

# Weekly Messenger 12-27-2024

As I write this before our Christmas Eve services, I'm filled with anticipation of the wonder and joy of this season! God has come to our rescue! He is with us as never before and promises to never leave or forsake us. A Holy, Righteous, Perfect God has sent his only Son, equally Holy, Righteous and Perfect!

This Sunday in our one 10:00am service, we'll conclude our series on Hymns for the Holidays with the classic, "O Holy Night." I'm looking forward to seeing you on the last Sunday of 2024!



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

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# Family Ministry News

## Youth Group –

Youth Group Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. No Youth Group Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>

## Children -

No Sunday school on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>. Child care provided during service.

## U50s/adults.

Next Meeting is Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m..

Merry Christmas!!

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 caption.



Last week, several of the ladies from the Women's Ministry Committee visited Hoving Home to wrap donated Christmas gifts for the eight ladies who currently reside there. Our congregation was so giving in donating gift bags, tissue paper, wrapping paper, etc. to use to wrap the gifts. Hoving Home's mission is "to provide a loving community devoted to rebuilding shattered lives that empowers women to fulfill their God-given purpose." MVPC is honored to support this Christ-centered ministry and all the women who participate in their program.



There will be a Congregational Meeting on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> after service for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for 2025. Be sure to attend this important meeting.

Do you have a group that uses a room in the church during the week? Each year the church office needs new forms with current contact information.

Please stop by the church office to fill out a facility request form so we can have an accurate Church calendar.

If you have any further questions please contact the church office.



# December 2024 Session Meetings Highlights

Session met on December 17, which is earlier than the usually 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, to avoid conflicts with the Christmas holidays.

Pastor David reported that for services on December 29 and January 5, MVPC will test the use of a digital bulletin accessed by a QR code on people's phones. The order of worship will also be displayed on the projector screens in the Sanctuary and will be available on the MVPC website. The Church Staff Christmas luncheon was held on December 16. Christmas Eve services will be at 4:00 p.m., (contemporary), 6:00 p.m. (traditional) and 10:00 p.m. (communion).

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship). A big thank you to Dian Ward as she ends her service as moderator of the Worship Committee and rotates off the Session. The December 1 Service of Solace was described as a "beautiful service." Thanks the Pet Ministry for providing emotional support dogs for the Service. Advent devotionals were distributed at both services on December 1, the entire order of devotionals being handed out. Sundays December 29 and January 5 will have only one service at 10:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir needs additional singers.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported the Pet Ministry stuffed animal sale on Sunday, December 15 was a great success, selling all the stuffed animals in 30 minutes and netting \$395 for Pet Ministry projects. Dottie Webber will be stepping in to lead the Veterans' Ministry, as Dennis Bunce begins pastoral service at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Pet Ministry annual bake sale will be on Sunday, February 9, 2025. Collection of Walmart gift cards continues through Sunday, December 22, with distribution during the couple of days before Christmas.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that Christmas caroling to shut-ins on Sunday, December 15 had 25 participants and was a wonderful holiday blessing to the people visited. Christmas caroling at Las Ventanas and to MVPC Sports Minister Rick Strasser on Tuesday, December 17 was similarly very well received and appreciated. Session approved increasing the allocation for repairs to the Coffee Shop counters and cabinetry required as a result of a malfunctioning coffee brewer from \$15,000 to \$17,000 to cover any contingent repair requirements. The Coffee Shop and Book Store will be closed December 29 and January 5. Repairs will take place during that time period. Elder Chris Kirschman reported that the Youth Group, Young Adults, and Sunday School programs are all going well. The Men's Ministry monthly breakfast group collected and donated over \$10,000 for the Westminster Presbyterian Church food bank.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in groups large and small) reported that Elder Tammy Roth oversaw the repairs to the reverse osmosis system servicing the kitchen.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Elder Al Youmans reported that the cooling tower which is part of the facility's HVAC system had a leak requiring a repair costing approximately \$6,100. The leak caused water damage in the accounting office which will require repairs and mold testing costing \$3,600 - \$4,000.

