

Weekly Messenger 04-18-2025

From the Garden to Glory – A Journey Through the Cross

The upper room is quiet now. The bread has been broken. The cup has been poured. The feet have been washed. The traitor has gone into the night.

And Jesus?

He has stepped into the shadows of Gethsemane.

It is there—in that moonlit garden—that the Savior of the world makes the most costly decision in history: **“Not my will, but Yours be done.”**

From Gethsemane to Golgotha, Friday unfolds with lashes, thorns, nails, and blood. Good Friday. Dark Friday. A Friday filled with injustice, brutality, and silence from heaven. The One who could calm the seas is now hanging on wood. The One who raised the dead now breathes His last. And as the skies go dark, it seems all hope has vanished.

But here’s the mystery of our faith: **What looked like defeat was actually victory.**

What felt like the end was really the beginning. What appeared as tragedy was God’s greatest triumph. Because the cross was not the final word.

The tomb would not be able to hold Him. The silence of Friday would be shattered by the song of Sunday. **He is risen. Just as He said.**

At MVPC, we walk this sacred journey every year—not just to remember the pain, but to celebrate the promise. We pause in the garden. We weep at the cross. But we dance at the empty tomb. Easter is not a footnote. It is the headline. It is the moment heaven erupted with joy and hell was put on notice.

This weekend, we remember the full sweep of Jesus’ love—from towel to tree, from grave to glory. The good news of the Gospel is not just that Jesus died, but that **He lives**, and because He lives, **we do too.**

Let your heart be stirred. Let your faith be renewed. Let your hope rise again. See you Sunday, friends. Bring someone with you. The tomb is empty. The invitation is open.

He is Risen... He is Risen Indeed!

Laugh often and Fear not!
David!

Good Friday Service: 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm / Easter Sunday 8:00; 9:30 and 11:00 am



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

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Family Ministry News

Youth Group –

No Youth Group on Apr. 20th.
Church family event May 4th more details to follow.

Children -

Child-care provided during services. No Sunday School Apr. 20th.



U50s/adults.

Next meeting is Apr. 27th at 1:00 p.m.

Pom! Pom!
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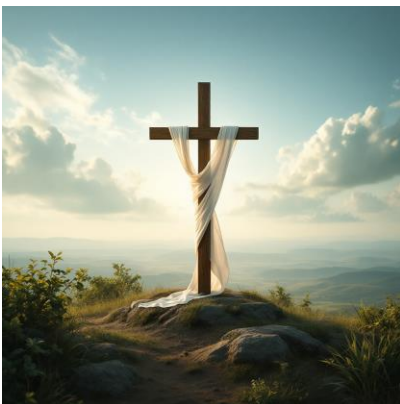
Join the MVPC family this Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
for Virtual Church!

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.



The Church office will be closed
on Monday, April 21st.

Happy Easter!!!

Fellowship Night



May 2, 2025 – 7:05pm
Aviators vs. Tacoma Rainiers
Tickets: \$21 per person

Pre-Game Coffee and Worship
Post-Game Player Testimonials

At The Ballpark



Jesus, Coffee and Baseball...can it get any better?? Join us for a night of fellowship with believers from across the valley.

Night Itinerary

- Pre-Game Coffee and Worship in the Plaza led by Greater Las Vegas Ministries – 5:45-6:45 pm*
- Complimentary espresso drinks in the plaza – 5:30-7:30 pm
- Post Game Player Testimonials on the Aviators Home Dugout led by Aviators Team Chaplain Deuce Phillips – 15 minutes after conclusion of the game

*If you'd like to attend the pre-game worship time, please arrange your own transportation.

We have 40 tickets available, first to pay (cash or check), drop off at church office or see Gary on Sunday.

The church van has 12 seats available, first come first served. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. The van will depart the MVPC parking lot at 6:00pm and will leave the ballpark after the player testimonies. Any questions please contact Gary@mviewpc.org.

