

August 2022

The Visitor

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AUGUST 2022 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICES

August 7th, 2022

The Rev. Kevin Van Brunt

Scripture: James 5:1-6

Sermon: Wealth Management

August 14th, 2022

The Rev. Kevin Van Brunt

Scripture: James 5:7-12

Sermon: Establishing Our Hearts in Patience

August 21st, 2022

Betsey Vinton

August 28th, 2022

Chaplain Dan Bisson

Sermon: Forgiveness



"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised." Psalm 113:3

A few weeks ago I looked up. I saw the bright blue sky and it was beautiful. The sun was shining. When I woke up the next morning the fog had overtaken the sky. It was gray, it was gloomy. What had changed? Nothing.

Even in the gray sky, the sun rose. I couldn't see it, but it was there. Just like our faith. Faith is belief in the unseen. It is certain of what we do not see. In the sunshine, in the gray and rainy days I know God is there and I am to praise Him!

My good friend and faithful church member, Shirley Dahill used to say she loves the rainy days. Rain washes the pollen off the car, rain water's God's Creation. I loved her perspective and wisdom. Remember from the rising sun to the place where the sun sets (that's all the time you are awake!) the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Praise the Name of the Lord,
Pastor Kevin

Newsletter DEADLINE

VISITOR DEADLINE

MONDAY, August 15th

Thank you for getting in your articles that can be shared with our members and friends.

Church Fair and Auction!



MVCC's 70th Fair & Auction went off without a hitch. The honorary fair chairpersons, Dan and Cindy Barnard kicked off the day with a 9 AM ribbon cutting after arriving in style in the Marcussen's Jaguar convertible via a mini-parade from the Willing Workers Hall.

Once again, a BIG THANKS goes out to the Tuftonboro Fire Department for assisting with traffic control. This year's fair included 20 vendors with 22 tables of crafts and attic treasures. It also included traditional booths, such as the



Boutique, Baked Goods, Books, Jewelry, and Food.

Anna Smith and crew had the horsesheds alive with games from "Over-Under" to "Clank-the-Clown". The balloon pop game saw over 1,000 darts thrown at the balloons on this wonderfully sunny day.

The food booth once again sold about 200



hot dogs. Thank you Pete and Karyn! The hot dogs tasted great on the grill that was donated to the church by the McClure's after last year's grill bit-the-dust in the middle of the 2021 festivities.



The Auction kicked off at high-noon with our ever-enthusiastic auctioneer Chris Coulter leading the charge. The crowd seemed to welcome the new auction tent location, which was moved from the side of the road to behind the church for a more inclusive feel with the crafters and other booths. Thank you, Brendan Gaughran for setting up the new sound system that kept the music flowing and our auctioneer heard. All in all the fair brought in about \$14,000 on the day. This money will be used to continue to support the outreach and mission of the church. Thank you to everyone who attended the event, helped with set-up & clean-up, made donations, covered the barn drop-offs on Saturday mornings, rented a table, manned a booth, bid on items at the auction, etc., etc. It truly was a community event. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2023!

| MVCC Fair & Auction 2021 | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Auction | \$9,350.00 |
| Boutique | \$1,306.00 |
| Baked Goods | \$825.00 |
| Books | \$337.00 |
| Food Booth | \$861.00 |
| Games | \$182.00 |
| Jewelry | \$356.00 |
| Vendor Donation from sales | \$451.00 |
| Vendor Registration (Day of) | <u>\$25.00</u> |
| | \$4,343.00 |
| Vendor Pre-Registration | <u>\$550.00</u> |
| REVENUE TOTAL | \$14,243 |

A Note on the Bake Sale:



To MVCC Bakers & Buyers,
 What a glorious surprise to have 3 tables filled with delightful yummys for the 70th Auction/Fair Crafters Market! Something was sure to please someone. AND it did! We completely sold out by 12:30.

As you know, all the \$\$ proceeds go to our missions; but the smiles we reaped during the morning, we keep in our hearts forever.

Whether you were a baker or a buyer, we couldn't have raised the funds and smiles that we did without your support. Thank you.

Blessings,
 Judy & Lucy
 Baking co-chairs

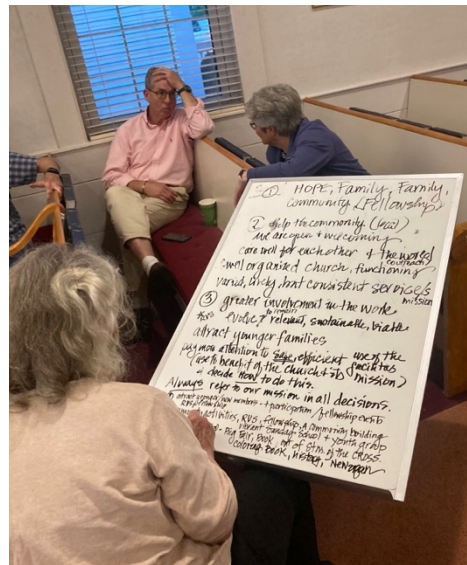
Visioning, Missioning, and Planning:

On Wednesday June 1st, the church family was invited to a visioning meeting. During the meeting, the following four questions were asked and answered. *Think about what your answers would be.*



1. What is one word that describes Melvin Village Community Church (MVCC)?
2. What is going well with MVCC?
3. What do we need to improve?
4. Where do we want to go forward in 1 year? 5 years? and 15 years?

