Weekly Messenger 07-04-2025

I have dear friends who were missionaries in Pakistan. Their primary strategy for reaching their Pakistani neighbors with the Gospel of Jesus was hospitality. My friend Tim was a genius (sadly, he lost his cancer battle several years ago). He had his PhD and could debate with anyone. His wealth of knowledge was unsurpassed. Yet he put all of that reservoir of knowledge to the side in favor of genuine hospitality. Their neighbors couldn't believe that Americans would welcome those of lowly stature into their home for a meal. There was no proselytizing agenda. Of course, Tim and Janine longed for their neighbors to know and love the Jesus they knew and loved. But in order to be heard, they must be trusted. And trust was built around a table with nihari, haleem, kebabs and naan.

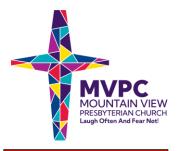
Pakistan's social stratification system differs a bit from neighboring India's caste system. Still, status is based on biradari (kinship) and quam (tribe/community). These hierarchical systems determine social status, access to resources and marriage choices. It was against this cultural backdrop that my missionary friends presented Jesus, the one who upended everything (the last shall be first, etc.)

This Sunday we'll find Jesus at the house of a Pharisee sharing a meal. Jesus will not miss an opportunity to confront the arrogance, pride, and exclusion happening around him. He turns everything upside down.

See you Sunday!

Gary





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

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Family Ministry News

Youth Group -

Youth Group July 6th.

Children -

Child-care provided during services. Sunday School @ 10:30am – July 6th

U50s/adults.

Next meeting is July 6th at 1:00 p.m.

Stay Cool!



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





June 2025 Session Meetings Highlights

Our industrious Deacons are already working on projects for the fall and holidays. The Deacons are planning an outreach event for September 23 titled "Decluttering Strategies." The Deacons are looking at marketing opportunities for more community participation in the annual Service of Solace scheduled for December 7.

Pastor David reported the services on Sunday, June 22, with the Rev. Jeanie Shaw from the Synod of the Pacific went very well. The Summer Supper Studies (sponsored by Men's Ministry) kicks off on Tuesday, June 24, with subsequent events on Tuesday, July 22 and Tuesday, August 26. Sunday, June 29 will be themed "Baseball Sunday." The Fuller Spiritual Formation Group held its second training session on June 20 and 21.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that the gifts presented to men at worship services on Father's Day, June 15, 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 the Dementia Support Group "Healthy Living for the Brain & Body" program on Saturday, June 7 had 22 attendees. The Pet Ministry will assemble pet care bags for the homeless on Sunday, June 29. The Project 150 Father's Day collection of clothes and toiletries was very successful and the collected items have been delivered to Project 150. The new Family Promise facilities have a grand opening scheduled for August 21 with kitchen and pantry facilities being named for deceased MVPC member Ruth Anne Kendy.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that Vacation Bible School held on June 10-13 had 42 children attending, including families from Grace Presbyterian Church. The Youth Group mission trip to Loveland, Colorado is scheduled for the end of July with 5 senior youth and 2 counselors currently registered. Women's Ministry sponsored a Technology Workshop on Tuesday, June 17, with 4 youth "tutors" helping to answer questions regarding cell phones and computer devises. A game (Bingo) and potluck night is scheduled for Sunday, July 13. Women's Ministry will sponsor the Summer Pie-Palooza! on Tuesday, July 29 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). The Finance Committee chair Andrew Patterson presented the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year budget, which Session approved. Elder Al Youmans reported that the improvements to the exterior lighting at the front of the building facing the corner of Del Webb Boulevard and Sungold Drive have been completed.

MVPC has entered into a contract with Dwyer Engineering to provide cost analysis for the proposed outdoor play area. A congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 29 between worship services for the purpose of approving the terms of call for Pastor David for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

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



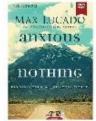


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It's easy to sign up, email Tami Samek, Ministry Coordinator at Tami@mviewpc.org and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today!

Anxious for Nothing

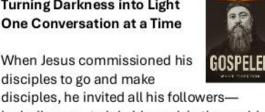
In this five-session video Bible study, Max Lucado explores God's promise in Philippians 4:4–8 and shows that while anxiety is part of life, it doesn't have to



dominate life. As you follow God's prescription for worry - celebrate his goodness, ask for help, leave your concerns with him, meditate on good things - you will experience his peace. You can stop letting anxiety rule your day and find true calm and contentment in Christ.

Gospeler - Willie Robertson

Turning Darkness into Light



disciples, he invited all his followers including us—to join his work in the world. As followers of Christ, we have the best news that everyone needs. But are we sharing it? In this six-session series, author and businessman Willie Robertson encourages us to embrace our identity as "gospelers," ready and able to share the good news of Jesus. We don't need to preach to share the gospel; we simply need to have meaningful conversations.



Hagar: Rediscovering the God Who Sees Me

Have you ever been in a wilderness? Have you ever wondered, "God, do you see me?" We often relegate Hagar to the backstage as a minor character in God's redemptive story, but was she? Do you



know how her story ends? Rest assured that it does not end in despair. In fact, she emerges victorious! So strap on your sandals and grab a bottle of water. We're heading into the desert. Join award-winning Bible Teacher Shadia Hrichi on a journey into the wilderness where you will discover that when you surrender your life into God's hands, your trials and triumphs serve a magnificent purpose: to draw you into the arms of the faithful God Who Sees Me.