Women's Breakfast



Devotion & Prayer by Allison Gray

Speaker: Robin Joyce, Olive Crest

April 19th @ 9:00am

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

The Summit Restaurant
2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.



Women's Bible Study
Tuesday
10:00am or 7:00pm



LAUGH OFTEN
& FEAR NOT!

"Movie Monday"

April 28, 2025

2:00pm – Sanctuary

Event is open to all,
bring a friend!

Sign up in the Narthex
Email Allison@mviewpc.org for
questions or more information.



Sponsored by JUST US Ministry

Personal Safety Seminar

**Presenter: LV Metro Police Dept.
Crime Prevention Specialist**



**Thursday, May 1, at 2 pm
Open to all - bring a friend!
Sign up in the Narthex**

**Hosted by MVPC Deacons – contact
Allison@mviewpc.org for more information**

Thank you!

Dear MVPC Family and Friends,

I wanted to express my deepest gratitude for your prayers, kindness and encouragement as I prepared for surgery.

Knowing that I have such wonderful people lifting me up in prayer brings comfort and strength.

I am blessed beyond measure!

With heartfelt gratitude,
Neyda Rodríguez



ARTHRITIS



**Dr. Devin Luzod, CEO
Spinal Care of Nevada**

**“The Arthritis
Solution” Seminar**

**Thurs., May 8, 2025
11:30am - 1:00pm
Light Lunch provided**

**Sign-up in the Narthex
All are invited, bring a friend!**

**Hosted by Women's Ministry – contact
Allison@mviewpc.org for more information**

Do you have joint pain, stiffness, decreased flexibility or mobility? Or, do you want to be preventative and stay healthy?

Join Dr. Devin Luzod, CEO Spinal Care of Nevada (www.DrDevin.com) and author of the book, "Live to 100...and Want To!" for tips on reducing and managing symptoms of osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis in the neck, shoulders, hands, back, hips and knees.

Dr. Devin will share a complete 9-step plan and secrets from the past 20-years of working directly with arthritic patients!

Learn stretches, exercises, better posture, nutrition, self-care tips and more...all from a natural perspective with the latest research and updates.

Light lunch provided. Q&A to follow presentation. Sign up in the Narthex or email Allison@mviewpc.org to save a seat or obtain more information.

March 2025 Session Meetings Highlights

The March Session was moved from March 26 to April 2 due to Pastor David being out of town at a spiritual retreat on March 26.

Clerk Patterson reported receiving requests of membership transfers for Larry Flanigan to Celebration Lutheran Church in Sartell, Minnesota, and Jeanne Wolcott to Sunrise United Methodist Church in Holly Springs, North Carolina.

The Deacons reported that “Meet Your Deacon” Sunday would be held on April 13.

Pastor David reported on a full slate of Holy Week services: April 13, Palm Sunday, regular two services; April 17, Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.; April 18, Good Friday at noon and 7:00 p.m.; and April 20, Easter Sunday at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Pastor David reported on his experience at a spiritual discovery retreat at Camp Spaulding (north of Spokane, WA) during the week of March 24. Pastor David reported that beginning in May, Grace Presbyterian Church will use MVPC’s facilities for worship on Sunday afternoons while Grace waits for completion of construction of its new facility. Looking forward to corroboration opportunities with Grace. Jeanne Shaw from the Presbyterian Mission Agency will be preaching on Sunday, June 22. Pastor David performed memorial services for Rick Strasser on March 7 and Dick Hagedorn on March 8, as well as the baptism of Kimo Maiwela on March 30.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that the Chancel Choir section leader program is working well and that the Choir is thrilled to have the extra support of trained singers. Plans for Holy Week and Easter services are in place.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that the Pet Ministry donated the \$2,000 raised at its February bake sale to Pawsitive Difference and Foreclosed Upon Pets. The Sun City pet blessing will be Friday, April 11. The special offering to assist California fire victims through Presbyterian Disaster Relief totaled \$3,534. Family Promise anticipates a ribbon cutting for its new facility prior to the end of April.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) is working on Vacation Bible School for June 10-13 which may include families from Grace Presbyterian Church. Also scheduling a joint chili cookoff with Grace, tentatively June 1. Nurture will host a “Spring Fling” carnival on May 4 with barbecue, desserts, a bounce house, carnival games and a dunk tank.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in groups, large and small) is sponsoring a 5th Sunday brunch during fellowship time each 5th Sunday of a month, presented by the Men’s Ministry. The first 5th Sunday brunch was on March 30.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Elder Al Youmans continues to stay on top of the repair needs of our facilities. Al reported that the cooling tower that services the HVAC system required replacement of a shaft, bearings and floats with a bid of \$6,900. During repairs, the contractor found that an overflow pipe also needed replacing at a cost of an additional \$800. The amounts will be paid through the Lawton estate gift which was designated to be used for facilities maintenance.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



