Weekly Messenger 07-25-2025

"One Thing Is Necessary"

In Luke 10:38–42, we are invited into a living room where divine wisdom meets domestic chaos. Jesus is welcomed into the home of two sisters—Mary and Martha—and what unfolds is a moment as ancient as it is current.

Martha is the kind of host we all want at our holiday dinners. She's chopping onions, fluffing pillows, setting the table, and probably checking to see if the hummus has expired. Mary, on the other hand, is sitting. Not serving. Just... sitting. At the feet of Jesus.

Cue tension.

Most of us instinctively side with Martha. Someone's got to get dinner on the table, right? But Jesus gently reframes the moment—not condemning Martha's work, but reminding her (and us) that amidst the many, many things we stress over, only *one* thing is truly necessary.

This short story has sparked centuries of discussion. Is this about priorities? Contemplation versus action? Gender roles? Hospitality? Or maybe... it's about presence. Deep, unhurried, soul-fed *presence*.

As we look ahead to Sunday, we'll explore this familiar story from some not-so-familiar angles: from medieval mystics to modern psychologists, from the expectations of ancient hospitality to the call of contemporary discipleship. We'll listen not just to what Jesus says, but how he says it—and what that says about our own distracted hearts.

This isn't a sermon about doing *less*—it's about doing the *right thing* first. And then watching how everything else flows from that sacred center.

Come with your to-do list, your inner Martha, your hopes, your hunger, and your heart. We've got a seat saved for you—and maybe, just maybe, that seat is right at the feet of Jesus.

See you Sunday!

Grace and peace, Laugh often and Fear not! David!



ps – I missed you last week! Julie and I traveled to Oregon to officiate a wedding. I have known the bride, Kaila since she was four years old and what a joy it was to see her walk down the aisle to begin a wonderful journey of marriage with her new husband Blake! Congratulations to them!!



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

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Family Ministry News

Youth Group – Youth Group July 27th. Please pray for Youth Mission trip.



Children -

Child-care provided during services. Sunday School @ 10:30am – July 27th

U50s/adults. Next meeting is August 10th at 1:30 p.m.

> Splish Splash! 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 @ <u>www.mviewpc.org</u> 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.



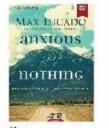


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It's easy to sign up, email Tami Samek, Ministry Coordinator at <u>Tami@mviewpc.org</u> and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today!

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 One Conversation at a Time



When Jesus commissioned his disciples to go and make

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!

