



# The Mountain Vista News

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## MAY 2025 – WORSHIP IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Beloved Church,

I have a tiny confession to make: your pastor doesn't particularly enjoy the book of Proverbs in the Holy Bible. To me, Proverbs so often reads as if a kid was running to catch the school bus- they trip on their shoe lace and their backpack goes flying; so too does their homework. The child is slightly embarrassed, looking around to see if anyone witnessed their folly before hurriedly gathering their homework from the mud puddle and the windy street. In the rush, they stuff their homework in their backpack and continue running to catch the school bus. They get to school on time and they turn in their work. A few days later, the teacher hands them their papers back with a C+ grade and the comment "this work is all jumbled with little cogent sense, try again" Beloved Church, to me Proverbs sometimes feels like a bunch of sentences strung together at random. It's hard to find a good theme in each chapter. Ok, confession over...

While I was in Colorado for a work meeting back in March, I saw a piece of artwork that said something to the effect of "Do something every day that scares you a little bit and bring a change of underwear." It's a humorous way of suggesting that we grow the most when we are willing to do hard things. A few weeks back while Kate and I were plotting out sermon series plans for the next few months; I told her of my dislike for the book of Proverbs and she said something reminiscent of the aforementioned artwork. In the month of May (plus the last Sunday in April), we will look at the book of Proverbs, searching out deep meaning in what we are calling "Wisdom For Life." I hope you'll plan to join us in worship as we explore this ancient and (challenging) text as we seek greater truth in our own lives as gleaned from the book of Proverbs.

Choose Kind,

*Pastor Phil*

Pastor Phil Rogers



# Youth Group Newsletter -

## April Highlights

What a blessed month it has been! Our youth took center stage as liturgists, leading our congregation with grace and confidence. We celebrated two beautiful baptisms as Vanya and Kevin Morales took this important step in their faith journey. In an exciting development, all of our youth received new Bibles, equipping them for their continued spiritual growth. During our recent SPR and UMW meetings, I had the joy of spending an entire hour sharing about the amazing ways our youth are growing and serving in our church community.

## Looking Ahead to May

Please note that we will not have youth activities on May 11th in observance of Mother's Day. Make sure to mark your calendars for Illuminate, which will be held May 23-25. This year, Illuminate has been transformed into a training event for summer camp, offering our youth valuable preparation for the upcoming summer activities.

We're excited to see how God continues to work through our youth ministry in the coming months!

Grace & Peace,

**Kate Campbell**

she/her/hers ([why pronouns?](#))

Youth Director

[Mountain Vista UMC](#)

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*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: Mountain Vista UMC

Utah <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**

**Youth & Children's Sunday School Classes at 10:45,  
after worship in the Fellowship building.**

**~~EVENTS BY DATE~~**

**Pinecliff Spring Clean-Up:** There are many volunteer opportunities at the camp. A spring clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-3pm, bring a sack lunch.

**The UMW/UWF Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Banquet** is May 10th from 4 PM- 7 PM Pull out your cowboy boots and hats and get ready to square dance at this event!

**Sandwich Ministry: Monday May 19,** 9am-1pm  
Bring loaves of individually bagged sandwiches to church for St Vincent de Paul Dining Hall

**Safe Sanctuary class** will be held here at Mountain Vista on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. If you are thinking of being a counselor, this class is MANDATORY for the role.

**~~WEEKLY EVENTS~~**

**Sunday School 10:45, after worship.** Elementary & Youth Classes in Fellowship Hall.

**Golf League:** weekly golf teams, contact Art Hupka.

**Weekly Youth Group: Sundays at 6pm unless otherwise noted.** Please check with Kate Campbell  
[youth\\_director@mtnvistaumc.org](mailto:youth_director@mtnvistaumc.org)

**Mindfulness Classes:** Adult mindfulness classes on Wednesdays from 6PM – 7PM in the Youth Room- Fellowship Hall. See Jenny if you have any questions.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Collecting washcloths, toothbrushes and combs for the months of April and May.



