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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord...for the good land that he has given you. Deuteronomy 8:10

July in Teller county begins in a flourish with an old fashioned 4th of July Celebration at Memorial Park followed on the 5th by the always popular Symphony Above the Clouds down on the grounds of our Middle School. This year, our own Mr. Gary Myers will serve as the guest conductor for the Symphony, and our youth group will ring the bells! It's sure to be a grand old time! I hope to see you there!

As you know, the 4th of July reminds us of the wonderful freedoms won for us by our founders. It's also a time to reflect on the blessing we have enjoyed throughout our nation's history. Indeed, ours is a great nation and I'm very grateful for the privilege of being an American. But having said that, I'm also very much aware that other nations are great in their own ways as well.

During the course of my travels, I have visited many countries where I wouldn't want to live. But I have also visited many other countries with rich histories, interesting cultures, and fascinating traditions, all of which, though different from our own, are just as valuable as our own. For example, during my military career I lived for three years in Rota, Spain. Those years stand out in my mind as among the best years of my life; and truth be told, I suffered a bit of "culture shock" upon returning to America! Perhaps that's why my favorite 4th of July song isn't *America the Beautiful*, as much as I love that song and appreciate its significance in this area. Instead, my favorite 4th of July hymn is entitled *This is My Song* which says:

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating,
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

On this 4th of July, as we celebrate all that is right with our country and pray for all that still needs to be righted, let's pray also for all those other lands about us – that God might bless them with peace, prosperity, and joy, just as he has so richly blessed our own! And perhaps in this way, as we pray for other nations as well as for our own, our world will be brought closer together rather than forced farther apart by our undue pride of place and race and nation. Happy 4th of July to you and to all! Amen.

CHURCH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT LEARNING AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Contemporary Christian Roundtable New Study

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

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

The Contemporary Christian Roundtable is an adult Sunday school class within Mountain View United Methodist Church. The group has three objectives. They are to (1) study topics which will empower and inform our faith, (2) enhance our ability to articulate and express our faith and (3) be a supportive and reconciling faith community within the larger Mountain View community. We honor and celebrate the diversity of all God's creation and welcome ALL people (including all sexual

orientations and gender identities), regardless of who they are, where they have been, or what they believe. All are invited to join us in study, service, prayer, and the thoughtful, honest sharing of our faith journey.

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

LIVING BIBLE CLASS: Taking the summer off. Will resume in September. Feel free to attend the Contemporary Christian Roundtable class.

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

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY (WEM) will meet Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am in room 109 thru August 16. The study will be "A Place to Pray-Conversations on the Lord's Prayer". Call Ann Snipes 720-427-1828 for further information.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS

Wednesday July 18 at 12:00 pm
room 105/106
Snacks, fellowship and business

We will watch the movie *FACING DARKNESS*, about the faith of American missionaries who contracted Ebola during their service. Powerful movie. Call Ann Snipes 720-427-1828 if you have questions.



ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, July 26, 12:00 pm
Begin at Gary and Marcia Myers' home for fried chicken and your dish to add to the meal. Travel to Michael and Pamela Gore's home for dessert, provided by them.
RSVP to Myers' family by July 20th 687-6021

Myers' address 15881 West Highway 24
Gore's address 15160 West Highway 24

All are welcome, children and summer guests included.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you or anyone you know wishes to receive communion other than during a worship service, this ministry is available by calling the church office at 687-3868 or Lois Smith at 970-778-2589 to make arrangements. This is an opportunity to share in the Lord's supper.



WOMEN'S SECOND CUP OF COFFEE
July 10 & 24

Calling All Women to Second Cup at 9:00 am Tuesdays, July 10 & 24. Pamela Gore is hostess. We have a core group of relationship building ladies and invite others to join us. Contact Ottie at 687-2646 for more information.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MARTHAS

Wednesday, August 15, 12:00 pm

Annual salad luncheon hosted by
 Lovelyn Hughes.

Please RSVP to Lovelyn at 719-687-1342 by
 Monday, August 13.



