



# The Mountain Vista News

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## MARCH 2024 – WORSHIP IN-PERSON & ONLINE

*“In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.”* The first verse of Hymn of Promise (Natalie Sleeth, 1986) ranks really high among my list of favorites. While serving a church in Nashville, Tennessee a decade ago, the youth loved to sing this one. It reminds me of the subtle, quiet ways that God is at work in our lives, ever bringing resurrection and new life. As the dully grey of winter shows signs of beginning to weaken it's grip on the Jordan Valley, I am mindful that God's promise never fails.

As you are receiving this month's newsletter, we are very near the halfway mark of the Lenten season (Lent). This year, during Lent, we have been examining- perhaps trying for the very first time ever- a few of the many spiritual disciplines. Spiritual disciplines are those intentional practices whose purpose are to bring our minds, hearts, and spirits close before the presence of God. Through meditation, prayer, fasting, study, simplicity, solitude, service, submission, worship, confession, guidance, and celebration- we at Mountain Vista United Methodist Church are asking ourselves where God might be leading us to deeper faith.

As the words of the hymn above allude, God is calling us to pay greater attention to the miniscule miracles all around us. Perhaps you've been noticing the trees are starting to produce their buds, the bulbs are starting to pop up their sleepy heads from the ground. Winter can be tough to endure for those of us with seasonal affective disorder, but God never leaves us nor forsakes us. The very same God who gave Christ the strength and courage to endure the agony of the cross is the also walking along with us. Like the child who stops in their tracks in order to admire the wonder and mystique of a frozen puddle's ice crystal formations, God invites us to stand in awe as well.

Soon, yea very soon indeed, we will be celebrating with another of my favorite hymns- Christ the Lord is Risen Today. It is my true prayer that when we arrive at Easter that you have had the opportunity to learn more about God, Creation, humanity- the body of Christ, and yourself through trying a few of the spiritual disciplines. I told you early on that not all of the practices are likely to speak to your heart- they haven't all spoken to me personally. Some of them are a bit clunky for me. I have, however, found tremendous value in putting myself intentionally before God through each of the practices. I've even found deeper meaning in a few of my favorite practices. I pray that you will see the risen Christ in a brand-new way this Easter and that you see your part in the kin-dom work. Verily, may you sing, with gusto, the words: *“Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!”*

Happy Easter, Beloved Church!

Choose Kind,

*Pastor Phil*

Pastor Phil Rogers



Contact Pastor Phil for an appointment if you need to meet outside of office hours:  
[pastorphil@mtnvistaumc.org](mailto:pastorphil@mtnvistaumc.org)



*Do no harm. Do good and stay in love with God.*

**WORSHIP**

**In-person & Online Worship Services: 9:30am**

<http://www.mtnvistaumc.org/worship.html>

Or Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MtnVistaUMCUtah/>

**Children** are welcome in Worship and overflow areas. Children's bulletins are located at the sanctuary entrance.

**Nursery is available during Sunday Worship in the Fellowship building.**

**~~EVENTS BY DATE~~**


**Youth Westside Weekend:** March 1-3 Cedaredge, CO  
<https://mtnsky-reg.brtapp.com/WestSideYouthRetreat2024>

**Blood Drive:** Monday, March 4, 1-7pm  
Sign up now at [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org) search code:  
**MountainVistaUMC** – or contact the office.  
Tell your friends & family - give the gift of life!



**Day Light Savings Time begins March 10 at 2am, spring forward! Lose an hour of sleep, but don't miss church!**

**UMW:** Hosting Church Women United - Human Rights Celebration, March 15: 9:30 Registration (\$2.00) in Fellowship Hall. Lunch (\$6.00) RSVP to Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223 by Monday, March 11. (No Saturday UMW meeting in March).

**Sandwich Ministry:** Monday, March 18, 9am-1pm Bring loaves of sandwiches to church for St Vincent de Paul Dining Hall 

**Palm Sunday:** March 24, 9:30am

**Good Friday:** March 29, 7pm

**Easter Sunday:** March 31  
7:30 Sunrise service, in the Pavilion (dress warmly)  
Potluck Breakfast  
9:30 Easter Service  
Easter Egg Hunt after worship



**~~~INTO THE FUTURE~~~**

**Golf League:** Will begin in April, contact Art H. if interested.

**District Gathering:** Saturday, April 13 @ Trinity UMC, WVC

**General Conference:** April 22-May 3 in North Carolina

**UMW:** May 11, 4pm Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend event

**Annual Conference:** June 20-23, Casper WY

**Pinecliff Camp Clean-up:** May 24th to 27th. Volunteers can sign up for free overnight camping either in cabins or RV spots.

