Announcements

UP COMING EVENTS

**Mondays @ Mt. View Children's Program ~ Will start back in January!

**There will be no Community Potluck in December, we will begin again on January 30th!

**Children Program TONGHT!: You won't want to miss the wonderful time of the Children's Christmas program tonight at 5 PM followed by a visit from St. Nick and Mrs. Claus as well as a Cookie and Milk Social following. See You There!

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service tomorrow night at 6 PM. Invite your family and friends to join us as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of our Savior's birth. Scripture, candlelight, communion, and song.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

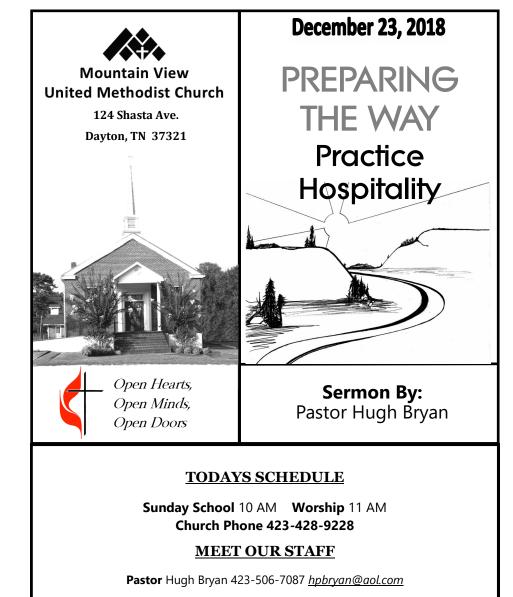
TONIGHT @ 5 pm Children's Christmas Program ending with a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus followed by a cookie fellowship.

TOMORROW @ 6pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Share the gift of Christ this Christmas, invite someone to church!

Coming Up This Week

December 24Monday - 6 PM Christmas Eve ServiceDecember 25MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Tuesday - 7 PM Open NA MeetingDecember 27Thursday- Recovery at Dayton
6 pm Dinner, 7pm Worship, 8:15pm Share GroupsDecember 29Saturday- 12 Noon Men's 12 Step Study
7:30 PM Open NA Meeting



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TODAY

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Preparing the Way : **Practice Hospitality** ~ *Pastor Hugh Bryan Micah* 5:2-4 ; *Luke* 1:39-45

WELCOME TO MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

Mountain View Church is apart of the United Methodist community of people who love Jesus and have chosen to live out our lives modeling His. We serve a God of purpose and believe you are here for a reason. God is changing lives here through His people that accept and love you exactly where you are, and we are excited you're with us! You are personally invited to join us in any of the various activities going on here throughout the week. Being apart of a small group setting is the best way to meet people and get connected. We hope you will plan to worship with us again and ultimately consider joining our church family.

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

<u>Restrooms</u> are located outside on the north side of the building and also in the fellowship hall behind the main building.

Nursery is lovingly provided downstairs for children from birth through Age 3, but children are always welcome in the sanctuary.

<u>Children's Church</u> for children ages 4-9 will dismiss to the fellowship hall behind the main building following the children's blessing. 1st Sunday of each month is family worship and children remain in the sanctuary.

Open Worship and Praise

God has promised in Psalm 22:3 to inhabit the praises of His people, and God is always true to His promises. Our worship provides a place of meeting with God — a place for us to encounter His very presence and embrace His invitation to join Him as He works. Worship is a personal expression between you and God. Here at MVUMC we invite you to enter into worship however God leads you.

Whether you desire to stand, sit, kneel, raise your hands, clap, pray in silence, or come forward to kneel at the altar, know that God is with us. God is changing lives here at MVUMC!

<u>Prayer Cards</u> On the back of each pew you will find prayer cards. You may fill these out and place in the offering plate to let us know how we can pray for you. If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out a visitor's card available in the front entry area.

 $\underline{\textbf{Name Tags}}$ are available at the Table in the foyer. Everyone is encouraged to wear one so we can get to know each other better.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

TODAY 12/23: Children's Play Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 12/30: Kathy Gentry

Every First Sunday is Family Worship and all children stay in the sanctuary.

Order of Service

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Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting ~ The McKinney Family

Call to Worship ~ Manny Castro

Prayer & Praise~ Feel free to share any request or praises you may have

Offering ~ Worship through the giving of our first fruits to the giver of all

Worship in Song~ Worship through song lifting our voices, hearts, and hands

Children's Blessing

Children will be dismissed to Children's Church located in fellowship hall behind the main sanctuary building. Please pick them up promptly after service.

Sermon ~ Preparing The Way : Practice Hospitality~ Pastor Hugh Bryan

Parting Blessing ~ May your week be blessed and your heart be changed

Giving Information

ONLINE and TEXT GIVING SIMPLE, FAST, EASY!

You can give a one time gift or set up a reoccurring donation direct from your checking account or from a credit / debit card for simple hassle free tithes and offerings. http://www.mtviewdayton.com/give OR text 423-509-0101

Budget vs. Giving Report

	<u>Budget</u>	Actual Giving	Difference
Last Weeks	\$ 1,020.00	\$535.00	- \$485.00
Month of December	\$ 3,060.00	\$4,183.00	+ \$1,123.00
Month of November	\$ 4,080.00	\$4,139.00	+\$59.00
Year to Date (week 50)	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 55,588.00	+ 4,588.00

2018 Budget for the Year \$53,040.00

(\$1,020.00 per week for 52 weeks)