

# Weekly Messenger 05-10-2024

## Discovering Ruth: A Story of Faith and Redemption



In the tapestry of biblical narratives, one figure stands out for her remarkable journey of faith and redemption—Ruth. Her story, found in the Old Testament book bearing her name, speaks to the enduring themes of loyalty, perseverance, and the transformative power of God’s providence.

Ruth’s journey begins in the land of Moab, where she faces the tragic loss of her husband. Yet, in the face of adversity, Ruth demonstrates a profound commitment to her mother-in-law, Naomi. Her famous words, “Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge,” serve as a testament to her unwavering faith and loyalty (Ruth 1:16). Ruth’s decision to accompany Naomi back to Bethlehem sets in motion a series of events that will ultimately lead to her redemption.

Upon their arrival in Bethlehem, Ruth finds herself gleaning in the fields of Boaz, a man of integrity and kindness. Through a series of providential encounters, Boaz becomes not only a redeemer for Ruth and Naomi but also a symbol of God’s abundant grace and provision. In Boaz, Ruth finds not only a husband but also a partner in building a future filled with hope and promise.

Ruth’s story is a reminder that God often works through unexpected circumstances and unlikely individuals to bring about His purposes. Despite her outsider status as a Moabite widow, Ruth finds acceptance and belonging within the community of Bethlehem. Her faithfulness and humility pave the way for God’s redemptive plan to unfold, ultimately leading to the birth of King David and, ultimately, to the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we reflect on the story of Ruth, may we be inspired by her example of faith and perseverance. May we, like Ruth, trust in God’s providence, remain steadfast in our commitments, and extend grace and kindness to those around us. And may we never forget that in the story of Ruth lies the promise of redemption—a promise that continues to resonate with us today.

See you Sunday as we continue our sermon series on how God uses the ordinary for the extraordinary!

Happy Mother’s Day!

Grace and peace,  
Laugh often and Fear not!  
Pastor David!



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

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# Family Ministry News

## Youth Group –

No Youth group this week. Next week at regular time.

## Children -

Sunday School this week. VBS is June 25-28<sup>th</sup> sign up for registration will be soon.

## U50s/adults.

Our next meeting will be Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> 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](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 caption.

**Women's Breakfast Reminder...**in lieu of the May breakfast at The Summit, we've been invited to the free Pancake Breakfast offered by the Veterans Support Committee. Join us on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. as a thank you to the congregation for all you do for the Veterans and the church community.

Sign up in the Narthex.



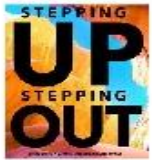


RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC members/guests/friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

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

**Stepping Up, Stepping Out: Courageous Action for Kingdom Purpose**



The Lord calls us to be strong and courageous in our life as His followers. It's as true for us as it was for Joshua, who was responsible for leading the Israelites into a land promised to

them, but filled with enemies and obstacles. As we go through this series, we will explore how God prepares and empowers those who are willing to be courageous to step up to God's calling and step out in faith to overcome the obstacles that try to hinder them from God's Kingdom purposes.

**Not What I Signed Up For**

**Finding the Strength, Purpose, and Faith to Get through a Season You Didn't Expect**



Life can throw us off-kilter. Maybe you've found yourself in a season that you never would have expected. In this six-session study based on the book *Not What I Signed Up For*, Bible teacher Nicole Unice invites

you into the biblical story of Joseph—a man who lived an unexpected life and trusted God through it all. Grow in understanding God's faithfulness even through your trials, know his love right in the middle of your suffering, and stand firm on his trust even when things remain paralyzingly uncertain.



*She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. Proverbs 31:25*

**Who Is This Jesus**



Most Americans have heard the name of Jesus. Maybe they've even heard a few things He said or did. But who is Jesus really? What was He like? Where did He live? What did He really care about? We'll explore these questions and more while on location in Israel, where Jesus walked and spent His days on Earth.