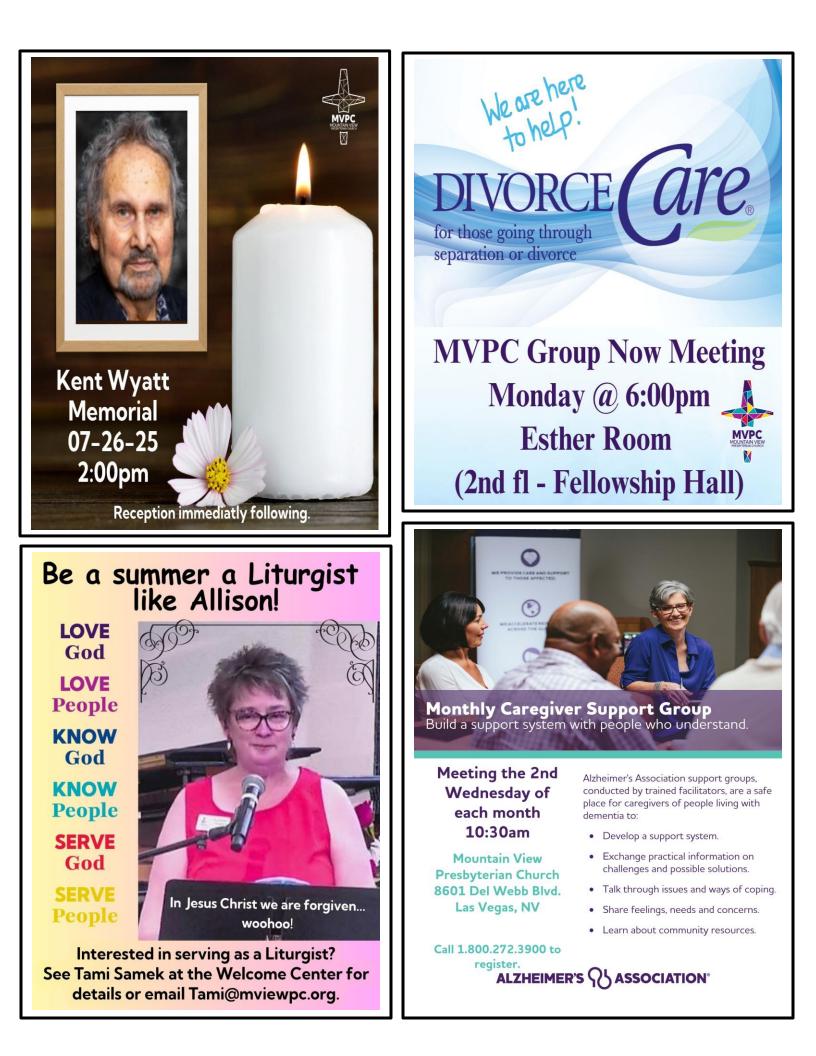


Weird Stuff: New Testament

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.





Date: August 2nd Time : 9:00 a.m. Location: Summit Cost: \$20





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ROCK PAINTING EVENT Open to all! (Invite a friend)

Thurs., Aug. 14th at 2 p.m. Fellowship Hall



School Supply Wish List:

Backpacks for all ages Spiral Notebooks (College & Wide Ruled) Comp Notebooks (College & Wide Rulled) Graph Paper 3 Ring Binders (1" and/or 1.5") Pocket Folders 3x5 Index Cards Crayons Colored Markers & Pencils 12" Rulers Pencil Pouches Pink Erasers - 2 ct or larger Scissors (all ages) #2 Pencils (12 ct or more) Mechanical Pencils & Led Highlighters (3 pk or more) Glue Sticks (2 pk or more) Pencil Sharpeners

Meal Train[®]

Meal Train for Sarah Pierson: https://mealtrain.com/83qyz5



Sarah is a member of MVPC and is dealing with a serious health issue. She will be having major surgery. Sarah has two adult children living with her, but they do not have any transportation.

Please lift Sarah up in prayer and if possible, help support the family for a couple of weeks with Meal Train gift cards and/or meals.





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Our Vision

It's what we do:





Jerri Kay – Jul. 28th Cambria Klingenberg – Jul. 28th Xavier Vanderwerf – Jul. 28th Wayne Buck – Jul. 29th Doris Facer – Jul. 29th Fred Grassick – Jul. 31st Al Maletsky – Jul. 31st Marcia Alig Aug. 1st Wayne Petersen – Aug. 1st Vicki Sullivan – Aug. 1st



David and Elaine Getting – Jul. 26th Jeff Patterson and Ellen Whittemore – Jul. 26th Bill and Linda Ann Waggoner – Jul. 29th



This Week's Events

<u>Sun., July 27</u>

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Mon., July 28 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Tues., July 29 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Wed., July 30 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Thurs., July 31 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Fri., Aug. 1 2:00 p.m. Sat., Aug. 2 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Traditional Worship, SC Contemporary Worship, SC Grace Presbyterian Church, SC Youth Group, FH

Quilters, FH Staff Meeting, CH Divorce Care, Esther Gamblers Anon., CH

Divine Dealing, FH Summer Pie Palooza, FH Narcotics Anon., CH

Bell Choir, CH AA Meeting, FH

Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC Al Anon Meeting, Esther

Knitting, FH

Men's Breakfast, Summit 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

- Karla Philippus
- Debbie Pick
- The Pierson Family
- The Pollock Family
- Deborah Pratt, Ron Fox
- The Price Family
- The Pupanek Family
- Georgia Purpura

Our City

- Animal shelters
- Return to school
- CCSD job fair

Our Churches

- 1. Warm Springs Church
- 2. New Horizon Christian Church
- 3. New Revelation Baptist Church

Other Prayer Concerns... Sympathy to the family of Kent Wyatt

<u>Our World</u>

- People of Japan
- Haitian police officers
- West Nile Virus spread

Our Nation

- Texas Flood recovery
- Summer safety
- California wild fires

Our Congregation

Norma DeVries, Rae Narcisse-Bryant, Sarah Pierson

> Elders: Al Youmans
> Deacons: Jane Grimes, Sara Kirschman