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

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship,

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

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sermon Series: The Parables of Jesus

July 1 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion - Perry family in Uganda

Liturgist Lois Smith
 Communion Servers: Lois Smith, Rusty Merrill, Mike Theimer
 Sermon Cultivating Comprehension
 Scripture Matthew 13: 1-9
 Special Music Chancel Choir

July 8 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist Mike Theimer
 Sermon Sorting Through Our Differences
 Scripture Matthew 13: 24-30

July 15 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist Barb Smith
 Sermon Exercising Influence
 Scripture Matthew 13: 31-35
 Special Music Summer Bells

July 22 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist Victor Lebario
 Sermon Managing our Treasures
 Scripture Matthew 13: 44-46
 Special Music Chancel Choir

July 29 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist Gene Smith
 Sermon Casting Wide Our Nets
 Scripture Matthew 13: 47-50

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

As an Invitational Church, we need to be welcoming new people into our midst. The Invitational Ministry Team challenges you in July to invite someone to attend church with you and/or introduce yourself to someone new on Sunday Morning!

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

THE INVITATIONAL MINISTRY TEAM

Mountain View will sponsor a booth at the Woodland Park Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration at Memorial Park. Bring a guest to meet us!

Thank you all! Looking forward to seeing you there!



EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY TEAM

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

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

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

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

PRAYER FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

On July 4, 1776, our forefathers bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty and that all her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as given by our Creator. It is appropriate therefore as we celebrate our nation's 242nd birthday that we give thanks to that Creator for our liberties and pray for continued blessings upon our country, our government, and our fellow citizens. Let us pray: Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things, give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 9, Mountain View United Methodist Church 40th Anniversary Celebration. Remember and visit with charter members, celebration scrapbook and photo to display in narthex, potluck after

service. Drag out those Mountain View cookbooks and recreate our best recipes. Everyone welcome. Call Ann Snipes if you have ideas or items to display, 720-427-1828.

WAY FORWARD TASK FORCE REPORT

The Mountain View Way Forward Task Force wishes to express appreciation to all who took part in our recent survey of congregational attitudes regarding church programs, social issues, and human sexuality. A report of our findings should be made available shortly. In addition, as we await the final report of our denominational Commission on a Way Forward – scheduled for release in the next few days – we want to share the following press release announcing publication of several important videos from the Commission:

The Commission on a Way Forward is offering several videos that document the experiences, hopes, dreams, concerns, approach, and learnings of the 32-member Commission, which recently completed its report that will be presented to the 2019 Special Session of General Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The purpose of the videos is to give viewers “a sense of how the Commission built relationship and community, how it developed and worked to maintain hearts of peace as we accomplished our work, and how the Commission developed the plans that the church will see in its report,” said the Commission moderators Bishops Ken Carter, Sandra Steiner Ball and David Yemba. “We hope that you will take these gifts and use them to prepare for the upcoming General Conference. We hope that you will listen deeply for God’s voice and wisdom in the midst of our words. We hope that you will get a sense that this work is not and will not be easy, but that we have a choice of approaching our work with either a heart of war or a heart of peace,” said the moderators in a letter accompanying the videos.

You will find these videos and their accompanying press releases at the following two websites: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-offers-video-resources-for-umc-delegates-to-2019-general-conference> and <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward-offers-more-video-resources-for-2019-general-co>.

MOUNTAIN SKY AREA PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



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

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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


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

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

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 1 - NO YOUTH GROUP

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



BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ BASH
Sunday, August 12
11:45AM

Please bring a side dish. We'll plan to give each of our children and youth a full school supply backpack at the Bash. Please start bringing school supplies or give a money donation (check to MVUMC, memo School Supplies) by August 5.

Contact Marci for questions.



TERRIFIC TUESDAY
Children Pre-K to 5th Grade

WATER FUN DAY

For more info: marcinickeslburg@gmail.com
visit our website: mtviewumc.org
719-687-3868

YOUNGER ADULT FELLOWSHIP

All families of our church children and youth are invited to a fellowship potluck at the pastor's house on Saturday, July 14 at 5:00 pm. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a picnic style dish to share. Board games, lawn games, and video games will be available for entertainment. Karaoke might even be tried! Come and join us!



