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MOUNTAIN VIEW MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2018

a people of God, learning to love like Jesus

Happy Birthday Mountain View! 40th Anniversary Celebration Service Sunday, September 9th, 10:30 am

On September 9, 2018, Mountain View United Methodist Church will celebrate the 40th anniversary of its first worship service! How did our church come into being?

On August 23, 1978, twenty-four people met in a home to discuss the possibility of starting a United Methodist Church in Woodland Park. Their desire and hard work led to the first worship service on September 10th, 1978, held at the John Wesley Ranch south of Divide. The Reverend Lloyd Nichols helped guide the early decisions of those courageous people. Reverend Bud Bensinger continued the work that Nichols had begun.

In December 1979, six acres of land were purchased on Rampart Range Road. Groundbreaking was held on September 27, 1981, and the building was consecrated on April 4, 1982. The Reverend Phil Green, Jr. was assigned as the first full-time pastor, to be followed by the Reverend Bill Woelfle who served from 1985-1994. As the church continued to grow, an educational wing and sanctuary expansion were added.

From July 1994 through June of 2001, the Reverend Glenda Ulmer served as pastor of Mountain View. Under her tenure, a second worship service was added, the nursery was renovated, and the ministry to youth was strengthened. In addition, a building program was initiated in 1996 to expand the sanctuary, add a narthex, and enlarge the fellowship hall. This expansion was dedicated on February 23, 1997.

In August 1998, the Reverend Betty France joined the staff at Mountain View forming a clergy team with Reverend Ulmer. Three years later, when Reverend Ulmer received an appointment as the District Superintendent of what was then the Utah/Western Colorado district of the Rocky Mountain Conference, Reverend France became the senior pastor.

In May of 2005, it was determined the church needed additional space and the "Fulfilling Our Vision" campaign began. That campaign paved the way for a new sanctuary, narthex, basement, and remodeled kitchen and bathrooms. Groundbreaking for the new construction was held in June 2007 and the beautiful addition was consecrated on Sunday, February 24, 2008.

Reverend France left the church in 2010 to be followed in turn by Reverend Handi Jo Dolloff-Holt (2010-2012), Reverend Ann McClellan (2011-2013), Reverend Diane Bell (2013-2016), and Reverend Michael Gore (2016-Present). Aided by untold numbers of dedicated laypersons, each has led Mountain View in the way of Jesus and the United Methodist tradition.

Today, the church continues to make disciples who love like Jesus – creating a world where God's love reigns – through its numerous and varied ministries! Thank God for those first twenty-four persons of vision who started this church in 1978! Thank God for all those who have worshipped here since! And thank God for you – the current congregation of Mountain View!

CHURCH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT LEARNING AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Contemporary Christian Roundtable New Study

A new study will be starting soon. Watch for further information

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 Sun-

day morning. Members of the group take turns at leading the class discussion. Please join us.

LIVING BIBLE CLASS: Will resume Sunday, September 16 at 9:00 am in room 109. The scheduled study will be "Standard Lesson Quarterly", a comprehensive overview of the Bible in 6 years.

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) meets Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am in room 109. Our study that starts September 6 will be a Beth Moore unit entitled "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring The Fruit of the Spirit". Dianne Shafer is the contact for information on this study at 719-687-4133 or email heidinald@aol.com. All women of the church are invited but please provide Dianne with your email address.

Please feel welcome to join any of the many church groups that meet throughout the week and month.

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



NEW WOMEN'S SATURDAY BRUNCH for all women, especially working women. Saturday, September 15, at 10:00 am in the home of Judith Meyer, 437 Shady Lane, WP. Casserole and drinks provided. Please bring small side dish. RSVP 580-471-6010 by Wednesday, September 12. At initial gathering, frequency to be established.

PLEASE JOIN US

Thursday, September 20, 12:00 pm



Fellowship Hall

Orestes & Jane will host and provide chicken noodle soup and seafood chowder, dessert and beverages. Please plan to bring a salad, bread or crackers to accompany the soup.

Watch for sign up sheet in the narthex.

This is a great opportunity of fellowship that is open to all.

