

You're receiving this Messenger on Friday, November 27. For most, yesterday was your day of gathering, eating, and reflecting on God's many blessings. Yesterday was a good day for sure...I arrived in Wichita and was greeted by my son-in-law and two grandsons. But today is our Thanksgiving gathering and celebration. For those of us who follow Jesus, isn't it right and good for EVERY day to be Thanksgiving?!

I landed in Wichita, KS. That's a big city by Kansas standards. We drove north toward Newton and Hesston, smaller towns for sure. If we were to bear northeast, we would travel through Goessel toward Hillsboro where my daughter Lauren and husband Grant and three granddaughters live on Jefferson Street. It's a town of 3,000 or so. One flashing red light maintains order on the main drag.

But we will bear west for now and make our way to daughter Stephanie and Trent's home in Halstead. You've been to Halstead, haven't you? I'll sleep in the basement on an inflatable mattress, in this home that Trent's father built and where the next generation has taken up residence. My grandsons never met their Grandpa Ron. He passed away from cancer shortly after his son's wedding.

What do we make of these small and insignificant places? Grant is a youth pastor shepherding the young people of Hillsboro. Trent is a History and Bible professor at a small Christian College in Newton. Lauren is an aide at the only Elementary School. Stephanie a Counselor to folks in rural America where problems arise despite the slower pace and simpler life.

What great things could come from such small places? What about a little burg called Bethlehem? What in the world could possibly matter in that tiny and insignificant place? The Prophet Micah will tell us this Sunday, as we begin the Advent season.

See you then!

Gary



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MOUNTAIN VIEW
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Laugh Often And Fear Not!

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

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Family Ministry News

Youth Group –



No Youth Group Nov. 29th

Children -
Sunday School Nov. 29th during the second service.

U50s/adults.
Next meeting will be Dec. 13th



Happy Thanksgiving!!
CJK, III the DFM



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



LOAFN Book and Gift Shop Extravaganza

Come check out the Bookstore! We have Angels, Crosses, Nativity Scenes, Ornaments Wreaths handmade and donated by Tanya Russell, and more! We are raffling off one of her beautiful wreaths. You can buy tickets 1 for $3 or 2 for $5. Or you can purchase one for only $35!!!

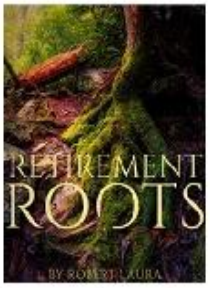
Also, in the Shop we are taking pre-orders for the MVPC polo shirts. These polos are only $25 with a $10 non-refundable deposit. Before we place another order, we need to know the interest level and that is why we doing this sign up. So come on down to the Shop and support our youth programs!



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 Thanksgiving!

Retirement Roots



What Does The Bible Say About Retirement? It's a question that doesn't often come up in traditional retirement planning, but scripture not only mentions retirement, but it overflows with wisdom, ideas, and characters of the Bible that can be used to help people make a successful transition from work life to home life.

In this study, author and nationally recognized retirement expert Robert Laura has flipped the secular view of retirement upside down and guides people away from what is often portrayed as a self-centered time to a God centered time.

As part of the interactive and engaging process, he helps people to not only strengthen their relationship with the Lord, but to also use Scripture that help replace their work identity, fill their time, stay relevant and connected, as well as mentally and physically active.

The content is thoughtfully designed to reach people at every level of faith by providing participants with Biblical perspective on creating clarity, purpose and direction in this next phase of life. It's also ideal for seekers and those looking to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ.

The reality is, retirement is portrayed as life's ultimate goal and sign of freedom, but it's not! Getting into heaven is… and that's a powerful reality we don't want anyone to regret or realize too late. Now is the time to re-envision retirement in terms of salvation and saving grace rather than personal savings.

The Missing Messiah



What if your Jesus is shaped more by culture than by Scripture? There's no shortage of ways to fill the minutes of our days—from doomscrolling to binge-watching TV to playing video games. But will you find what you are really looking for on a screen? There's something missing in our lives, and we all feel it.

