

# THE VIEW

**WELCOME TO THE VIEW | OCTOBER 2023**

**50 YEARS AND COUNTING!**

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICKOFF**

Dear Beloved Community,



*50 Years of Generosity* has shaped Mountain View United Church into the generous community that we are today. We give thanks for the countless members and friends of MVUC that have generously supported the ministries and life of our Beloved Community.

*50 Years and Counting* is the theme of the 2024 Stewardship Campaign connecting it to MVUC's 50<sup>th</sup> year in our current building. Our campus, the building, The Grove and the land entrusted Habitat for Humnaity, has proved safe and welcoming space for people from the Aurora and Denver community to gather to worship God, for non-profits working with immigrants and migrants, and for sister churches and faith communities to call home.

As we celebrate the last 50 years, we must look ahead to the next 50 years as the MVUC Beloved Community. **During the 2024 Stewardship Campaign we ask that everyone pledge at least \$50 or incriments of \$50 for the year and that as manypeople as possible increase their past pledge by at least 50%.**

**The 2024 Stewardship Campaign begins on Sunday, October 1, 2023. This is the day to attend worship to pick up your stewardship envelope.** Rev. Bill Sanders will be our guest preacher to kick off our *50 Years and Counting* campaign. The offical 2024 Stewardship Campaign will end on Sunday, October 22, 2023, which is the day that you will bring your pledge card to worship to place in the offering plate. We woul like a pledge card from all members and friends of the MVUC Beloved Community stating your financial pledge and your pledge of time and talents for the year. It takes all of our time, talents, and tithes (pledges) to faithfully make an impact in our world, create safe and wlecoming space for our partner, and to care for our Beloved Community.

**In ministry with you,**

**Donna Palmer, Stewardship Campaign Committee**

**Rev. Dr. Tracy L. Hughes, Lead Minister**

## IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!



Dear Beloved Community,

Every time I walk up to the doors of the church, I notice the way the new white sanctuary windows brighten the church building. I feel welcomed in a new way. Please come to MVUC to notice how the new windows brighten up our building. Or, better yet, join us for Sunday worship. We will give you a tour of the building so you can see the positive impact the windows have made on our Beloved Community!

MVUC received a Denver Presbytery Finance and Property Grant of \$70,950 to complete the window purchase and installation. The total cost of the windows and installation was \$74,159. Costs came in slightly higher than expected. **As of September 4<sup>th</sup>, we've raised just over \$1,700 towards our goal of raise \$3,209 to reimburse the MVUC Building Improvements Account** from which the extra cost was taken by Council approval.

We invite the wider MVUC community to support our designated fundraising drive for the new windows. Every donation counts! **Please send your donations to MVUC 10700 E. Evans Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014. Write "windows" on the memo line of checks and online donations. For online donations please go to the MVUC website: [mtviewunited.org](http://mtviewunited.org) to look for the online donation link.**

Let us all give God thanks for the Denver Presbytery Finance and Property Committee for funding our new windows project. We look forward to caring for Creation by saving on utility usage and to save money in our budget by reduced cost of utilities.

Blessings,

**Marcia Hall, Council Moderator**

**Rev. Dr. Tracy L. Hughes, Lead Minister**



Let's wish these wonderful people Happy Birthday for this month!!

**Holly Chapman [10/6]   Njeri Kingangi [10/11]   Donna Palmer [10/26]**

## OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

## OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Here's a list of our events coming up in October. We would love for everyone to come out, support and have a great time!

**Vision Board – Creative Arts Event:** Come join us on *Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>* at to create your very own vision board through collaging! The theme for this event is *“What does Spirituality Mean to YOU?”*



**Pet Blessing & Pet Halloween Costume Contest:** Come join us on *Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>* for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pet Blessing & Halloween Costume Contest.



## ALG WINTER CLOTHING & FOOD DRIVE- October 2023

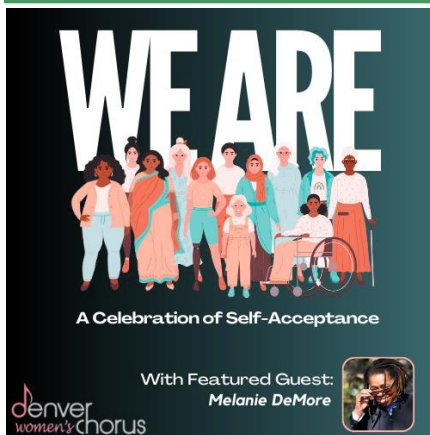


Our partner, **African Leadership Group** [ALG] will be hosting a winter clothing and food drive. Feel free to come drop off any clothing [new or used] that doesn't have any wear and tear. You can also bring non-perishable foods such as rice, oil, sugar, salt, water, juices, etc.

DROP OFF DAYS AND TIMES:

- Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> [9 am to 4 pm]
- Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> [9 am to 4 pm]
- Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> [9 am to 4 pm]

## DENVER WOMEN'S CHORUS EVENT- Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>



On **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**, the Denver Women's Chorus will be performing at the Wellshire Presbyterian Church [Location: 2999 South Colorado Blvd. Denver, CO 80222].

**MVUC is planning to attend as a group on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please let Pastor Tracy know if you would like to attend and share a ride.**

Please come out to support these wonderful ladies as they have been working so hard for this show!



## **HABITAT BUILD KICKOFF! – It's Coming Along!**

The Habitat Build has moved on to the next step with the building process! Once you come to service, you will see that we now have two foundations installed! This process is moving along well! We cannot wait to see the final product.

**On Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> [starting at 11 AM]**, come join Habitat, denominational partners, and local leaders to kick-off the home building!



## **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

We are in the process of scheduling the Worship for Christmas Eve. We ask that you all provide us with your vote on how we should have the services that day.

If you haven't done so already, **please provide your vote via email** and send to our Office Manager at [office@mtviewunited.org](mailto:office@mtviewunited.org) or feel free to mark your vote at this week's upcoming service on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

OPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**Option 1:** We have ONLY our Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 PM

**Option 2:** We can have our regular scheduled service at 10 AM - but include Candlelight Service with Lessons & Carols

**Option 3:** We can have BOTH our regular scheduled service at 10 AM and have our Christmas Eve service at 5:30 PM

## **DENVER URBAN GARDEN BUILD – POSTPONED!**

DUG (Denver Urban Garden) needs volunteers to help build the frames in the garden's new location.

**The DUG Build has been postponed to Spring of 2024.** We will be sure to keep you all posted on the details!

# PLASTIC WARE USAGE IN BUILDING



As we all know, using plastic ware as well as other non-recycled items are hurtful to our environment! Per Sandi Ghaffari's request, as members and visitors of the Church – please lower the usage of plastic ware while in the building. Doing so will help improve the health of our environment. From now on, we will be using the silverware that's provided **[please be sure to wash your utensil after you're done using it]**.



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**You can reach Briana Rorex, the MVUC Office Manager, during the hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM to 3 PM**