



MAY 2022

The Visitor

MELVIN VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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MAY SCRIPTURES & SERVICES Sunday 10 a.m.

May 1, 2022 *Communion Sunday*

Scripture: James 1:1-8
"Faith and Endurance"

May 8, 2022 *Mother's Day*

Scripture: James 1:9-18
"Patience"

May 15, 2022

Scripture: James 1:19-26
"Listening and Doing"

May 22, 2022

Scripture: James 2:1-13
"One Big Sandbox"

May 29, 2022

Guest Pastor: Pastor Joseph Sum

Online viewing available early the following week: www.mvcn.org/church-life

DEACON ON CALL:

April 24 – May 19 ~ Lucy Carlson

Sunday, May 8th

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



Faith, Hope and Love

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:13

In the beginning of 2022 we looked at 1 Peter 3:15, word by word over 5 weeks. It was a good way to begin the new year. *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."*

Recently a friend shared a devotion from 1 Corinthians 13:13 and I thought about how Faith, Hope and Love link together with the verse from 1 Peter 3:15.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

Faith- is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. In our faith we

connect with God, remembering God's faithfulness to us when we set God apart in our hearts and lives.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

Hope- is remembering the promises of God and standing on those promises. With hope we look forward.

But do this with gentleness and respect

Love- binds the truth of our faith and hope together. God loves us and we show His love to everyone around us.

Faith, Hope and Love. When we remember these three words, we walk the talk- we show our faith in action. We look forward to all the excitement of summer ahead and especially worshipping together!

Faith, Hope and Love,
Pastor Kevin



June/July Visitor
Submissions due by May 15th



70th ANNUAL MVCC FLEA MARKET, FAIR & AUCTION

On **Saturday July 9, 2022**, Melvin Village Community Church will be hosting its **70th Fair and Auction!** Planning meetings are underway. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 4th at 6 PM at the church. All are welcome to join.

The format for Fair day will be similar to last year's, with flea marketers and crafters (*sign up for a space!*) as well as the Auction, games to be played in the horsesheds, and food to keep everyone fed throughout the day.



Other booths will include Boutique & Jewelry, Baked Goods, Books, Board Games, and Puzzles. The barn will be open for a few Saturdays in June from 9 AM to 12 PM to receive donations for

the **Auction, Boutique, Jewelry, Books, Board Games, and Puzzles** (keep an eye out for the roadside banner for dates).



We will **not** be accepting "White Elephant" or "Flea Market" type

donations at the barn and encourage those who have such things to consider reserving a Flea Market space on Fair day. The recommended donation amount per 10'x12' space is \$25 and all proceeds go toward supporting the operation and missions of the church.

If interested in reserving a space, please fill out the "Crafter & Flea Marketer Registration Form". The Form may be found in the Visitor, at the church office, or online at mvccnh.org/fairauction.



The Fair will kick-off at 9 AM with the annual ribbon cutting done by this year's Honorary Chairperson - be sure to check out next Month's Visitor to see who is selected as 2022's honoree!

The Fair & Auction will run from 9 AM to 2 PM with the Live Auction starting at 12 noon.

Questions or Comments? Contact the following:

Crafters & Flea Marketers: Debi Lynch
(484) 467-3242, Lynchkg124@gmail.com

Auction: Chris Coulter, (603) 986-6597

General: Nickie Hunter
(603) 707-9155, nickie.hunter@gmail.com

General: Church Office
(603) 544-9661, secretary@mvccnh.org,

Visit Website: mvccnh.org/fairauction

Saturday, May 21st ARMED FORCES DAY
Thank you to those who currently serve in our military.

May 30th MEMORIAL DAY Observed
Memorialize those who *have died* serving in the military.

Remember to order your geraniums, order form at the bottom of this page or call Sonya Lapar (603)832-3331



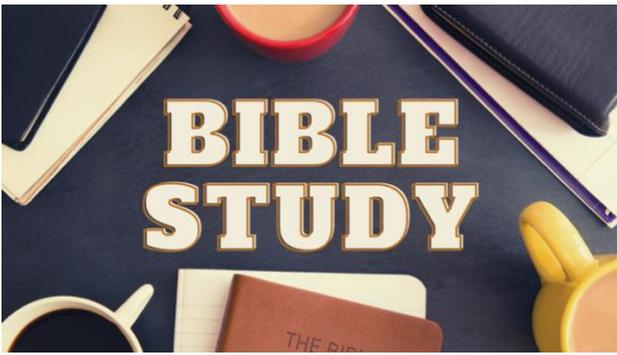
1976 Church Fair



This year's fair and auction will be held on **July 9, 2022** and will mark its 70th year! The attached photo

from **July 24, 1976** is taken from a video posted on YouTube by local diver and videographer, Brad Swain. Check out Brad's full video by visiting the YouTube channel and searching "Brad Swain Propeller Salvage". The video is showing the salvage of the big propeller that currently sits in front of the Historical Society. Check out the history there. Minute 9:25 of the video shows some fun footage of the propeller being showcased at the 1976 Melvin Village Community Church Fair. Check out the wooden boat that was up for auction!