**United Women in Faith retreat:** May 31st to June 2nd

**Pinecliff Elementary Camp** July 15-19, Grades k-6

**Pinecliff Jr./Sr. High Camp** July 22nd to 26th, Grades 6-12

**~~~WEEKLY EVENTS~~~**

**Children's & Youth Sunday School classes are available after worship at 10:45 in the Fellowship building.**

**Weekly Youth Group:** there are SO many events, please check with Sina & see the Youth flyer! [sinadavis01@gmail.com](mailto:sinadavis01@gmail.com)

**Bowling League:** Sundays at 2:30, at All Star Lanes Sandy (through March 17)

**Lent Study:** Sundays, 10:45am through March 24, or Tuesdays, 11am through March 26 with Pastor Phil.

**Good and Beautiful studies** continue, check with your leaders for details.



**Linus Ladies:** Wednesdays 1-3pm making beautiful comfort blankets for Project Linus to be given to children in crisis. You are invited to join in quilting, hemming, tying, crocheting, sharing & visiting!

**Girl Scouts:** meet Sept-May, Mondays at 6pm FH  
Cookie booth March 4 during Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall.  
Cookie booth March 16 & 23, 9am-noon at 90th S entrance.

**Boy Scouts:** meet year-round, Tuesdays at 6:30pm FH

**Cub Scouts:** meet Sept-May, Tuesdays at 6:30 FH

**AA:** meet year-round, Saturdays at 9:00am FH, Fridays at 6:00pm FH and Mondays at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

**~~MEETINGS~~**

Trustees: 2nd Thursday, at 7pm  
Congregational Care: 3rd Tuesday, at 10am  
No Council meeting in March

~~~GIVE THANKS & PRAISE~~~

Thank you all for your donations!  
February Missions & Outreach

**42 beautiful blankets** were made for Project Linus for children in crisis!! Thank you to the wonderful ladies!

**400 Sandwiches** were made for St. Vincent De Paul.  
Thank you to all the sandwich makers in the congregation.  
Thank you to Dave Earle for transporting.  
<https://www.ccsutah.org/programs/item/8-st-vincent-de-paul-dining-hall>

**3 bags of clothing** were donated to Crossroads Thrift Store!!  
Thank you to Dave & Donna Curtis for transporting.

**149 pounds of food donated for Souper-bowl of caring!**  
**39 pounds for the Chiefs and 110 pounds for the Niners.**  
**Thank you from Crossroads Food Pantry!!!**  
Thanks to Dave & Donna Curtis for weighing and transporting!

Please continue to bring donations of **unexpired** canned & dry foods to church. **Especially needed are diapers and snacks** (fruit cups, granola bars, nut mix, dried fruit).  
<https://www.crossroadsurbancenter.org/>

**Family Promise will be at Christ UMC for March**

Volunteers are needed to help with meals & volunteer time.  
<https://familypromisesaltlake.org/current-volunteer-opportunities/>

Volunteers are also needed for projects at Hilltop House & other locations: deep cleaning, refreshing, plumbing & repairs.  
Questions? [admin@familypromisesaltlake.org](mailto:admin@familypromisesaltlake.org)

Thank you for your support and continued prayer.  
If anyone is handy at plumbing, please let Diane Smugala know 801-676-0093.  
As opportunities come up for meal needs, I will be happy to keep us updated. Thank you dear church family for all your love and kindness.  
Diane Smugala

~~~ CELEBRATE! ~~~

No Anniversaries listed in March.

**Happy Birthday!**

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|--------------------|-------|
| HADEN, William     | 03/02 |
| PORTER, Don        | 03/02 |
| WAGNER, Janet      | 03/02 |
| BOWEN, Andrew      | 03/03 |
| DEAKINS, Steve     | 03/04 |
| ERICKSON, Carl     | 03/09 |
| ANDRASOVSKY, Faith | 03/13 |
| GRANT, Christi     | 03/13 |
| PANKOW, Mary       | 03/19 |
| EARLE, Orlene      | 03/21 |
| SANDSTEDT, Carl    | 03/24 |
| BROWN, Cheryl      | 03/27 |
| ELWELL, Ruth       | 03/27 |
| CASTEN, Randy      | 03/29 |
| SORENSEN, Jenny    | 03/31 |
| WOOD, Bob          | 03/31 |

Please let the office know if we are missing your special day.

