for the month and and better than expected for the year by \$18,556
- (5) Combined cash has increased this year by \$8,025

Mortgage Principal Reduction from beginning 2022 balance of \$742,963.02:

Balance @ 03/31/2022		Current Month		Year to Date	
\$	721,388	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Operating Funds		6,216	6,207	18,520	18,497
Restricted gifts		-	-	3,055	-
Total		6,216	6,207	21,575	18,497

			YTD Increase o	
Cash Allocations	Current	Beginning	(Decrease) in	
	Month	of Year	<b>Cash Balance</b>	
Operating and Designated Fund Balances:				
Operating Fund Balance	46,919	29,788	17,131	
Designated General Reserve	27,500	27,500	-	
Designated Capital Reserve (no monthly increase during 20	37,409	37,409	-	
Designated SPRC Reserve (no monthly increase during 202:	5,808	5,808	-	
Total Checking Cash Balance	117,636	100,505	17,131	
Restricted Fund Balances:				
Building Savings Fund Balance	1,842	1,278	564	
Restricted Checking Fund Balance	25,443	28,392	(2,950)	
Restricted Mortgage Checking Fund Balance	13,451	20,170	(6,719)	
Total of all Restricted Fund Balances	40,735	49,840	(9,105)	
Total Combined Cash for All Funds (5)	158,371	150,345	8,025	