



October 2024

The Visitor

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God's grace is sufficient. My strength is made perfect in weakness. God's grace is a free unearned gift of favor given to people without regard to their success or failures. It's a powerful force that can transform a person's heart and take them to a place where God wants them to be. Grace is transformative, constant and beautiful.

I love how Bishop Alexander Mileant described God's grace. Listen to his words:

"God's grace renews our soul, purifies our conscience, enlightens our mind, strengthens in us the faith, directs our will to goodness, warms our heart with genuine love, elevates our thoughts, and revives our whole nature. As witnessed by many holy men and women, God's grace brings so much peace and joy into the human soul that earthly advantages and pleasures seem to be negligible in comparison with it."

How do we obtain the gift of grace? Increase your understanding and experience in Christ, accept Him, follow His teachings faithfully, and act in a manner worthy of the Gospel.

The focus of God's grace is on something being achieved rather than having flaws removed. Strength made perfect in weakness. A shift happens and we turn to God, trust him and remain faithful to what is in-store. May you accept the gift of grace from the Lord and live faithfully.

Grow in God's grace,

Pastor Kevin

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God's Grace.

My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

Over the past few weeks, I have officiated 2 baby dedications, 9 baptisms, 2 weddings, 4 funerals. These gatherings are part of life and allow us to share and reflect on the joys and concerns in life. Each week at church we come to the Lord as a church family to share our joys and concerns, things we celebrate and ways we can lean on one another for strength and encouragement in the Lord. This leads me to reflect on God's grace.

October Sundays

- October 6th What do you want me to do for you? (Mark 10:51)
 - October 13th Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? (Mark 9:50)
 - October 20th Outreach Sunday
 - October 27th Guest minister: George Faul
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From the Executive Board

October 2024 Visitor Nominating Committee

When Who Am I Yields To I AM

I AM the Moderator – I preside over all Executive Board meetings and special meetings of the church and serve as an ex-officio member of all Committees. I oversee the Officers, Executive Board and all Committees in the performance of their duties as set forth in the By-laws.

I AM the Clerk – I keep records of all regular and special meetings of the Executive Board. I keep a list of members, maintain the official By-laws, present a list of upcoming vacancies of Officers and Committee members to the Nominating Committee.

I AM the Financial Secretary – I receive and record the church operating income, deposit the same weekly and forward copies of deposit slips to the Treasurer. I record all pledges, distribute offering envelopes, record receipts and send semi-annual statements to those pledging. I present a written report at Executive Board meetings and at Annual Meeting present a written report.

I AM the Treasurer – I receive deposit slips from the Financial Secretary and make disbursements under the orders of the Executive Board and in accordance with the annual budget. I record all income and disbursements and present a written report at Executive Board meetings and at Annual Meeting present a written report.

The Nominating Committee will meet November 3rd and 10 th to prepare a slate of candidates for officer and

committee openings for 2025. Officers include Moderator, Clerk, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and assistants to the treasurer and financial secretary. Committees are Deacons, Building & Grounds, Financial Management, Christian Education, Outreach, Worship, Pastoral Relations and Stewardship.

There is something for everyone at MVCC so don't bury your talents but participate in a ministry. If you are interested please do not wait to be called just contact Jane Hunter or Nickie Hunter, moderator. We do not want to miss anyone who has a desire to be involved to provide the best environment for young and old together to grow, experience and share the richness and generosity of Christ.

Sincerely (and waiting for your call)

Jane S. Hunter, Clerk



From Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee is hosting a movie night on Tuesday October 8th. Please join us for light refreshments and a viewing of Facing the Giants : A losing coach and his underdog football team face their giants of fear and failure on and off the field, with surprising results.

In six years of coaching, Grant Taylor has never led his Shiloh Eagles to a winning season. After learning that he and his wife Brooke face infertility, Grant discovers that a group of fathers are secretly organizing to have him dismissed as head coach. Devastated by his circumstances, he cries out to God in desperation. When Grant receives a message from an unexpected visitor, he searches for a stronger purpose for his football team. He dares to challenge his players to believe God for the impossible on and off the field. When faced with unbelievable odds, the Eagles must step up to their greatest test of strength and courage. © 2006 Sherwood Baptist Church of Albany Georgia, Inc. All Rights Reserved.



MVCC DINNER CIRCLES FORMING FOR THE FALL

Dinner Circles are a way to gather monthly for dinner in one another's homes to share food, fellowship, and a lot of laughs. Groups consist of 6-8 people. You can come as a single person, as a couple, or with a friend. We started with three groups over the summer, all who had a lot of fun, so we will reshuffle the groups in October and hope that even more folks would like to participate. It is a great way to get to know fellow parishioners!