**Thank you for your financial giving to Mtn. Vista**

**Donations** are gladly accepted in worship,  
or by mail: 8931 S 3200 W, West Jordan, UT 84088  
or VANCO online at <http://mtnvistaumc.org/index.html>  
or use our **VANCO giving QR Code**



**UMW Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Event**

Save the date: May 11, 2024  
Save the time: 4:00 pm  
Plan on dinner and a fun surprise.  
More information will be coming.

~~~CHILDREN & YOUTH~~~

Children are welcome in Worship and overflow areas.  
Children's bulletins are located at the sanctuary entrance.

The Nursery is available during 9:30am worship.

~Children's Sunday School classes are offered after  
worship, 10:45 in the Fellowship building.

~Youth Lent Study 10:45: Through March 24, in the Youth  
Room

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**Weekly Youth Group:** for March there are SO many events,  
please check with Sina & see the Youth flyer! On the rare  
Sunday that there is not an event, meet at 12:30 at First UMC,  
SLC, 203 S 200 E.

**Youth Ministry:** Sina Davis director for the Salt Lake Valley  
Methodist Cooperative Youth Ministry.  
For event information Contact Sina 801-946-4406  
[sinadavis01@gmail.com](mailto:sinadavis01@gmail.com)

**Vacation Bible School:** Sundays in June, watch for details.

**Pinecliff Elementary Camp** July 15-19, Grades k-6, (Youth  
may act as Junior Counselors) Donna Kasten

**Pinecliff Jr./Sr. High Camp** July 22nd to 26<sup>th</sup>, Grades 6-12  
Sina Davis & Chris Porter

Camp Cost is \$200, by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Registration forms: <https://www.pinecliffcamp Utah.org/>



**Smith's-Kroger Inspire Donations**

10-1-23 to 12-31-23: 26 Households = \$104.33

7-1-23 to 9-30-23: 15 Households = \$47.95

\*Go to [SmithsFoodandDrug.com/inspire](https://SmithsFoodandDrug.com/inspire)

Organization # **LK034**

Smith's will donate 0.5% of your purchases to Mtn. Vista at no  
cost to you.

**Where In the World are Dan & Barb?**

Last month we ended saying we were in Albuquerque NM.  
We were there for a week. We spent some time relaxing as  
we both came down with colds. When we got to feeling better  
we did some sightseeing.

We went up to Los Alamos where the Atomic bomb was  
made. It is a beautiful city. We then went to Santa Fe. We  
walked around the old town. So beautiful. We went to the  
Loretta Chapel. The stain glass windows there were amazing.  
We then went to a glass blowing factory. There we watched  
them make some different items. We now understand how  
flower vases are made.

We took another day to go to old Albuquerque and walked the  
old town. Those buildings are so old it was amazing. We had  
to eat at a restaurant that was in a building that was over 100  
years old, and the restaurant was over 50 years old. We had  
to try something that had red or green chili peppers in it as  
NM is famous for their peppers. We had dinner with a dear  
friend that lived in Salt Lake City for many years.

Larry and Cheryl Brown joined us. All of us went to south NM  
to Carlsbad. We all went to the cavern at Carlsbad National  
Park. Dan and I took a day and went to White Sands National  
Park. Larry and Cheryl went to Roswell to see the aliens.

We all left there and went to Austin Texas for a few days.  
While there we had dinner with Jim and Jeanne Bos.

We then went to Mississippi. Larry and Cheryl were here with  
us for a week to celebrate Mardi Gras. They left and we are  
still in Mississippi.




We celebrated our son John coming home from deployment.

More next month. We miss all of you and hope everyone is  
doing well.

Love, Dan and Barbara



# MARCH 2024

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Mon                                                                                                                                                  | Tue                                                                                                                                                                  | Wed                                                                                                                     | Thu                                                                                                                                           | Fri                                                                                                                                          | Sat                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Worship &amp; Communion<br/>9:30am in-person &amp; Online<br/>NURSERY during worship<br/>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45<br/>Lent Study 10:45 - LG<br/>Youth West Side Weekend<br/>Bowling 2:30pm</p>                  | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-1pm</p> <p><b>BLOOD DRIVE 1-7PM FH</b><br/>Girl Scouts Cookie booth<br/>Fellowship Hall<br/>AA 6pm Sanctuary</p> | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-1pm<br/>Lent Study 11:00am - LG</p> <p>Boy Scouts &amp; Cub Scouts<br/>6:30pm Fellowship Hall</p>                                | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br/>Good &amp; Beautiful You study<br/>9am FH<br/>MV Linus Ladies 1-3pm FH</p>  | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br/>Good &amp; Beautiful God Study,<br/>10am large meeting room<br/>Cleaners</p>                      | <p><b>1</b></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED<br/>AA 6pm Fellowship Hall</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED<br/>AA 6pm Fellowship Hall</p> | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>AA 9am in Double classroom</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>9</b></p> <p>AA 9am in Double classroom</p>                                                          |
