



Mile-Marker #2 - Meet me at The Well!

I was stopped at a red light recently, and one of those folks with a cardboard sign asking for help was walking past the stopped cars. So often, I've failed to keep my car stocked with our homeless care packs to give away in these kinds of situations. But this time I had one in the back seat and handed it to the man. He looked at it, thanked me, I said, "God bless you" and he said the same to me, and I rolled up my window. As I was driving away, I saw him remove the water bottle and nearly empty it in one chugging.

Thirst is real, especially in the desert. Two times in my life I've had to go to the ER because of dehydration. Not fun. But spiritual thirst is also something real. This Sunday we will explore a familiar story – Jesus' encounter with a woman at a well in Samaria. It will be a wonderful reminder as we're on our Lenten journey toward the cross and empty tomb that Jesus came to meet our deepest spiritual needs, even as he modeled caring for others' physical needs.

So, join us this Sunday as we meet Jesus and a sinner (all of us) at The Well of Thirst!

Blessings,
Gary



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

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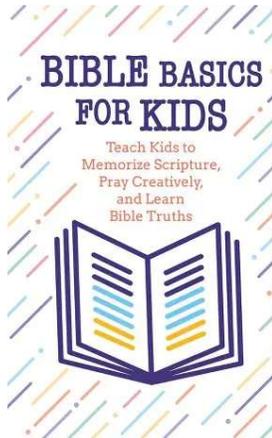
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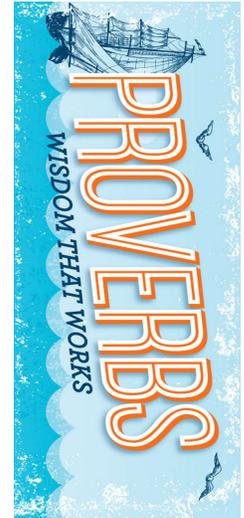
Family Ministry News

Youth Group –
Youth Group March 1st.
4:00pm – 6:00pm



Children -
Sunday School March 1st during 2nd service.
Talking about Judges and Kings.

U50s/adults.
Next meeting will be March 8th at 1:00 p.m.



Keep Cool!
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



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.**



Grocery Store Rewards Programs

MVPC's Grocery Program participates with Smith's, Albertsons, and Vons to allow a portion of your regular grocery purchases to be returned to MVPC for the benefit of our mission programs.

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). Gift cards are available in \$100 and \$25 denominations.

When multiplied by dozens of participants, our returns become substantial. In 2025, Smith's returned \$527.53 to MVPC (an increase of \$136.58 or 35% over 2024), and Albertsons gift cards earned MVPC \$250.00. Albertsons gift cards also make great gifts! You can purchase Albertsons gift cards from Jeff Patterson - 702-528-8199.



Sunday's Scripture:
John 4:1-26

Mile-Marker 2:
The Well of Thirst

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



GRIEF SHARE®

GRIEF RECOVERY
SUPPORT GROUP

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

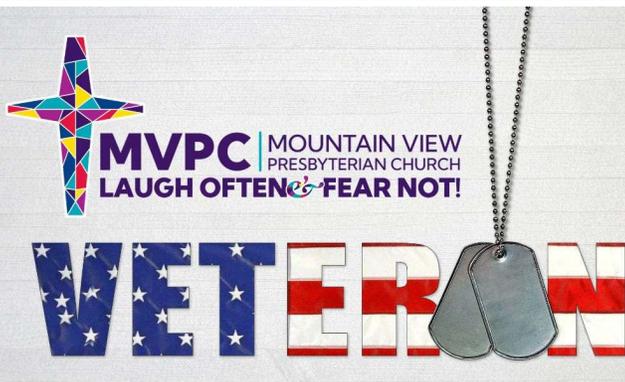
2026 PER CAPITA *UPDATE*

The governance of the Presbyterian Church USA is a hierarchy, with local churches (such as MVPC) overseen by Presbyteries (for MVPC, the Presbytery of Nevada), and groups of Presbyteries overseen by Synods (for the Presbytery of Nevada, the Synod of the Pacific), and, at the top, the General Assembly. To support this governance, each local church is annually assessed a per member fee called the “per capita,” a Latin phrase which translates “for each head.”