**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

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

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

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

**NA:** meets year-round, Wednesdays at 7:30pm FH

**~~MEETINGS~~**

**Trustees Meeting –** May 1 at 7 pm

**Church Council Meeting –** May 22 at 7 pm

**Congregational Care:** May 21 at 3 pm

Check with committee chairs for other meeting dates

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

**Yard Sale:** June 28th

**Elementary Overnight Camp** (Grade K-6) July 14-18  
(trained Youth may serve as Jr. Counselors)

<https://www.pinecliffcamputah.org/camps--registration.html#/>

**Junior/Senior High Overnight Camp** (Grade 6-12) July 21-25

<https://www.pinecliffcamputah.org/camps--registration.html#/>

**Family Promise: July 20-27,** help provide meals for families experiencing homelessness. Contact Diane Smugala

**UMW**

**Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Event  
(Swing Your Partner!)**

Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 4:00pm, Fellowship Hall  
Tickets, \$20 adults/\$15 kids 12 and under

Dinner will be catered by Sparks

Entertainment by Singles & Pairs Square Dance Club

Tickets available on Sundays, in Fellowship Hall or  
contact the church office at (801) 280-4148



~~~ CELEBRATE! ~~~

### GRADUATIONS

BUSJAHN, Hayden  
SANDSTEDT, Carmel  
SANDSTEDT, Claire  
CAMPBELL, Kate - Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor  
University

### ANNIVERSARIES

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| DAVIS, Arlan & Letha              | 05/21 |
| NOHAVEC, Bob & Jean Ann           | 05/22 |
| VANVOORHIS, Mike & Mona Kimbrough | 05/23 |
| WOOD, Cody & Jocelyn              | 05/25 |
| BAKER, Ann & James                | 05/29 |

### BIRTHDAYS

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| ERICKSON, Tyler         | 05/04 |
| GRANT, Wesley           | 05/04 |
| LAMBDIN, Patty          | 05/07 |
| ELWELL, Carter          | 05/08 |
| CAMPBELL, Charlie       | 05/09 |
| BRICKEY, Hadley         | 05/11 |
| MCCAIN, Megan           | 05/11 |
| HANNUM, Joni            | 05/12 |
| POLHAMUS, Kristeen      | 05/12 |
| VANSTAVEREN, Joey       | 05/14 |
| TURNLEY, Martin         | 05/15 |
| ERICKSON, Jennifer      | 05/16 |
| PARRA, Arianna          | 05/16 |
| CRNKOVICH, Donna        | 05/18 |
| BAKER, Ann              | 05/19 |
| FRANCIS, Erin           | 05/19 |
| SORENSEN, Steve         | 05/19 |
| MORALES, Kevin          | 05/23 |
| MALONE (DODSON), Jayden | 05/25 |
| BEARINGER, Helen        | 05/27 |
| RICHING, Karen          | 05/29 |
| GRAHAM, Joyce           | 05/30 |
| SAUER, Benjamin         | 05/30 |

Please let the office know if we have missed your special date.

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

Where in The World is Dan & Barbara”

We left Mississippi on April 1 for Shreveport , Louisiana. While here we did some sightseeing. Not much around here. From there we went to Waco, Tx for a few days. In Waco we went to the Mammoth National Monument. Very good and they still digging up some fossils. We then went and did a tour of Waco. We then went to The Silo, (it's where Chip and Joanne Gaines made, they are from the show Fixer Up from HGTV). From Waco we went to Fort Worth, Tex. While here we spent time with Dan's Aunt and Uncle.

From Fort Worth we went to Vernon, TX to see my family. While there Barbara went to this amazing Quilt store. She loved it so much she went back for a second trip. From there we went to Colorado. While in Colorado we had dinner with our daughter in laws parents and then we saw a friend from the Navy that we had known for over 30 years. We then to WY for one night. Then is back to Utah.

Yes!! WE ARE HOME. After 454 days gone and over 21,000 miles this adventure has come to an end. While we are in Utah, the end of April, we will move up to Pinecliff as Dan and I will be the caretakers for the summer up there. We will come down for things when we can but come see us up there, you can come for lunch to get out of the heat.

This will be our last article for the newsletter till the next adventure.

We just wanted to say thank you for all the prayers and support we had while we were gone.

Love,  
Dan and Barbara Hurley

### Pinecliff Camp Clean-up

Camp clean-up **May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm**. Bring a sack lunch and come help us prepare for Summer 2025 Camping Season. If you are unable to come on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and can help at another time, please email [pinecliffutah@gmail.com](mailto:pinecliffutah@gmail.com) to schedule a day.



### Recipes Wanted

Deadline for submission of new recipes for the church cookbook is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please bring your cookie walk/cookie exchange or your family favorite recipes that you would like to have included in the supplemental printing of the cookbooks to the office.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