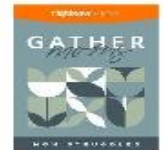
**The Book of Malachi**

Mediocrity was never God's plan for you. In this challenging six-part series, Dave Comes cuts to the chase by letting us list six conversations between God and His people, recorded by the prophet Malachi. If you're tired of going through the motions of an attendance-based faith, then discover what it means to live a vibrant, abundant life fully devoted to the God whose immeasurable love for you is based on His promise, not your performance. Recover faithfulness in your relationships. Learn to practice world-changing justice and radical generosity. And even amidst the struggles and imperfections of your ordinary life, embrace the extraordinary righteousness that is yours through Jesus.



**Gather Moms: Mom Struggles**

The years of motherhood are paved with both tears of triumph and struggle. Our hearts and minds are tangled up in learning to love ourselves and the children God gifted us. We know who we were before kids, but who are we now? Oftentimes we find ourselves overwhelmed, lonely, and lost. Our struggles are common to all moms, and each season of motherhood holds new opportunities and challenges. This twelve-session series from Gather Moms seeks to express the things you're feeling so that you know you are not alone. There is joy and victory in surrendering our struggles to Jesus and asking him for the power to keep going.



**First Quarter 2024 Giving Statements**

Check your email! The MVPC Contribution Statements for Jan. thru Mar. 2024 were emailed.

Email the Church Accountant at [accountant@mviewpc.org](mailto:accountant@mviewpc.org) if you need a copy.



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*Featuring works by J. S. Bach, Heinichen,  
Telemann & others*



Jonathan Rhodes Lee, fortepiano



Richard Kravchak, baroque oboe

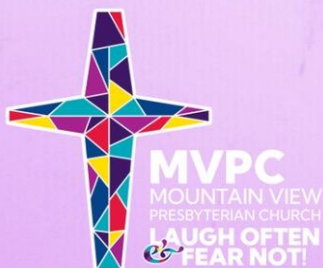


Ka-Wai Yu, viola da gamba

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**May 19, 2024 (Sunday), 3:00pm**  
**Mountain View Presbyterian Church**  
**8601 Del Webb Blvd.**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Free Admission (donations welcome)



Women's Ministry  
Presents



## GALS GET TOGETHER

Thursday, June 6  
10-11:30am, Fellowship Hall

Light Refreshments, Time to Talk, Speaker

We'll discuss Depression & Anxiety, what we tell ourselves, reaching out for help, and how healing can lead to empowerment.



Guest Speaker  
Kathy Houston-Hencken  
Pastoral Counselor



Sign up in the  
Narthex ladies.

## Just Us Ministry

“Afternoon Tea” themed potluck

May 20<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

A S.A.F.E meeting for women  
who have lost a spouse.

Bring enough tea sandwiches or  
little sweets for the group.

Sign-up sheet in Narthex or church  
office, or email Allison Gray



## MVPC Book Club

We're a group of book lovers, who enjoy getting together each month to visit, talk about books we've read, and to discuss the book we'd previously chosen together. We meet the last Friday of the month, at the Church, in the Chapel, at 10:00 a.m. We welcome any who are interested to join us!

Here are the books we've selected for the next few months.

- May 31      **The Violin Conspiracy**  
                 by Brendan Slocumb
- June 28      **Finding Dorothy**  
                 by Elizabeth Letts
- July 26      **The Sweetness of Forgetting**  
                 by Kristin Harmel



“That was the beauty of books, wasn't it? They took you places you didn't know you wanted to go.”  
*Happy Reading!*

## April 2024 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacon Bereavement Team assisted with the two memorial services in April. The annual Meet Your Deacon Sunday was held on April 14 and very well attended, with 208 people signing the Deacon registries. The Deacons reported enjoying the event and spending time talking with members.

Pastor David performed two weddings in April (quite unusual at MVPC, Curt Hill and Liz Simonelli on April 20 and Del Billmire and Jerry Heiss on April 24. On April 7, Pastor David baptized Iris Nicole Fox, the infant daughter of Jayde and Max Fox (who became members of MVPC on April 28, together with 7 other new members). Pastor David presented the invocation at the Las Vegas City Council meeting on April 17. Pastor David reported that Tami Samek will be taking over MVPC's social media program.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that the National Day of Prayer is May 2. The Sanctuary will be available all day. Pentecost Sunday is May 19. The Commission needs a new captain to organize the usher team. Please contact Dian Ward.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that 240 homeless bags were assembled on April 21 and the Pet Ministry also prepared homeless bags for dogs. The first Sunday food collection gathered approximately \$750 worth of food items for the Salvation Army. On April 28, MVPC presented the Caridad homeless ministry with checks from the Nevada Presbytery in the amount of \$1,500 and from MVPC in the amount of \$250.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that the Youth Group enjoyed a bowling outing on April 28. Sunday School will continue throughout the summer. The Women's Ministry enjoyed Elder Renny Fransz as a speaker at its break event on April 20. The Men's Ministry Bible study is studying the minor prophets of the Old Testament. A new support group for widows, called "Just Us," is forming. This summer will see a repeat of last summer's Super Supper Summer Study to be held on June 18, July 23 and August 27 at 6:00 p.m. (dinner included).