The Dinner Circle Coordinators, Debi and Kerry Lynch, will put together the groups and ask one person in each group to organize and host the group's first get together. After that, the group will decide on the best night and location for their next dinner. The suggestion is for the host to provide the main dish and guests to bring side dishes, but your group is free to do whatever works best for you. The goal is to try to meet once a month.

The Fall/Winter groups will be formed in mid-October. If you would like to join in the fun, or have any questions about Dinner Circles, please let Debi Lynch know at lynchkg124@gmail.com or #484-467-3242 by October 10th. If you were a summer participant and have already responded to Debi, no need to respond again.



OUTREACH SUNDAY – OCTOBER 20th

The Outreach Committee hopes that you will join us on Sunday, October 20th during the 10AM service to learn more about three local ministries. On that Sunday we will welcome guest speakers from Granite State Adaptive Sports, Wolfeboro Meals on Wheels, and a local Bolivia Missions trip. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the good work that these organizations are doing and ways that we might support their efforts. Below is a summary of these organizations/missions.

Granite State Adaptive Sports –

Empowering individuals, especially those with disabilities, at-risk youth, and Veterans, to develop independence, confidence, life skills and fitness through adaptive sports, therapy, training, and recreation – sustained by community engagement.

Wolfeboro Meals on Wheels – The

Wolfeboro Area Meals on Wheels is a daily program for housebound elderly and disabled clients who are unable to prepare their meals due to physical or cognitive impairments. Each day, Monday-Friday, volunteers deliver hot noon-time meals prepared at the Huggins Hospital kitchen.

Bolivia Missions- A local missions team (Camp Sentinel Joseph Wasson is a team member) will travel to Bolivia in South America with a team of youth and young adults to help train and equip South American missionaries to travel to the 10/40 window, the most unreached part of the world, and a place Americans are largely barred from

entering. The Bolivia team's work consists of language training, speaking at churches, sharing the Gospel with local Quechuan people, and traveling to hard-to-reach places in the Andes Mountains and Amazon river basin to challenge, support, and equip churches.



From Our Family & Youth Coordinator

"Trunk or Treat Fall Festival!

On Sunday, October 27th at 3pm, the church will host a Trunk or Treat Fall festival for the community. All are welcome for a great time of fellowship, games, trunks, food, fun, and more! To Rsvp email abbi@mvccnh.org. If you are interested in volunteering or having a decorated Biblical trunk for this event please contact Abbi at abbi@mvccnh.org. We hope to see you there!"

Blessings,
Abbi

Community Youth Group Kick Off



**“Feet for Fuel- Walk for Warmth”
Walk-A-Thon
Sunday, October 20, 2024
2:00 PM Start at MVCC Parking Lot**

Winter can be a difficult time for many in our community due to the rising cost of heating their homes. Since 2008 Melvin Village Community Church has sponsored the annual “Feet for Fuel-Walk for Warmth” Walk-A-Thon to raise funds to assist local families in need of fuel and emergency assistance. Over the years MVCC, with generous support from the Bald Peak Community Fund, has raised over \$200,000 through this effort. During 2023-2024, MVCC has provided over \$15,000 to numerous families in our community in **need of** assistance. This year, with your help, we will continue to make a difference for those in need. Ways you can help include:

1. Volunteer to be outside the Melvin Village Post Office to educate the community on what MVCC is doing to help those in need on Saturday, October 19. Donations are also requested. Please call or email Kerry Lynch 215-435-3808 lynchkg357@gmail.com if you can take a shift from either 9:00 am -10:30 am or 10:30am -12:00 pm on Oct 19.

2. Put on your walking shoes, sign up sponsors, and join us on Sunday, October 20th at 2:00 PM. Sponsorship forms can be found in The Visitor, on the church website, at church, or obtained by calling the church office. We will assemble at the church at 1:45 PM and start our walk through the community at 2:00 PM. Family pets are welcome. The total loop is four miles, but you can walk any part of the well-marked route.

3. Purchase a reflective safety vest with the Feet for Fuel logo on the back. These are great for anybody who walks, bikes, or runs on the roads. Cost is \$10 and vests can be purchased the day of the Walk-A-Thon.

4. Donate to the Feet for Fuel Fund by writing a check to Melvin Village Community Church, P.O. Box 233, Melvin Village, NH 03850 and putting FFF in the memo line.

