

Weekly Messenger 02-09-2024

Those of us who love sporting events have heard it many times – the speculators and broadcasters offer their opinions on who the better team is and why they believe that team will win. This Sunday afternoon will it be the Kansas City Chiefs or the San Francisco 49ers? Opinions swirl. Bets are placed. But one thing is certain...the outcome has yet to be decided until the game is played. Only then can we answer the question of winners and losers.

In our Sunday sermon series, “Expecting the Unexpected,” we discover Jesus on the playing field of humanity. He’s God with us, and just when we think we have him figured out, he challenges us with something we weren’t expecting.

This Sunday we will meet two potential followers of Jesus, a sleepy Jesus, and a powerful Jesus. Then at the end there will be an odd twist. I hope you’re intrigued. I’m looking forward to seeing you on Sunday for some unexpected discoveries!

Blessings,
Gary



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

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Family Ministry News

Youth Group –

No Youth Group this Sunday, Feb. 11th.
Feb. 18th will be Football and roller-skating events. See Chris for more details.

Children -

Sunday school during 10:30 service.

U50s/adults.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 25th at 12:30 p.m.

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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 caption.

DivorceCare's life-changing support groups welcome people and guide them on the path of recovery after separation or divorce. Over 1 million people have found comfort and hope through this 13-week, video-based series.

Group meets on Monday's at 6:30pm in the Esther Room (2nd floor-Fellowship Hall).

You can **register online** at www.divorcecare.com.

DivorceCare Leaders Bill and Susan Lietzke understand how you're feeling and what you're struggling with—because they have faced similar challenges. Everyone's story is different, and you'll be accepted right where you are, in a safe place.



January 2024 Session Meetings Highlights

The Session welcomed new members Karla Canfield, Gary Wall, Harry White and Al Youmans, elected by the Congregation on January 7 and installed on January 14.

Pastor David reported that the Advent sermon series “The Sacred Songs of Christmas” received much positive feedback from the congregation. Christmas Eve services were well attended. Pastor David reported the courtyard shade structure roof was installed and the concrete work should be completed shortly. Pastor David will be attending a men’s retreat in Houston February 4-11. Pastor David was invited to write a devotional for the Presbyterian Outlook Lenten Devotional publication.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) is preparing for Ash Wednesday services on February 14 and providing devotionals for the Lenten season. The Lenten Luncheon Series (started last year) will be repeated this Lenten season.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) will be assembling homeless care packs on Sunday, February 4 between services. The Veterans’ Support Group scheduled a chili cookoff on March 22 and a Memorial Day weekend breakfast on May 18. The Pet Ministry’s annual bake sale is on February 11. The Quilters Group donated \$1,784 to MVPC for mission outreach. The Commission recommended \$1,000 be donated to Caridad (supporting homeless persons), which Session approved. The Hoving Home choir will perform at MVPC Sunday services on March 17.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported 16 children attend Christmas Vacation Bible School, with a great group of adult and teenage volunteers assisting. Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies are seeing good attendance. Stephen Ministry has new candidates participating in training classes. Grief Share resumed meeting on January 23 with 13 participants.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in groups large and small) reported that the new kitchen equipment is up and running. Only remaining renovation is a new countertop, which should be installed shortly.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Reminder that per capita of \$46 per member is due. MVPC’s 20+ year old fire alarm system has been malfunctioning. Elder Renny Franz presented three proposals for upgrading the system. Session had some questions regarding the proposals which Elder Franz and Elder Al Youmans will investigate.

Session approved hiring MVPC member Alison Gray as the Women’s Ministry Director, as proposed at the December 2023 Session meeting. The Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 25 following the second service. Session elected Dennis Bunce, Chris Kirschman and Dian Ward as MVPC’s Commissioners for the 2024 Nevada Presbytery meetings.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



MVPC Honduras Mission Trip
MAY 25-JUNE 1, 2024
Deadline is April 1st
See Gary Wall for information.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Jane Grimes

New Deacon
"Getting to Know You"

Jane has been a member of MVPC, along with her husband, Tom, for over 17 years. She has been ordained & served as an Elder (2016) and Deacon (2008). Jane was reelected to the Board of Deacons in January 2024.

Over the years, Jane has served on a multitude of committees. She has also served as a Communion Server and Usher/Greeter on Sunday morning.

Jane is an avid golfer and has shared the love of golf with her granddaughter Sydney Dworkin. Fun fact, Jane and Pastor David share the same birthday, March 5th!

Welcome back Jane, thank you for answering God's call to serve.

PET MINISTRY



Annual Bake Sale

Feb. 11th after both services.

**Celebrating Valentines Day and
Super Bowl Sunday.
(2 for the price of 1)**

**Please bring your donated baked goodies
on Feb. 10th to the Fellowship Hall between
1:00-4:00 p.m.
(Or that Sunday)**

**For any other questions please contact the
Church Office.**



Annual spring event hosted by **Project 150** to provide high school students with FREE Prom attire and accessories to ensure students enjoy a wonderful Prom event.

