

# Mission Village Christian Fellowship

## December 2021

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### Worship Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Children's Bible Adventure

### *Pastor's Perspective*

Advent Preparation and Proclamation

**“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.’” -Luke 2:10-11**

Welcome to Advent! This is such a wonderful season! Unfortunately, when I was a kid, I didn't particularly enjoy Advent. Every year I had an Advent calendar, and each day I would open a new door on the calendar, and it would contain some bible verse about the Christmas story. I know it was supposed to help me get ready for Christmas, but in all truthfulness, it only made me realize how many days there were in the month of December and how far away I was from opening presents on Christmas Day! But Advent is truly a wonderful season.

The word Advent means “coming,” so during Advent; we wait for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At the same time, we know that Jesus is coming again, and so even as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas, we prepare our hearts for his second coming as well.

So Advent is a time of waiting and a time of preparing. As the well-known line from Joy to the World says, “Let every heart, prepare him room...” During Advent, we prepare our hearts not only to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we prepare our hearts to serve Jesus and to live our lives fully for Jesus. December can and should be a wonderful month of spiritual growth as we prepare our hearts for Jesus.

However, December is not only a time for spiritual reflection and preparation. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be witnesses (Acts 1:8), make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20), and be salt and light to an unsalted and dark world (Matthew 5:13-16).



Grief Support Group  
will meet on Friday  
12/10 of this month at

11:00 a.m.

If you are interested in  
attending, please talk to  
Russ Armstead

### Small Groups:

Monday

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible  
Study-Library

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
Online

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Friday

7:00 p.m. French Home  
Fellowship

This month Friday 12/10

11:00 a.m. Grief Support  
Group-Library

Work Party  
Every Fourth  
Saturday  
of the month

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
refreshment will be  
provided.

For more info call  
Mike Loren  
at 619-464-1133

### *Pastor's Perspective, continued*

Our commission to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth **does not take a vacation during December!** In fact, people who don't know Jesus are more likely to come to church or accept an invitation to church during Christmas. So we have even more opportunities this month to share the good news, even as the angel shared the good news with the shepherds near Bethlehem the night Jesus was born.

Therefore, during Advent, we have both preparation and proclamation: Spiritual reflection and Gospel invitation. My prayer for us as we go through this Advent season is that we would be focused on both the Advent calling of preparing our hearts and the Advent commission to proclaim the good news.

Thankfully, we have so many opportunities this month to both prepare and **proclaim.** **The Women's Christmas Luncheon is this Saturday, December 4th.** We have our Advent Worship Services every Sunday morning. Gifts to the King will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 5 pm (btw, if you have never been to Gifts to the King, you definitely don't want to miss this unique and wonderful MVCF tradition!). Our Christmas Eve Service will be on Friday, December 24th at 6 pm. All of these events and worship services are wonderful opportunities to both prepare your heart and invite a friend.

So this Advent season, how do you need to prepare your heart to make room for Jesus? And who is in your life that needs to hear the good news of Jesus? As you answer these questions, let me know how I can be praying for you in these two areas specifically. May God bless you this Advent season, and may it lead to a wonderful Christmas celebration!

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

### *Children's Ministry- Nursery*

Hello Church family,

This is Hannah French here, reporting from our nursery. We are small but mighty, much like David. We are working on building social skills and strengthening friendships, all while learning about Jesus and how He is a friend to all of us. I am looking to build and improve our nursery by adding and replacing items. If you would like to help with this endeavor, below is a link to the Amazon wish list for our nursery, listing the toys and supplies needed. Thank you so much for all the prayers and support you give to the littlest ones in our church family.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3NGYE0WIFKNHT?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3NGYE0WIFKNHT?ref=wl_share)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>2</b> 5:30 p.m. Harris HF	<b>3</b> 6:30 p.m. French HF	<b>4</b> 11:30a.m. Women's Christmas Luncheon
<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 4:45 p.m. Youth Group	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:00 a.m. at MVCF Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m. French HF	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Gifts to the King	<b>13</b> 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	<b>14</b> 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 p.m. French HF	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>20</b> 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	<b>21</b> 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> MVCF Office Closed 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Special Service	<b>25</b> Christmas Day
<b>26</b> First Sunday of Advent 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>27</b> 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	<b>28</b> 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	<b>29</b> 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> MVCF Office Closed 6:30 p.m. French HF	