Session

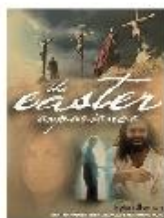


RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

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 Easter!**

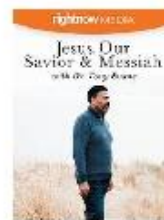
The Easter Experience

The Easter Experience brings the passion, and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style. Through these in-depth teachings, your small group will grow spiritually, bonding with each other as well as with the eternal message of Easter.



Jesus, Our Savior and Messiah

In this session from *The Power of Jesus' Names*, Dr. Tony Evans reflects on Jesus's death, burial, and resurrection to remind us that Jesus is our savior and Messiah.



Good Friday and Easter

In these sessions from *The Gospel of Mark*, Francis Chan teaches on Jesus's death and resurrection and challenges us to consider how to live our lives in light of his sacrifice and victory over death.



Cheeky Pandas (Kids)

Join Rory, Milo, Lulu, Benji, and CJ in an exciting series where they learn about self-control, gentleness, peacefulness, and goodness. Don't miss the special Easter episode where they discover the best thing about Easter is not chocolate eggs, but that God so loved the world he gave his only son Jesus, that we may live – Easter is for everyone! With fun music, laughter, and thrilling adventures, kids will be captivated by the Cheeky Pandas!



Seeds of Easter (Family)

There are thousands of ways that your family can be distracted away from the true meaning of Easter. We believe this Seeds of Easter music and videos will help prepare your family's heart to focus on Jesus death and resurrection. We believe the music/videos to word-for-word scripture will help your family go deeper with Jesus this Easter season.



The Way of the Cross

In this series, Doug Welch (New Testament faculty at Ozark Christian College) will help those who feels Stuck and don't know what to do as a Christian. It will give you an understanding of what salvation really is by unpacking the final seven statements of Jesus made on the cross.



Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER



Easter Service Times

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

This Sunday, Apr. 20th



MVPC New Members - April 13, 2025

Back row, left to right: Bill Plinski, Audrey McClure-Plinski, Neil Seidler and Monique Sotelo

Front row, left to right: Fran Phillips, Kaila Seidler and Kiera Sotelo

Missing: Jim and Carol Letvin

GIVE BLOOD ON 5/18



MT. VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 | 8:00AM - 12:00PM
8601 DEL WEBB BLVD. | MVPC CHAPEL
BLOOD DRIVE CODE: LIT26 OR SCAN QR CODE

Schedule your appointment to GIVE BLOOD at www.donors.vitalant.org and search for available times with blood drive code: LIT26 or scan the QR code or contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825 for assistance!

All donors who give blood May 1-31, 2025, will be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two epic vacation packages that include: 4 tickets to Universal Epic Universe theme park at Universal Orlando Resort; travel voucher for 4 airline tickets and hotel accommodations in Orlando, FL; and a \$2,500 prepaid electronic gift card!! Donor Rewards program opt-in required.

For more information visit us at vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825. Because of you, life doesn't stop.



