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## Currently Serving

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Brenda Leighton

Linda Litch

Jason Lockwood

Joey Owen

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## Pastor Report

Dan Jones – Pastor

I love this church! I am incredibly grateful to serve you as one of the pastors of Mountain View. This last year has been full of sacred moments and precious memories for our church family. Together, we've witnessed numerous baptisms, baby dedications, confirmations, testimonies, new small groups formed, new church members added, new leaders rise up, and friends and family of all ages grow in their faith. I recently heard our Executive Presbyter, Laura Terasaki, call Mountain View a "wonderful and vibrant" church. And I think it's clear that God is doing amazing things here at Mountain View. Every day is a joy for me to be a part of this church, and I am honored to work alongside such a talented and dedicated staff, passionate and selfless volunteers, and of course, our faithful deacons and elders. I am especially thankful to work alongside Pastor Jim Fletcher and watch as he serves and cares for our entire congregation, but especially his work with our immigrant population. Pastor Jim has been a gift from God for our church and for me.

Mountain View continues to see steady numerical and financial growth. For example, our average weekly attendance during Lent in 2023 was around 145 teens and adults for Sunday service (not including children in Sunday School). During Lent in 2026, our average weekly attendance was up around 212 teens and adults for Sunday service (again, not including children in Sunday School). Our annual budget has continued to grow at a healthy rate as we are committed to paying our church staff competitive wages and help support our mission partners around the world. We are especially grateful for your faithful giving, which helps us retain such high-quality staff members.

But of course, church life is so much more than numbers and finance. As our mission statement says, Mountain View is committed to helping people come to know, love, and serve the Lord. With that in mind, we are prioritizing our mission with a renewed focus in small groups and a greater emphasis in fellowship events. We have added more hours to Jackie Fuller's job description with the intention of bolstering our small group ministry and women's ministry. And Jackie has done a great job in this first year with these added responsibilities (see her report for further details). We've also created a new fellowship team full of creative and dedicated volunteers who are working hard to plan and execute new gatherings for the sake of helping us build a stronger and better-connected community outside of Sunday morning worship.

I am especially excited for the growing diversity at Mountain View. Mountain View is quickly becoming one of the most, if not the most, diverse presbyterian church in the Northwest Coast Presbytery. And our diversity is not just cultural, but generational and even political. Our church family is full of people from all different walks of life, and yet we are committed to a common mission to worship the Lord and serve him faithfully in the world. I pray for God's continued guidance in the years to come. God bless you all!

## Men's Ministry

Dan Jones – Pastor

Our men's ministry continues to meet monthly for our men's breakfast in the youth room on the second Saturday of every month. This is a special time for connection, fellowship, sharing, prayer, and of course, great food! Each month different men take turns facilitating and sharing a brief devotional for encouragement. We are grateful for Caleb Yost and his willingness to send out monthly reminders and help coordinate the men's breakfast. If you haven't had a chance to check out the men's breakfast yet, we would love for you to stop by.

## Senior Lunch

Dan Jones – Pastor

Senior lunch is a great opportunity for senior church members and friends to connect on a monthly basis and meet new friends and catch up with old friends. The gatherings are held on the third Monday of the month at 11:30am in the dining area at Haggens on 88th Street in Marysville. The average attendance ranges from 14 to 22 adults. If you are a senior citizen, we encourage you to come by for friendship, laughter, and fun. We are currently looking for a new point person, so if you're interested, please contact the church office.



## Session

Stephanie Clark – Clerk of Session

The Session of Mountain View is tasked with supporting our pastors, leading our community of faith, and discerning God's direction for our body of believers. It is an honor to serve God and Mountain View in this way as He continues to lead us. We appreciate the trust the congregation puts in us. Serving on Session this year is Denise Gritton, Julie Yates, Emily McConnell, Hal Clark, Jibrán Shad, and Todd Leighton. Duard King continues in his role as Treasurer and I am the Clerk.

We welcomed several new members this year including Blair and Jennie Bouma, Reeha Rizwan, Sue and Duane Huskey, Elizabeth and Gideon Laryea, Michael and Laurie Westover, Adjoavi Amevo, Raphael Rohail, Zeeshan Emmanuel, Matt and Beth Cox, Elisha Riaz, Gigi and Josh Zappone, Emmanuel Serukundo, and Nyiramugisha Immaculee. Confirmation for our youth was held throughout the fall and the following students were welcomed into membership in January: Elijah Cox, Ella Cox, Eleanor Christianson, Midhat Shad, Moses Shad, Jenni Qammar, and Averi Yost. Mountain View's church membership as of December 31, 2025, is 212.