GIVING FOR LIFE – LOVING LIKE JESUS!

September 16th through October 14th will mark our annual Stewardship Emphasis. This year's theme is "Giving for Life – Loving Like Jesus!" Through this theme we will revisit our mission statement of "making disciples who love like Jesus" and see afresh how we can love God and neighbor as Jesus did through devotional practices, corporate worship, acts of compassion, deeds of justice, and a life of generous giving!

The logo for this year's emphasis is the Giving Tree. As we look at the Giving Tree we see the soil, the trunk, the branches, and the fruit of our loving Christian discipleship. *Devotion* forms the soil where our discipleship takes root in love for God. *Worship* is the trunk that lifts us up toward God and brings us closer to him. *Compassion* forms the branches that reach out to shade the world. *Justice* is the fruit of our labor as we endeavor to make a more just world where the love of God reigns. Finally, *Giving* is the energy behind all our many efforts. Through our generous giving we release the resources needed for the devotion, worship, compassion and justice that reflect our love for God and neighbor! And so, as we give ourselves in these ways, our church becomes like the tree of life described in Revelation 22:2 – a Giving Tree – a tree whose leaves bring healing to the nations!



Plan now to attend all of these special services and to participate in the other activities being organized by our Stewardship Team. I believe you'll grow in your faith as you Give for Life and Love Like Jesus through devotion, worship, compassion, justice, and acts of generous giving! Amen!

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sermon Series:

September 2 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion - Local Fire Departments

Liturgist	Lois Smith
Communion Servers:	Rusty Merrill & Angela Thelin
Sermon	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
Scripture	Luke 18:9-14
Special Music	Mountain View Ringers

September 9 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

40th Anniversary of Mountain View

Liturgist	Mac McVicker
Sermon	40th Anniversary Celebration
Scripture	Isaiah 51:1-3

September 16 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist	Jane Pino
Sermon	Loving God Through Personal Devotion
Scripture	Luke 9:28-36
Special Music	Chancel Choir & Mt. View Singers

September 23 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist	Jerry Burnham
Sermon	Loving God Through Public Worship
Scripture	Luke 4:16-22
Special Music	Hymn Sing

September 30 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist	Jo Lied
Sermon	Loving Others Through Acts of Compassion
Scripture	Matthew 25:31-46
Special Music	Marci Nickelsburg

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



**WOMEN'S SECOND CUP
OF COFFEE
September 11 & 25**

Calling All Women to Second Cup at 9:00 am Tuesdays, September 11 & 25 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.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN
THE MOUNTAIN VIEW
MEMBERSHIP CLASS
STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

It's not too late to sign up to participate in the membership class that will begin on Sunday, September 9th, at 9:00 am and run through October 14th. The class will meet in the youth room/former sanctuary and will study *A Disciple's Path: Deeping Your Relationship with Christ and the Church – A Guide for United Methodists*. This class will examine our Methodist history, our doctrinal standards, and the vows of membership which call us to support Christ's church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. During our study we'll examine the following specific topics:

- What Does It Mean to Be a United Methodist?
- A Disciples Path Defined
- Prayer: Prayer and Scripture Meditation
- Presence: Corporate Worship and Small-group Community
- Gifts: Financial Generosity
- Service: Spiritual Gifts and Gift-based Service
- Witness: Invitational Evangelism

At the end of the class, persons desiring to join the church or renew their membership vows will be given that opportunity. Don't miss your chance to explore the Disciples Path! Please contact the church office to register. You may call (719) 687-3868 or e-mail mtviewumc@qwestoffice.net.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH
SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday, September 9
National Grandparents Day Craft/Church 40th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 28- Fall Festival Crafts and Luncheon

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, September 2 11:45 am Youth Service Project

Sunday, September 9- Youth Group 4:30-6:00 pm

Sunday, September 16-Youth Group 4:30-6:00 pm

Sunday, September 23-Youth Group 4:30-6:00 pm

Sunday, September 30-Youth Group 4:30-6:00 pm

Sunday, October 28
Fall Festival and Crafts Luncheon
Trick or Treat for canned goods.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS
CHILD**