FINANCE FACT - JUNE 2018

31-May-18					
	Monthly		Annually		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
Tithes & Offerings (pledged)	18,444	20,211	96,345	86,495	9,850
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged)	4,273	5,496	19,447	22,080	(2,633)
Other Revenue	390	8	2,639	330	2,309
Total Revenue	23,107	25,715	118,431	108,905	9,526
Total Expenses	19,359	24,484	92,132	99,022	6,890
Revenue over Expenses	3,748	1,231	26,299	9,883	16,416
Mortgage Principal Reduction*	(4,407)	(4,383)	(22,126)	(21,584)	(542)
Net Cash Flow	(659)	(3,152)	4,173	(11,701)	15,874

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

Important Notes for May 2018:

- (1) Pledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$1,767.
- (2) Unpledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$1,223.
- (3) Expenses were under budget for the month.

Mortgage Principal Reduction

	Monthly	Annually
Undesignated funds (see above)	\$4,407.00	\$20,681.00
Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc**		\$1,445.00
Total	\$4,407.00	\$22,126.00

Cash Allocations

Total Fund Balances	1,550,431.53		
<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>(1,482,140.36)</u>		
Cash in Operating Checking Covering Designated Funds	68,291.17		
Operating Bank Account (May, 2018)	98,849.16		
Owed to restricted fund(s)			
<u>Cash to cover designated funds</u>	<u>(68,291.17)</u>		
Unrestricted cash to pay bills	30,557.99		
	<u>Operating Checking</u>	<u>Cash for Bills</u>	<u>Cash Designated</u>
	98,849.16	30,557.99	34,500.00
			20,000.00
Restricted Fund Balances			13,791.17
Building Fund Balance	33,782.14		
Restricted Fund Balances	3,029.01		
Deposit in Transit	-		
From Operations Checking	-		
Total of all Restricted Fund Fund Balances	36,811.15		68,291.17
			General reserve
			Capital reserve
			Other

Our Mission: Making Disciples Who Love Like Jesus!

2017 COMMUNION OFFERINGS

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

Jun - Conference Offering ~ \$597
 Jul - The Perry Family
 Aug - Local Fire Stations
 Sep - TBD
 Oct - World Communion
 Nov - Welcome Home Warrior
 Dec - Alternative Gift Market



Woodland Park/Teller County Community Cupboard and Divide Food Pantry



July items: Personal Hygiene items: toothpaste/brushes, shampoo, lotion, razors, feminine products. There is a box in each entryway for your donations.

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide distribution dates are Mondays, July 9 and 23.

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

Red Bird Mission participates in the following for support of their School: You collect the box tops from General



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

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



BATTERY BUCKET



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

COMMUNION OFFERING JULY 1 FOR The Perry family in Uganda serving the medical and spiritual needs of the refugees from South Sudan.



June 9 volunteers at Marian House Soup Kitchen

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers to work from 7:00 am to 1:30 pm Saturday, August 11 at the Marian House Soup Kitchen in Colorado Springs. If you want to prepare the food from 7:00 - 10:30 am, please contact Jane Pino at 719-640-2844 . If you want to serve the food from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm, please contact Joe Baumgardner at 719-687-2646.



2018 JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Emily Dolloff-Holt
- 5 - Stephanie Brown
- 7 - Laura Fahrion
- 9 - Llewellynn Foulk
- 11 - Jessica Kuykendall
- 11 - Bruce Lutz
- 13 - Virginia Shippey (91)
- 14 - Tim Corson
- 16 - Ernie Gullerud
- 17 - Pat Burnham
- 19 - Heidi Vagts
- 25 - Jeanette Myers
- 26 - Rich Resling
- 27 - Chereese Bennett
- 27 - Zoe Ann Roberts
- 28 - Margaret Van Anrooy
- 31 - Mary Cole

2018 JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Craig & Elizabeth Miller
- 3 - Dan & Jan Nicholson
- 9 - Larry & Teina Snyder
- 11 - Bruce & Diane Lutz
- 14 - Bernard & Jean Place
- 15 - Jim & Carol Sharp
- 21 - Val & Sherry Carr

HOLY HOSPITALITY HOSTS

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


MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN CAREGIVERS



Let us know if:

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

We are praying for you.
 Contact Marcia Myers at 687-6021 or Pastor Michael at 687-3868. Emergencies (401) 824-9055.



Drivers Needed

The Integrational team needs more drivers for those in our congregation that need rides to appointments. Most of the time, the ride goes someplace here in Woodland Park or to Colorado Springs. Let the church office or Marcia Myers 687-6021, know if you have the time.

FOOD MINISTRY

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

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

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



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