

Weekly Messenger 01-02-2026



Happy New Year everyone! Hope this finds you enjoying the new year so far.

As you look at 2025 what are some thoughts that come into your mind? Perhaps it's wondering what amazing things God is going to do this year in your life. Maybe you are a little nervous about what is coming up next. Maybe there are some goals you want to accomplish. As you know a lot of people have made resolutions because they want to make some improvement in different areas of their lives and create some better habits.

These are all well and good however as in all things whenever we try to do things on our own without God we can find ourselves back in our old habits that we were trying to change.

This Sunday we are going to talk about some possible spiritual resolutions in our journey with Christ. So no matter what happens this year we can remember that God never needs to make resolutions because He never changes and his ways are always perfect. Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Is the same yesterday, today and forever."

Can't wait to see you on Sunday!

Love,

Chris



Sunday Worship Services
8:30 am – Traditional
10:30 am- Contemporary

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Family Ministry News



Youth Group –
Ice Skating on Jan. 4th at 3:15 p.m.
Back by 5:45 p.m. \$25 per person.

Children -
No Sunday School Jan. 4th

U50s/adults.
Next meeting will be Jan. 11th.

Happy New Year!!
CJK



Join the MVPC family this Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
for Virtual Church!

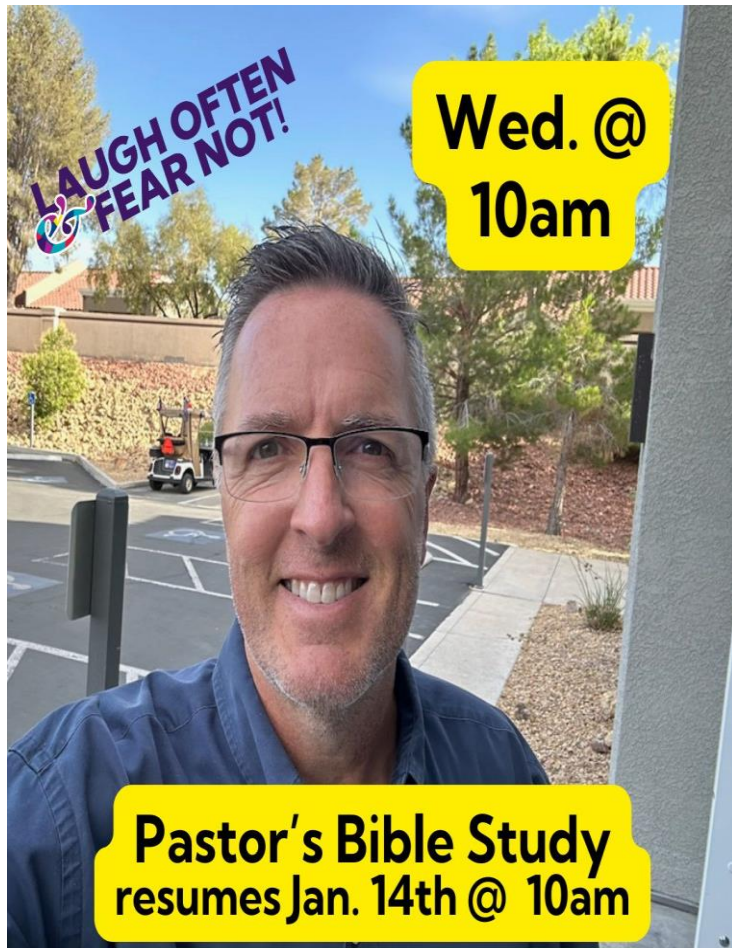
Go to the MVPC webpage @ www.mviewpc.org and select
Facebook or YouTube

CLOSED CAPTION AVAILABLE

Are you missing out on Pastor David's wonderful virtual sermons because you can't hear what is said?
We now know closed caption is available on the YouTube broadcast. Follow the directions below:

