



## The Road of the Redeemed Begins in the Wilderness

Every meaningful journey has a beginning. Ours begins in the wilderness.

On February 22, we launch our seven-week Lenten series, ***The Road of the Redeemed: Seven Mile-Markers to Easter.*** Together, we will trace the path from desert to empty tomb, from testing to triumph.

But here's the surprising part: Lent doesn't start with celebration. It starts with discomfort. Matthew 4 tells us that immediately after His baptism, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Not by accident. Not by mistake. Not because something had gone wrong.

Led.

Before Jesus performed a miracle or preached a sermon, He fasted. He was tempted. He resisted. He trusted.

The wilderness was not punishment—it was preparation. And perhaps that truth is more relevant than ever. We all encounter wilderness seasons. Times of uncertainty. Seasons of dryness. Moments when clarity feels far away and comfort is nowhere to be found.

We tend to assume something must be broken when life feels barren. But what if those very moments are forming something deeper within us? Lent invites us to slow down and ask courageous questions:

- What sustains us when comfort disappears?
- What defines us when applause fades?
- What anchors us when temptation whispers shortcuts?

The Road of the Redeemed is not a straight line from success to success. It winds through hunger, surrender, sorrow, and waiting. Yet every step moves toward resurrection.

This series will guide us mile-marker by mile-marker: Through wilderness... To living water... Through valleys... Through surrender... Through sorrow... Through a royal entry... And finally, to an empty tomb.

The journey may challenge us. It may expose attachments we didn't realize we had. It may deepen our trust in ways we didn't expect. But that's what Lent does.

Transformation begins where comfort ends. We invite you to walk this road with us. Come in person. Invite a friend. Step onto the path. The wilderness is only the beginning.

And resurrection is ahead.

Laugh often and Fear not  
David!

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

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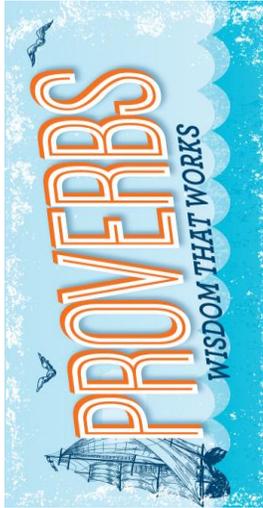
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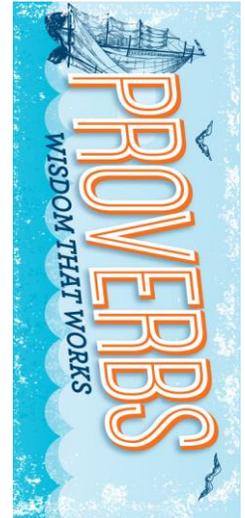
# Family Ministry News

**Youth Group –**  
Youth Group Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> .



**Children -**  
Sunday School Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> during 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

**U50s/adults.**  
Next meeting will be Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.



Stay Warm!  
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](http://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



**\*Save your newspaper\***

**The Poppy Foundation is a rescue  
dedicated to the lifelong care of  
un-adoptable, medically-dependent,  
and special needs cats in Las Vegas.**

**Canned food is also needed!**

## **MVPC Pet Ministry**



**Drop off your  
newspapers &  
canned food in  
the Recycle Bin  
by the  
Fellowship Hall  
doors.**



**Memorial**  
**Feb. 21, 2026**  
**11:00am**

**Margaret "Peg" Pollock**

Reception immediatly following.

# God's Grace Cancer Support

Thursday 2:00-3:00pm  
All are welcome, join any time!

Mountain View Presbyterian Church  
8601 Del Webb Blvd.  
702-341-7800

*You're never alone in the fight!*

*Isaiah 41:10*

Calling all book lovers!!

Come join us as we discuss the selected book for the month of February...In Order to Live - A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom by Yeonmi Park

We meet in the Chapel here at MVPC on the last Friday of every month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. All are most welcome to join us as we discuss the book and form close faith based friendships and insights.

**MVPC Book club**

**GRIEF SHARE**  
GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

**Group meets on Tuesday**  
**1:00pm - 3:00pm Chapel**  
**No registration required**

What a joyful and memorable evening we shared at our inaugural **MVPC Talent Show and dinner** hosted by Women's Ministry!

From the very first note sung to the final round of applause, the night was filled with laughter, inspiration, and a wonderful sense of community. Our church family is truly blessed with an incredible variety of talents! We enjoyed uplifting musical performances, heartfelt vocal solos, energetic dance routines, creative skits, wonderful readings, magic, and comedy. It was a beautiful reminder that God has gifted each of us in unique and special ways.