Interested in donating? MVPC will be accepting new and like-new formal dresses, shoes, and accessories. Men's suits, shirts, ties, and shoes are needed.

You can drop off weekdays from 9am to 4pm at Project 150, 2600 N. Rancho Dr. or at the donation center in the Fellowship Hall.

Deadline is **Feb. 18th**.

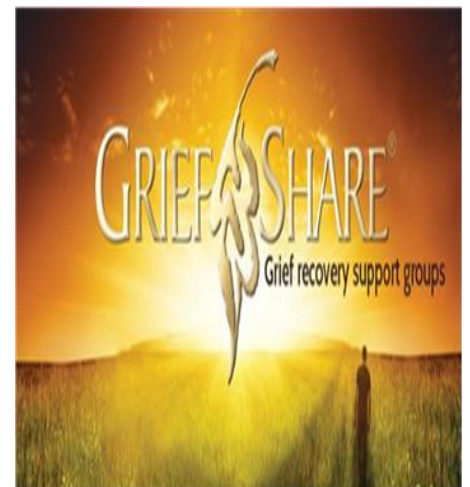
Let's help these students have a great Prom and make amazing memories!

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences.

When someone you love dies, it's common to feel isolated. In **GriefShare**, you'll find that you are not alone, that there are others who understand what you are going through. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

GriefShare meets on Tuesday's at 1:00 p.m. The group meets in the Chapel. First session focuses on Loss of a Spouse. The remaining 13 weeks provide help and healing for the hurt of losing a family member or friend.

Registration available online at www.mviewpc.org or call the Church Office at 702-341-7800.





RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC members/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.

You can now invite friends to watch with you as a "Virtual Group" and discuss the video using on-line chat. The only requirement is each participant must have a RightNow Media account login.

It's easy to sign up for RightNow Media! 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.



LOVE & LOSS

Have you lost someone or something you love? Have you felt like no one understands your grief?

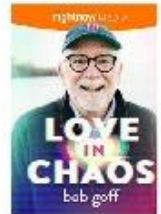
In Love and Loss, Chuck and Ashley Elliott guide participants to reflect upon their journey, identify the unseen elements of grief, and illuminate steps to reframe and rebuild their lives. Through each session, individuals will work through their situation to reveal personal and relational strengths that will guide their healing process.



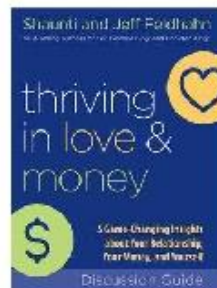
LOVE IN CHAOS

Good News for a Divided Culture

We don't have to look far to see division in our world. And in many ways, we are confused, angry, and disillusioned by all the chaos we're experiencing. How should Christians respond to the chaos? What does it look like to live faithfully in these strange and challenging times? Join bestselling author Bob Goff in this six-session series as he helps us answer these questions. Learn what it looks like to follow Jesus and obey his commands even in a time of chaos.



Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2024



THRIVING IN LOVE & MONEY

Over 90 percent of couples experience some level of tension around money. Yet most money books try to fix the budgeting and money priority surface problems. But how can you create a budget if you can't talk about money? These issues go deeper than just a simple spreadsheet.

What do most couples fight about? How do men and women view money differently? How can you get on the same page? Thriving in Love and Money is based on original research that gets to the heart of these issues. Because when couples have tension around money, it's not about the money.

In this 6-session video study, along with the *Thriving In Love and Money* Discussion Guide, you will learn what really is causing those money tensions and how to finally get on the same page. Led by renowned social researchers, Shaunti and Jeff Feldhahn, this course provides insights and prompts to help you discover underlying attitudes about money that you didn't realize before and gives practical steps toward coming together as a couple around money. Finally – you can be on the same page.

Love is Patient

Love is Kind

1 Corinthians 13:4



YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

2023 Year-End Giving Statements were emailed.

If we do not have an email address on file, your statement was mailed.

For questions, please contact the Church Accountant, Mitra McNally, 702-341-7800 or email: accountant@mviewpc.org.

EASTER IS COMING

This year's Lenten Soup starts
February 15th

We need two volunteers each week during lent to help heat, serve the soup, and clean up. You will be needed from 11-1 PM. The soup is from a Knorr mix and the rolls are Hawaiian open and serve! Easy Peezy!



Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.



Dementia Support for Caregivers



The Dementia Support group will meet Wed, Feb. 14th at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We invite you to come to a safe/confidential place to learn more about living on the journey of Dementia of any kind.

For more information call the Church Office.