Now is a great time to buy school supply items for the Christmas Child boxes that will be packed in November. Items that are accepted include: small toys, flip flops, sandals, combs, brushes, hair ties, reading and coloring books, crayons and colored pencils, school supplies, t-shirts. Especially needed are items for 11-14 year olds such as small tool kit, small sewing kit, games, etc.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH – 9:00 AM**

A special Blessing of the Animals will be held in the field in front of the church at 9 am Sunday, September 30th. This brief service will bear witness to God's love for all creation while offering thanks to God for the joy we find in loving our furry companions. And of course, prayers of blessing will be offered for each of our furry friends. Bring your pet and invite a guest as we bless the animals on that day!

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.



A few months ago, the Trustees and 16 other churches within the area were approached by the Woodland Park Police asking us to develop a security plan and to work with other churches within the area, to develop training for these individuals on the security team. As many are aware, the Trustees have begun to lock the doors to the church 10 minutes after service begins. Trustees are stationed at numerous points within the church to allow late arrivals to enter. This is for the safety of the congregation. The Security Committee is entertaining numerous ideas for additional security. If you have concerns, please let us know! Trustees: D Brown, Clas Thelin, Mike Snipes, Tom Fritz, Don Reinert, Jerry Burnham, Dan Meyer, Paul Theis.



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 9, Mountain View United Methodist Church 40th Anniversary Celebration. Remember and visit with charter members, celebration scrap-

book and photo 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.

YOU'RE INVITED

"Dress a Girl Around the World" is an organization that makes dresses for poor girls around the world. They gather the second Wednesday of each month in the fellowship hall from 1:00-5:00 pm to sew dresses. You are invited to join with the sewing or make a donation of cotton fabric and sewing supplies. For more information, see their website at www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com or contact Maria Stepien at 224.383.5742.



INVITE A FRIEND

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

THANK YOU

Austin Brown asked that an announcement be put in the newsletter stating that he really appreciates everyone that has "stuck in there with me". He thanks them for the cards and prayers and asks for continued prayers as he is doing much better and is waiting for a new placement.



Commission on a Way Forward

Council of Bishops



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Commission on a Way Forward has released its final report on human sexuality. This report will be presented to a called session of our denominational General Conference scheduled for February 23-26, 2019. The report presents three possible ways forward for our denomination relative to its stance on homosexuality. The first way forward, and the one recommended by our bishops, is the One Church Plan. This plan is the simplest of the three plans. It removes prohibitions against homosexual ordination and marriage and inserts protections for those whose consciences will not allow either. The second way forward, and the most complex, is the Connectional Conference Plan. This plan creates three different connectional conferences, each defined largely by a particular position on homosexuality, and requires clergy, churches, and annual conferences to align with their preferred connectional conference. The final way forward is the Traditional Plan. This plan maintains the denomination's current position on homosexuality while closing loopholes that may permit defiance of that position. It also seeks to strengthen accountability among bishops and boards of ordained ministry to ensure their compliance with the plan while creating a pathway for dissenters to exit the denomination. You are encouraged to read the entire report at the following website: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/way-forward-report-released-in-all-four-official-languages-of-general-confe>.

MOUNTAIN VIEW WAY FORWARD TASK FORCE PLANS "CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATION" SESSIONS

The Mountain View Way Forward Task Force has received the report of the Commission on a Way Forward and continues to monitor denominational actions with an eye to their impact on our congregation. In the meantime, the Task Force is planning a series of "Constructive Conversation" sessions to be held in the coming months. These sessions will seek to create a safe place for members to discuss the issue of homosexuality in light of church teaching and denominational actions. The sessions will not seek to persuade persons to adopt a particular opinion on the matter, but will rather endeavor to promote unity over uniformity and understanding over agreement. Although these sessions are currently under development by members of the Task Force, you can expect to discuss the importance of church unity, issues of biblical interpretation as they apply to human sexuality, current views regarding sexuality, the Commission on a Way Forward report, and other denominational developments. Sessions will be held during the Sunday school hour beginning October 21st and continuing through November 11th. Sessions will be repeated each week on a weeknight for those unable to attend the Sunday morning sessions. More information will be published in the church bulletin as it becomes available. Please plan now to attend.

