



NOVEMBER 2022

The Visitor

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



“You will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.”
2 Corinthians 9:11

Gratitude turns what we have into enough.

Enrichment is improving or enhancing the quality. Enrichment comes from God and has a purpose, and that purpose is to be generous to others. Fall is a season of enrichment. We reflect on what we have in our relationship with God, and we realize the bounty we have, allowing our hearts to bubble over to others.

Gratitude shows our thankfulness. When we are enriched, we are grateful. When we are grateful, we express gratitude. What are you truly grateful for? Think about your life, your provision from God, your protection from God - as a child of God we have lots to be grateful for. The past month we remembered some of our local missionaries, we walked for warmth- providing funding for our neighbors in need. Sunday afternoons, Thursday evenings and some Saturday mornings were filled with a deeper study of God's Word in our church

life groups- remembering the commands God gives us, the call to be disciples of God, and the pursuit of the joy of the Lord in our lives.

As a church family, we have lots to be thankful for. My prayer is you will remember this and your life will be enriched as you draw closer to God. Then your generosity will bubble over as you take your gifts to those who need them. The opportunity is great to show God's love.

Be Thankful,
Pastor Kevin

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Worship Services: Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

November 6th, 2022

Guest Pastor: Pastor Jim Smith

November 13th, 2022

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November 20th, 2022

Pastor: The Rev. Kevin Van Brunt

Scripture: John 15:1-17

Sermon: “I am the Vine”

November 27th, 2022 *1st Sunday of Advent*

Pastor: The Rev. Kevin Van Brunt

Scripture: Luke 1:26-33

Sermon: “Hope”

Deacons on Call:

October 19 – November 15 – Glenn Cordelli

November 16 – December 20 – Jill Cromwell

FEET FOR FUEL WALK FOR WARMTH



The Feet For Fuel walk on October 16th was another great success with 30 participants and at least 8 happy dogs showing up to walk for warmth for our neighbors. It was a beautiful autumn day, made even more beautiful by the funds that were raised to help those in our local community in need of fuel assistance. To date in 2022 we have supported 32 families with over \$18,000 in fuel assistance. With the continuing high price of fuel, that need will likely increase.

Thank you to all who participated in the walk, organized the walk, donated to the walk, and cheered for the walkers! As of the writing of this article, we have received over \$8,100 in donations. You can contribute at any time to the Feet For Fuel fund, 100% of your donation goes right back to the community. Checks can be made out to MVCC with FFF in the memo line, or you can donate online on our website.

Thank you,
Nickie Hunter, Moderator



A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



*People look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are
able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is
on the way.*

Advent starts at the end of November. After the harvests, after the feast of Thanksgiving, after the nights draw down earlier and earlier, after the joys and sorrows of our past year, it all starts anew with the expectation of new life and new light.

Bells and voices will proclaim it together every week of Advent leading to Christmas, and I look forward to the full sounds of us joining in the preparations, all together.

Peggy

NOMINATIONS

For the last two months prior to the morning service we have enjoyed a “Committee Corner” time where each group has been sharing their goals and duties with the congregation with the goal of introducing members and friends to some of what goes on behind the scenes.

We are blessed to have many new faces, so we need help in knowing where many of you might like to help (and some have already volunteered). Have ideas for worship or Christian Education, want to help with our many outreach projects or help people and assist our Pastor, advance our spiritual life, oversee finances or keep records of meetings? There is something here for everyone.

NOMINATING will be meeting November 6, and 13 following the morning service to prepare a roster to be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting in January. Working together to create the best environment is exceedingly rewarding.

CHALLENGING YOU TO A CALL TO ACTION

Sincerely,
Jane S. Hunter, Clerk

COMMITTEE CORNER PART II Officers

The Clerk of MVCC serves as secretary to the Executive Board keeping records of all regular and special meetings. Other duties include:

- Keeps a list of members, annually noting new members, deaths, and dedications
- Maintains the official Bylaws
- Presents annually a list of upcoming vacancies of Officers and Committee members to the Nominating Committee
- Serves on the Nominating Committee

The Financial Secretary is responsible for collecting, recording, and reporting on all the income that the church receives - pledges, plate donations, income from events, trust fund distributions, etc. This person also records pledges, provides offering envelopes, and sends statements to all donors. And lastly, this position regularly communicates with the Treasurer and assists with monthly reporting and budget planning.

The Treasurer is primarily responsible for maintaining the church's accounting system, paying all the bills, producing monthly financial statements, and developing a budget. The Treasurer also monitors the church's overall financial position and alerts the Executive Committee about budget variances. This position also heads up the Financial Management Committee which is responsible for managing the church's investment funds.

2nd Tuesday Community Night!

Every second Tuesday of the month, the church has a community game night.



In October, we did a paint night instead, hosted by Rebekah Reif. Pumpkins were painted and a good time was had by all!

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS AND SABBATICAL TIME

Greetings from the Executive Board!

As we move toward the end of 2022 and look forward to an exciting 2023, we hope all have enjoyed the Sunday morning Committee Corners. If you've liked anything that you've heard, please consider joining one of the church's fabulous committees as these are the backbone for continued growth and service to our God and community. The Nominating Committee will be meeting the first two Sundays in November (November 6th and 13th) to start filling slots on the various committees to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January. If you are interested in being an officer or serving on a committee, such as Deacons, Buildings & Grounds, Outreach, Christian Education, Worship, or Stewardship, please let Clerk Jane Hunter know.