Jim Camburn, MVPC's insurance guru, provided a written report on the insurance renewal package offered to MVPC for 2025 from the Insurance Board. The package included an approximately 10% increase in the casualty and liability insurance for the facilities with a 5% increase in values of the property covered. Jim noted that the increase was in line with current insurance industry trends. Session approved the package for 2025.

Session approved the Session operations manual for 2025. A Congregational meeting was scheduled for December 29 following the Sunday morning service to elect Elders and Deacons for 2025. The annual Congregational meeting was scheduled for February 16, 2025. Many thanks to Elders Tammy Roth, Dian Ward, Dennis Bunce and Jerry Takier who are completing their terms on Session.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



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# Bean Redeemed Coffee Shop



Dec. 29th and Jan. 5th



for:  
The Strasser Family



Visit this link or scan the QR Code:  
[mealtrain.com/873z9n](https://mealtrain.com/873z9n)



LAUGH OFTEN  
& FEAR NOT!



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

# No Fellowship Hour

Dec. 29th  
and  
Jan. 5th

One worship service at  
10:00am both Sundays

The Women's Ministry had a spectacular time at MVPC's Ladies Christmas Tea on December 7. Approximately 60 women attended, and many brought a potluck dish to share. Judith Armfield shared a meaningful Christmas poem "The Present" from her book *ReAwakening, The Poetry of Life*. A big thank you to the Women's Ministry Committee members for planning and implementing the event, especially Karla Canfield who led the festivities. A \$216 free-will offering was received to benefit Project 150, whose mission is to provide free support and services to homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged high school students so they can remain in school, graduate, and build bright futures.



**LOVE**  
**God**  
**LOVE**  
**People**  
**KNOW**  
**God**  
**KNOW**  
**People**  
**SERVE**  
**God**  
**SERVE**  
**People**

Dear Volunteers,

I would like to take a moment to thank all our Volunteers who stepped forward to serve in 2024.

We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents. Your willingness to use your gifts helps strengthen the mission, vision, and ministries of MVPC.

You have also been an example of servant-leadership and giving. Thanks for helping us make a difference. You are truly a blessing to your MVPC family!

Laugh Often and Fear Not!  
Pastor David

## LOAFN Book and Gift Store

Will be closed Dec. 29th and Jan. 5th

*Merry  
Christmas*  
• AND HAPPY •  
NEW YEAR

**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

Date: Jan. 4  
Time : 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Summit  
Cost: \$20

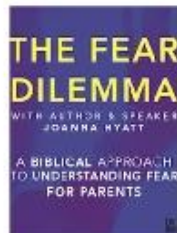


RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

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 Fear Dilemma

This series is to inform, educate, and biblically ground what Christian parents should know about fear as well as provide a path forward for family understanding and discussion around how we should view the issue in the current climate.



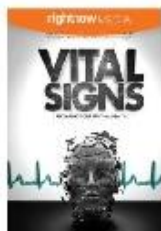
### Jesus in All of Acts



Walk through Acts with Spoken Gospel to see Jesus in every corner of the book. We start with a short film introducing you to the book and its main themes. Then quick devotional videos will explain what's happening in each section and how it leads us to Jesus.

### Vital Signs

#### How healthy are you?



Eat right. Exercise. Many of us struggle to keep our bodies in shape. But are we really healthy? Our total health begins at the core of who we are ... our spirit. Our spiritual

health is linked directly to our emotional, physical and mental health. How healthy do you really think you are?

In these four Bible study sessions, Erwin McManus teaches how we can reclaim our spiritual health by examining how our faith affects us physically, emotionally, and relationally. Each session also features a real-life story or inspiring teaching clip.

### Bulletproof Marriage Masterclass



Bulletproof Marriage Masterclass is a 90-day marriage challenge. It applies biblical principles to support and strengthen the marriages of military members, law enforcement officers, and other first responders. However, the principles will challenge any marriage, if you are up to it!

Learn how to:

- transition smoothly from duty to home.
- resolve conflicts and develop healthy communication habits.
- manage lifestyle stressors and cultivate resilience.
- build trust and encourage intimacy.

### Just Ask

Do you run to prayer—or run away from it? How would you describe your prayer life? In this two-session series, learn how to overcome your hesitations and insecurities about praying. Pastor J.D. Greear explores the way Jesus taught us to pray and how he approached prayer to his Father. See how Jesus encourages us to pray often, boldly, and with expectation.