On Youtube under the video, where you can start, pause, etc. is a "cc". Click on that to start closed





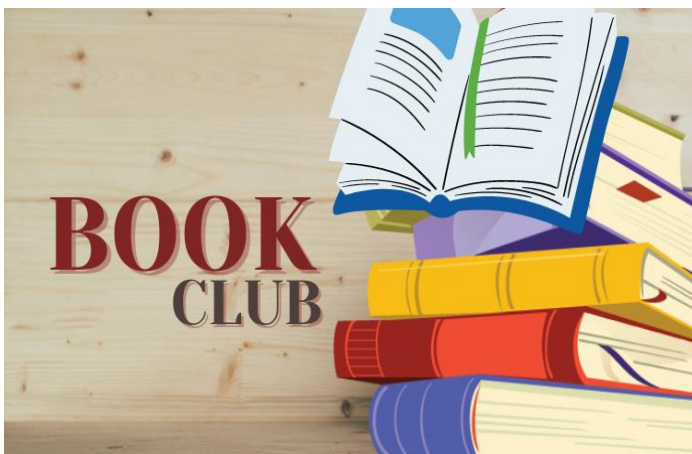
BOOK CLUB

This is a new year and new books to read. Please join us as we discuss a selected book. We meet in the Chapel on the last Friday of the month at 10am.

Our upcoming books are:

January 30th - One Thousand White Women
by Jim Fergus

February 27th - In Order to Live - A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom
by Yeonmi Park



Clean Up After Christmas



We will be taking Christmas Decor down
Sunday, Jan. 4th at 4:00 p.m. If you have some
free time stop by to help out and
have a cookie.



Several of the ladies from the Women's Ministry Committee visited Hoving Home in December to wrap donated Christmas gifts for the ten women who currently reside there. Hoving Home's mission is "to provide a loving community devoted to rebuilding shattered lives that empowers women to fulfill their God-given purpose."

MVPC is honored to support this Christ-centered ministry and all the women helped through their program.

November/December 2025 Session Meetings Highlights

Session met December 3 for both its November and December meetings.

The Deacons are finalizing plans for the Service of Solace on Sunday, December 7.

Pastor David reported that the Advent sermon series is entitled "The Waiting Room of God." 2026 sermons will start out with the Book of Proverbs. The Staff Christmas lunch is December 15. Christmas Eve Services will be at 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. The Messiah will be presented on December 7 and at Grace Presbyterian's service at 2:00 p.m. on December 14. On December 3, Gary Wall and Pastor David attended the Family Promis luncheon in its new facility.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship). Approximately 37 helpers, including members of Grace Presbyterian, decorated the Church for Christmas on November 23. The Commission continues to work with Domsy Glass Company on fabricating a new baptismal font for MVPC. Sundays, December 28 and January 4 will have just one service at 10:00 a.m. The Commission will hold usher and greeter training in January.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC). Elder Laura Martin reported on advancing 2026 food bank distributions to assist with the effects of the government shutdown. MVPC sent \$2,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief earmarked to assist victims of Hurricane Melissa, primarily in Jamaica. The Pet Ministry annual bake sale will be held in February. The denim collection to benefit Project 150 was valued at approximately \$3,000. MVPC filled 125 Thanksgiving food boxes for Olive Crest. And 150 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Olive Crest "Be the Miracle" toys and gift cards donations collected on December 7. Food Banks - \$975.00 was donated by the Men's breakfast crew for the month of November to Westminster Presbyterian Church (which fed 300 families for Thanksgiving) and Salvation Army food donations for October was estimated at a value of \$5000.00. The Quilting Group which meets at MVPC donated \$3,000 for missions.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) is updating its policies manual. The Youth Group has enjoyed combining with youth from Grace and Green Valley Presbyterian Churches for various activities. Bible studies are all going well. Christmas caroling is on December 14. Women's Ministry events - Just Us visited the Bellagio conservatory; Women's Christmas brunch on December 6 has almost 50 signed up.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in large and small groups). A special thank you to Gary Wall for cooking for the 5th Sunday Brunch on November 30. A wonderful kickoff to Advent.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Electrical repairs to bring the elevator into code compliance were performed. The elevator still needs fire marshall approval for the repairs. The gardeners will be removing a number of bushes and replacing them with plants requiring less water. The parking lot lighting has been upgraded with new LED fixtures providing significantly more light.