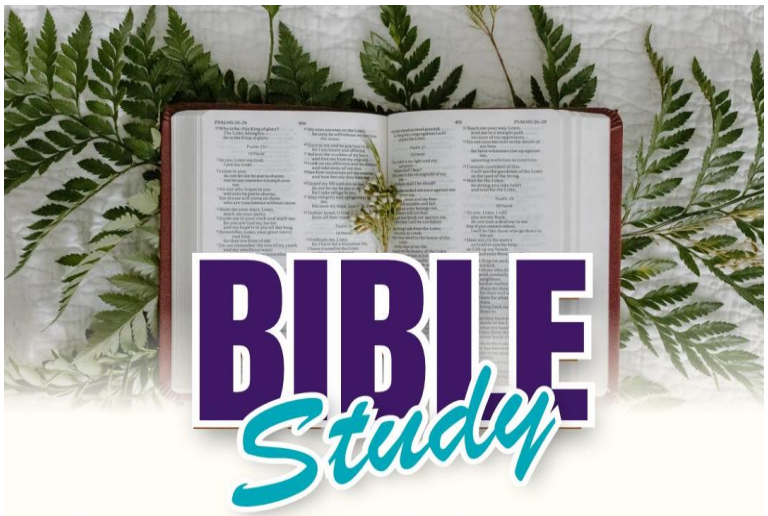
In our instant world, Jesus has been ignored, forgotten, and reduced. He's a life coach dedicated to our success, a therapist for our anxiety, a political ally for our causes, or a genie for our desires. In the process, we overlook the only one who can rescue us from ourselves.

If Jesus walked into the room right now, would you recognize him?

In this six-session companion to the book The Missing Messiah, you will:

- grow in your conviction of who Jesus is and what he'll do in your life
- cut through the cultural chaos and live the life Jesus promised
- move from a transactional relationship with Jesus to a deep and intimate one
- trace the prophecies around the Messiah through Scripture, uncovering the authentic identity of Christ
- ground your life on the truth that can empower and transform

The Missing Messiah is your breakthrough to fully experience Jesus not merely as savior but as King—penetrating every depth and breadth of your life.



BIBLE Study

Women's and Men's Bible Study groups will not be meeting on the following dates.

BIBLE STUDY CANCELED

Women's and Men's Group

Nov. 24th · Dec. 22nd · Dec. 29th

Both groups will resume after the first of the year.
Wishing you all a blessed holiday season!





October 2026 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacons reported that Barb Maletsky will become the new Deacon Moderator beginning January 1, 2027. Cheryl Hodges accepted the position of Deacon Neighborhood Group coordinator. The Deacons sponsored a Fire Safety and Fall Prevention program on October 8. The annual Service of Solace will be on December 6.

Clerk Jeff Patterson reported that the Nevada Presbytery completed review of MVPC's records of Session and congregational meetings for 2025.

Jim Camburn provided Session an overview of MVPC's insurance coverage for 2027, including explanations of insurance on the buildings and improvements, liability coverage, coverage for the van and workers' compensation.

Pastor David scheduled Sunday, December 13 for opening the time capsule prepared in 2001 at the dedication of the church expansion which included adding fellowship hall and the education wing. The Narthex has a new television which provides closed captioning during services for anyone with hearing difficulties. Pastor David and architect Ellen Cook had a very positive meeting with eth Sun City Association Board to review plans and concepts for the plaza/playground project.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship). The Commission is looking for additional volunteers to serve as ushers. The Ministry Mixer resulted in two new members to the Bell Choir. Jill Thompson will be taking over from Nancy Amato coordinating distribution of Sunday morning Sanctuary flowers. Advent devotionals will be available on November 29. Decorating for Advent and Christmas will take place on Sunday, November 22.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC). Elder Laura Martin provided a report from the Nevada Presbytery Mission Outreach Committee which met during the fall Presbytery meeting. Plans are in the works for upcoming mission trips to Nicaragua and Maui. Twelve dogs received pet blessings at the Church Picnic on October 18. Mission Outreach reported grants to Family Promise, Westminster Food Bank, Olive Crest and Club Christ totaling $27,500 from the $50,000 mission gift. Salvation Army donations for October were $5,000. Men's breakfast donations for September were $1,001 and for October $900 (supporting Westminster Presbyterian Food Bank).

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation). A confirmation class will start in early 2027. The Health Ministry, led by Del Heiss, AED defibrillator and CPR training for Saturday, October 10, had 10 participants. Sunday School continues studying the Fruits of the Spirit, Youth continue the study on prayer, Young Adults are studying 1Thessalonians to be followed by the Book of Titus. Women's Christmas Brunch will be on December 5. Just Us widow's ministry is planning a trip to the Bellagio Conservatory.