**Youth, youth leaders, Sunday school teachers, nursery staff, Pinecliff staff and Counselors.**

**Safe Sanctuary class** will be held here at Mountain Vista on **May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**. If you are thinking of being a counselor, this class is **MANDATORY** for the role. If you have any questions, please feel free to notify the church office. Thank you



### **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**



|                | March 30 | April 6 | April 13 | Holy Week |
|----------------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Worship:       | 77       | 85      | 150      | 48/62/138 |
| <b>Giving:</b> | \$2,526  | \$5,848 | \$2,148  | \$3,266   |

Thank you for your giving and support of Mtn. Vista & our ministries! Average Weekly Expenses: \$3,760

### **Smith's-Kroger Inspire Donations**

1/1/25 to 3/31/25; 39 Households = \$217.51  
10-24 to 12-24: 40 Households = \$181.36  
7-24 to 9-24: 37 Households = \$160.16  
4-24 to 6-24: 32 Households = \$147.88

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

Organization # **LK034**

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

### **~~~GIVE THANKS & PRAISE~~~**

**Thank you all for your donations!  
March Missions & Outreach**

**37 Blankets** made for Linus Project, with a total of 373 for the year! Thank you, Ladies! <https://slcprojectlinus.blogspot.com/>

**350 Sandwiches** were made for St. Vincent De Paul, WOW, a new record!! Thank you to all the sandwich makers! Thank you to Dave Earle for transporting.

<https://www.ccsutah.org/programs/item/8-st-vincent-de-paul-dining-hall>

**8 boxes/bags of clothing** collected for Crossroads Thrift Store

**98 pounds of food** collected for Crossroads Food Pantry. Thank you all for your donations! Remember that food donations are still needed as the weather warms up.

Thank you to Dave & Donna Curtis for transporting!

Please continue to bring donations of **unexpired** canned & dry foods to church. <https://www.crossroadsurbancenter.org>

**Most needed:** Peanut Butter: snack to family sizes. Diapers, formula, powdered & shelf milk are always needed.

**All Donations of food & hygiene items & underwear should be new, unexpired & unopened. Other items should be in good condition. Please arrange drop off times with the office.  
Thank you so very much!**

### **Family Promise**

This month at Christ UMC we provided 3 families (3 adults and 5 children) brunch, dinner and transportation for meals, clothing, cleaning supplies, good conversation and company. We had a great pizza party one-night, wonderful meals prepared and an incredible Saturday brunch. It took so many of you to make this happen. Thanks to all of you love and kindness.  
Diane

## Newsletter Article about Project Linus

Mountain Vista UMC in West Jordan has a sewing/quilting/crocheting/craft group that supports the Salt Lake County Chapter of Project Linus. This group has been in existence since 2011. We meet weekly on Wednesday's in Fellowship Hall from 1:00-3:00. We have had as many as 18 ladies attend but our usual attendance is around 10-12. We celebrate birthdays once a month with either a light luncheon or just dessert/coffee. We proudly call ourselves the Linus Ladies.

So, what is Project Linus? Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides new handmade blankets to children seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. Each blanket MVUMC gives to Project Linus is lovingly made by the Linus Ladies according to the standards set by Project Linus. All blankets must be new and handmade from quality materials. Fleece, flannel, cotton or cotton/poly blends in bright, kid friendly prints are best. Project Linus labels are machine sewn into the corner of each blanket and the blankets are blessed before they are given to Project Linus. To date, we have given more than 2,500 handmade blankets to Project Linus. Last year, we made 373 blankets.

No special skills are needed to attend our get-togethers but there are opportunities to operate a sewing machine, hand stitch a binding, hand tie a quilt, crochet a border around a fleece blanket, clip a fleece blanket for a fringed edge, cut fabric or iron. We also make crafts in the late summer months for the Holiday Boutique. Proceeds from the Holiday Boutique help to fund the blankets we make for Project Linus. Anyone and everyone is welcome!

We will gratefully accept donations of new, clean fleece, flannel, cotton or cotton/poly blends in bright, kid friendly prints as well as cotton or cotton/poly quilt batting.

We are the proud recipients of a \$500 grant from the Mountain Sky Conference UMC Abundant Health in 2024 and three grants from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for \$250 each in 2025, 2024 and 2023.

Gratefully,

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Judy Casey, [jcasey.0256@gmail.com](mailto:jcasey.0256@gmail.com), 765-413-1455



# MAY 2025

| Sun                                                                                                                                                           | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Tue                                                                                               | Wed                                                                                                                                                                          | Thu                                                                                                                          | Fri                                                                                      | Sat                                                                                                                            |