Baptisms continue to be a joyous occasion in the life of Mountain View. We celebrated the baptisms of Zachariah Abram John, son of Abram and Imra, and Bernice Youram John, daughter of Youram and Sibta. At the conclusion of confirmation, we baptized Elijah Cox, Ella Cox, and Eleanor Christianson.

The Lord did call home members Lonnie Thompson, Wallace Karumba, and Shirley Burton. Our hearts are sad, but we rejoice in knowing they are with Jesus.

One big accomplishment of the year was the calling of Jim Fletcher as our Commissioned Lay Pastor. Jim completed the process of becoming a CLP and is currently serving our church in that role. He was commissioned in July, 2025.

The biggest job of the Session is to pray for our congregation and to seek the Lord's will as we move forward. We appreciate your prayers as we seek to listen to Him.

## Deacons

Tom Dillon – Deacon Moderator

Acts 6:3 “Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task....”

Mountain View Presbyterian Church supports the Apostle

Peter's position that the selection of worthy members to do the work of helping to physically care for our congregants and community is a way to continue spreading God's word. Our carefully selected women and men who serve as deacons fulfill several roles. Deacons are selected by the congregation and commissioned for life. As coordinators attuned to the needs of the congregation as well as the community, deacons step out and get involved. The local food bank fundraisers, Cascade Elementary School, and fresh spring flower deliveries are a few

examples. Care for congregants and community members in need is another activity administered by Mountain View deacons.

Ongoing church support is provided in the form of communion setup and organization as well as setup of the baptismal.

Your deacons for 2025 and 2026 are as follows:

Debbie Hoover, Linda Litch, Jason Lockwood, Mary Sutherland, Teresa Baresel, Randy Gritton, Rietta Harding, Walter King, Abram John, Brenda Leighton, Joey Owen and Tom Dillon. As each of us fulfills our

tenure, we step back and welcome newly appointed deacons. Thanks to Debbie, Linda, Jason and Mary for their contributions, energy, and

thoughtfulness for the past three years.

## Praise & Promise Preschool

Becky Nobach – Preschool Director

Praise and Promise Preschool has been a ministry at Mountain View for 15 years. The vision for Praise and Promise Preschool was to develop an early childhood education program that would bring not only academic excellence, but also spiritual



foundations of God's promises and character development. From the beginning, there was a strong desire to reach out to the community and create a space that would welcome both believers and non-believers. We continue to build upon this legacy and vision today.

In June of 2025, Brenda Leighton stepped down as Preschool Director and Lead Pre-K Teacher. She was incredible in not only sharing the logistical knowledge and curriculum, but also communicating the heart of the ministry and its potential. She has continued to remain an accessible and important resource and mentor to me in my first year as director.



This summer we hosted several training sessions with our new and returning teaching staff, held several meet ups for students and families in the fall, and



outreached to get more students to build up our incoming classes. We started the year with a waitlist for our 3/4s class taught by Emily Yost (teacher assistant, Michelle Burgess). Our Pre-K class started off small with 12 students (we have the capacity for 20) and it gave new teachers, Brittany Dahl (teacher assistant, Brianna Perkins) the space to find their rhythms as teachers.

In the classroom, our days are filled with creativity, exploration, and meaningful relationships that help children feel safe, confident, and known. Our students experience God's love through the love and support of their teachers, our Bible stories, Bible verse memorization, songs, and prayers. Our staff meets monthly to check in with each other, reflect on the month, plan the month ahead, and discuss challenges and wins. We are so grateful for our dedicated space at Mountain View and the way it supports our students.

The preschool hosted several events throughout the year that welcomed families into our building including class parties, open houses, our Christmas program, and our graduation circus. We had nearly 100 people attend our Christmas program and hear the good news of Jesus' birth. These programs would not have been possible without amazing support from Mountain View members, including Jackie Fuller, Becca Kreutz, Pastor Dan, Caleb Yost, Tristian Yost, Vicky Hardt, Carole and Larry Beason, Lynn and Jason Lockwood, Joey and Glenn Owen, and Hal and Stephanie Clark. I love that our preschool families at these events get to see people from Mountain View supporting their children and family.

