# Weekly Messenger 05-30-2025

### "Breakfast, Brokenness, and a New Beginning"

Have you ever noticed how certain smells can take you back in time? A whiff of fresh-cut grass and suddenly you're back in your childhood yard. The scent of cinnamon rolls transports you to Grandma's kitchen.

In John 21, Peter gets that kind of moment—only it's not cinnamon rolls. It's charcoal. Jesus meets the disciples on the beach with breakfast already cooking over a charcoal fire. And for Peter, that smell would've hit like a freight train. The last time he stood by a charcoal fire was when he denied Jesus—not once, not twice, but three times.

What happens next is one of the most intimate and powerful moments in Scripture.

Jesus doesn't corner Peter with condemnation. He calls him back into love and leadership. "Do you love me?" Jesus asks.

Three times.

One for each denial.

Not to shame Peter—but to restore him.

Dale Bruner writes, "Jesus doesn't ask, 'Will you promise never to fail again?' but simply, 'Do you love me?'" And every time Peter says yes, Jesus replies, "Feed my sheep."

Max Lucado puts it this way: "Peter's denial didn't define him. Jesus' question did." This is not just forgiveness. This is recommissioning.

Jesus doesn't just clean the slate—He hands Peter the chalk and says, "Let's write something new."

Maybe you know what it's like to feel disqualified by your past. To wonder if your mistakes have benched you for good.

If so, come to church this Sunday. We're finishing our sermon series *Encounters After the Empty Tomb* with a message that will remind you: **Even your worst moment isn't the last word.** 

Jesus is still inviting you to breakfast. Still asking, "Do you love me?" Still saying, "Follow me."

Your story is not over.

Your best chapter might just be next.

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 -

Youth Group June 1st 4:00pm – 6:00pm

#### Children -

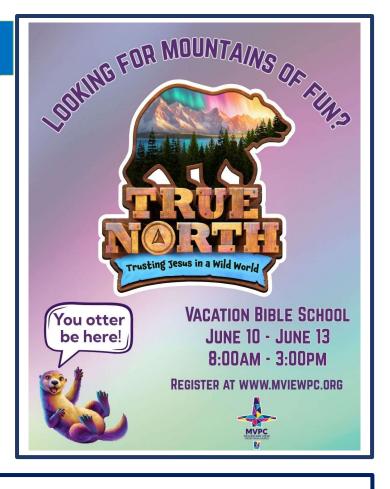
Child-care provided during services. Sunday School @ 10:30am - June 1st

VBS is June 10th -13th register at <a href="https://www.mviewpc.org">www.mviewpc.org</a>.

#### U50s/adults.

Next meeting is June 8th at 1:00 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





# Healthy Living for the Brain and Body Saturday, June 7 10:00am-12:00pm

Please join us for an education program presented by Alzheimer's Association's Community Educator Volunteer, Paula Anderson.

#### Join us to learn about:

- The difference between Alzheimer's disease and dementia
- The heart-brain connection
- How certain behaviors affect our brains and bodies
- Strategies for healthy decision-making in different areas of our lives
- Alzheimer's Association resources



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702-248-2770
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1-800-272-3900

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#### **MVPC Book Club**

Our group meets the last Friday of each month, at the Church, at 10:00 a.m. We enjoy reading a variety of books and getting together once a month to catch-up with each other and to discuss what we've read. Each month we discuss one book that we've selected as a group. We welcome any who are interested to join us! Here are the upcoming dates of our meetings and the books we'll be discussing.

May 30th The Briar Club by Kate Quinn

June 27th Five French Hens by Judy Leigh

July 25th Famous Last Words by Gillian

McAllister

"A good book is a friend you can keep forever."

**Happy Reading!** 



CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church — when God poured out the Holy Spirit upon those gathered to witness to God's mighty works in the languages of people all over the world.



MVPC will receive the Pentecost Special Offering on June 8, 2025. Special offering envelopes are available in the pews. 40% of the offering stays with MVPC and is used to support our upcoming Youth Mission trip.