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| 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 |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>1</b><br>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br>Raedell in office<br><br>Cleaners<br>Bells 6:30 Sanctuary<br>Trustees 7 pm               | <b>2</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><b>CWU – Calvery Baptist Church</b><br><br>AA 6pm FH        | <b>3</b><br>AA 9am Double classroom<br><br><b>Pinecliff Spring Cleaning</b><br>10am – 3pm                                      |
| <b>4</b><br>Worship 9:30am<br>in-person & Online<br>NURSERY during worship<br><b>Sunday School 10:45</b><br>Youth Group                                       | <b>5</b><br>Office Hours 9am-1pm<br>Donna in office<br><br>AA 6pm Sanctuary<br><b>Girl Scouts 6pm FH</b>                                                                                                      | <b>6</b><br>Office Hours 9am-1pm<br>Donna in office<br><br><b>Boy &amp; Cub Scouts 6:30pm FH</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br>Raedell in office<br><b>MV Linus Ladies 1-3pm FH</b><br><b>Mindfulness Class 6 pm FH</b><br><br>NA 7pm FH                                | <b>8</b><br>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br>Raedell in office<br><br>Cleaners<br>Bells 6:30 Sanctuary                                | <b>9</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><br>AA 6pm FH                                               | <b>10</b><br>AA 9am in Double classroom<br><b>UMW 4-7pm Banquet</b>                                                            |
| <b>11</b><br><b>Mother's Day</b><br>Worship 9:30am<br>in-person & Online<br>NURSERY during worship<br><b>Sunday School 10:45</b><br>Youth Group 6pm           | <b>12</b><br>Office Hours 9 am – 1 pm<br>Donna in office<br><br>AA 6pm Fellowship Hall<br><b>GS 6pm Sanctuary</b>                                                                                             | <b>13</b><br>Office Hours 9am-1pm<br>Donna in office<br><br><b>Boy &amp; Cub Scouts 6:30pm FH</b> | <b>14</b><br>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br>Raedell in office<br><br><b>MV Linus Ladies 1-3pm</b><br><b>Mindfulness Class 6 pm FH</b><br><br>NA 7pm FH                              | <b>15</b><br>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br>Raedell in office<br>Cleaners<br><b>Riverton Linus Ladies 1-3pm FH</b><br>Bells 6:30 FH | <b>16</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><br>AA 6pm FH                                              | <b>17</b><br>AA 9am in Double classroom                                                                                        |
| <b>18</b><br>Worship 9:30am<br>in-person & Online<br>NURSERY during worship<br><b>Sunday School 10:45</b><br>Youth Group                                      | <b>19</b><br>Office Hours 9 am – 1 pm<br>Donna in office<br><i>Newsletter articles due 20th</i><br><b>SANDWICH MINISTRY</b><br><b>Collect sandwiches 9-1</b><br>AA 6pm Sanctuary<br><b>Girl Scouts 6pm FH</b> | <b>20</b><br>Office Hours 9am-1pm<br>Donna in office<br><br><b>Boy &amp; Cub Scouts 6:30pm FH</b> | <b>21</b><br>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br>Raedell in office<br><b>MV Linus Ladies 1-3pm FH</b><br><b>Congregational Care 3pm</b><br><b>Mindfulness Class 6 pm FH</b><br>NA 7pm FH | <b>22</b><br>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br>Raedell in office<br><br>Cleaners<br>Bells 6:30 Sanctuary<br><b>Church Council 7pm</b>  | <b>23</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><br>AA 6pm FH<br><b>Councilor Training – For Pinecliff</b> | <b>24</b><br>AA 9am in Double classroom<br><br><b>Safe Sanctuary 10-12 in Fellowship Hall</b><br><br><b>Councilor Training</b> |
| <b>25</b><br>Worship 9:30am<br>in-person & Online<br>NURSERY during worship<br><b>Sunday School 10:45</b><br>Youth Group<br><b>Councilor Training</b>         | <b>26</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b><br>Charm & Pat 1pm FH<br><br>AA 6pm Sanctuary<br><b>Girl Scouts 6pm FH</b>                                                                                  | <b>27</b><br>Office Hours 9am-1pm<br>Donna in Office<br><br><b>Boy &amp; Cub Scouts 6:30 FH</b>   | <b>28</b><br>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br>Raedell in office<br><b>MV Linus Ladies 1-3 pm FH</b><br><b>Mindfulness Class 6 pm FH</b>                                               | <b>29</b><br>Office Hours 9am-3pm<br>Raedell in office<br><br>Cleaners<br>Bells 6:30 Sanctuary                               | <b>30</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><br>AA 6pm FH                                              | <b>24</b><br>AA 9am in Double classroom                                                                                        |

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