MVPC's carolers spread some Christmas comfort and joy this season singing at members houses (12/15) who are unable to attend Sunday worship and for the residents of Las Ventanas at Summerlin (12/17).

## Women's Breakfast



Jan. 18, 2025 @ 9:00am

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

The Summit Restaurant  
2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.



**BIBLE  
STUDY**

## Christmas and New Year's Break

All Bible Study Groups will not meet the weeks of Christmas or New Years - will resume Jan. 7th and Jan. 8th

### Our Vision

**God**

**People**



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

**Laugh Often  
and  
Fear Not!**



# This Week's Events

## Sun., Dec. 29

10:00 a.m.

Worship, SC

1:00 p.m.

Reformed Church Meeting, FH

4:00 p.m.

Youth Group, FH

## Mon., Dec. 30

9:00 a.m.

Quilters, FH

10:00 a.m.

Staff Meeting, CH

7:00 p.m.

Gamblers Anon., CH

## Tues., Dec. 31

5:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anon., CH

## Wed., Jan. 1

7:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day/Office Closed**

AA Meeting, FH

## Thurs., Jan. 2

6:30 p.m.

Compassionate Friends, FH

7:00 p.m.

Al Anon Meeting, Esther

## Fri., Jan. 3

2:00 p.m.

Knitting, FH

## Sat., Jan. 4

9:00 a.m.

Men's Breakfast, Summit

5:00 p.m.

AA Meeting, FH



**Happy Birthday!!!**

Yleanna Camara – Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>

Peter Hill – Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>

JoAnn Padget – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

Alice Haruthunian – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Connor Klingenberg – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tate Walther – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

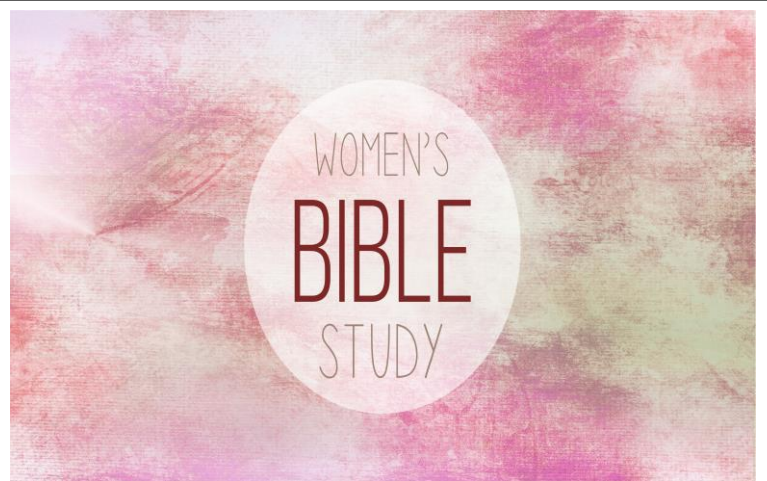
Audrey Latta – Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Happy Anniversary!!!**

Richard and Melody Becker – Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>

Mark and Elena Wherry – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>



Women's Bible Study will be in the Narthex on December 29 and January 5 with the James study guide available. The cost is \$8.00. Classes begin Tuesdays at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm on January 7, 2025.



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

- Mary Ritzdorf
- Neyda Rodriguez
- Tammy Roth
- Dan Ruff
- Pamela Russell
- Tami Samek
- The Schillaci Family
- Theresa Schrotberger

## Our World

- People of Ukraine
- Middle East Conflicts
- Germany auto attack victims

## Our Nation

- Phoenix airport shooting
- Holiday travel
- Bird flu cases

## Our City

- Homeless population
- Veteran charities
- Traffic safety

## Our Congregation

Gene Braden, Jerry and Del Heiss,  
Sara Pierson, Pam Russell,  
Paige Vorhies, The Strasser Family

- Elders: Dave Geeting
- Deacons: Melody Edwards-Becker,  
Diane Emick

## Our Churches

1. Oasis Baptist Church
2. Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3. Redrock Baptist Church

Other Prayer Concerns...