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all our talented performers. Your courage to step onto the stage and share your gifts blessed us more than you know. Whether you have been performing for years or this was your very first time in front of an audience, you made the evening special. Your dedication and practice made the event a true success. The free will offering collected \$1200 to benefit Family Promise.

We also want to extend our deepest gratitude to the many volunteers who worked behind the scenes. From planning and organizing, to cooking, decorating, running sound and lighting, setting up chairs and tables, greeting guests, coordinating refreshments, and cleaning up afterward – this event simply would not have been possible without you. Your servant hearts and joyful spirits reflect the very best of our church community.

Thank you as well to everyone who attended and supported our performers. Your encouragement and applause created such a warm and welcoming atmosphere.





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](mailto:Tami@mviewpc.org) and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today!

### The Lent Experience

What happens when you take 2,000 years of a Christian tradition, capture the heart of it, and reimagine it? Whether you're a veteran of observing Lent or a rookie who is jumping in for the first time, you can join thousands of people for an experience that just may surprise you.



It's simple. You watch a short video on Ash Wednesday that kicks the whole thing off. Then, each Sunday until Easter you will watch a short video that will give you your Lent Experience challenge for the week. The challenges are based on things that have been a part of Lent for centuries. Your participant journal is loaded with everything you need to learn more about Lent and to successfully complete each week's challenge.

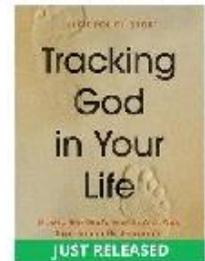
### How to Read Proverbs

The Bible can be hard to interpret. It's lengthy, packed full of characters, and sometimes difficult to tie into daily life. Proverbs is a guidebook for living wisely and well in God's world. The Bible Project breaks down the book into digestible pieces so we can understand and apply its truths and it's fun!



### Tracking God in Your Life

In this interactive study, Laurie Short guides you through 8 ways to see God's movement in your life—and with the help of key Bible passages and personal stories, you'll find evidence that will inspire you to trust Him moving forward.



You will look at doors that have opened and closed, how you ended up in different places than you planned, the difficulties you've endured and how those difficulties were used, and the unexpected people who were brought into your life. Through Bible passages, personal stories and reflective questions, you will be invited to look more closely at these things—and with Laurie's help, you'll be able to track God's presence in your life.

Tracking God in Your Life will enable you to:

- See the thread of God's movement in your story
- Track God's presence in what's happening now
- Face confusing circumstances with more confidence
- Encourage others with what these sessions reveal in your life

Laurie has spoken to over 500,000 people in her lifetime and encouraged many more with her faith-producing stories. Now, with the tools she has learned from mining the Scriptures, she invites you to find and tell yours.

## Black History Month

### Katherine Johnson (1918-2020)

Perhaps one of the most popular African-American Presbyterians is elder Katherine Johnson, the mathematician who was the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit. She was featured in the 2016 book “Hidden Figures” by Black author Margot Lee Shetterly, made into a hit movie of the same name

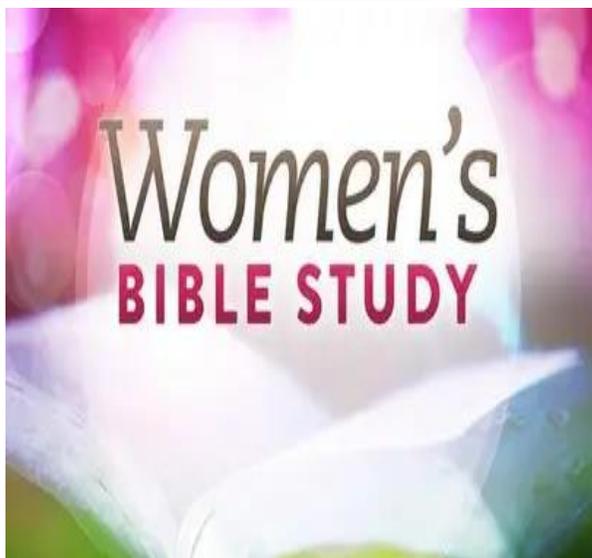
Johnson showed strong mathematical abilities from an early age. After graduating from high school at the age of 14, Johnson matriculated at West Virginia State College, a historically black college. She took every course in mathematics offered by the college. With mentoring help from several mathematics professors, Ms. Johnson graduated *summa cum laude* in 1937 with degrees in mathematics and French, at age 18. After graduation, she took on a teaching job at a black public school in Marion, Virginia. Ms. Johnson married in 1939 and left her teaching job to enroll in a graduate mathematics program. She was the first African-American woman to attend graduate school at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia.