Elder Karla Canfield, moderator of the Nominating Committee, reported on nominees. Session set December 14 for a special Congregational meeting to elect new Elders and Deacons for terms beginning January 1, 2026. Session also scheduled the annual Congregational meeting for Sunday, February 22.

The next scheduled Session meeting is on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m.





RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

It's easy to sign up, email Tami Samek, Ministry Coordinator at Tami@mviewpc.org and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today! *Happy New Year!*

Doing Good - The Book of Titus

If Christians are "saved by grace," totally apart from good works, what difference does it make if we Do Good or not? In this series, from the book of Titus, Chip Ingram reveals that there are four key reasons why Doing Good matters so much. He also explains how we can become people who habitually Do Good – and the first step begins with who we are, not what we do. According to Scripture, Doing Good is not just a suggestion, it is very powerful, and can be costly. Chip encourages us, however, that the price of not Doing Good, can be even more costly. This series clarifies what Doing Good will do in you and then through you, for the benefit of others and the glory of God.



Jesus Changes Everything (YOUTH)

* Note: The real-life stories in this series contain mature themes.*

Teenagers often feel trapped. They're stuck in the same habits, depression sets in, and they wonder about their purpose. Life might seem pointless or hopeless at best. The lie that says nothing will ever change pulls teenagers deeper into the rut.



But Jesus offers a way out. He reaches down to give life—a new path to follow. He has the power to free us from habits, redeem our relationships, and give us a new identity. It all begins by deciding to follow Him, because a life surrendered to Jesus is a life transformed.

In this 4-part series, Nick Hall, Founder and Chief Communicator for PULSE, a ministry focused on reaching the next generation for Christ, talks to students about how a relationship with Jesus changes everything—our identity, relationships, habits, and mission. Students will be challenged to allow Jesus to transform every aspect of their lives.

Off the Couch Into Creation - Season 1



Join the Wild Brothers — Morgan, Hudson, Kian, and Asher — as they transition from their adventurous upbringing in Indonesia to exploring the natural wonders of the United States.

Determined to prove that adventure isn't limited to distant lands, they embark on journeys starting right in their backyard. This award-winning series inspires families to discover the beauty and excitement of God's creation close to home.

God's Uncommon Man Tony Dungy & James Brown

Do you ever wonder what it looks like to be a man of faith? In this three-session series, sportscaster James Brown and former NFL coach Tony Dungy will teach us what it means to be an "uncommon man"—a man who follows God faithfully. Are you ready to take the next step in your life of faith? Learn what it takes in *God's Uncommon Man*.



MVPC's Women's Ministries and Youth teamed up to go caroling for those unable to come to church currently. We visited 6 people in their homes and for the first time ever did a FaceTime with another! It feels good to spread God's love through song. Ephesians 5:19: "Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart."



Our Vision

LOVE
God

LOVE
People

KNOW
God

KNOW
People

SERVE
God

SERVE
People

It's what we do!

**LAUGH OFTEN
& FEAR NOT!**

Grocery Program

Your holiday grocery shopping can boost our Mission giving. Just participate in our Grocery Program, with a portion of your purchases returned to MVCP:

1. **Smith's.** Smith's program, called **Inspiring Donations**, rebates to the Church a portion of your purchases. Please update the registration of your Smith's Reward Card number (or phone number) at www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire. The Church's organization number is CF673. After registration, every purchase at Smith's earns money for the Church.
2. **Albertsons and Vons.** Purchase Albertsons gift cards, which are useable at all Albertson's, Vons, and other affiliated stores across the country, including Acme (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware), Jewel/Osco (Illinois), Safeway (throughout the West), Kings (New Jersey, New York and Connecticut), Randalls (Texas), Shaw's and Star Markets (New England). Albertsons gives the Church 5% of the amount of the gift card purchased (\$100 gift card = \$5 to MVPC).