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On Easter Sunday...

There will be no Fellowship Hour.

LOAFN Book & Gift Store will be closed. Get your shopping done early!

Bean Redeemed Coffee Shop will be closed.

Happy Easter!



Join us for this family friendly event, all are welcome!
Invite a friend!

Grilled burgers, hot dogs and beverages, provided.
Bring a salad or dessert to share!
(sign up in the Narthex)

Bounce House, face painting, kids' games
Pet Ministry dog friendly
Music and live entertainment

WELCOME
BACK!



Hoving Home
REBUILDING SHATTERED LIVES

www.hovinghome.org

April 27, 2025
Hoving Home Choir
Personal Testimonies

MVPC Book Club

Our group meets the last Friday of each month, in the Chapel, at the Church, at 10:00 a.m. We enjoy getting together to catch-up as friends who enjoy reading books! Together we select a book that will be the center of our discussion each month. These discussions are always wide-ranging and interesting! We welcome any who are interested to join us! Here are the books and dates of our meetings for the next few months.

April 25th ***The God of the Woods*** by Liz Moore
May 30th ***The Briar Club*** by Kate Quinn
June 27th ***Five French Hens*** by Judy Leigh

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." Cicero

Happy Reading!



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POOR AND OPPRESSED.**



**MVPC will receive OGHS special offering on
Sunday, **April 27, 2025**. There will be special
offering envelopes in the pews.**

**Thank you for your continued support of
One Great Hour of Sharing.**

Our Vision

God

People



It's What We Do!!

**Laugh Often
and
Fear Not!**



Deborah Fox – Apr. 19th
 Jane McConnell – Apr. 19th
 Barbara Mickelson – Apr. 20th
 Gary Wall – Apr. 23rd
 Carol Brink – Apr. 25th

This Week's Events

Sun., Apr. 20

8:00 a.m.
 9:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.
 1:00 p.m.

Mon., Apr. 21

7:00 p.m.

Tues., Apr. 22

10:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.
 1:00 p.m.
 5:30 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Apr. 23

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

Thurs., Apr. 24

4:30 p.m.
 5:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Fri., Apr. 25

10:00 p.m.
 2:00 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 26

5:00 p.m.

Easter

Worship, SC
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 Reformed Church Meeting, FH
Office Closed
 Gamblers Anon., CH

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

Pastor's Bible Study, FH
 Bell Choir, CH
 AA Meeting, FH
 Choir, SC
 Session, Esther

Stephen Ministry, Mark
 Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC
 AI Anon Meeting, FH

MVPC Book Club, CH
 Knitting, FH

AA Meeting, FH



Curt and Liz Hill – Apr. 20th
 Robert and Jill Eaton – Apr. 21st
 Leland and Sandy Owens – Apr. 21st
 Paul and Bonnie Curatolo – Apr. 23rd
 Richard and Gaylin Frei – Apr. 24th
 Jerry and Del Heiss – Apr. 24th
 Neil and Linda Vance – Apr. 25th

We are here to help!

DIVORCE Care
 for those going through separation or divorce

MVPC New Group Starts
May 5, 2025
6:00 - 7:30pm
 (Group runs from May 5 - July 28)




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

- Renny Fransz
- Nancy Frazier
- Gaylin Frei
- Lynda Freyler
- The Fuquay Family
- Sandy Gandy
- Pat Garrard
- The Gaudiel Family

Our World

- People of Sudan
- India heatwave
- Middle East Tension

Our Nation

- Autism research
- Gov. Josh Shapiro
- Dallas High School Shooting

Our City

- Homeless Population and pets
- Superintendent Jhone Ebert
- UNLV Medical school

Our Churches

1. Christ the King Catholic Church
2. Epiphany Episcopal Church
3. First Church of God

Our Congregation

Minnie Byers, Joanne Reason

- Elders: Dave Matawitz
- Deacons: Richard Trenkler,
LaValle Vita

Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Pat Ernst