- 02—Antonio Quion V
- 07—Gayle Kraft
- 13—Elaine Morgan
- 14—Jim Ryer
- 16—Liz Moe
- 21—Roger McCollough
- 21—Ronda Adams
- 23—Brenda Casey
- 28—Evan de Vos
- 30—Heuldana Albe Agiro



THIS MONTH'S  
**anniversaries**

27 –Doug & Margi Eno  
 30 –Ernie & Susan Garcia



## *Musings from the Moderator*

“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas....” 🎵

I love, love Christmas time! I love the smells and the songs and the sentiments and the kindness that people show. I am so grateful to be able to finish up the Thanksgiving season and slide right into the Advent season - **eagerly awaiting the birth of the Savior of the World!** What’s even better is that we are all meeting together - in a beautifully decorated sanctuary (Thank you to each person who came out on Saturday to ensure our church looks lovely from the first day of Advent to the last!!!) to worship the King of Kings this season! I love looking out into the church and seeing you, my dear family, worship and love each other with all the love Jesus has for us! Amen and Amen!!

Reminder to the women of our church - **our Women’s Christmas Luncheon** - this Saturday, December 4 at 11:30. A nice lunch is provided, along with crafts, a devotion, and singing Christmas songs! Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to the church ASAP!

My church family,

I love celebrating the weeks of Advent: hope, joy, peace, love, and finally Christ - and I cherish sharing these next four weeks with YOU!!

God bless each and every one of us!

**In Jesus’ Name**

Jennifer French, Moderator



## *Adult Ministry*

As the end of 2021 fast approaches, Adult Ministry at MVCF has been gaining momentum in some very exciting ways!

New Monthly Home Fellowship - First Thursday

On November 4th, a new home fellowship group met at the home of Tony and Michele Quion. We had a **wonderful turnout with many faces we’ve missed seeing regularly on Sundays due to health limitations or work schedules.** It was a casual, kid (and dog) friendly time to connect over pizza and fellowship. We also **discussed some goals for our group, including growing in God’s Word together, being an authentic and mutually-supportive group of believers, and creating other opportunities for fellowship together outside of our monthly gathering.** Our next gathering will be at the home of Aender and Jennifer Harris on December 2nd. I can’t wait to see what the Lord has in store for 2022!

### **Women’s Ministry and Christmas Luncheon**

One of the beautiful aspects of being created in God’s image is being made for connection and for community. I am blessed to be a part of our growing women’s ministry at MVCF as we seek to deepen our connection... “that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.”

(Romans 1:12)



## *Adult Ministry, continued*

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held from 11:30 am-1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall on December 4th (childcare available). What a great opportunity for our women to come together, enjoy a delicious catered lunch, do a festive craft or two, participate in a Christmas Carol sing-along, and all the while growing closer to Jesus and to one another. It will also be a time for vision casting and brainstorming future gatherings for 2022. As our women's ministry grows, we pray it will help deepen our knowledge and love for God and for our fellow sisters in Christ.

Joanna de Vos, Adult Ministry

## *Missions Ministry*

Hi all,

Many of you heard Dan Bender speak at church the other week about the plight of Afghan families who are fleeing their country and are new to the U.S.

Dan has sent us ways we can be praying. Please pray for:

- a. God's protection for those in hiding and that they would be able to leave Afghanistan safely.
- b. God's will to be done in those individuals and families who our government agencies select to move to our area.
- c. God's blessing for logistical needs – housing, jobs, schools, medical, transportation, etc.
- d. God's wisdom as we seek to serve as many as possible.
- e. God's Spirit to grant dreams, visions, and hunger for truth as these Muslims now living in a land of freedom can experience the choice to hear the story of Jesus.
- f. God's Word to penetrate the hearts and minds of people who have had centuries of tradition and religion without the personal knowledge of salvation by grace.