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in groups large and small) reported that Baseball Sunday on April 21 was great fun, with hot dogs and Cracker Jacks served during fellowship hour. The Coffee Shop is still looking for more volunteers to help. Veterans Outreach is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Elder Al Youmans reported that MVPC will incur additional facilities expenses for upgrades needed to meet current fire codes. Installation of the new fire detection system is almost complete. Elder George Gray reported that the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget is almost completed. Elder Dave Geeting reported on updates to the employee policy manual and recognition of Dr. Mark Wherry for his 20 years of service to MVPC's music program.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



# Session

## PENTECOST OFFERING

Thank you for your generous participation in one of our four special offerings we receive each year. The Pentecost Offering will be used to help children at risk, youth and young adult ministries in the US and around the world. Forty percent of this offering stays right here at MVPC to assist our own children's and youth ministries! Please use the special offering envelopes provided in the pew racks or narthex.



# SPECIAL OFFERINGS

## PENTECOST

### MVPC Cancer Support Group - Leader: Gene Braden

**Group Mission:** We are here to support anyone who has had cancer, currently going through cancer treatment, or anyone who has family or friends dealing with cancer of any type.

A Christ centered group, we are currently going through the book "Trusting God with Cancer" by Rob Raban. All are invited, we meet between services (9:45am-10:15am) on the third Sunday of the month in the Mark Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor-Fellowship Hall).

It is true that when anyone is facing or has faced cancer you need support to deal with the effects of it. Gene is a six-time cancer survivor and he can attest to the benefits of having the support of others who have gone through the cancer journey. If you would like more information, please contact the church office at 702-341-7800.

*"I am the Lord, the God of all flesh.  
Is anything too hard for Me?"* Jeremiah 32:27 (NLV)



Happy  
Mother's  
Day



Susan Pallishusky

Chancel Choir

Susan is a member of our Chancel Choir. She joined MVPC in January 2022 with her sister, Ginni Connor. Susan moved to Las Vegas from Atlantic City, NJ.

Susan is a local Realtor. She loves dogs and cats. Susan took her love of hiking and reading to new heights when she and Ginni explored Israel in 2023 with the MVPC travel group and Pastor David.

Thank you, Susan, for sharing your gift of singing and being a member of our Chancel Choir. We appreciate you!



**\*FREE\***

**Veterans Support Committee Pancake Breakfast**

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 am**

We want to thank the congregation for all you do for our committee and church community.

**Come have breakfast, "On us."**

\*If you feel that you MUST donate to our Veterans, we are ok with that.  
We will have a box available.

If you would like to help with preparations and/or clean-up of this event please contact the church office.



There will be a Birthday Open house on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m. to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dr. Ralph Pendleton.

**Location:** 9732 Sundial Dr. 89134

Drop by anytime during the hours to wish Ralph a Happy Birthday!! All are welcome!



Pentecost Sunday is May 19<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to wear red on this day.





Just in time for Mother's Day, hummingbirds have nested in the Bookstore/Gift Shop. We have gifts (and gift cards) suitable for many occasions and would love for you to check it out!"



Dear MVPC family,

Our new Just Us ministry continues to bless others. You may be aware that Michele Weber moved recently, and she was kind enough to donate her unneeded furniture to a homeless family (mother & 14 yr. old son) who were living at Shade Tree Shelter. Due to Michele's generosity, this family is now able to furnish a new apartment of their own.

