Weekly Messenger 06-13-2025

"Jesus Came Eating and Drinking"

They say you can learn a lot about someone by watching how they eat—and with whom. Well, if that's true, then Jesus' meal schedule tells us volumes about who he is and what he came to do. Luke puts it bluntly: "The Son of Man came eating and drinking" (Luke 7:34). Not preaching and fasting (though he did that too). Not climbing mountains or writing scrolls. Nope—eating and drinking!

Jesus didn't just share food. He shared life. He reclined at tables with tax collectors (Luke 5:27–32), sinners (Luke 15:1–2), Pharisees (Luke 11:37), close friends like Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (John 12:1–3), and even invited himself over to Zacchaeus' house for dinner (Luke 19:1–10). He turned water into wine at a wedding (John 2), multiplied loaves and fishes at a picnic of 5,000-plus (Luke 9), and broke bread with disciples after the resurrection (Luke 24). You could say his calendar was filled with holy happy hours.

In fact, one theologian quipped that in Luke's Gospel, "Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal." Amen and pass the hummus.

But these weren't just dinner parties. These were spiritual revolutions served with a side of grace. In a culture where who you ate with determined your status, Jesus smashed the social seating chart. He invited the broken, the outcast, and the confused to his table—not as an afterthought, but as the main course of his mission.

Meals, for Jesus, were sacred spaces for transformation. Around tables, forgiveness was offered, identities were restored, and hope was dished out generously. Communion, our most sacred sacrament, began as a shared supper—the Last Supper.

Let's be honest: there's something deeply human, deeply divine, and deeply delicious about gathering around a table. It's no wonder Jesus spent so much time there. He taught us that the kingdom of God looks a lot like a feast where everyone's invited and no one eats alone.

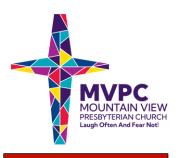
So as we dig into this new sermon series, come hungry—not just for food, but for community, for purpose, for the presence of Jesus who still invites us to the table.

Because, friends... Jesus ate and drank his way to saving the world.

Bon appétit! See you Sunday!

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 June 15th

Children -

Child-care provided during services. Sunday School @ 10:30am - June 15th

U50s/adults.

Next meeting is June 22nd 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





May 2025 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacons sponsored a safety seminar with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police on May 1 attended by 22 people.

Pastor David reported that the shared use of MVPC facilities with Grace Presbyterian Church is going well. A joint chili cookoff will be held Sunday, June 1. The Summer Supper Studies (sponsored by Men's Ministry) will be held on Tuesday, June 24, July 22 and August 26 studying background and theology of three hymns. On Sunday, June 22, Rev. Jeannie Shaw from the Synod of the Pacific will preach at both worship services. The summer sermon series will have the theme "Jesus at the Table."

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that the gifts presented to women at worship services on Mother's Day, May 11, were well received. The Commission is researching a new baptismal font that will remain in the front of the Sanctuary.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that it May meeting focused on completing the Commission's budget for 2025-2026. The Pet Ministry was a welcomed part of the Spring Fling on May 4. The Dementia Support Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month and will present a program called "Healthy Living for the Brain & Body" on Saturday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Session approved the Serve Commission sponsoring an educational dinner in the fall with the theme "Protecting Children from Gun Violence." Deceased MVPC member Ruth Anne Kendy will be honored with the naming of the kitchen and pantry at the new Family Promise facilities scheduled to open in August.

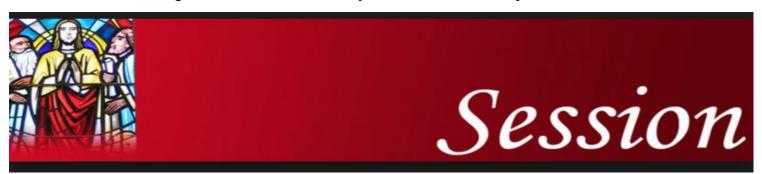
The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that during June the Sunday School classes will be studying "The Fruit of the Spirit." Vacation Bible School will be June 10-13 and will include families from Grace Presbyterian Church. MVPC and Grace youth groups enjoyed two joint events in May. The "Spring Fling" carnival on May 4 was a responding success. Women's Ministry will host a Technology Workshop on Tuesday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m. A Bingo and potluck night is scheduled for Sunday, July 13. Thanks to the Washburn, Dworkin, Grimes and Vanderwerf families for a wonderful celebration of high school seniors on Sunday, May 18.