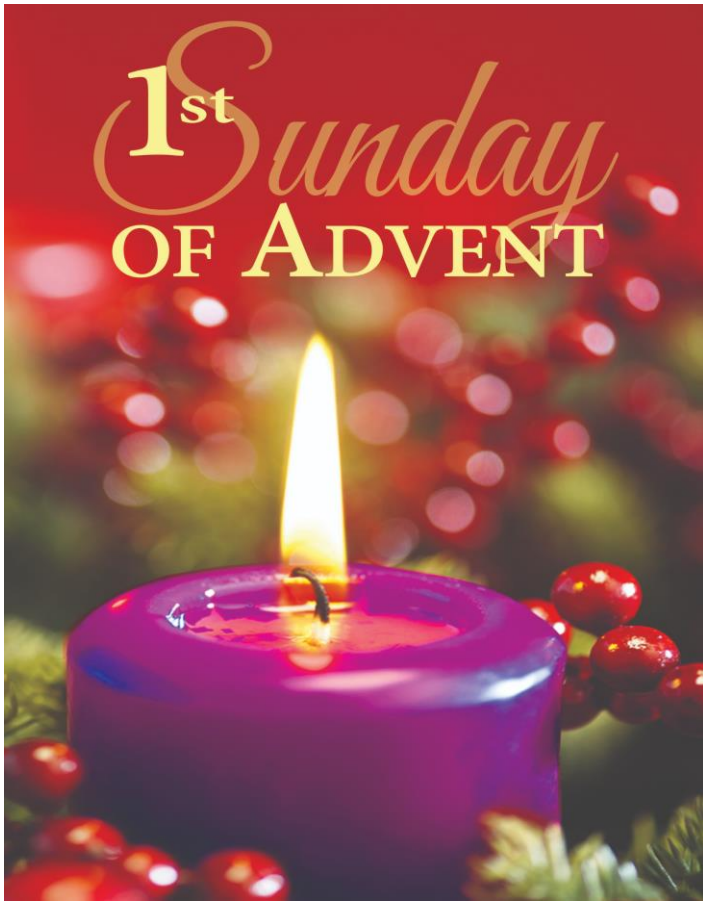
The Gather Commission (taking care of gatherings in large and small groups) is looking for volunteers to help with clean up following the second service on Sunday mornings.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). The winning bid replacement of the solar power system inverters came in at $32,900. MVPC received a bid for a new copier at a reduction of $170 per month compared to current copier service.

The next scheduled Session meeting is on Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m., which will serve as the November and December meetings.







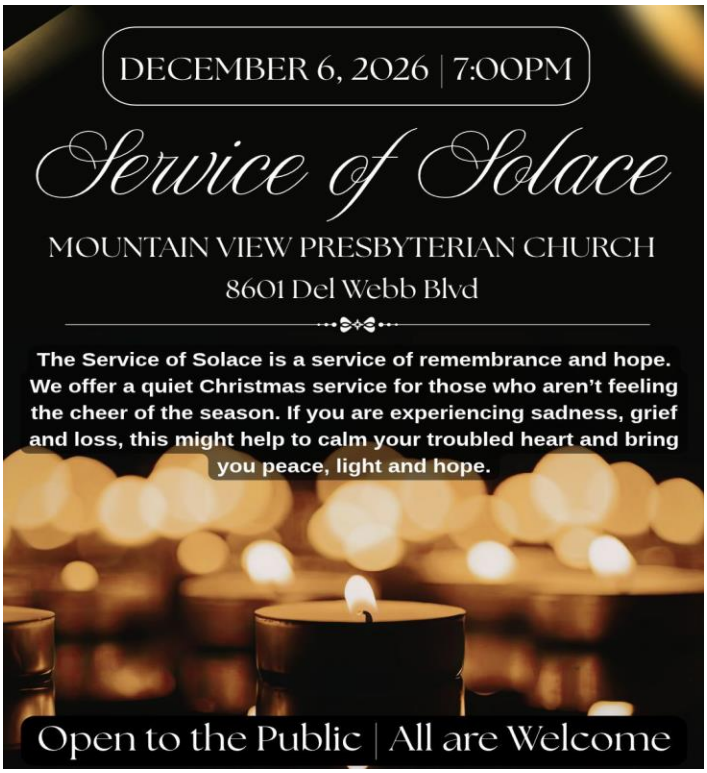
GriefShare®

GriefShare meets Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the MVPC Chapel.