As I reflect on my first year in leading this ministry at Mountain View, I am encouraged to see how much our students love being at preschool. They have smiles on their faces as they rush through the foyer to get to their class and start their days. I'm grateful for our



teachers who care so deeply about our students and their holistic success- socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually. I'm thankful for the prayers, volunteer time, and space that Mountain View offers the preschool. Please continue to pray for enrollment as we hope to have both classes full this fall. We appreciate your continued support and prayer for our teachers, students, families, and program.

## Trek Ministry

Caleb Yost – Family Ministry Director

As the Director of Family Ministries here at Mountain View, it has been so fun to see our kids and families growing in stature, relationships, and attendance. Seeing students build relationships unified by Christ has been one of the most joyous parts of my job. This past year we have seen new families enter the fold, new babies born, and watched families be energized by the time we are giving them each week. From Sunday school to



our larger events like VBS and Trunk or Treat, the volunteers of our ministries have helped God's ministry not only go, but flourish. Each week in Sunday school it has been a blessing to see students play games, learn Bible stories, and answer questions about how God's story is active in their lives. Our amazing volunteers are many, but need prayer as we continue to seek God's guidance as we train up these precious children in the way they should go (Prov. 22:6).

As far as events we have done this past year, we have opened our doors to fantastic ministries such as our sports-themed VBS program, our annual Trunk-or-Treat outreach, and our outstanding annual Christmas play. We were also blessed to have community events for our families of Mountain View that have helped grow stronger bonds such as Movie Nights and a trip out to see the Everett Silvertips. As we look to develop family relationships we are looking forward to hosting a Night



at the Aquasox, Picnics in the Park, and a new summer VBS program focusing on art and getting to know our Creator. If you haven't participated in any of these activities, we urge you to join us as we seek to continue building a Gospel culture based on Christ. No matter your giftings, there is always a place to serve if you are willing. Please continue to pray for these ministries and ask how you can get involved because whether you have kids or not, whether you are young or old, the family of God and Mountain View is better with you in it! Let's all Trek together!



## Onward Youth Ministry

Caleb Yost – Family Ministry Director

Our youth program has enjoyed a great season of growth with students not only inviting their friends but also owning the ministry and participating in its life. This ministry has grown not only each Monday night, but also in service every Sunday. I would encourage you to take a look around at the amazing students in the chairs beside you and reach out your hand to welcome them as not the church of the future, but the church of today. One of the great joys we have seen in this ministry this past year has been the growth of our youth band so much that they have gotten to help lead regularly on Sundays during service. It has also been a blessing to see them own leadership roles in our kids ministry alongside our faithful adult leaders.

We have also been pretty active with events such as a Winter Lock In, Game Nights, Nerf Battles, Apologetics Conferences, and so much more. We have also continued to work through the Bible book by book as we ask the question of how it fits into the overall story of Scripture. As of now, the best way you can be caring for this ministry is by donating to the program when possible, praying for its leadership team, and praying for the families of these teens as many navigate challenges at school and at home that they are not meant to carry alone. Thank you for your prayers and support this year and beyond!

## Worship Ministry

Dustin Willetts - Worship Director

What a crazy year it has been, am I right?

As followers and learners of Christ, worship is fundamental and has become more stabilizing as the turbulent world spins on. There are always ongoing technological upgrades and replacements as things age. We were generously gifted a new speaker system which will be implemented over the next year. While the worship ministry has had a wonderful year of new songs, new toys, and new faces; I have to admit to you my favorite new thing has been the growth in leadership amongst our musicians. Every. Single. One of them.

Some people's growth has perhaps been more evident to you. Many of our teens and young adults are growing in their singing and instrumental skills and are learning from leaders like Becca, Caleb, and Jackie. Other's growth may look a little more like new toys amongst grown men. However, I can promise you that their childlike joy has led to more discovery of the wonders of technologies, sounds, and theory that we as a congregation get to benefit from week after week. (It is also an important step in keeping up with worship technologies as songwriters include evolving technology.) I also watch as conversations happen amongst these musicians with great delight. Sometimes it is Fred trying to explain to us mortals how he views chord structures and the relationship of changes, and sometimes it is in tender moments when a budding bassist approaches John Honeyman for tips and tricks or to share their newest discoveries. In each one of these exchanges, I see community. I see community the way it is intended to be. We inspire the next generation, find joy in being together, and week by week we gain a little more insight into the understanding of what it means to be brothers and sisters in Christ.



We are looking forward to the future as our volunteer team of techs and musicians continues to grow and it is so important for me to thank each and every one of you. You give in such selfless ways, and I do thank God for you every day.