I was fortunate to cross paths with this family, a real Holy Spirit moment, and have become well acquainted with them. It has been remarkable to hear their story and see their lives moving forward with a new job for mom and new apartment. They are very grateful for the help they have received from our MVPC family and hopefully, one day, they will have the opportunity to meet Michele and others from MVPC that have helped them get back on their feet!

Additionally, I want to thank Tami Samek, Allison Gray, George Gray, Chris Kirschman, Tammy Roth, Carol and Harold Hoyt, Joshua Dendy, and Xavier Vanderwerf for making all this possible for Michele's move and helping this family move to an apartment from the Shade Tree Shelter.



Thank you all and God Bless.  
Betty Jones



Commissioned Elder Dennis Bunce will hold a three session Bible study on, "In search of Jesus in the Old Testament:

His Form, His Voice, and His Appearing."

Those interested can drop by the Mark room on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Come prepared to share and bring that well used Study Bible, too.

## **LUNCH BUNCH**

**May 21, 2024 @ Noon**

**Pin Kaow Thai Restaurant**



Our next Lunch Bunch will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Pin Kaow Thai Restaurant. It is located at 1974 North Rainbow Blvd. They have several lunch specials at \$14 which include soup, salad, rice, spring roll plus the entrée. Check out the menu: [Pin Kaow Thai Restaurant Eastern - Las Vegas, NV \(pinkaoweastern.com\)](http://pinkaoweastern.com) Sign up in the Narthex. Mark your calendars, hopefully we will see you there!

## **Our Vision**

**God**

**People**



**It's What We Do!!**

**Laugh Often  
and  
Fear Not!**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Dr. Ralph Pendleton – May 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Faith Dendy – May 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Lynn Peterson – May 16<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Anniversary*



Thomas and Jelinda Thomson – May 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Harry and Jeanie White – May 16<sup>th</sup>

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 and tell your friends you're here.



# This Week's Events

## Sun., May 12

8:30 a.m.  
 9:45 a.m.  
 10:30 a.m.  
 1:00 p.m.  
 4:30 p.m.

## **Mother's Day**

**Traditional Worship, SC**  
**Pet Ministry, Mark**  
**Contemporary Worship, SC**  
**Reformed Church Meeting, FH**  
**Youth Group, FH**

## Mon., May 13

9:00 a.m.  
 10:00 a.m.  
 3:00 p.m.  
 4:30 p.m.  
 6:30 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

**Quilters, FH**  
**Staff Meeting, CH**  
**Just Us Ministry Meeting, CH**  
**Women's Ministry, FH**  
**Divorce Care, Esther**  
**Gamblers Anon., CH**

## Tues., May 14

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

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

## Wed., May 15

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

**Pastor's Bible Study, FH**  
**Prayer Group, SC**  
**Bells, CH**  
**AA Meeting, FH**  
**Choir, SC**

## Thurs., May 16

9:00 a.m.  
 5:00 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
 6:30 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

**Stephen Ministry Training, CH**  
**Redeemed Worship Team, SC**  
**Bible Study, Mark**  
**Compassionate Friends, FH**  
**AL Anon, Esther**

## Fri., May 17

2:00 p.m.

**Knitting, FH**

## Sat., May 18

9:00 a.m.  
 5:00 p.m.

**Pancake Breakfast, FH**  
**AA Meeting, FH**



Divorce Care meets on Mondays,  
 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the  
 Esther room.

Contact the church office for  
 more information.

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 Rodriguez Family
- Tammy Roth
- Dan Ruff
- Mary Russell
- Pamela Russell
- Tami Samek
- The Sancho Family
- The Schillaci Family

## Our World

- People of Mexico
- Middle East conflicts
- Ukraine war

## Our Nation

- Tornado damage
- College campuses
- Hurlburt Field AFB

## Our City

- Traffic safety
- Local job fairs
- Postal worker attacks

## Our Congregation

Kathy Gray, Janet Hapner,  
Janet Jones, Bertha Pendelton,  
Peg Pollack, Bernie Wherry

- Elders: Jeff Patterson
- Deacons: Lisa Conry,  
Melody Edwards-Becker

## Our Churches

1. Faith Community Church
2. My Father's House
3. Southwest Baptist Church

## Other Prayer Concerns...

Noreen Wilson  
Maggie Vann