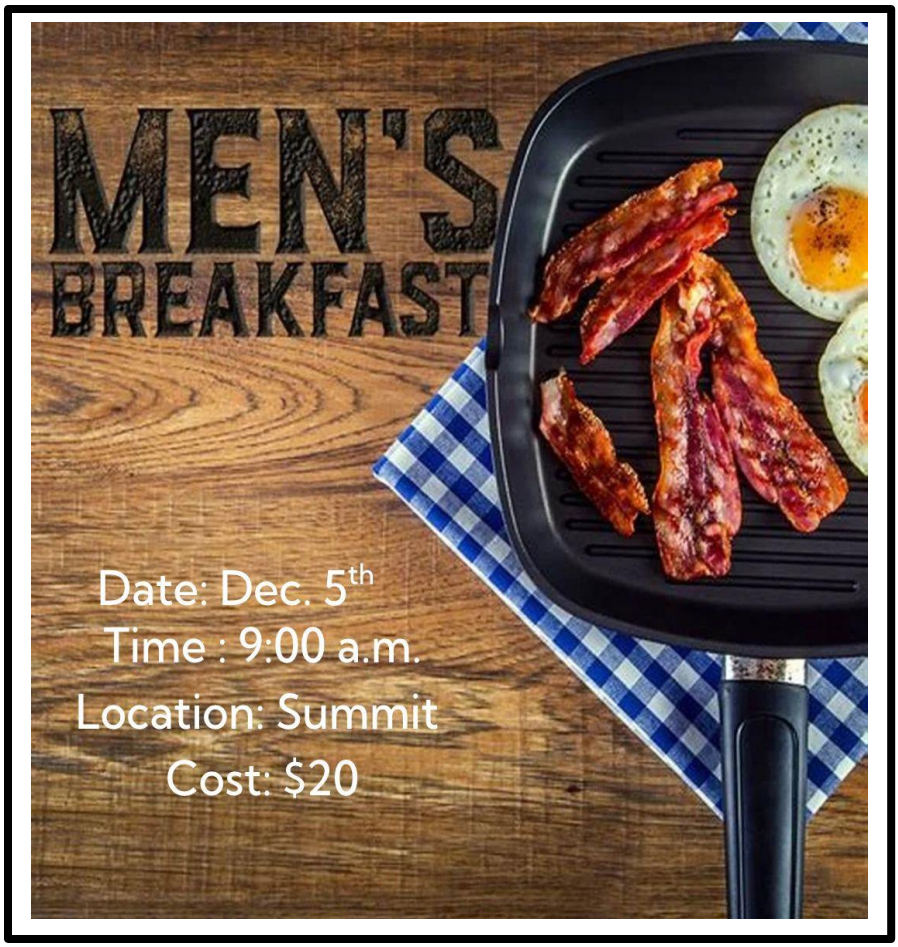
All are Welcome to attend.



THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR CHURCH DECORATING THIS PAST SUNDAY!!







Our Vision

LOVE
God

LOVE
People

KNOW
God

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SERVE
God

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People

It's what we do!

LAUGH OFTEN & FEAR NOT!



Sheri Susich – Nov. 28th
Jasmine Dong – Nov. 29th
Robert Berry – Nov. 30th
Susan Lietzke – Nov. 30th
Joyce Shore – Nov. 30th
Derek Reichart – Dec. 1st
Pat Youmans – Dec. 1st
Ron Cameron – Dec. 2nd
John Nielsen – Dec. 2nd
Michael Sefani – Dec. 2nd
Chris Notte – Dec. 3rd
Kiera Sotelo – Dec. 3rd
Sherry Lowrey – Dec. 4th
Robert Lum – Dec. 4th
Arlon Sibert – Dec. 4th



This Week's Events

Sun., Nov. 29	**First Sunday of Advent**
8:30 a.m.	**Traditional Worship,** SC
10:30 a.m.	**Contemporary Worship,** SC
4:00 p.m.	**Youth Group,** FH
7:00 p.m.	**AA Meeting,** CH
Mon., Nov. 30	
9:00 a.m.	**Quilters,** FH
10:00 a.m.	**Staff Meeting,** CH
7:00 p.m.	**Gamblers Anon.,** CH
Tues., Dec. 1	
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., Dec. 2	
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., Dec. 3	
10:00 a.m.	**Caregiver Support Group,** CH
5:00 p.m.	**Redeemed Worship Rehearsal,** SC
6:30 p.m.	**Compassionate Friends,** FH
7:00 p.m.	**Al Anon,** Esther
Fri., Dec. 4	
Sat., Dec. 5	
9:00 a.m.	**Men's Breakfast,** Summit
11:00 a.m.	**Women's Christmas Brunch,** FH
11:00 a.m.	**Piano Recital,** SC
5:00 p.m.	**AA Meeting,** FH



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

- Neyda Rodriguez
- Tammy Roth
- The Rothermel Family
- Dan Ruff
- Pamela Russell
- Tami Samek
- The Schillaci Family
- Carla Schmidt

Our City

- Pedestrian safety
- Salvation Army food bank
- Holiday traffic

Our Churches

1. Mesquite United Methodist
2. Nehemiah Ministries Church
3. Mountain View Baptist Church

Other Prayer Concerns…

Marji Bleam

Our World

- People of Spain
- Ukraine orphans
- Colombian Hostages

Our Nation

- Iowa air quality
- Winter storms
- Shopping safety

Our Congregation

- Elders: Karla Canfield
- Deacons: Katherine Forred, Sandy Gandy