And to you congregation, I want to say thank you for giving all of my people a safe place to learn and grow as they lead us all in worship. Your fostering of a safe space for them is a symbiotic exchange for skillful and inspiring worship. Thank you.



## Celebration Singers & Joy Express

Kris Mason - Choir Director

Choirs (like Celebration Singers and Joy Express) are often described as the perfect example of “the whole being greater than the sum of its parts”, where individual voices blend into a unified sound.

This communal singing creates a sense of transcendence, community, and soul that exceeds what any single singer could produce alone. For choir ministries who are part of the Body of Christ, the church, we sing in worship to our exalted King and Creator God on behalf of our congregations; supporting, inspiring, enabling, encouraging our community to fully embrace their worship.

In this 2025-26 choir season, Joy Express has sung in worship each month, bringing a variety of songs that include spirituals, hymn arrangements, gospel songs, and joy-filled anthems. Each fall, Joy Express is especially dedicated to our annual Christmas musical.

With the incredible support of parents, our kids’ choir is a weekly gathering place where we foster learning, friendships, prayer, teamwork, and an understanding of the choir’s role in worship. Although we have been more the size of an ensemble this past year, each of these young singers has taken their singing responsibility very seriously! It has been my great joy to work with this remarkable group of young worshipers! They are amazing!

Celebration Singers is just completing a wonderful and unusually full season of music making! Our primary work begins with our preparation and choral singing in our Mt. View worship services. We endeavor to uplift and awaken the hearts of all who come through our doors for worship. Sometimes we are the voice for our congregation and sometimes we join together as one large communal choir in unison around the throne of God. We love being part of the services at least once each month; however our involvement increases as we celebrate different seasons of our church year (the high holy days!)

In addition to our normal responsibilities, we received two remarkable invitations to be in performance and worship beyond our walls:

1) Thanks to an invitation from Dave Gardner and the University Presbyterian Cathedral Choir of Seattle, we joined with over 100 voices to learn and perform the gospel music of the well-known gospel singer, song writer Andrae Crouch! From November through March, we gave three extraordinary performances of his music: first we performed in the University Pres Sanctuary, then we gave a collaborative performance at Benaroya Hall, Seattle, and finally we traveled to Tacoma for our grand finale: a performance at the Northwestern Conference of the American Choral Directors. This musical journey will go down in the Celebration Singers History Books!

2) We also joined the UPres choir and other Seattle Area vocalists for a December performance of the John Rutter “Gloria”! This masterwork requires a large choir, orchestra, pipe organ, etc! As is true for all mid-size church congregations, we simply

do not have all those resources. It was a truly inspiring experience, causing us as a choir to grow by leaps and bounds musically.

Truly, it has been a year to remember for us as choral musicians!

In closing, I would also like our church family to know that Celebration Singers is as much “community” as we are “choir”. We pray together, practice caring and loving one another, laugh together, share scripture and the deep joys of being a worship leading ministry together! Musically and relationally, we ARE together greater than the sum of our parts!



## Youth Worship Band

Jackie Fuller - Ministry Director

I love directing the youth worship team with the newly joined leader to the team, Becca Kreutz!!! I am stoked that Becca has joined Caleb and me in more of a leadership role in December of 2025. This has already proven to be an amazing addition to the team because of Becca’s creative gifts and vocal expertise!

In addition to Monday rehearsals, we have added a rehearsal once a month on the last Sunday of each month, to spend an extended time with the students that Monday evening rehearsals don’t allow. We have also added a quarterly Saturday half-day time together to further mentor these young worship leaders in their musical skills and spiritual lives.

I had an epiphany years ago, that if high schoolers don’t develop their skills as worship leaders before they go to college, they probably won’t join a worship team as a college student or as an adult. I have the privilege to work with an amazing team of young people who have the most humble, teachable hearts.

We practice regularly on Monday nights from 5pm-6pm. We lead a few songs at youth group every other week and sometimes lead on Sunday mornings. Our students range in age from 6th to 11th grade! It is so exciting to start training these students at a young age to lead their generation in worship, as well as prepare them to be leaders for the future!