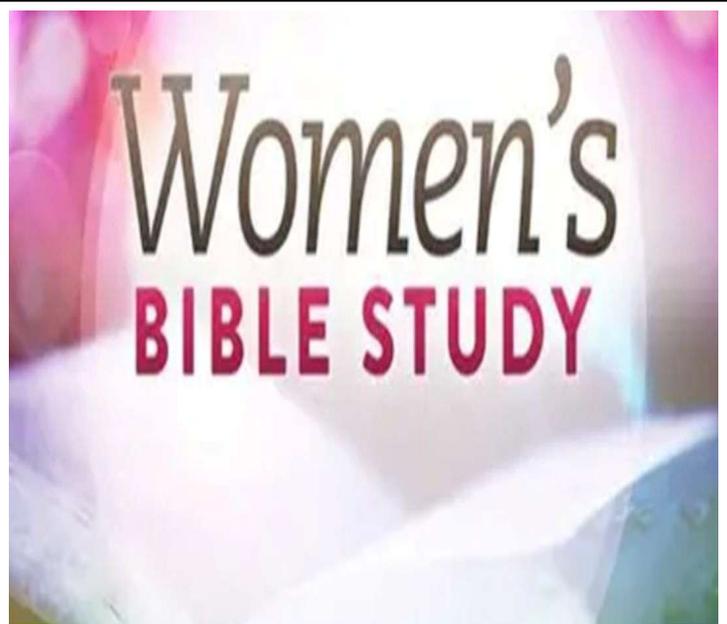
For 2026, MVPC’s per capita fee was \$48.00 for each member. From that \$48.00, the Presbytery of Nevada received \$31.52, the Synod of the Pacific received \$5.22, and the General Assembly received \$11.26 (the amounts vary from year to year). MVPC makes its per capita payment in February each year. MVPC’s total per capita billing for 2026 was \$14,467.00.

To assist in budgeting, the Session annually requests each member to contribute the applicable per capita. So far in 2026, we have a shortfall of approximately \$9,000 in member contributions of per capita, leaving a significant gap paid out of general operating expenses.

Session encourages each member who has not done so to contribute his or her per capita of \$48.00. Member payment of the per capita increases budget certainty and frees up funds for church expenses and programs. Simply indicate that your payment is to be applied to the “per capita.”



Veteran’s Group Meeting
March 8, 2026
10:00am
Ruth room (2nd fl)
Open to all Veterans!



Women’s Bible Study will begin a new study “Growing Older and Wiser” on March 10. Study guides will be available for purchase starting March 1. Cost \$10. Women’s Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 9:45am and 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!





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!

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.

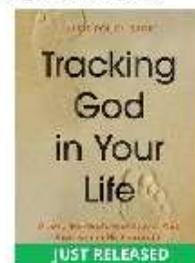
How to Read Proverbs

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 (MVPC's own) Dr. Bertha Pendleton

Dr. Bertha Pendleton grew up in Gadsden, Alabama during a time when African Americans were denied the resources enjoyed by others to be successful and live full lives as citizens of the United States. As a young girl, Bertha proved herself to be smart, involved, resourceful and determined. When the segregated library did not have the information she needed, she requested and was given permission to utilize the public library after closing hours to access their extensive reference materials. She was the valedictorian of her high school graduation class and attended Knoxville College in Tennessee, graduating with honors with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. She received a master's degree from United States International University (USIU) and an EdD from the University of San Diego. Bertha would eventually become the Superintendent of the eighth largest school district in the country; San Diego Unified School District (1993 – 1998).

Dr. Pendleton spent her early career endeavors as a cartographic engineer before becoming a third grade teacher. She was recruited to San Diego as a middle school math teacher. Her success in the classroom soon led her to become an administrator, filling the roles of counselor, Vice Principal, Principal, District Coordinator, Assistant Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and finally Superintendent. She was the first female and the first African American selected as the Superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District. During her tenure 14 schools were built in overcrowded urban areas and "zero tolerance towards violence" policies were instituted throughout the district. These policies and others promoted equity in education which influenced state education trends.

Bertha was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and her work in the community reflected the sorority's motto: "Service to All Mankind." She received recognition from many community organizations for her volunteer spirit and tireless efforts in community service.

Bertha and her husband, Oscar, retired to Las Vegas in 1999. They joined Mountain View Presbyterian Church where Bertha served as an elder, was active in Christian education programs, and sang in the Chancel Choir. Each spring, Bertha provided stipends to MVPC youth graduating from high school, honoring the assistance Bertha received from the church of her youth to attend college. Oscar passed away in August 2020 at the age of 101.