In 1953, after her daughters had grown up, Ms. Johnson accepted a job offer from the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (the forerunner of NASA) in the Guidance and Navigation Department of Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory, in Hampton, Virginia. Johnson's work included calculating trajectories, launch windows, and emergency return paths for Project Mercury spaceflights, including those for astronauts Alan Shepard, the first American in space, and John Glenn, the first American in orbit, and rendezvous paths for the Apollo Lunar Module and command module on flights to the Moon. Her calculations were also essential to the beginning of the Space Shuttle program, and she worked on plans for a human mission to Mars.

During her 33-year career at NASA, Ms. Johnson earned a reputation for mastering complex manual calculations and helped pioneer the use of computers to perform tasks previously requiring humans. The space agency noted her “historical role as one of the first African-American women to work as a NASA scientist.”

In 2015, President Barack Obama awarded Johnson the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She was portrayed by Taraji P. Henson as a lead character in the 2016 film *Hidden Figures*. In 2019, Johnson was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by the United States Congress. In 2021, she was inducted posthumously into the National Women’s Hall of Fame.

Ms. Johnson was a member of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church (Newport News, Virginia) for 50 years, serving as an elder and singing in the choir.



Women’s Bible Study will begin a new study “Growing Older and Wiser” on March 10. Study guides will be available for purchase. Women’s Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 9:45am and 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

## January 2026 Session Meetings Highlights

Session welcomed new serving Elders beginning three-year terms: Paul Curatolo, Wes Forred, Bob Langliers, Karen Stokes, Dian Ward and Courtney Wolff.

The Deacons had their first 2026 meeting on January 11 with 20 Deacons present and welcoming seven new Deacons. Deacon Nurturing Groups are being re-aligned with new Deacons coming onboard and four Deacons ending their terms. Meet Your Deacon Sunday is scheduled for March 8 with the theme "Favorite Sports Team." The cancer support group began a 13-week series on January 8 and is off to a good start.

Pastor David reported that Christmas Eve services had a combined attendance of 565 people. The new sermons series beginning in January "Wisdom for 2026" based on the Book of Proverbs is going well. Ash Wednesday is February 18 with services at noon and 7:00 p.m., and Easter is on April 5. Pastor David conducted training for new serving Elders in January prior to the January 28 Session meeting. Usher and greeter training took place in January, with liturgist training schedule for February. Currently, Grace Presbyterian is scheduled to use MVPC facilities through February 15. Pastor David provided a new outline of our Commission structure with leadership assignments for Session members.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship). Elder Karla Canfield reported that the presentations of "The Messiah" in December were huge successes, both performances being excellently executed and packing the Sanctuary to capacity. The Commission continues to work with Domsy Glass Company on fabricating a new baptismal font for MVPC.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC). Elder Laura Martin reported that the Quilting Group gift of \$3,000.00 for MVPC domestic mission work had been divided equally among Project 150, Olive Crest, Family Promise, Club Christ and Hoving Home. Sunday, April 26 is scheduled to be "Mission Outreach Sunday" with the theme "Mission Possible." The information meeting for the Alaska mission trip in June had 25 attendees. A mission trip to Maui (in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity) is being scheduled for May. The Dementia Support Group begins April 18. On Sunday, January 25, our congregation assembled 250 homeless care packs, now available for distribution. The Pet Ministry raised \$775 from its December pet toy sale and has scheduled its annual bake sale for Sunday, February 8. Elder Dave Matawitz is working on activities for the Veterans' Support Group. MVPC provide toys and gift cards valued at approximately \$6,000 for Olive Crest's "Be the Miracle" Christmas project. Food Banks- \$1,055.00 was donated by the Men's breakfast crew for the month of December and \$853.00 for the month of January going to the Westminster Presbyterian Church food bank and Salvation Army food donations for December and January were estimated at values of \$4,500.00 and \$3,500.00, respectively. The Commission recommended approval of a proposal to establish a sub-committee of Mission for "Safety for Children and Families from Gun Violence," in accordance with the resolution of the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of PC(USA). The Commission emphasized the focus was not on gun control or Second Amendment issues, but on gun safety and preventing gun violence. Session approved.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation). Bible studies are all going well, with Women's Bible Study focusing on the Book of Acts, Men's Bible Study focusing on prophets and kings in the Old Testament, Young Adults and Youth Group focusing on the Book of Proverbs. In December, the Women's Ministry traveled to Hoving Home to wrap Christmas presents. The Women's Ministry breakfast in January raised \$200.00 for Hoving Home. Stephen's Ministry is currently providing care and support to five people and will sponsor a mental health program in February.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in large and small groups). The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on January 25 had 75 attendees. MVPC staff served dinner and provided cleanup. The next Fifth Sunday Brunch will be March 29.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Elder Al Youmans reported that MVPC spent approximately \$42,000 in 2025 on maintenance and improvements to facilities. Fairly significant HVAC repairs and replacements will be needed prior to the arrival of warm weather.