| <p><b>10</b></p> <p>Daylight Savings<br/>Worship 9:30am<br/>in-person &amp; Online<br/>NURSERY during worship<br/>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45<br/>Lent Study 10:45 - LG<br/>Youth 12:30 1<sup>ST</sup> UMC SLC<br/>Bowling 2:30pm</p> | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-1pm</p> <p>Girl Scouts 6:00pm<br/>Fellowship Hall<br/>AA 6pm Sanctuary</p>                                      | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-1pm<br/>Lent Study 11:00am - LG</p> <p>Boy Scouts &amp; Cub Scouts<br/>6:30pm FH</p>                                            | <p><b>13</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br/>Good &amp; Beautiful You study<br/>9am FH<br/>MV Linus Ladies 1-3pm FH</p> | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br/>Good &amp; Beautiful God Study,<br/>10am large meeting room<br/>Cleaners</p> <p>Trustees 7pm</p> | <p><b>15</b></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED<br/>UMW 9:30am FH<br/>Hosting CWU</p> <p>AA 6pm FH</p>                                                     | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>AA 9am in Double classroom<br/>Girl Scout cookie booth 90<sup>th</sup><br/>NO UMW</p>                                                                 |
| <p><b>17</b></p> <p>Worship 9:30am<br/>in-person &amp; Online<br/>NURSERY during worship<br/>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45<br/>Lent Study 10:45 - LG<br/>Youth event<br/>Last Bowling 2:30pm</p>                                        | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-1pm<br/>SANDWICH MINISTRY<br/>Collect sandwiches 9-1</p> <p>Girl Scouts 6:00pm FH<br/>AA 6pm Sanctuary</p>      | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-1pm<br/>Congregational Care<br/>mtg 10am<br/>Lent Study 11:00am - LG<br/>Boy Scouts &amp; Cub Scouts<br/>6:30pm FH</p>          | <p><b>20</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br/>Good &amp; Beautiful You 9am<br/>MV Linus Ladies 1-3pm FH</p>              | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br/>Good &amp; Beautiful God 10am<br/>Cleaners<br/>Riverton Linus Ladies<br/>1-3pm FH</p>            | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED<br/>AA 6pm FH</p>                                                                                          | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>AA 9am in Double classroom<br/>Girl Scout cookie booth 90<sup>th</sup><br/>South driveway</p>                                                         |
| <p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b><br/>Worship 9:30am<br/>in-person &amp; Online<br/>NURSERY during worship<br/>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45<br/>Last Lent Study 10:45 - LG<br/>Youth 11:15 1<sup>ST</sup> UMC SLC</p>             | <p><b>25</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-1pm</p> <p>Girl Scouts 6:00pm FH<br/>AA 6pm Sanctuary</p>                                                       | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-1pm<br/>Last Lent Study 11:00am - LG<br/>Boy Scouts &amp; Cub Scouts<br/>6:30pm FH</p>                                          | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br/>Good &amp; Beautiful You 9am<br/>MV Linus Ladies 1-3pm FH</p>              | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br/>Good &amp; Beautiful God 10am<br/>Cleaners</p> <p>NO Council</p>                                 | <p><b>29</b></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED<br/>AA 6pm FH<br/>GOOD FRIDAY<br/>Service 7pm</p>                                                          | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>AA 9am in Double classroom</p>                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b><br/>Sunrise 7:30am<br/>Worship 9:30am<br/>in-person &amp; Online<br/>NURSERY during worship<br/>Easter Egg Hunt after worship</p>                                                    |                                                                   | <p>As long as you have the<br/>light, believe in the light so<br/>that you might become<br/>people whose lives are<br/>determined by the light."<br/>~John 12:36</p> |                                     | <p>He has risen<br/>~Matt 28:6 &amp; 7<br/>~Mark 16:6<br/>~Luke 24:6</p>                                                                      |                                                         | <p>FH – Fellowship Hall<br/>FHB – Fellowship Hall Building<br/>S – Sanctuary<br/>SB – Sanctuary Building<br/>LG – Large meeting room SB<br/>DB – double Classroom FHB</p> |

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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