FINANCE FACT - AUGUST 2018

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance		
Tithes & Offerings (pledged)	27,278	20,686	163,288	152,779	10,509		
Tithes & Offerings (unpledged)	6,607	7,937	37,489	41,332	(3,843)		
Other Revenue	1,612	308	4,686	953	3,733		
Total Revenue	35,497	28,931	205,463	195,064	10,399		
Total Expenses	26,809	29,781	167,082	178,560	11,478		
Revenue over Expenses	8,688	(850)	38,381	16,504	21,877		
Mortgage Principal Reduction*	(4,445)	(4,420)	(30,858)	(30,265)	(593)		
Net Cash Flow	4,243	(5,270)	7,523	(13,761)	21,284		
*Includes payments from unrestricted funds only, i.e., monthly principal payments							
Important Notes for July 2018:							
(1) Pledged revenues were over budget for the month by \$6,592 and for the year to date by \$10,509 .							
(2) Unpledged revenues were under budget for the month by \$1,330 and for the year to date by \$3,843.							
(3) Expenses were under budget for the month and for the year to date.							
Mortgage Principal Reduction							
	Monthly		Annually				
Undesignated funds (see above)	\$4,445.00		\$24,968.00				
Restricted gifts, adjustments, etc**			\$1,445.00				
Total	\$4,445.00		\$30,858.00				
Cash Allocations							
Total Fund Balances			1,560,871.61				
<u>General Fund Total</u>			<u>(1,486,473.78)</u>				
Cash in Operating Checking Covering Designated Funds			74,397.83				
Operating Bank Account (July, 2018)			100,978.01				
Owed to restricted fund(s)							
<u>Cash to cover designated funds</u>			<u>(74,397.83)</u>				
Unrestricted cash to pay bills			26,580.18				
			<u>Operating Checking</u>	<u>Cash for Bills</u>	<u>Cash Designated</u>		
			100,978.01	26,580.18	36,500.00	General reserve	
					22,000.00	Capital reserve	
Restricted Fund Balances					15,897.83	Other	
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		74,397.83		

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 ~ \$1079
 Aug - High Chateau Fire Victims ~ \$2486
 Sep - Local Fire Stations
 Oct - World Communion
 Nov - Welcome Home Warrior
 Dec - Alternative Gift Market



Woodland Park/Teller County Community Cupboard and Divide Food Pantry



September items: Flour & sugar.
 There is a box in each entryway for your donations.

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide distribution dates are Mondays, September 10 & 24.

Divide Food Pantry continues to need clean plastic bags. There is a container in each entry-

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 SEPTEMBER 2
will benefit the Local Fire Departments.

IN LOVING



MEMORY

GENE COLE
JUNE 5, 1933 - JUNE 28, 2018

BOYD WARNSMAN
MARCH 25, 1940 - JULY 27, 2018





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Philip Walenta
- 3 - Ray Current
- 3 - Larry Snyder
- 10 - Elizabeth Miller
- 11 - Gail Kendrick

- 11 - Mary Lee Marsh
- 11 - William Nickelsburg
- 15 - Linda Petersen
- 15 - Rick Shafer
- 15 - Kim Urban
- 16 - Bonnie Gilmer
- 17 - Lydia Eells
- 17 - Tani Vahsholtz
- 19 - Jim Pletcher
- 20 - Carrie Brown
- 21 - Nancy Thompson
- 22 - Carol Goll
- 22 - Suzanne Snyder
- 24 - Pat Hughes
- 27 - Sammy Morgan

- 28 - Kerry Ahlstrom
- 30 - Cheryl Conklin

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Terry & Pat Hoffman
- 1 - Darrell & Jan Downing
- 1 - Tim & Kim LaRue
- 5 - Dale & Ilene Thoe
- 6 - Tom & Bonnie Acton
- 18 - Victor & Teresa Lebario
- 19 - Bob & Jeanette Myers
- 22 - Jack & Bev Elwell
- 29 - Scott & Marva Laudert

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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!

