



# Ministry of Caring

December 2, 2025

## Care

**Pray, Write, Call, Reach Out to:**

### Our Families at Home

Alice Ann Wallace, Matt Belitz, Mary Hicks,  
Steven Fish, Doug Fish, Barbara McCulloch,  
Chic Stinson, Keri Hale, Karen Lamon

### Our Families in Care Facilities

**Legacy Park:** Joyce Fulton

**Shannondale:** Jean Jordan

**Life Care Center:** Judy Humphreys

### Our Extended Families

**Haley Allen**, friend of Michelle Delozier,  
**Kate**, friend of Judy Raby; **Zane**, friend of  
Michelle Delozier; **Susan and Alex's son**,  
neighbors of the Wilsons; **Barbara Whaley**,  
Jerry Holden's sister; **Beth Anne**, Ruth Harris'  
daughter; **Sheila Clinard**, Lisa Hill's sister-in-  
law

## Impact

*December*

### Dollar in the Pew

#### Esther's Closet

Esther's Closet is a small but growing ministry in our community. Supported solely through donations, they provide families in our community with resources such as diapers, wipes, children's clothing, and various other baby and toddler items. MVBC will use your dollars in the pew this month to purchase needed items to support this growing and needed ministry.

## DONATION

Donations of granola bars, fruit cups, peanut butter crackers, and poptarts are needed for the MVBC Blessing Box.



## Calendar Items

- **Dec. 10-** Last day for Kids/Preteens/Youth Wednesday night activities
- **Dec. 12-** Packing for the Mobile Food Pantry from 1:30-2:30 PM
- **Dec. 13-** Mobile Food Pantry from 9:00-11:00 AM

## Global Missions Update

Monte Vista is known for having a missions-focused heart, and you have demonstrated that once again with your generosity to CBF Global Missions. The Walk for Missions collected \$10,534, and the dollar in the pew collection for October/November brought an additional \$3321.04. With additional contributions throughout this year, Monte Vista has given almost \$16,000 so far. Donations for CBF Global Missions can still be given through the end of December.

## Connect

# Thank You

Thanks to the Decorating Team of: Carter and Wheatley Harris, Blake and Lindsey Hurst, David and K.C. Fish who gave of their time last week to

beautify our sanctuary with Christmas. Special

Thanks to Joe and Lisa Hill, Russ Hurst, Shane Phillips, and Jennifer and Brandon Davis who helped with the Lighting of the Greens this past Sunday.

## Holiday Celebration Schedule



**6:30 pm - November 25-** A Thanksgiving Celebration led by the children's choir, youth arts team, and the young adults

**10:45 am - November 30-** Lighting of the Sanctuary - 1st Sunday in Advent

**10:45 am - December 7-** 2nd Sunday in Advent

**10:45 am - December 14-** 3rd Sunday in Advent

**6:00 pm - December 14 -** A Family Christmas: Monte Vista in Concert, followed by Munch & Bunch Celebration

**10:45 am - December 21-** 4th Sunday in Advent

**5:00 pm - December 24-** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## From Your Interim Pastor

Advent and Christmas bring joy and happiness to many of us. The scripture stories, special worship opportunities, and the birth of Jesus lift our spirits. Cultural rites of the season send a message, too: "It's the most wonderful time of the year."

I am grateful this is so, and I hope each of us experiences our share and more of good feelings during Advent and Christmas.

At the same time, though, many people feel profound grief. They miss deceased loved ones, grapple with family estrangements, and deal with other forms of deep loss. Something that mattered is gone, and they grieve.

The God we know best through Jesus understands loss and grief. Such a God calls us to lend our prayers, presence, and support to those who hurt at this time of the year.

Take a moment to remember friends and acquaintances for whom Advent and Christmas may generate feelings of loss and grief. Ask yourself: "What might I do to help him or her carry at least a little of their burden?" To the best of your ability, take the answer and make it happen.

Mike

## Family Christmas

### CONCERT NIGHT

Featuring the MV Quartet,  
Handbells, The Sullivans, Worship  
Choir and much more

Celebrate the magic of Christmas through music!  
Enjoy live performances, carols, and festive fun for the whole family.

**Choirs · Band · Lights · followed  
by Bunch & Munch in the FH,  
Bring your favorite Christmas  
goodies, savory or sweet.**

December 14, 6:00 pm

Monte Vista Worship Ministry  
1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd.

**Bring all food by 5:30 PM**

**There is a called business session  
following worship this Sunday,  
December 7, as announced this past  
Sunday to vote on recommendations from  
the **Ministry Placement Team.****

### Ministry Placement

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