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# The Visitor

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## **The Practice of Holiness**

*Giving God our best through our thoughts, actions, and moments.*

*“Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’” 1 Peter 1:13-16*

*Last month the Camp Sentinel staff and volunteers gathered for, “Staff Summit” - a weekend training to prepare for the summer ahead. During the brainstorming session around the Lodge campfire, the staff shared about the need for “more time” with the campers and “more time” for Bible study. A beautiful shift happened. These young adults wanted more. “More” was a desire for something set apart, something Holy.*

*Fr. William Meninger once said, “God is calling you to great holiness. It is not something that you have to earn. Jesus already did that for you. Just accept it and run towards the Lord with open arms and an eager heart.”*

*Holiness is to be dedicated or set apart for the service or worship; something worthy of spiritual respect or devotion- inspiring awe and reverence. God calls us to live lives of Holiness. Holiness happens through a greater awareness of God which leads to a deeper desire for more of God in our lives. The great awareness happens when our thoughts, actions and moments turn towards a desire for more of God- we accept it and run toward God!*

***What impact should the holiness of God have on our lives?*** *This will be a question we explore on Sunday mornings this month. We hope you can join us.*

**Savor the Savior!**

**Pastor Kevin**

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### **From Our Musical Director:**

I have missed hearing the weekly messages from the pulpit. I do know they are available online - but still, busy all day long with something or another, have not watched the Melvin online services. So it is with great pleasure that I read the weekly meditations, the mentions of the readings and prayers. The written word is the route through which I have stayed connected to your meditations.

Pondering Paul’s experience on the road to Damascus when a light from heaven flashed around him is a point of entry and it is a point of departure for future ruminations. Here is a hymn that comes to mind: *Sometimes a Light ... Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings; it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings; when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.*

Certainly, as I read that we are vessels of Surprises with words by William Cowper (1731-1800). I hear it set to a

tune I cannot find God, I see how it applies to you: thank you for your unstinting prayer and support for my son Noli who is healing well. In fact, he seems to be healing surprisingly well. I know you have plenty of other concerns, too! And I see how turning my hands to be his is helping while he remains bed-bound. "When God calls a person to a task, he equips that person for it." Your hands have freed my hands and equipped me for the task. Thank you, Peggy



**VISITOR DEADLINE**  
May 15, 2024



**72<sup>nd</sup> FAIR AND AUCTION**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 20**  
**FROM 9 AM – 2 PM**

**LIVE AUCTION begins at 11:30 AM**



The date is set, and we are ready to swing into action for the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual MVCC Fair and Auction! Thank you to all who have stepped up once again to chair the various activities surrounding the Fair. We are in need of a Games Chair this year (Anna will be greatly missed but I'm sure she will give us advice on how to run games). While we are extremely fortunate to have so many returning

volunteers to help with the Fair, it would be wonderful to see some new faces! There is a job for everyone, and it can be tailored to as much or as little time as you have available either before or during the Fair. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Debi Lynch, Fair & Auction Chair.

The Fair and Auction will look like 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 11:30 AM.

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](http://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.

**Fair & Auction Questions? Contact the Following:**

**Crafter & Flea Market Space:** Debi Lynch  
(484)467-3242 or [lynchkg124@gmail.com](mailto:lynchkg124@gmail.com)

**Auction:** Chris Coulter, (603)986-6597

**Want to Volunteer or have a General Question:** Debi Lynch  
(484) 467-3242 or [lynchkg124@gmail.com](mailto:lynchkg124@gmail.com)

**General Questions:** Church Office  
(603) 544-9661 or [secretary@mvccnh.org](mailto:secretary@mvccnh.org)

**Website:** [mvccnh.org/fairauction](http://mvccnh.org/fairauction)



**Please join us for Women's Fellowship on Thursday May 23rd at 4pm."**

Dear Church Family,

We have felt and truly appreciate the love and prayers of your support through the months of our mom Barbara Neville’s declining health and finally, her death.

Melvin Village Community Church was always the place and people where Mom knew she was valued for her own individual self, as someone of unique personality who had valid thoughts—and a wonderful sense of humor. Our world often boxes older folks into shades of neutral, fading into snowy-haired crowds of blandness. Thankfully, that is not true at MVCC!

Thank you for your care for Mom and us,

Glenn and Barbara Wilson

Bob and Marcia Burke and families



### Here’s what’s happening in the Christian Education Committee



## May Celebrations:

### Birthdays:

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

### Anniversaries:

- 4 Michael & Sherry Woodward
- 10 Kerry & Debi Lynch
- 17 Susan Price & Betsey Staber
- 27 James & Maarja Larson
- 28 Bob & Joan Theve
- 31 Butch & Mary Batcheller



### From the Finance Committee

Financial Snapshot As Of March 31, 2024

	2024 Full Year Budget	2024 February YTD Actual	Percent of Full Year Budget
Member Pledges, Plate Offerings, Donations	\$149,885	\$30,530	20%
Other Income <sup>1</sup>	\$52,040	\$10,143	19%
Total Income	\$201,925	\$40,673	20%
Total Expenses	\$201,925	\$47,030	23%
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$0	(\$6,357)	

<sup>1</sup>Other Income includes interest, trust distributions, and fundraisers

- Pledge payments and plate donations are slightly below budget; expenses were on budget.
- The result is a deficit of \$6,357 year-to-date which we should recover over the next few months.

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*To provide the best environment for young and old together to grow and experience the richness and generosity of Christ.*