When multiplied by dozens of participants, our returns become substantial. Through the first three quarters of 2025, Smith's sent MVPC \$363.31 from participation in the Inspiring Donations program. So far this year, MVPC's return on Albertsons/Vons gift cards has been \$250. Albertsons/Vons gift cards also make great gifts! You can purchase Albertsons gift cards from Jeff Patterson - 702-528-8199.



Clerk's Notes

As 2025 ends, Session welcomes newly elected Elders with terms beginning January 1, 2026:

Paul Curatolo

Wes Forred

Bob Langliers

Karen Stokes

Dian Ward

Courtney Wolff

Session also acknowledges the end of the three-year term of Elder Dave Geeting. Dave headed Human Resources and spent tremendous time and effort updating MVPC's Human Resources policies and procedures. Dave's thoughtful consideration and quick wit will be missed on Session. Thank you, Dave, for your service to MVPC.

Jeff Patterson, Clerk of Session





Audrey Latta – Jan. 3rd
 Leslie Patterson – Jan. 4th
 Lauri Seda – Jan. 4th
 Jeanmarie White – Jan. 4th
 Megan Krier – Jan. 5th
 Nancy Overman – Jan. 5th
 Cynthia Dutt – Jan. 7th
 Dean Grassick – Jan. 7th

This Week's Events

Sun., Jan. 4

10:00 a.m. Worship, SC
 1:00 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church, SC
 3:15 p.m. Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH

Mon., Jan. 5

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH
 4:00 p.m. Worship Committee, FH
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., Jan. 6

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study, FH
 11:30 a.m. Divine Dealing, FH
 1:00 p.m. Deacon Training, CH
 5:30 p.m. Narcotics Anon., CH
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, CH
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study, FH

Wed., Jan. 7

12:30 p.m. Grace Grief Support, CH
 3:00 p.m. Christian Education, Mark
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH
 7:00 p.m. Choir, SC
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH

Thurs., Jan. 8

2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group, CH
 4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Mark
 5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC
 6:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting, Esther
 7:00 p.m. AI Anon, FH
 7:00 p.m. Grace Choir Rehearsal, SC

Fri., Jan. 9

2:00 p.m. Knitting Group, FH

Sat., Jan. 10

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



Ron Forret and Carol Brink – Jan. 4th
 Chris and Sara Kirschman – Jan. 7th



Messenger articles and Sunday announcement requests are due in the Church office by **Wednesday at noon** each week! Thank you for your cooperation!

LET THE PEOPLE PRAY

Pray without Ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Our Members

- Karyn Klein
- The Klingenberg Family
- Marilyn Kopp
- Nancy Korten
- Verla Kramer
- The Krier Family
- Nancy Kunesh
- Lynne Kuzminski

Our World

- People of Yemen
- Ukraine War
- China Tensions

Our Nation

- Cancer Awareness
- Flu season
- Winter Weather

Our City

- Holiday Travel
- Traffic Safety
- Operation Pawsitive Change

Our Churches

1. Crosswinds Community Church
2. Freedom Life Grace Church
3. Shadow Hills Church

Our Congregation

Rae Narcisse-Bryant, Bob Berry,
Sally Hahn, Janet Jones,
Delores Singleton, Jeff Southwell

- Elders: Christy Bernal
- Deacons: Gene Braden,
Nancy Amato

Other Prayer Concerns...

The Pulido – Reyes Family
Leah McCormack
Rick Shafer
Billy Sagerman
Tad DuBois