In 2024, an elementary school in San Diego was renamed in honor of Bertha. At the ceremony, School Board Trustee Sharon Whitehurst-Payne noted: "Dr. Bertha Pendleton's character, courage and leadership are the qualities we hope to instill in our students who attend this school, and every school throughout our District. Our school district and community are better off today because Dr. Pendleton spent four decades educating children here in San Diego. We are grateful for her contributions, and I am happy we can recognize her contributions this way."

Bertha passed away in September 2025, having been a faithful member of MVPC for 26 years.

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 226th 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 8th, 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 8th. 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!**



MVPC New Members

Feb. 22, 2026

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Tom Baland | Bob & Suzane Odell |
| Jane Cox | Mike Perry |
| Kristi Culpepper | Cathlyn White Perry |
| Faye Culpepper-Caesar | Jeanie Rickdall |
| Marie Haynes | Joe & Leigh Sharpe |
| Mark & Pam Johnson | Chris & Marla Winter |
| Mike & Anne Kelly | Darlene Yamada |
| Paul & Julie Kriethe | |
| Joan Ladley | |

Welcome



MVPC Health Ministry

Do you have a medical background?

Interested in an opportunity to apply your experience and serve your church family?

We are looking for volunteers to serve on a MVPC Health Ministry Team.

There is an "interest" sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up to learn more about this ministry opportunity!



Katheryn "Kathy" Brannen

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



Reception immediately following.



Meet your Deacon Sunday!

**March 8, 2026
Fellowship Hall**

(After both Services)

"Favorite Sports Teams"

"Return to me with all your heart." — Joel 2:12



Lent invites us to slow down, breathe deeply, and come back to the One who never stops pursuing us. May these 40 days draw us closer to grace, healing, and renewal.



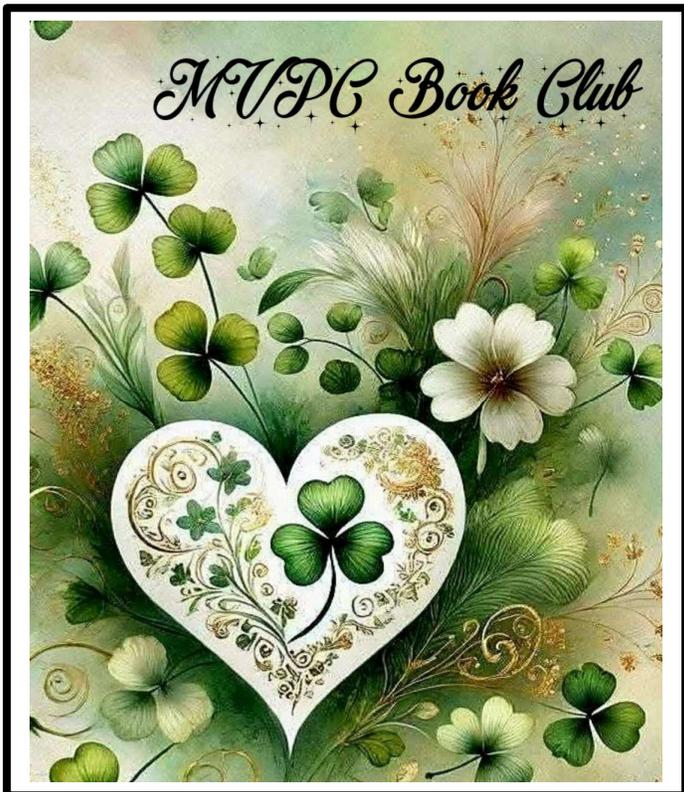
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 YouTube and Facebook – connect directly from our website, click on icon in the upper right corner.
 Instagram – @mvpccllasvegas
 X(Twitter) – @MVPCLasVegas

SUBSCRIBE





Men's Breakfast

Mar. 7, 2026 @ 9:00am
Summit Restaurant
2215 Thomas Ryan Blvd
Cost: \$20

Join us!

No sign-up required,
bring a friend!

Love Reading and Making New Friends?

Come join us as we discuss the selected book for the month ...
Murder Takes a Vacation by Laura Lippman

We meet in the Chapel here at MVPC on the last Friday of every month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. This month is scheduled for March 27, 2026.