MVCC will turn 200 in 2037 and its mission continues to be, "To provide the best environment for young and old together to grow and experience the richness and generosity of Christ." Three value statements that came out of the June 1st discussion were; We are a church that...



1. Believes all its members are family.
2. Believes every member of our church is valuable to God and our community.
3. Provides a warm, caring, welcoming and Christ-like

atmosphere to all.

The next step is to start developing a strategic plan that matches our mission and values. If this is something you would be interested in, please reach out to moderator Nickie Hunter or other members of the Executive Board.



A Call to Action

(June 19th sermon by Pastor Van Brunt)

James 2:24*that it is by our actions that we are put right with God, and not by our faith alone.*

Our church backs-up our faith with our actions by our outreach to local and worldly needs.

But to make it all work we have very dedicated people who fill the officer openings (Moderator, Clerk, Financial Secretary and Treasurer) and committees:

Deacons: Cares for the needs of the congregation and community.

Building and Grounds: Cares for the needs and upkeep of the buildings.

Outreach: Oversees and evaluates the local and global ministries of the church.

Christian Education: Offers adult Bible studies, youth activities and community events to strengthen our depth of understanding and welcome new friends.

Worship: Works with music director to supply heart felt worship and offers events to strengthen the fellowship.

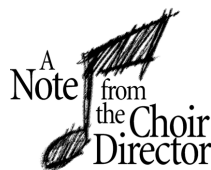
Stewardship: Works with the Pastor to develop a theme for each year and reminds the congregation of the importance of supporting the church.

Financial Management: Prepares annual proposed budget and oversees Investment and Trust Funds.

Pastoral Relations: Fosters constructive communication between the Congregation and the Pastor.

The above is a brief overview of what the committees do. We plan on sharing more details with the congregation in the following months so all have a better understanding of how everything comes together and to hopefully foster a deeper Church involvement.

Sincerely,
Executive Board
Jane S. Hunter, Clerk



Faith, while trees are still in blossom,

plans that picking of the fruit; faith can feel the thrill of harvest, when the buds begin to sprout.

Long before the dawn is breaking, faith anticipates the sun.

Faith is eager for the daylight, for the work that must be done.

Long before the rains were coming,

Noah went and built an ark.

Abraham, the lonely migrant, saw the Light beyond the dark.

Faith, uplifted, tamed the water of the undivided sea and the people of the Hebrews found the path that made them free.

Faith, believes that God is faithful, He will be who He will be.

Faith accepts His call responding: "I am willing; Lord, Send me."

This text by Fred Kaan is sung to the tune *For the Bread*. I hope you enjoy humming it now and then ... or "in the midst of the busy kitchen," that exemplar of not having time to set aside for contemplation, but which you may discover you can find anywhere.

In faith,
Peggy

Upcoming Fall Women's

Bible Study:

This study will be led by Traci Van Brunt and the time and place are TBD. If interested, please reach out to Traci at 603-539-1795 or vanbrunts@aol.com. More details to come.



August Outreach Report

Many of you are aware that the Outreach Committee has an annual budget that supports numerous local



organizations. We are blessed to have such a caring and supportive church family that enables us to reach out financially and help so many in need.

You can view the entire Outreach budget on Page 40 of the MVCC 2021 Annual Report but here is a recap of the local organizations the church supports through the Outreach Committee: Camp Sentinel, Child Advocacy Center of Carroll County, End 68 Hours of Hunger, KIND Coop (formerly known as GWAV Coop), Families in Transition/Hope House, Granite VNA, LIFE Ministries Food Pantry, Ossipee Mountain Habitat for Humanity, White Horse Recovery, and Wolfeboro Area Meals on Wheels. Our budget also provides financial support to United Missions ABC/USA, as well as ABC Vermont/New Hampshire and Retired Ministers & Missionaries. We always welcome suggestions from our church family for any other local organizations that might be in need of our financial support.

The Outreach Committee is also reaching out to each organization to determine if there are hands-on ways that we can help. Here are the volunteer needs of which we are currently aware:

Camp Sentinel – Looking for volunteers over the summer to help on kitchen crew, small repairs/maintenance, and cleaning crew. Contact Brandon Woody at (603)539-4839.

Hope House - Looking for one or two hairdressers to give haircuts to the adults and children in the Hope House family shelter in Wolfeboro or at your salon. This job would likely be a monthly shift for a couple of hours at your convenience. Please contact Mary Silva at msilva@fitnh.org or (603)854-8087.

Kind Coop (formerly GWAVCoop) – Sign up at gwavcoop.org to receive periodic emails listing specific needs for Gov Wentworth students.