# April 2025 Bession Meetings Highlights

The Deacons reported that "Meet Your Deacon" Sunday on April 13 was a great success with an excellent turnout of members. The Deacons are sponsoring a safety seminar with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police on May 1.

Pastor David reported that Holy Week services were well attended and Easter Sunday saw 625 attendees at the three services. Beginning May 11, Grace Presbyterian Church will use MVPC's facilities for worship on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for worship, Sunday school and fellowship. We are awaiting engineering bids for the proposed children's play area. Anderson Academy received notice that MVPC will not be renewing its use agreement after June 2025. Pastor David will be traveling to London the week of April 28 to meet up with his son, Joshua, who completed his freshman year at Florida State University's campus in Valencia, Spain.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that gifts will be presented to women at worship services on Mother's Day, May 11.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that the Pet Ministry will have a presence at the Spring Fling on May 4. The Hoving Home choir will be at MVPC for services on Sunday, April 27 and a lunch will be served to the ladies after the second service. The Commission is working on its 2025-2026 budget to present to the Finance Committee.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that the Sunday School classes will be focusing on the foundation of our faith during the month of May. The Commission is working with Grace Presbyterian Church on joint youth activities. The "Spring Fling" carnival is on May 4 with barbecue, desserts, a bounce house, carnival games and a dunk tank. Men's and Women's ministries and Bible studies are both very active.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in groups large and small) noted that the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday brunch will be Sunday, June 29.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). The Finance Committee has begun working on the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. Elder Al Youmans reported on inspections to improve the exterior lighting at the front of the building facing the corner of Del Webb Boulevard and Sungold Drive and in the parking lot area.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.





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 Mother's Day!

# Reclaiming Motherhood: Embracing the Untamed Beauty, Fun, Passion & Vitality of Motherhood

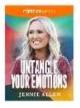
When was the last time you regarded your role as a mother as life-giving and fun?

Being a mom is supposed to be "rewarding," but often we as mothers get stuck in a draining, repetitive cycle when it comes to parenting and living our daily lives. But what if there was another way to approach motherhood, a way that enables us to shift our perspective on what it means to be a mom and ushers in a joyful new season of mothering?



In this six-session series, Mandy Arioto (President and CEO of The MomCo) invites mothers in all stages of mothering to join her in rediscovering and reclaiming the beauty, fun, passion and vitality of motherhood. Featuring research insights from Barna Group, this series—set up for both group and solo exploration—will leave moms feeling seen, acknowledged and encouraged.

#### Untangle Your Emotions



What if instead of ignoring our feelings, we noticed them, named them, and let God use them to draw us closer to himself and others? Many of us need to

unlearn damaging messages about our emotions. We've been taught, for example, that emotions are untrustworthy, when, in fact, God can use them to help us see where we need his healing. In this six-session series, Jennie Allen uses scientific research, biblical insight, and her own story to help you name and navigate your emotions and learn how they can draw you closer to the God who made you—soul, mind, and heart.



#### The Overcomers

#### A Bible Study on the Book of Revelation

Are you ready to live fully prepared and fully equipped to handle anything life throws at you? As Christians, we can be courageous and confident, knowing that



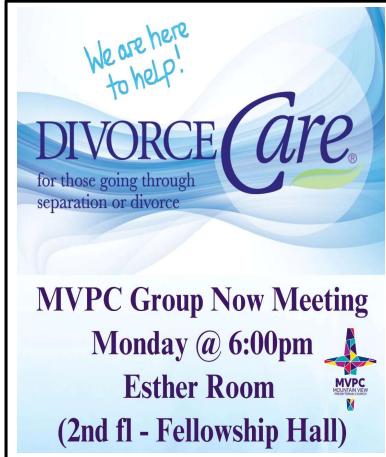
God has placed us in human history for his purposes, and he will empower us regardless of our circumstances. In this eight-session series, pastor and author Matt Chandler will walk us through the book of Revelation to remind us of God's fierce, conquering, commanding authority over all the earth.

#### Bibleman: The Animated Adventures (Kids)

Bibleman is back in a new animated series for the whole family! Join Bibleman and his team as they fight evil with the power of God's Word!