We are looking forward to seeing many walkers on October 20 for this fun community event. If you have any questions, please call Kerry Lynch at 215-435-3808 or speak with any of the Deacons.

Financial Snapshot As of August 31, 2024

	2024 Full Year Budget	2024 July YTD Actual	Percent of Full Year Budget
Member Pledges, Plate Offerings, Donations	\$149,885	\$81,772	55%
Other Income¹	\$52,040	\$45,038	87%
Total Income	\$201,925	\$126,810	63%
Total Expenses	\$201,925	\$131,525	65%
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$0	\$(4,715)	

¹Other Income includes interest, trust distributions, and Fair & Auction

- Total revenue is once again below where we should be this time of year; pledges and plate offerings continue to lag.
- Expenses are right on budget. The result of the income shortfall is that we are running a year-to-date deficit of \$4,715.
- We are hopeful that pledges and other offerings will increase with the summer over and holiday giving around the corner.



NEXT VISITOR DEADLINE

October 24, 2024

October Celebrations

Birthdays:

- 1- Barbara Widmer
- 3- Hannah Coulter
- 4 - Maggie Ricci
- 6 - Peggy Johnson
- 7 - Gabe Arinello Lou Arinello
- 8 -William Tessier
- 10 -Sam Barton
- 12 -Virginia Kirch, Ben Silcox, Logan Gil
- 14 - Donna Conway, Abby Coulter
- 19 - Betsy Staber
- 20- Dianne Larson, Emily Skelley
- 23 - Doug Skelley, Susie White
- 25 -Mike Perro 26 - Kim Reed
- 28 - Kathy Mendenhall
- 29 - Harley Rose Hunter
- 30 - Meghan Lapar

Anniversaries:

- 9 - Jack & Barbara Widmer
- 28 - Mort & Nancy Smith

For The Mailbox

*Mary McCarthy can be reached at
MCPHS
72 Salisbury St, Apt 4
Worcester, MA 01609*

*She is studying Acupuncture & Chinese
Medicine*



October Deacon on Call is Suzie McCarthy

Everyone Has a Story to Share

The MVCC Stewardship committee is looking for writers for the 2025 devotional booklet. Would you be willing to help encourage those in our church by writing anything from a few sentences to a page about how this upcoming theme speaks to you and your life experience? The 2025 theme is

EVERYTHING;

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17.

EVERYTHING in the name of the Lord Jesus, without complaining, without worry, with thanksgiving, with prayer, with love.

WITHOUT COMPLAINING

Do everything without complaining and arguing. Philippians 2:14

WITHOUT WORRY

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience **God's** peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

WITH THANKSGIVING

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thess. 5:18

WITH PRAYER

Never stop praying. 1 Thess. 5:17

WITH LOVE

And do everything with love. [1 Corinthians 16:14](#)
Please contact Traci Van Brunt at tracivanbrunt@gmail.com with questions or to let me know that you would like to help by writing. Writings are due October 7th. Thank you in advance for your contribution!

Blessings,
The Stewardship Committee

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <p>10am - Morning Service 11am - Fellowship-BG 3pm - Fall Festival 6:30pm - Running the Rapids @ 6:30pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am - Church Office open 11am - Sugar Hill 11:45am - Sugar Hill Communion</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7pm - Executive Committee</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir & Bell Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am - Church office open 6pm - Timothy & Titus Class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8am - Men's Fellowship 11am - Charlie Coulter -</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>World Communion Sunday 10am - Morning Service 11am - Fellowship-Pastrel 4pm - Community Kids Club! 6:30pm - Running the Rapids @</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am - Church Office open 11am - Sugar Hill</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6pm - Game Night</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30pm - WWH 6:30pm - Choir & Bell Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9am - Church office open 6pm - Timothy & Titus Class</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>10am - Morning Service 11am - Fellowship-CE 6:30pm - Running the Rapids @ 6:30pm - Youth Group @ Camp</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am - Church Office open 11am - Sugar Hill 6pm - Christian Education</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7pm - Deacons</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir & Bell Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9am - Church office open 6pm - Timothy & Titus Class</p>	<p>18</p> <p>WWH - Hikers Rummage Sale</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8am - Men's Fellowship</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Feet for Fuel Fundraiser - 2PM 10am - Morning Service 10am - Outreach Sunday 11am - Fellowship-Deacons 6:30pm - Running the Rapids @</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am - Church Office open 11am - Sugar Hill</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7pm - Buildings & Grounds</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir & Bell Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Visitor Submissions Due 9am - Church office open 4pm - Women's Fellowship 6pm - Timothy & Titus Class</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
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