MVPC Book Club

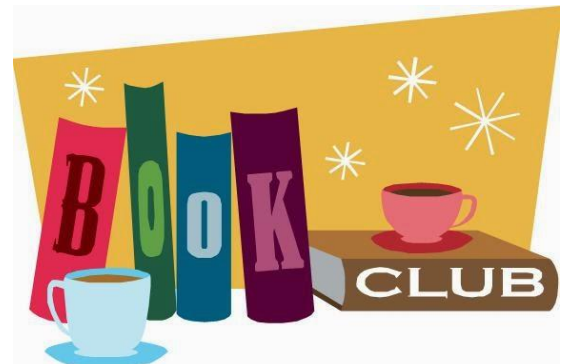
Our group meets the last Friday of each month, at 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel, at the Church to discuss a book we've previously selected together. We enjoy this gathering of friends who share the love of reading. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us! Here are the books we've selected for the next few months.

February 23 **The Measure** by Nikki Erlick

March (TBD) **The Gown** by Jennifer Robson

April 26 **Bel Canto** by Ann Patchett

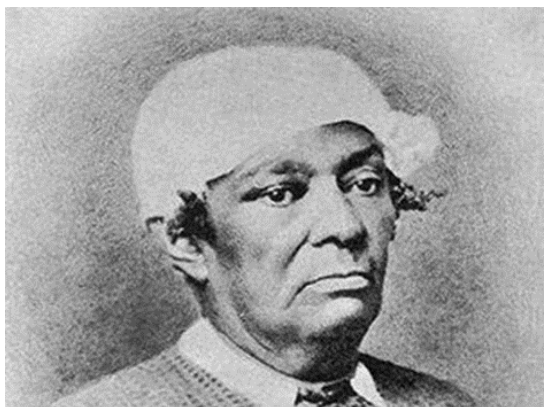
May 31 **The Violin Conspiracy** by Brendan Slocumb



"A book is a path of words which takes the heart in new directions." John O'Donohue

Happy Reading!

Black History Month – Miss Betsey Stockton



Miss Betsey Stockton was the first unmarried female missionary in the modern mission era, founding a school for the Maka'ainana, the ordinary people on the Sandwich Islands (now Hawaii), in 1824.

Betsey Stockton was born to an enslaved mother in Princeton, New Jersey around 1798. She took her last name from Robert Stockton, the first man who owned her family. At a young age, Betsey was given to Robert's daughter, Elizabeth Green, who was the wife of a Presbyterian minister.

Under the Green family's tutelage, Betsey was not only raised in the faith but also offered a rigorous classical education alongside the Green children. Betsey later became a communing member of Princeton's First Presbyterian Church.

Betsey poured her energy into a zeal to help the less fortunate. She would start a Sabbath school for the Black children of Princeton before answering the Lord's call to become a missionary to the Sandwich Islands. She set sail with Charles and Harriet Stewart in 1822.

She was the first single American woman to be commissioned as an overseas missionary. While in the village of Lahaina, on Maui, she began the first school for "commoners." Upon her return to the United States in 1826, she would continue to be involved in education for the rest of her life. In 1840, she helped found the first Black Presbyterian church in Princeton, Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, and would be an active parishioner until her death in 1865.

Today, the Betsey Stockton Foundation continues her work by supporting ethnic minorities who want to make disciples among the nations and see churches reproduced. The Foundation provides grants to ethnic minority individuals sent from the United States with a focus on reaching unchurched peoples.

Feb. 14th

Services at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Ash



Wednesday



Lenten Soup and Worship Services will begin on Thursday, Feb. 15th at 12:00 p.m. Join us in the Sanctuary for a brief worship service with a short message and music.

Then we will head into the Fellowship Hall for a soup lunch and fellowship. This will take place on Thursday's during the Lenten season. All are welcome to attend.

THE MVPC COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS

will meet on 25 February 2024 between services in the room
behind the fellowship hall.

If you are a committee member or new to MVPC and wish to help
support

MVPC and community veterans, grab some cookies and coffee
and join us.



Feb. 20th @ Noon
The Summit Restaurant
2215 Thomas Ryan Blvd

Our next Lunch Bunch will be Tuesday, **February 20** at The Summit Restaurant in Sun City Summerlin. The restaurant is located at 2215 Thomas Ryan Blvd. We will meet at **Noon** and have our own room to eat and socialize in. The Summit Restaurant has been upgraded with a more extensive menu and décor. Hope to see you there. Sign up in the Narthex.



Dinner For Six (or Eight) **Spring Groups Forming** **Now!**

Are you new to MVPC or interested in meeting more of your fabulous church family members? Then **Dinner For Six (or Eight)** is for you! Groups of six or eight, couples and singles get together once a month, at each other's home, to share a meal – the same group meets together for 3 months.