The Bible Team is here to save the day by bringing kids to Jesus. Join Bibleman and Biblegirl to use the Word of God to defeat the villains Dr. Fear, the Baroness, the Master of Maybe, and many more!







Tuesday, June 17 10am – 11:30am

Does your phone go off during Sunday morning worship and you can't get the darn thing turned off or silenced? Need to learn how to text or chat? Want to know how to do that social media thing? Bring your devices and get many of your technology questions answered by our Youth! (Laptops, iPad, cell phones - Android or iPhone)

Sign up in the Narthex!



Anyone wishing to assist Ranchito Con Esperanza (Little Ranch of Hope orphanage in Mexico) with their recovery efforts following the recent arson fire, may send a check to:

> LENAM PO Box 12 McHenry, IL 60050

Lenam is an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization established to receive US donations for Ranchito Con Esperanza

## **LOAFN Book and Gift Store**

Interested in supporting our Youth?
The LOAFN Book and Gift Store is looking for Volunteers!
Great way to meet people.



Proceeds from the store support Christian Education programs and Youth Mission trips. The store is open on Sunday after both services. Volunteer for one or two Sundays a month.

Email Chris Kirschman, Dir. of Family Ministry at Chris@mviewpc.org is you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.





# **Our Vision**

LOVE God

**LOVE** People

KNOW God

**KNOW** People

SERVE God

**SERVE** People

It's what we do!





Marcie Hill - May 31 Brooklyn Vanderwerf - May 31 Lynda Freyler - June 1 Audrey McClure-Plinski – June 1 Lois Heidel – June 2 Janet Jones - June 2 John Susich - June 4 Bill Waggoner – June 4 Leisha Crawford – June 5 Beth Dworkin - June 5 Katherine Lightner – June 5 Lori Malfara – June 5 Stan Paczosa – June 5 Kaila Seidler – June 5 Juanita Daniels - June 6 Tom Grimes - June 6



David and Julie Dendy – June 2

David and Patricia Matawitz - June 3

Todd and Candy Herbst - June 4

Jim and Stella McCloskey – June 4

Thomas and Beverly Borski – June 6

# This Week's Events

Sun., June 1 Communion Sunday

**Salvation Army Food Bank Sunday** 

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC 1:00 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church, SC

4:30 p.m. Youth Group 4:30 p.m. Chili Cook-Off, FH

Mon., June 2

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH
1:00 p.m. Dorway Practice, SC

4:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting, FH

6:00 p.m. **Divorce Care,** Esther 7:00 p.m. **Gamblers Anon.,** CH

Tues., June 3

9:00 a.m. **Dorway Practice, SC** 

10:00 a.m. **Divine Dealing, FH** \*new time\*

5:30 p.m. Narcotics Anon., CH

Wed., June 4

12:00 p.m. Kirschman-Fuller Small Group, Mark

12:30 p.m. **Grief Support Group,** CH

4:00 p.m. **Christian Education Meeting, CH** 

5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH 7:00 p.m. Choir, SC

Thurs., June 5

5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC 6:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends, FH 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting, Esther

Fri., June 6

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

Sat., June 7

9:00 a.m. **Men's Breakfast,** Summit

10:00 a.m. **Healthy Living for Brain & Body,** CH

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**

- The Krier Family
- Nancy Kunesh
- Lynn Kuzminski
- Jim Lange
- Bob Langeliers & Cheryl Hodges
- Vivian Larson
- Lance Latham
- Glenn & Audrey Latta

# **Our City**

- 100 Degree Heat
- Homeless People and Pets
- House Fires

# **Our Churches**

- 1. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
- 2. St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- 3. Community Church of Henderson

Other Prayer Concerns...

## **Our World**

- Swiss Alps Avalanche Disaster
- Mexican Cartel Violence
- China Chemical Plant Explosion

# **Our Nation**

- Summer Air Travel
- Philadelphia Mass Shooting
- Texas Flooding

# **Our Congregation**

Barbara Berry, Laura Martin

- Elders: Dave Geeting

- Deacons: Gene Braden, Anne Lawton