In addition, if you are interested in sponsoring a family, helping with "friendship baskets" consisting of practical items for these families, or connecting further with Bridge Builders Network, please reach out for more information.

Thanks,  
Ellen Davis



## Youth Ministry

May you have the happiest holiday season with you and your family. We want to spread the love and good tidings to you, our church family, each other's families, all our friends, Angel Tree recipients, etc.

Where did this year go? It just flew by as we tried to double our activities to make up for the lost year of 2020. We packed as much as we could into this last year and will really be packing in a lot into this next month of December at our church. See the schedule of events. We hope to see many people there!

We started earlier this year by decorating our Youth Group (YG) room with tons of Christmas decorations donated by the Chisms. As we move into the new year, we are selling some of the ornaments and décor to raise money for our upcoming movie night and shopping for angel tree gifts. Please see the many beautiful Christmas decorations for sale to help support our Youth Group. Prices are not as marked, but any donations are accepted. The Chisms have been instrumental over the years in adding goodness, we are thankful for this contribution to our youth group.

At the work day and Christmas decorating party after having a scrumptious breakfast whipped up by Mike Loren and Frank, we helped decorate our church inside the sanctuary and outside on the front lawn with tons of colorful lights, tinsel and stars, ornaments, etc. We are thankful for the Youth Group elves, Andrew, Evan, and Matt, that came to help out. They did a great job untangling and hanging lights –plus all the other chores they helped with! This Holiday season, we are very thankful to be able to decorate the sanctuary! It looks so beautiful and colorful and festive! The red color of the poinsettias and wreaths is gorgeous!! We are so very thankful!!

We are very excited to shop for our 20+ Angel tree gifts starting on Dec. 1st. We love shopping for others, especially for the children in this program who have a parent (and some both parents) in prison. The gift will be given to the child from their parent. Our YG are touched by the good feelings it gives to **them to do this for the children to receive**. Chris French explained to us that our goal is to 'change' the cycle and give goodness to them.

Have a very merry Christmas and festive Holiday Season.

Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season!