All are most welcome to join us as we discuss the book and form close faith based friendships and insights. Hope to see you there!

Spring forward

Don't forget to "Spring Forward"
Daylight Savings Time begins
March 8, 2026

THE SALVATION ARMY

MVPC Food Donation Sunday

1st Sunday of the Month

Donation bin located in the Narthex.

All non-perishable food donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. No glass containers.

Thank you for your continued support to help those in need!



Sleep Seminar Dr. Devin Luzod

March 18, 2026

11:30am, Fellowship Hall

Includes light lunch.

Open to all, invite a friend!

Sign up in the Narthex

Hosted by Women's Ministry

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Rock Painting for Easter

March 16
2pm

All are welcome,
bring the kids!

Sign up in
the Narthex

Women's Breakfast



Devotion & Prayer by Linda Feuerstein

March 21, 2026 @ 9:00am

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

The Summit Restaurant
2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.

Sign-up in the Narthex



Welcome to...
BOB TAYLORS
RANCH HOUSE

Hosted by Women's Ministry

"Blessed Bites"

March 26, 2026

Noon

Church Van available
(limited van seating)

Separate checks
All are welcome!

Bob Taylor's Ranch House
6250 Rio Vista St.



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



Happy Birthday!

Celebrate Your Special Day

Dwight Rickard – Mar. 1st
 Terri Washburn – Mar. 1st
 Wes Forred – Mar. 2nd
 David Dendy – Mar. 5th
 Jane Grimes – Mar. 5th
 Joanne Vorhies – Mar. 5th



Happy Anniversary!
 Have a wonderful day

Tim and Gwynn Demakis – Mar. 3rd
 Byron and Donna Peterson – Mar. 3rd



This Week's Events

SUNDAY, Mar. 1

8:30 am. Traditional Worship, SC
 10:30 am. Contemporary Worship, SC
 4:00 pm. Youth Group, FH
 7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting, CH

MONDAY, Mar. 2

9:00 am. Quilters, FH
 4:00 pm. Worship Committee, CH
 6:00 pm. Divorce Care, Esther
 7:00 pm. Gamblers Anon., CH

TUESDAY, Mar. 3

9:45 am. Women's Bible Study, FH
 11:30 am. Divine Dealing, FH
 1:00 pm. Griefshare, CH
 5:30 pm. Narcotics Anon., CH
 7:00 pm. Women's Bible Study, FH
 7:00 pm. Men's Bible Study, CH

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 4

10:00 am. Pastor's Bible Study, FH
 5:00 pm. Bells, CH
 7:00 pm. AA Meeting, FH
 7:00 pm. Choir Rehearsal, SC

THURSDAY, Mar. 5

10:00 am. Caregiver Support Group, CH
 2:00 pm. Christian Ed Meeting, Mark
 2:00 pm. Cancer Support Group, CH
 5:00 pm. Redeemed Worship
 Rehearsal, SC
 6:30 pm. Compassionate Friends, FH
 7:00pm. AL Anon, Esther

FRIDAY, Mar. 6

2:00 pm. Knitting, FH

SATURDAY, Mar. 7

9:00 am. Men's Breakfast, Summit
 9:00 am. Deacon Sunday Setup. FH
 4:30 pm. A.A. Meeting, FH

LET THE PEOPLE PRAY

Pray without Ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Our Members

- Bill and Carole Paul
- Dr. Ralph Pendleton
- Diane Penman
- Connie Petersen
- Wayne and Gail Petersen
- Bill and Beth Peterson
- Don Peterson
- Byron and Donna Peterson

Our World

- Puerto Vallarta, Mexico Crisis
- Ukraine-Russia Peace Talks
- Germany-China Trade Relations

Our Nation

- East Coast–Severe Weather
- US Economy-Trade Tariffs
- Olympic Athletes Returning Home

Our City

- Grace Pres.-New Church Opening
- Community Safety
- Olive Crest Expansion

Our Congregation

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

- Elders: Jeff Patterson
- Deacons: Melissa Malfara,
Kathi Meola

Our Churches

1. Discovery Church NLV
2. Liberty Baptist Church
3. Paradise Calvary Chapel

Other Prayer Concerns...

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



Happy
Birthday

Wish Pastor David Dendy
a Happy Birthday on
March 5th!

