

Mission Village Christian Fellowship

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Pastor's perspective

Good News for Weary Travelers

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.” -Luke 2:10

I think we can safely say that this year has been a very hard year for our church family. Walking with dear brothers in Christ and their families in their battles with cancer, saying good-bye to Christopher and Steve, rejoicing that they are fully healed and in the presence of Jesus, but grieving that they are no longer physically here with us.

In addition to grief and loss, our country has gone through a very long and divisive presidential election. No matter who you voted for or how you feel about the results, the election itself has been exhausting for many folks, left, right, and center.

On top of that, there have been the normal stresses and strains of everyday life: parenting, financial situations, health challenges, work challenges, personal struggles, and more.

Given all of this, I don't think I'm alone in feeling a sense of weariness as we come into this Christmas season. And for those who are weary, all of the activities and busyness and excitement of the Christmas season can seem more like a burden than a joy. So for those who are weary, is there good news?

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Worship Schedule

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

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Small Groups:

Monday

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study at MVCF

6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study at MVCF

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Bible Study at MVCF

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting Online

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Youth Group at MVCF

Church Work Party
Every Fourth
Saturday
of the month
8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
refreshment will be
provided.

For more contact Frank
Romeo

Pastor’s perspective continued

Thankfully, the answer is yes. The first people to receive the announcement of the newborn Jesus were shepherds. Shepherding was (and is) a thankless job reserved for those who were at the lower end of the social hierarchy (think of King David: when the prophet Samuel came to his family to anoint a new king over Israel, David was so insignificant as a shepherd that he was not even included with his older brothers that were presented to Samuel for consideration). The shepherds that received the birth announcement from the angel that first Christmas were not living their best life ever. And yet what were they told? **That the birth of Jesus was good news that will cause great joy for all the people.** The birth of Jesus was good news even for lowly shepherds. Which means that the birth of Jesus, while it is good news for those who are excited and energized for this Christmas season, is also good news for those who are weary this Christmas season. **Christmas is good news that causes great joy for all people.**

Given this truth, our Advent sermon series this year is called “Good News for Weary Travelers.” We will be exploring how the Advent themes of Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love offer us good news, no matter where we are physically, emotionally, or spiritually this Christmas season. And my prayer for our church family this month is that we can allow Jesus to meet us where we are, and draw us closer to himself. And the closer we come to Jesus this season, the more we will be able to affirm that surely Jesus is good news that causes great joy for all people. Christmas is indeed good news for weary travelers.

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Steve

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Elliot Quion	12/02
Gayle Kraft	12/07
Elaine Morgan	12/13
Jim Ryer	12/14
Roger McCollough	12/21
Ronda Adams	12/21
Evan de Vos	12/28



Mike & Terri Loren	12/09
Doug & Margi Eno	12/27
Ernie & Susan Garcia	12/30

DECEMBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 1st Sunday of Advent	2 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	3 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting	4 10am-1:00pm SM Food Pantry 6:30pm Youth Group	5	6	7
8 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 2nd Sunday of Advent	9 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	10 9:30am Bible Study	11 10am-1:00pm SM Food Pantry 6:30pm Youth Group	12	13	14
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22 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 4th Sunday of Advent	23 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	24 Office Closed 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service	25  Office Closed	26	27	28 All Church Work Party
29 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service	30	31				

Youth Ministry

The Holiday season is upon us! As we know: Jesus is the reason for the season!
 During December we celebrate our Lord's birth and all kinds of good tidings that go along with that!
 Our Youth Group has been meeting intermittently - going through the book of Daniel. What a joy!!
 We already love the descriptions, and a few have expressed either making a movie or a skit or finding one made by someone; keep-
 ing in mind, it is the movie director's interpretation and not God's. It would be a very scary movie but with popcorn and Capri
 Suns - I think we can endure.
 We do keep ourselves very busy with helping out the younger children on Wednesday nights before we meet in Youth Group at 7.
 Especially last Wednesday, Jenni & friends cooked up a Thanksgiving feast! The fellowship hall was full – every table was taken.
 Good to see Jennifer F. smiling there.

We especially appreciate:

- Ms. Jenni she continues to make and coordinates all the food, drinks and desserts for us!
- Tony & Michele Quion – helping with Children's Ministry and creating Advent 'Kiddie Kits'
- The new Children's Ministry Think Tank committee to come up with some Great ideas!
- Carl Jensen – for stepping up to take on the organization with myself for Angel Tree!!
- The Youth Group who stepped it up to help decorate our church property beautifully last Sat
- Briahna & Geneva & Matt for covering our Children's Ministry every Sunday for a while now.

Thank you !!

What a beautiful December we are having! We are grateful and thankful for the days ahead till Christmas! This time of the year is
 also a time to share and give to others more of our valuable time.
 The Youth Group has also been an integral part in helping with Angel Tree – a ministry that is near and dear to our heart. Our lov-
 ing brother, Christopher French, (as he smiles down on us) started this tradition over 40 years ago. Our loving brother Carl Jensen
 has volunteered to continue the tradition. He will have the help of the Youth Group as much as we can. We may need help with
 deliveries in the week to 10 days before Christmas. If you are interested, contact Carl or myself.

December 4	6:30-8p	Prepare for Angel Tree with YG & Carl J. (YG)
December 11	6:30-8	YG Shop for Angel Tree gifts
December 14	8-noon	YG Rummage - Huge Sale on the lawn for YG!!
December 18	6:30-8p	YG Christmas & Birthday Party for all Dec.
January 8 th	6:30-8p	YG resumes



Missions Ministry

Hi Church,

Here is an update from Kristine Webb, who leads the Serra Mesa Food Pantry. The pantry is having such a meaningful impact on the community as well as the volunteers. Thank you, church, for your support and prayers for this ministry.

"The pantry is still going strong at 150 families every Wednesday. I hosted our annual volunteer appreciation lunch on October 19. I like to thank the 16 team members for their help before the busiest months, November and December.

Some volunteers have been with the food pantry since its inception in 2010. Others joined the team when the pandemic lockdown began in 2020. Most live in the neighborhood but some drive here from downtown and La Jolla to help out weekly. A few volunteers have moved away but we have stayed in touch with them and they visit when they come to San Diego.

The friendships formed between us while sharing a common goal have strengthened us and comforted us over the years. This mission has given us the opportunity to connect with other compassionate people we would not have met otherwise. We are so fortunate to have found this way to serve our community and we are so grateful for your support."

-Kristine Webb

Blessings,
Ellen Davis

Therefore, 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

Pastor	Steve de Vos
Moderator	Ronda Adams
Clerk	Joanna de Vos
Financial Secretary	Tony DaVee
Treasurer	June McCollough
Children's Ministry	Open
Youth Ministry	Terri Carver
Adult Ministry	Open
Stewardship	Frank Romeo
Fellowship	Jenny Fiori
Service	Open
Missions / Evangelism	Matt & Ellen Davis
Finance Ministry	Ernie Garcia
Worship	Hannah French

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 ElderTony DaVee

Elder..... Carl Jensen

Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Judy Jacob

Nursery Attendant.....Hannah French