-Terri Caver, Youth Group Ministry Leader



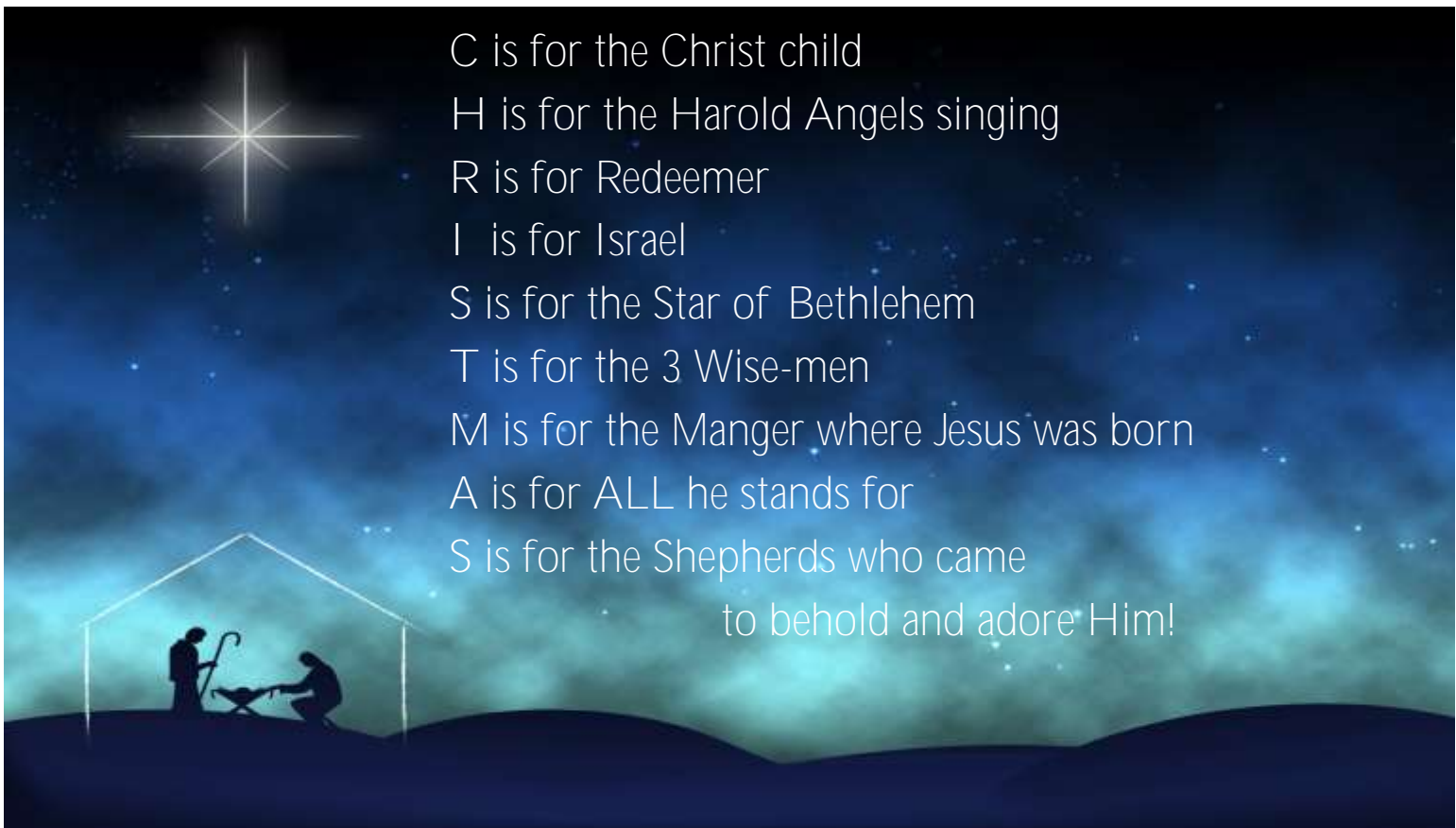
*Ornament and décor fundraiser*



Youth Ministry  
Calendar

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 6:30-8:45pm YG Shopping at Target for Angel Tree gifts	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 4:45-8:45pm Chosen Movie at AMC 20 and wrap Angel Tree gifts	9	10	11	12 5:00pm Gifts to the King YG singing
13	14	15 6:30-8:15pm Prepare Angel Tree gifts for delivery	16	17	18 Noon-3:00pm Deliver Presents smiles and prayers	19 Noon-3:00pm Deliver Presents smiles and prayers
20	21	22 No YG tonight Happy Holidays	23	24 6:00-7:30pm Christmas Eve Service Give Glory to God	25	26
27	28	29 No YG tonight Happy Holidays	30	31	1	2



C is for the Christ child  
 H is for the Harold Angels singing  
 R is for Redeemer  
 I is for Israel  
 S is for the Star of Bethlehem  
 T is for the 3 Wise-men  
 M is for the Manger where Jesus was born  
 A is for ALL he stands for  
 S is for the Shepherds who came  
 to behold and adore Him!

..as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,  
humility, gentleness and patience. Col. 3:12

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### Council Members

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Youth Ministry  
Adult Ministry  
Stewardship  
Fellowship  
Service  
Evangelism  
Missions  
Finance Ministry  
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Christopher French  
Terri Carver  
Joanna de Vos  
Mike Loren  
Open  
Darryl Angus  
Open  
Ellen Davis  
Ernie Garcia  
Open

### Sunday Schedule

Worship & Children's Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Nursery & Toddler Care is Available During Worship Service  
Service will be live on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)

### Elders

Pastor / Elder.....Steve de Vos  
Administrative Elder .....Tony DaVee  
Elders.....Chris French  
Carl Jensen

### Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Brooklyn Cave  
Nursery Attendant.....Hannah French