



MAY 2023

The Visitor

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“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

Change

I met with a community member a few days ago and she shared a phrase about change which caused me to pause and reflect for a moment. She said, “If a person can not adapt to change they will never be happy”. Change in life is inevitable. Situations change and how we react relates to how we respond. Do we embrace change for the good, or do we run from it in fear? Change often leads to growth and as the spring flowers begin to bloom once again, I am reminded of the changes in nature and new life in creation.

How we respond to change is a direct result of our relationship with God. God is faithful and in our faith God grounds us. I am thankful that although life is constantly changing, God does not change. Malachi 3:6 reminds us. “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.” and Hebrews 13:8 boldly states “Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

There is a certain sweetness to change. Fearing change can cause us to miss out in the moment. When we trust in God our feet follow where God leads to a place of peace. The song Oceans we sing a prayer in our heart “Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the waters wherever you would call me.”

As you take steps forward in life, may your steps be guided by the faithfulness of the Lord,

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

MAY SCRIPTURES & SERVICES Sunday 10 a.m.

May 7, 2023 *Communion Sunday*

Scripture: Psalm 62

“Living a Life of Abundance: Abundant Stability”

May 14, 2023 *Mother’s Day*

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

“Living a Life of Abundance: Abundant Grace”

May 21, 2023

Guest Speaker: Joseph Wasson from Camp Sentinel

May 28, 2023

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:6-9

“Living a Life of Abundance: Abundant Peace”

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

DEACON ON CALL:

Karyn Vander Hey: 4/18 - 5/15

Bill Donovan: 5/16 - 6/19

A Note from the Music Director

CALLING ALL MEN: 9:15 AM
SUNDAY, MAY 14



All men of the church, please show up early on Mother's Day. We have the opportunity this year to reprise the joy and delight of a Men's Chorus to serenade the mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and mother-figures (that is to say: every woman) in the church.

FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY SINGERS

Shirley Blabey has missed choir so much during our recent hiatus, she has found a way to make it happen again. We meet before church on first and third Sundays, at about 9:20 or 9:30 – we're still settling in and learning how much we can streamline it. We prepare one familiar hymn, extra fun if it has great harmony, and sing it for the Introit. Please join us when you can. We know a few days in advance what the piece will be, if you like to review the music on your own.

SPRING!

I am thrilled beyond measure to have spring creeping into my yard, and lovely fresh air moving through the house. It's cause for great celebration AND (not but) it means that summer is coming, which means that the bells will be on summer break soon. IF you want to play just a little bit and for not too long, now is a great time to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for one hour of practice. There are only twelve Sundays left until our last planned bell pieces, and only 3-4 bell Sundays in that time.

Looking forward to making joyful noises!

Peggy



71st FAIR AND AUCTION SATURDAY, JULY 8 FROM 9AM-2PM LIVE AUCTION begins at 12 PM



The date is set, and we are ready to swing into action for the 71st annual MVCC Fair and Auction! Thank you to all who have stepped up once again to chair the various activities surrounding the Fair.

The Fair and Auction will look similar to last year with crafter and flea Market tables, a clothing boutique, puzzles and books, games, fair food, a bake sale, and a live auction beginning at noon.

The crafter and flea market tables are open to anyone who has items to sell – families with “attic treasurers” and artisans with their crafts and art. The suggested donation to rent a space is \$25 and the registration form is attached. Please pass this information along to your friends and neighbors. The Registration Form can also be found on the website at mvccnh.org/fairauction.

If you do not plan to have your own table at the Fair, please consider donating any clean, gently used clothing, as well as puzzles, games, and books. Look in the June/July Visitor for June collection dates for these items. There is already a box in the Gribbel Room for any jewelry that you would like to donate. As always, we will be looking for Live Auction items including watercraft, fine dining gift certificates, golf outings, week-end getaways, artwork, sporting event tickets, and more.

All Fair proceeds go toward supporting the outreach and mission of MVCC.

Financial Snapshot As Of March 31, 2023

	2023 Full Year Budget	2023 March Actual	Percent of Full Year Budget
Member Pledges and Plate Offerings	\$163,404	\$49,707	30%
Other Income ¹	\$40,625	\$8,757	22%
Total Income	\$204,029	\$58,464	29%
Total Expenses	\$201,445	\$47,261	23%
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$2,584	\$11,203	

¹Other Income includes interest, trust distributions, and fundraisers

- Pledge payments continue to be ahead of the 2023 budget.
- Expenses are on track with the budget.
- We ended the first quarter of the year with a surplus of \$11,203.
- Thanks be to God and our church family for your generosity!!



Congratulations to our 2023 Graduates!

In the June/July Visitor issue, we will recognize both the high school and college graduates in our community.

On Sunday, June 4th, we will be celebrating our graduates and give a chance for the graduates to share what are their next steps. Following the service, we will have a church picnic. All are welcome!

Rides Needed:

Barbara McClure is in need of rides to and from church. If anyone is available to offer rides, please reach out to the church so that we can put a list together.



Marker Dedication Ceremony:

We are looking to have a ceremony for the Grave by the Lake on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 11am.

Let's Celebrate!



May Birthdays:

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

May Anniversaries:

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

Paint Night!



On March 28th, the church's seasonal paint night was held. Rebekah Reif led everyone through painting bees with acrylic. Another paint night will be held at some point

through the summer, so keep an eye out!



The Building and Grounds Committee: Bob & Joan Theve, Brendan Gaughran, John Sherman, Brandon Woody, Mike and Stef Perro



REJOICE and PRAISE GOD...

... for fellowship together
... for family and friends

AND PRAY...

... for all seniors as they prepare for the end of the school year
... for family of Barbara Williams in her passing, comfort
... for the Cordelli's daughter and new grandson, Hayes Henry, who has medical issues, healing
... for Anna Smith with health concerns and school
... for Stef Perro's sister Joan – in transition
... for Judy House's sister, Su, as her bladder cancer has returned
... for Stef and Mike Perro's brother-in-law, Mike Jache, who was diagnosed with lymphoma. Prayers, for strength, healing, and comfort.
... for Karen & Pastor George as Karen has cancer treatments
... for Jean's son, Paul
... for Judy LaBranche, strength and comfort in battle with cancer
... for Lisa's friend, Pat with dementia
... for Joyce Wood's brother, Larry Plummer
...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; Ali Meserve; Sandy McCarthy; Cliff Theve
...and for those at Mountain View, Taylor Home and other Assisted Living Care Facilities: Millie Calvert; Charlie Coulter; Bob Ketcham; Jann Poole; Ann Clarke; Nan & Mort Smith; Barbara McClure; Barbara Neville

If you have a praise or prayer request for the bulletin, secretary@mvccnh.org, 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.*