Also, for the church's continued growth and service to our God and community, the Executive Board has approved sabbatical time for Pastor Kevin Van Brunt for January, February, and March 2023. The word "sabbatical" has its roots in the biblical concept of Sabbath meaning ("to rest" or "to cease"). Sabbatical leave is a time to shift gears. A time to rest, disengage, study, and reflect in order to return and minister refreshed and renewed in body, mind, and spirit. It is a time to receive spiritual nourishment and deepen the relationship with God, family, and friends – a season of spiritual growth. Sabbatical also is a season of growth for the entire congregation. Pastor Kevin's sabbatical will include study, rest and hopefully travel. He will be prioritizing time with family and God.

The Executive Board, Pastoral Relations, and Deacons Committees have been assisting with the preparations. To learn more, please feel free to reach out directly to Bill Marcussen of Pastoral Relations or Moderator, Nickie Hunter.

Stay tuned for more details in the December Visitor.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER OUTREACH



November/December Outreach – L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry Holiday Basket

L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry has been providing food to qualified individuals/families since 1985. The goal of the Pantry is to provide every family member with ten meals per week as well as personal hygiene items and vouchers to purchase fresh produce and dairy products. The Pantry is financially supported by local churches (MVCC being one of those), civic organizations, businesses, local towns, and individuals. The Pantry's largest fundraiser is the annual Holiday Basket when much of the operating funds for the Pantry are raised. Winter is coming, and with the rising grocery and fuel prices, one can only imagine that the need in our community will continue to increase. More information about L.I.F. E. Ministries can be found at www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.org.

From mid-November until mid-December we will receive donations for the Holiday Basket. If you would like to contribute you can do so by writing a check to MVCC and indicating LIFE Ministries Food Pantry in the memo line. Envelopes will also be available in the Pews. Outreach recognizes that many in our church family support LIFE Ministries directly rather than donating to the organization through church and that is equally as appreciated!! The Outreach Committee and your MVCC representatives to the Food Pantry Board (Susan Hugel and Debi Lynch) want to express our deepest gratitude for all the financial and volunteer support that MVCC has given to L.I.F.E. Ministries throughout the years. Thank you!

Address Update Changes!

Please send thoughts and encouragements to these new addresses:

John and Elizabeth (Betsey) Vinton
500 Crestwood Drive Unit 2406
Charlottesville, VA. 22903

Barbara Williams
83 Rolling Woods Drive. Apt. 252
Wolfeboro, NH. 03894
(603) 515-1795



In the Mail...

Greetings,
We were honored to be a Friend of the Week. Thanks to everyone for your anniversary wishes. We all know that MVCC is a very special place, and we treasure our friendship with all of you.
Love, Bart & Lucy Carlson

Dear Folks at MVCC,
I am so thankful for the letter, cards, and recognition of "Friend of the Week". I still miss you all so much, especially singing in the choir. I am continuing here as the Taylor Home representative to the Residents Association and conducting a worship service on Sundays at 10am for those who cannot get to their own church. Affection to you all,
Bob Ketcham



Birthdays:

- 4 - Judy LaBranche, Alexis Wallace
- 5 - Sunni Falconer
- 6 - Katie Adjutant
- 11- Diane Tepe
- 12 - Doris Chase
- 14 - Dan Barnard, Joyce Wood
- 17 - Jean Cook
- 19 - Brandon Woody,
- 24 - Shirley Blabey, Judy Crouse, Jane Hunter
- 25 - Butch Batcheller
- 26 - P.J. Tessier

Anniversaries:

- 14 - Bob & Susan McKenna
- 21 - Jeff & Jane Hunter (1970)
- 24 - Norman & Janet Blake
- 26 - Steve & Patsy Andrew
- 28 - Paul & Phyllis Tessier



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00am on Sunday, November 6th.

Financial Snapshot as of Sept. 30, 2022

	2022 Full Year Budget	Year-To-Date September	Percent of Full Year Budget
Member Pledges and Plate Offerings	\$155,475	\$101,632	65%
Other Income ¹	\$44,050	\$42,808	97%
Total Income	\$199,525	\$144,440	72%
Total Expenses	\$193,834	\$133,339	69%
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$5,691	\$11,101	

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

- Total income continues to remain higher than historical trends
- Since total income is currently higher than expected and expenses are lower than expected, we have a surplus of \$11,101 as of Sept 30
- Thanks be to God and our MVCC parishioners for the outpouring of gifts!



December/January Visitor: Please note the next Visitor will be a two-month Visitor. The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, November 15th.

Friendsgiving: On Sunday, November 20th at 4pm Sentinel will be hosting "Friendsgiving at the Lodge" RSVP to admin@campsentinel.org

Deck the Halls: Saturday, November 26th 9:00-10:30am. Please come and help the Worship Committee and Deacons decorate the church for the Advent season.



**REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE
WEEP WITH THOSE WHO WEEP. (Rom. 12:15)**

REJOICE and PRAISE GOD...

... for time with family and friends
... for the funds raised for Feet for Fuel
... for life abundant in God

AND PRAY...

... for Laura Gaughran's Aunt Doreen
... for Susan Hugel's friend Jess, recovering from double knee surgery
... for the people of south-west Florida, recovery from Hurricane Ian
... for our neighbors in need
... for Judy LaBranche, strength and comfort in battle with cancer
... for Peggy's son Noli, healing from broken bones
... for Terry, friend of the Cordelli's, with cancer
... for Karen & Pastor George as Karen continues cancer treatments
... for Lisa Conant's brother-in-law Bill with cancer and her sister, and friend Pat with dementia
... for Joyce Wood's brother, Larry Plummer; Jeff's mom Mary; 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; Ali Meserve
... 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 Williams

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 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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