The next scheduled Session meeting is on Monday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.



# Deacon's Corner

## Meet Your Deacon Sunday – March 8, 2026

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for “Meet Your Deacon Sunday”! This special event will take place in Fellowship Hall following both Sunday services. You won't want to miss the opportunity to connect with your Deacon and fellow members of the congregation.

The theme for this year's gathering is “Favorite Sports Team.” Even if you have already met your Deacon, he or she is looking forward to seeing you at the event. Be on the lookout for your invitation, which will be mailed to you by your Deacon. Your invitation will include the table number where your Deacon will be located, making it easy for you to find them and join the festivities.

We are excited to welcome everyone on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a time of fellowship, fun, and community!

*We are here to help!*

**DIVORCE Care**  
for those going through separation or divorce



**Monday @ 6:00pm**  
**Esther Room**  
**(2nd fl - Fellowship Hall)**

### Our Vision

**LOVE**  
God

**LOVE**  
People

**KNOW**  
God

**KNOW**  
People

**SERVE**  
God

**SERVE**  
People

**It's what we do!**

**LAUGH OFTEN**  
**FEAR NOT!**

# "Blessed Bites"



**Mackenzie River  
Pizza-Grill-Pub**  
1550 S Pavilion Center Dr  
City National Ice Arena  
2nd fl - Elevator avail.

**Feb. 26th at noon** Separate checks.

Church van available, limited seating - first come, first served.

Join your church family and friends for a time of fellowship and great food!



Open to all, invite a friend.  
Sign up in the Narthex.

Hosted by Women's Ministry

## Women's Breakfast



Devotion & Prayer by Mary Ann Clark

**February 21, 2026 @ 9:00am**

Cost is \$20.00 (tax & tip included).

**The Summit Restaurant**  
2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.

**Sign-up in the Narthex**



## THINGS TO DO:

### Congregational Dinner and Meeting

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**  
6:00pm - Fellowship Hall

Dinner sign-up in the Narthex  
Bring a salad or side dish to share,  
main and dessert provided.



## Hockey Sunday

**Feb. 22, 2026**

**Wear your favorite NHL, College  
or High School Hockey Team!**





Richard Becker – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Sally Blackburn – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Robert Eaton – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Elena Wherry – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Barbara Andersen – Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Paula Anderson – Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>  
 William Lietzke – Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Christy Bernal – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Roy Fedotoff – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 David Reitz – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

## This Week's Events

### Sun., Feb. 22

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC  
 11:40 a.m. Mission Trip Meeting, CH  
 1:00 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church, SC  
 1:00 p.m. U50's, Mark  
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH  
 6:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting, FH  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, CH

### Mon., Feb. 23

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH  
 6:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther  
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH  
 7:00 p.m. Session, Esther

### Tues., Feb. 24

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study, FH  
 11:30 a.m. Divine Dealing, FH  
 1:00 p.m. Griefshare, 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., Feb. 25

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study, FH  
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH  
 7:00 p.m. Choir, SC  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH

### Thurs., Feb. 26

12:00 p.m. Blessed Bites  
 2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group, CH  
 4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Mark  
 5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC  
 6:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends, FH  
 7:00 p.m. Al Anon, Esther

### Fri., Feb. 27

7:00 a.m. Story Academy, CH  
 10:00 a.m. MVPC Book Club, FH  
 2:00 p.m. Knitting Group, FH

### Sat., Feb. 28

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



Max and Jayde Fox – Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Alistair and Mary Barron – Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>



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

- Bev Norton
- Azusa O'Brien
- Nancy Overman
- The Owens Family
- Stan Paczosa and Shirly Vasser
- JoAnn Padget
- Susan Pallishusky
- The Patterson Family

## Our World

- People of Nigeria
- Ukraine-Russia Peace Talks
- Winter Olympics

## Our Nation

- California avalanche victim
- Government Shutdown
- NASA Moon launch prep

## Our City

- Winter Weather
- CCSD Budget
- Road Rage incidents

## Our Congregation

Bob Berry, Susan Doscocil, Sally Hahn,  
Lois Letizia, Janet Jones,  
Delores Singleton

- Elders: John Meola
- Deacons: Jo Ellen Lewis,  
Barbara Malestsky

## Our Churches

1. First Baptist Church of the Lakes
2. Christian Embassy Worship Center
3. Life Springs Christian Church

## Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Peg Pollock  
Sympathy to the family of Kathy Brannen  
Sympathy to the family of Jackie Terry