The emphasis is on fun and fellowship. You don't have to be a gourmet cook to participate...or cook at all for that matter! Meals can be cooked at your home, catered at the church, or invite everyone to your favorite restaurant for a "Dutch treat" dinner! Some groups have met for lunch as well, whatever works best for your group.

If you are interested in joining a **Spring Dinner For Six (or Eight)** group, a sign-up sheet is located on the **Connection Center** counter in the Narthex. Groups will start meeting in March, sign up today! For questions, please contact the church office.

Our Vision

God

People



It's What We Do!!



We are retiring the remaining books of the MVPC library. Stop by the Church Office to browse the books and take home any that interest you. All remaining books will be donated on Monday, Feb. 12th.

Laugh Often
and
Fear Not!



Hey, Buckaroos!

**Time to save the date for the
MVPC Committee in Support of Veteran's
Cowboy and Cowgirl Chili Cookoff
Friday, March 22, 2024 at 6:00p.m.**

We will be a'lookin for the best dressed Cowboys and Cowgirls. Oh, and for the best Chili in the house! There will be a Cowboy and Cowgirl trivia event. The evening is free for everyone presenting their award-winning chili (up to 12 folks.) Taste testers will present a five spot (5 dollars) at the door. To vote the best chili you will have to put your money where your mouth is!

Evening with Rabbi Joshua Weisberg



Monday, Feb. 19, 2024

Dinner @ 6pm (Fellowship Hall)

Q & A @ 7pm (Sanctuary)



Save the Date!

MVPC had the honor of sharing a Shabbat Dinner that Rabbi Joshua and his wife Chana prepared on our last Israel tour. He is a professional chef, documentary filmmaker and licensed tour guide. Rabbi Weisberg was raised in Canada, attended Wesleyan University, and studied Torah in Israeli Yeshivot. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife Chana and their eight children.

Please join us as we welcome Rabbi Joshua to Las Vegas. Sign up for Dinner in the Narthex.

If you are attending the Q & A only, no sign up required.



Brent Gaudiel – Feb. 11th
 Dawn Mintun – Feb. 14th
 Megan Trenkler – Feb. 15th
 Daine Conner – Feb. 16th

MVPC Concert



The Las Vegas Mass Choir will be the featured performers on the Mountain View Concert Series on Feb. 18th at 3:00 in Honor of Black History Month. You might remember that this outstanding group performed for MVPC at both services in 2020. They will present a varied program of Spirituals and Gospel selections that is sure to get your toes tappin' and hand's clappin'! Please join us!

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Google Play Store or Apple iTunes



On Sunday mornings, check in with Facebook and tell your friends you're here.



This Week's Events

Sun., Feb. 11

8:30 a.m.
 9:45 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.
 1:00 p.m.

Pet Ministry Bake Sale

Traditional Worship, SC
 Pet Ministry, FH
 Contemporary Worship, SC
 Reformed Church Meeting, FH

Mon., Feb. 12

9:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 6:30 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Quilters, FH
 Staff Meeting, CH
 Divorce Care, Esther
 Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., Feb. 13

1:00 p.m.
 5:30 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Griefshare, CH
 Narcotics Anon., CH
 Men's Bible Study, CH
 Women's Bible Study, FH

Wed., Feb. 14

10:00 a.m.
 11:15 a.m.
 12:00 p.m.
 5:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday
 Pastor's Bible Study, FH
 Dementia Support Group, FH
 Ash Wednesday Service, SC
 Bells, CH
 Ash Wednesday Service, SC
 AA Meeting, FH

Thurs., Feb. 15

12:00 p.m.
 5:00 p.m.
 6:30 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Worship and Soup, FH
 Redeemed Worship Team, SC
 Compassionate Friends, FH
 Choir, SC
 AL Anon, FH

Fri., Feb. 16

2:00 p.m.

Knitting, FH

Sat., Feb. 17

10:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.
 5:00 p.m.

Women's Breakfast, Summit
 Private event, SC
 AA Meeting, FH



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be Feb. 25th after second service. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

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

- The Heidel Family
- Carole Heierle
- The Heiss Family
- The Herbst Family
- Curt Hill
- Peter and Marcie Hill
- The Hoyt Family
- Arlene Hylander

Our World

- People of Azerbaijan
- Middle East Negotiations
- Ukraine War

Our Nation

- U.S. Military
- Southern Border
- Homeless Population

Our City

- Super Bowl travel and safety
- LVMPD
- CCSD Board of Trustees

Our Congregation

Sara Pierson, Peg Pollock
Paul Shore, Ray Weaver

- Elders: Connie Peterson
- Deacons: Jeanie White,
Nancy Amato

Our Churches

1. Calvary Chapel Green Valley
2. Community Lutheran Church
3. St. Christopher Catholic Church

Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Heather Latimer
Sympathy to the family of Joan Maule
Sympathy to the Family of Ronnilou Kordick
Mike Garwood
Carey LaGrange