Disciple Bible Study Program

Disciple is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders and church members. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. Disciple draws upon the work of scholars, personal Bible reading and study of the participant and dynamic group discussion to aid in understanding the Bible. The first study in the program is a thirty-four-week overview of the entire Bible. The program requires 3.5 – 4 hours of independent study each week {30 minutes daily for group members} and weekly group meetings of 2.5 hour meetings. The Bible is the text for the study and the study manual will guide group members in their study and preparation for the weekly group meetings. The Education Committee is considering several options to fund/defray the \$44.99 cost of the study manuals. The program would start after Labor Day 2022. Please contact Hannah if you are interested in this great Bible study program.

If you have any questions please contact Dana Robertson at 603-707-2976 or robertson2900@roadrunner.com

A Note from the Music Director

My mantra - and very possibly yours, too - may have always been, but now I know the words for it: "Do what you can, with what you've got, where you are." It has long been attributed to Theodore Roosevelt, but in his autobiography, he attributed it to Squire Bill Widener of Widener, Virginia. It's an outlook that helps make fine meals out of what you find in the cupboard and fridge; it works making fine music with the bell choir and the occasional guest players of trumpets, piano, and double reeds; it works for us all. And I hear, as I think about the blessings of the creative spirit, the text of the *Ode to Joy*:



Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
*Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
opening to the sun above.*

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
*Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!*

Sarah Davol will join us again on May 8. Owen Van Brunt will play for us again this spring.
Joyful, joyful! Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee!

In joyful service,
Peggy



Happy Spring from your NEW Outreach Committee!

The MVCC Outreach Committee has been hard at work ...

- Meeting monthly to reassess our goals and purposes.
- Connecting with local organizations to gather information about needs beyond monetary donations.
- Updating our Ministries Summary on the MVCC website.
- Shining a spotlight on individual ministries in the monthly Visitor.
- Communicating MVCC’s outreach efforts on the bulletin board in the Gribbel Room.

We hope to provide the MVCC community with more creative ideas to spread our generosity locally. We also continue to pray for peace for the people of Ukraine and worldwide.

We welcome your ideas, questions and input at any time!

Committee members:

Debi Lynch (chair), Cindy Barnard, Doris Hearty, Jennifer Whalen and Kim Reed



Financial Snapshot as Of March 31, 2022

	2022 Full Year Budget	Received Year-To-Date March	Percent of Full Year Budget
Member Pledges and Plate Offerings	\$155,475	\$45,868	29.5%
Other Income ¹	\$44,050	\$10,083	22.9%
Total Income	\$199,525	\$55,951	28.0%
Total Expenses	\$193,834	\$47,891	24.7%
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$5,691	\$8,060	

¹Other Income includes interest, trust distributions, church fund distribution, and fundraisers

- With one quarter of the year behind us, pledges and other income are ahead of historical trends
- We have a surplus of \$8,060 year-to-date



In the Mail... or Email

Thank you to the person who sent a hand drawn greeting card. It was nicer than a store card. Also, thanks for the support over the year. It means a lot to us.

- Hector & Magdalene Livingston

Wishing you a bright and happy day. Happy Easter and Spring!

- Doris Chase

Dear friends, thank you for remembering me with a “friend of the week” letter.

I do get to see some of you at the library on a regular basis, but it was extra nice to hear from those I haven’t been able to see. Hope you all have a wonderful Spring and beautiful Easter.

- Barbara Widmer

P.S. You know where to find me!

Youth Group Update...



This past year, the Christian Community Youth Group (CCYG) has been studying the book of Ephesians. We have been learning from the apostle Paul about what it means to be people “who walk in a manner worthy of the gospel calling”. In order to facilitate a deeper study, we separated the middle school and high school students into two groups for a



time of discussion and prayer. This benefitted both age-groups, while also giving them time to interact together during prayer and worship.