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

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). The Finance Committee is finishing work on the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. Elder Al Youmans continues to work on improving 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.

Session approved scheduling a congregational meeting for June 29 for the purpose of approving the terms of call for Pastor David. Session approved a "Comedy for a Cause" dinner on Sunday, July 27 featuring Pastor David, Matt Kazam and Jay Fiske to raise funds for the children's play area.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 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 <u>Tami@mviewpc.org</u> and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today!

This Is the Day by Tim Tebow

Have you ever felt stuck?

Sometimes life feels rigid as if nothing could ever really change. Maybe we're afraid of taking a step of faith. Maybe we're too injured from the past to



move forward. Or maybe life threw us a curveball and we still don't know how to react.

No matter where you find yourself, you can make the most of today. In this inspirational series, Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow shares stories from his life to illustrate what it means to seize each day for God's glory. He challenges us to step out in courage because this is the day to act.

Happy Father's Day!

Healing Relationships

We all experience broken relationships in our lives. From short-lived fights with a friend to a decade-long silence between family members, these fractures cause



deep pain in our lives. Whether we've been hurt or hurt someone else, Jesus has provided a powerful pathway to healing through forgiveness and repentance.

While many of us have been told to forgive or repent through gritted teeth and willpower, few of us have been shown how to offer forgiveness or repentance that overflows from our new hearts. Jesus has created us for deep, abiding relationships that not only withstand conflict, but grow stronger through it.

This four-part study guides you through video stories, discussion questions, readings, and reflection on scripture. Join us as we pursue reconciliation, restoration, and healing in our relationships.

Men: Navigating Everything

The most popular searches on my YouTube channel are various terms that relate to how to be a better father, husband, or boyfriend. It is evident that the desire to better oneself in this area is of great interest. The next step beyond a desire to grow in this area, is the question of how to achieve this.

I love the quote from Alan Watts, "You're under no obligation to be the same person you were 5 minutes ago". This type of encouragement to grow and change throughout our lives is just the type of motivation we need to take the next step in becoming a better version of ourselves.

Are you ready for an empowering challenge to make improvements in your life? We are all on a journey of self-discovery and I would like to share my 24 years of speaking and leadership experience to help you take the next step in yours. I want to equip and empower you to move towards your best self and give you practical strategies to get there. I will walk you through 8 areas, teaching you how to score yourself in each, with a unique flywheel tool focusing on physical health, mental health, spiritual health, marriage, parenting, sexuality, finances, and loneliness. We will then use the results of this assessment to break down clear and applicable ways to make progress in those areas.

I would love for you to join me in this important discussion, either on your own or with a small group. You'll be glad you took the next step in your journey of self-discovery!



MVPC Mission Outreach FATHER'S DAY DONATION DRIVE Sunday, June 15, 2025

In honor of the special DADS in our lives, we are collecting hygiene products and clothing for YOUNG MEN. Donations will be given to support Project 150 - Betty's Boutique.

Please consider donating the following items:

*FULL SIZE Shampoo *Slacks

*FULL SIZE Conditioner *Dress Shirts

*FULL SIZE Body Wash *Ties

*Belts

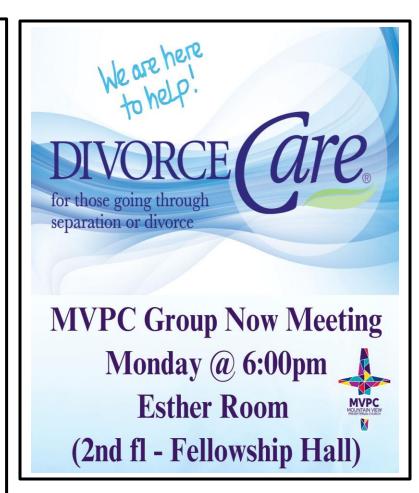
*Deodorant *Body Lotion

*lackets

*Hair Brush

*Suits

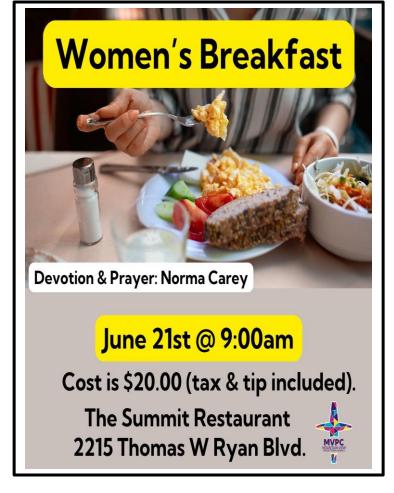
Please place items in the large white bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful charity. Happy Father's Day!





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!





MVPC Book Club

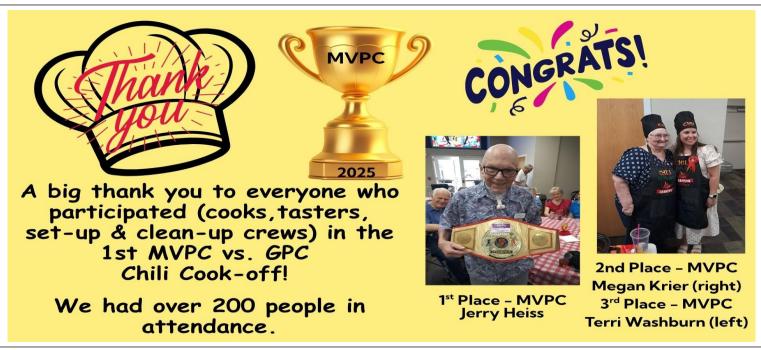
Our group meets the last Friday of each month, at the Church, at 10:00 a.m. We enjoy reading a variety of books and getting together once a month to catch-up with each other and to discuss what we've read. Each month we discuss one book that we've selected as a group. We welcome any who are interested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

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!





The church office will be closed on June 19th.

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!





Patricia Luthy – Jun. 14th
David Gray – Jun. 15th
Peg Albrecht – Jun. 16th
Teddy Walther – Jun. 18th
Gerald Borowski – Jun. 19th
Isaac Singleton – Jun. 19th

Happy Anniversary!!!

Tony and Anya Fontes – Jun.17th

This Week's Events

Sun., June 15 Father's Day

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

Mon., June 16

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH
6:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., June 17

10:00 a.m. **Technology Workshop,** FH 11:30 a.m. **Divine Dealing,** FH

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

Wed., June 18

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

7:00 p.m. **Choir,** SC

Thurs., June 19 Office Closed

6:30 p.m. **Compassionate Friends,** FH 7:00 p.m. **Al Anon Meeting,** Esther

Fri., June 20

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

3:00 p.m. **Spiritual Formation Group**

Sat., June 21

9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast, FH9:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Group

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

- Diane LoChirco
- Tom Lohmann
- Sherry Lowrey
- Bobby Lum
- Patti Luthy
- Cheryl Madsen
- The Maletsky Family
- The Malfara Family

Our City

- Summer temperatures
- Animal rescues
- Lake Mead water levels

Our Churches

- 1. Community Lutheran Church
- 2. St. Christopher Catholic Church
- 3. Calvary Chapel Meadow Mesa

Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the Family of Debbie Weeks

Sympathy to the Family of Dr. Juana Jordan

Our World

- People of Israel
- Air India flight victims
- South Africa tensions

Our Nation

- California unrest
- U.S. Senate
- Florida Shark attack

Our Congregation

Barbara Berry, Laura Martin

- Elders: Laura Martin

- Deacons: Kathi Meola, Penny Takier