Parables (Kids)

Join an exciting animated series where kids experience the powerful parables of Jesus! Watch as the wise builder's house stands firm in the storm, the lost sheep is joyfully found, and the Good Samaritan shows kindness to a stranger.

Through engaging stories, colorful animation, and valuable life lessons, children will discover faith, love, and the power of doing what is right!

Weird Stuff: New Testament

Genealogy, Demons, Miracles, Rapture, Lake of Fire. On the surface, the New Testament contains some seemingly weird things. But what if we told you the point isn't the "weird"? In this six-part series, Dr. Jeff

Voth and Hebrew scholar, Dr. Nathan French, discuss and make sense of some of the weird stuff in the Bible to ultimately point us back to the needed redemption of Jesus Christ.







July 9, 2025 11 a.m.

Mountain View Presbyterian Church 8601 Del Webb Blvd. Las Vegas

Call 1.800.272.3900 to register.

Alzheimer's Association support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for caregivers of people living with dementia to:

- · Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.
- · Talk through issues and ways of coping.
- · Share feelings, needs and concerns.
- Learn about community resources.

ALZHEIMER'S \\\ \\ ASSOCIATION

MVPC Book Club

Our group meets on the last Friday of the month, in the Chapel, at the Church, at 10:00 a.m. We share a common love of books and enjoy getting together to discuss what we've been reading. Together we choose the book that we'll discuss for each monthly meeting. Here are the selections we'll be discussing when we get together these next few months.

July 25 Famous Last Words by Gillian McAllister

August 29 <u>The Turtle House</u> by Amanda Churchill

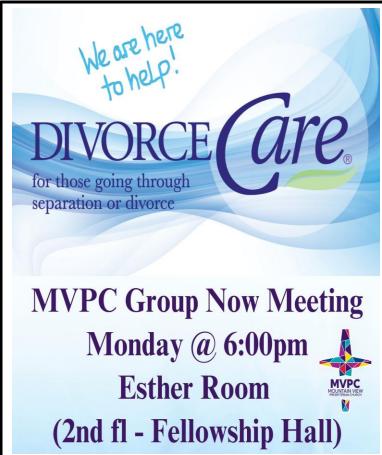
September 26 <u>The Frozen River</u> by Ariel Lawhon

We welcome any who are interested to join us! "One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by." Jeanette Walls



















MVPC Polo Shirts - \$30 ea
Men's & Women's
Limited Sizes & Quantity
First Come - First Served!

Comfortable, classic polo, wrinkle and shrink resistance with MVPC logo embroidered on the chest. | 5-ounce, 65/35 poly/cotton pique Flat knit collar and cuffs Metal buttons with dyed-to-match plastic rims Double-needle armhole seams and hem. Side vents.

Check them out at the LOAFN Book and Gift Shop!





You can still purchase tickets until July 20th!

We have a group of 27 signed up so far and will be securing an additional van to accommodate all wishing to participate. Sign-up in the Narthex and please make checks payable to MVPC.

*Entrance to The Sphere will be near the elevator (ADA accessibility)



Our Vision

LOVE God

LOVE People

KNOW God

KNOW People

SERVE God

SERVE People

It's what we do!



Happy Birthday!!!

Sara Kirschman – Jul. 5th
Yelveh Shomon – Jul. 6th
Sharon Tyson – Jul. 6th
Linda Ann Waggoner – Jul. 7th
Felix Gaudiel IV – Jul. 10th
Bonnie Moore – Jul. 10th
Matthew Notte – Jul. 10th
Dennis Bunce – Jul. 11th



Dale and Arina Lewis – Jul. 5th
Bill and Beth Peterson – Jul. 5th
Bill and Margaret Pollock – Jul. 10th
Tommy and Megan Krier – Jul. 11th

This Week's Events

Sun., July 6

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

1:00 p.m. U5O's, Mark 4:30 p.m. Youth Group, FH

Mon., July 7

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH
4:00 p.m. Worship Committee, FH
6:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., July 8

10:00 a.m.5:30 p.m.Divine Dealing, FHNarcotics Anon., CH

Wed., July 9

11:00 a.m. **Dementia Support Group,** CH

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

Thurs., July 10

4:30 p.m. **Stephen Ministry,** Mark

5:00 p.m. **Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC**

6:00 p.m. **Deacon Meeting,** Esther 7:00 p.m. **Al Anon Meeting,** FH

Fri., July 11

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

Sat., July 12

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

- Nan Moore
- The Morehouse Family
- The Moses Family
- Rae Narcisse-Bryant
- Bruce Nelson
- Carole Nelson
- Rus Nielsen
- Bev Norton

Our City

- Animal rescues
- July 4th safety
- Storm Recovery efforts

Our Churches

- 1. Life Change Ministry
- 2. Mountain View Lutheran Church
- 3. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Rose Peters

Sympathy to the Family of Karalynne Schram

Our World

- People of Germany
- Indonesia Ferry victims
- Balkan drought

Our Nation

- Chicago shooting victims
- Killer Bee swarms
- Idaho Student Victims Families

Our Congregation

Norma DeVries

Elders: Jeff PattersonDeacons: Goldie Asmo,

Melody Edwards-Becker