In addition to studying the Bible each Wednesday, we have also enjoyed a few additional events including apple picking and pumpkin carving in the fall, a Christmas party over winter break and a trip to Fun Spot last month. We are finishing this month with an end-of-year party on 5/25, but that will not be the end of activities! Brandon and I have also gotten together to discuss a poetry and pie night, a mid-summer barbeque, and an end of summer camping trip. Please pray that these teens receive the seeds that we are planting and that they grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and with others around them.



Hannah Reif



What's Happening this Month?

MVCC Visioning Meeting

All are welcome to join in a Melvin Village Community Church visioning meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 pm at the church. MVCC will turn 200 years old in 2037. Our mission continues to be, “to provide the best environment for young and old together to grow and experience the richness and generosity of Christ”. Help determine next steps for continuing to meet the mission today, in 5-years, in 2037 and beyond.

New Crafting Group

Feeling creative? Join us for a new arts and crafts fellowship time!

Knit, Pearl and Sew, What?

Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at

3:00-4:30 pm in the Gribbel Room. Come and bring your unfinished projects of any kind and enjoy fellowship time with others.



Men's Retreat

Sentinel is hosting a Men's Retreat on May 20th-21st. Pastor Darrin Forehand will be the speaker for the retreat. We will have great fellowship, amazing food and an opportunity for a service project. There are overnight and day pass options available. Check it out at campsentinel.org/mens-retreat

All welcome!

Let's Celebrate!



May Birthdays:

- 5 - Nickie Hunter,
Kristie Smith
- 10 - Zoë Reed
- 14 - Tucker Van Brunt
- 15 - Mary McCarthy
- 17 - Michael McCarthy, Paul Tessier,
Abigail Van Brunt
- 18 - Anika Hastings
- 20 - Jim Conway
- 21 - Debby Burnett
- 22 - Lisa Conant
- 29 - Alex Weiss
- 30 - Barbara Williams
- 31 - Suzanne Badgley, Hannah Reif

May Anniversaries:

- 4 - Michael & Sherry Woodward (2004)
- 10 - Kerry & Debi Lynch (1997)
- 28 - Bob & Joan Theve (1960)
- 31 - Butch & Mary Batcheller (1979)

Congratulations to our 2022 Graduates! Keep Moving!

As they proudly proceed across the stage to receive their diplomas, each graduate heard two messages from the principal: "Congratulations!" (in a loud voice) and "Keep moving" (in a whisper). Although the administration was merely trying to facilitate the flow, (s)he was actually offering sound advice to the young adults. Don't stop or stagnate! Proceed from here and continue learning. This is the beginning, not the end, of a journey. Keep moving!



REJOICE and PRAISE GOD...

- ... for blooming flowers and planted gardens
- ... for cancer in remission
- ... that the Joy of the Lord is my Strength

AND PRAY...

- ... for Karen & Pastor George as Karen's cancer has returned
- ... for Judy House's sister Su dealing with health issues
- ... for Bill Lapar's brother George, going through cancer treatments
- ... for our friends at Sugar Hill and the Taylor Home
- ... for Peace for the people of Ukraine
- ... for Lisa Conant's brother-in-law Bill with cancer
- ... for Lisa's friend, Pat with dementia
- ... for Judy Crouse's son, Brian: for continued recovery
- ... for our young adults and children in the church and in the community
- ... for Chris Cordelli, praying for answers from the doctors.
- ... for Judy Crouse's friend Betty with ALS
- ... for David; Joyce Wood's brother, Larry Plummer; Bill Rudd (throat cancer), Jeff's mom, Mary McCarthy, the Meserve, Jeffery Johnson, Sam Davis
- ...for those suffering from addiction; Caitie, David, and others. Join community churches as we pray the 3rd of each month for those suffering from addiction
- ...for continuing concerns of Church family and friends, including: Doris Chase; Eunice Hodgdon; Gretchen Oakley; Arline Thompson, Mary McCarthy, Donna Conway; Debbie Stroddel, Joyce Wood
- ...and for those at Mountain View, Taylor Home and other Assisted Living Care Facilities: Millie Calvert; Charlie Coulter; Rebecca DeLuca; Bob Ketcham; Jann Poole; Chuck's brother James, Ann Clarke, Nan & Mort Smith



If you have a praise or prayer request for the bulletin, please email Pastor Kevin at pastorkevin@mvccnh.org contact: (603)539-4839 or call the church office at 544-9661

The Prayer Chain is here for you on a daily basis to offer prayers immediately. Call Joan Theve 544-9048 OR email Chris Cordelli crcbird@roadrunner.com

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