L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry – Looking for

volunteers to help with food distribution or stocking pantry shelves on the first or third Wednesdays of the month as well as volunteers to pick up food at various food locations. Go to www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.org to complete a volunteer application.

Wolfeboro Area Meals on Wheels – Looking for drivers to deliver noontime meals as well as for two Board members. Call (603) 515-2043 or email at wolfeboromow@aol.com.

White Horse Recovery- Looking for volunteers to help with the annual Freedom Event (Dinner and Auction) to be held on August 26 as well as volunteers to assist at their thrift store in Ossipee. Also looking for camping supplies that can be given to homeless clients (tents, sleeping bags ,etc.). Contact Mark Stokes at (603)651-1441 or email at mark@whitehorseac.com. Website: www.whitehorserecovery.org.
With Grateful Hearts,

The Outreach Committee: Cindy Barnard, Doris Hearty, Debi Lynch, Kim Reed, Jennifer Whalen

Financial Snapshot as of June 30, 2022

| | 2022 Full Year Budget | Year-To-Date June | Percent of Full Year Budget |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Member Pledges and Plate Offerings | \$155,475 | \$73,185 | 47% |
| Other Income ¹ | \$44,050 | \$19,858 | 45% |
| Total Income | \$199,525 | \$93,043 | 47% |
| Total Expenses | \$193,834 | \$91,859 | 47% |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | \$5,691 | \$1,184 | |

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

- With half of the year behind us, pledges and other income are tracking better than the typical pattern.
- We have a small surplus of \$1,184 year-to-date.

In the Mail...



Thank You for the many cards she received in celebration of her 100th Birthday on June 20th!!



She, and I, are so appreciative of all your kind words and thoughts.

-Linda Prescott



Thank you to our church family for the kindness and thoughtfulness shown to us on our 25th wedding anniversary! You helped to make it a special day.
Blessings,
Pastor Kevin and Traci

Dear Melvin Village Community Church,
Thank you for your thoughtful gift. I appreciate everyone's support while I move on to accomplish my goals. I'll never forget the lessons I learned during the services, the amazing and thoughtful members of the church, and the many fun experiences I had at MVCC. This fall I'm excited to attend Keene State College where I'll study Sustainable Product Design and Innovation.
Sincerely,
Gabe Arinello



Dear Melvin Village Community Church,
Thank you for all of your support over the years and most recently, your very generous gift. The MVCC community has shaped me into the person that I am today, and I am very grateful to be a part of this church family.
Sincerely,
Lou Arinello



Dear Friends at Melvin Village Church:
Thank you so much for honoring Clarke and I as "friends" recently – we are truly blessed by the friends we have made that surround us in the pews each Sunday. Rev. Van Brunt brings us together in a special way, teaching to love and care for each other as Christians should. Especially at this time in our lives, we truly need your support and prayers.

Blessings to each and every one,
Barbara and Clarke McClure

Dear MVCC Family,
 Thank you so much for the special book and the card! I really appreciate that you all are thinking of me. I wish I could've been there to receive it in person. I hope to see you all soon.
 Love, Eileen McKenna



- 4 - George House
- 7 - Case Rogers
- 8 - Pastor Kevin Van Brunt
- 9 - Emily Adjutant
- 11 - Rachel Lapar
- 12 - Norman Blake
- 13 - Owen Van Brunt
- 19 - Mary Batcheller
- 21 - Chris Coulter, Rick Weeks
- 24 - Bill Marcussen
- 28 - Ginny Skelley
- 29 - Janet Blake, Karyn Vander Hey
- 30 - Charlie Coulter, Clarke McClure, & Bob Theve



- 3 - David & Kristie Smith, 1996
- 18 - Chris & Jennifer Coulter 1990
- 27 - Peter and Susan White
- 30 - Glenn & Chris Cordell 1975



REJOICE and PRAISE GOD...

- ... for our daily bread from God
- ... for abundance of life in God

AND PRAY...

- ... for Peggy's son Noli, healing from broken bones
 - ... for Dan Bisson's surgery
 - ... for the Chick family with the passing of Riley
 - ... for Susan Hugel's mom, Elaine for healing
 - ... for Terry, friend of the Cordelli's, with cancer
 - ... for Nancy - Gene & Shirley's daughter with covid
 - ... for Barbara & Clarke McClure
 - ... for Karen & Pastor George
 - ... for Judy House's sister Su with health issues
 - ... for our friends at Sugar Hill and the Taylor Home
 - ... for the people of Ukraine to have peace.
 - ... for Lisa Conant's brother in-law Bill with cancer and her sister
 - ... for Lisa's friend, Pat with dementia
 - ... for our young adults and children in the church and in the community
 - ... for David; Joyce Wood's brother, Larry Plummer; Bill Rudd (throat cancer), Jeff's mom, Mary; Ali Meserve & parents, Jeffery Johnson
 - ...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
 - ...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 or 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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To provide the best environment for young and old together to grow and experience the richness and generosity of Christ.