## Small Groups

Jackie Fuller – Ministry Leader

We have a variety of groups that meet at Mountain View. Our oldest small group, led by Tim and Jeanine King for over 30 years, now meets on Zoom and is led by Sally

Hoy. Celebration Singers is considered a group because it meets the criteria of community, time in scripture and prayer. ‘Knit Together in Prayer’, led by Cookie Kitzman, is a thriving group that knits and prays every Thursday. Wednesday morning women’s Bible study is an ongoing group. In the last year, the Crombies have started a young adults group that meets on the 4th Sunday of the month. We have a variety of other small groups around the area that usually meet to build meaningful relationships, create a sense of belonging, and grow as disciples of Christ. Each group is given the freedom to develop in its own unique way. The groups usually discuss the sermon questions from the week and share prayer requests around a meal or refreshments.

In October of 2025, 3 new groups were launched, and a short-term Bible study was taught by Cindy Taber. The group leaders are Andrew and Jess Taylor, Duane and Sue Huskey, and Todd and Brenda Leighton. In February, Cindy Taber held another short-term study and another new small group led by Steve and Joyce Sworen was formed! Our small group ministry is growing! If you desire to lead a group or you have a desire to belong to a group to grow in your faith with other believers, please contact Jackie at [jackie@mtvpc.org](mailto:jackie@mtvpc.org).

## Connections Ministry

Jackie Fuller – Ministry Director

The Connection’s Ministry is constantly on the lookout for ways we can grow in our expression of hospitality on Sunday mornings and any other gatherings, big or small, at Mountain View. Our heart is to be a community that people want to be a part of because they feel the warmth of God’s love shining through us in a genuine way. We are endeavoring to show this by having gatherings that connect us together in small groups, short term Bible studies, Meetups, gatherings for specific goals, and seasonal celebrations. We desire this not to be a social club, but to set the stage for demonstrating the love of Jesus by preparing opportunities for discipleship and becoming the church that the Bible teaches in the New Testament.



In the summer we began dreaming of pulling together a team to host all church meals a few times a year. I pulled together a team we are calling The Events Hospitality Team! This team is led by Tristian and Melody Yost and we are so grateful for them and

the team members that have joined them to host these events!

The first event was our Fall Family Meal. It was a huge success! This was followed by our first Chili Cook Off in a while. It was so much fun and so well executed. The most recent event was a favorite for most people! Our multicultural Sunday was a fun-filled day celebrating our uniqueness as a church as we embrace many cultures



represented at Mountain View. We had delicious food from many countries. It was an exciting Sunday enjoyed by all who attended. Stay tuned for many more events like these!

As the Director of the Connections Ministry, I am so appreciative and value highly all the volunteers who so faithfully serve coffee and treats on Sunday mornings; they are a vital part of hospitality! The Connect Center hosts answer questions, help people sign up for events, show people that we are a church expecting new people, and are there to help new folks get connected and feel welcomed. The ushers and greeters are the first people who love and greet the new and returning people at the door; they are a vital part of hospitality. These folks make everyone feel welcomed and valued at every service or gathering that Mountain View hosts.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that contribute to the vision of hospitality and sharing the love of Jesus every time our doors are open!

## Women's Ministry

Jackie Fuller

Under the banner of the Connections Ministry, I felt led to take on a more focused role in the building of the Women's ministry to connect more new women and women in our multicultural community.

In July, the women's ministry team, consisting of Beth Cox, Brenda Leighton, and Becky Nobach hosted Party on the Patio (which happened to be the hottest day of the summer). We moved the party inside and painted canvases, played games, and had great snacks!

In October, we held a half-day women's retreat with Alyssa Bell as our speaker. We had a craft option mid-day or a walk outside. Over 65 women attended this day and we were blessed by the worship, teaching, and being together in community.

In January, we hosted a worship night for women that included a time where Brenda shared a 15 minute talk on worship and after a time of singing, the women went around to stations for more a hands-on time of worship and prayer. This time was largely initiated by Brenda Leighton and the women had great feedback about the evening. In March, we had what has become our annual Spring Women's Connect! We had 65 women come together around tables to share a meal, have great talks, and listen to the amazing stories of 3 women in very different seasons of life and how God showed Himself faithful to them. The panel consisted of Julie Yates, Emily McConnell and Mahlah Zeeshan Emmanuel. I am so grateful for these women! The recording of their testimonies is available on our YouTube channel if you missed it and would like to listen.



Another aspect of Women’s ministry is short-term Bible studies. Cindy Taber facilitated an evening study in the fall and winter of this last year. These studies have drawn in working and newer women to Mountain View and helped them get connected and find a place to study God’s word.

## Coffee Bar

Jackie Fuller

I can’t thank the people that serve at the Coffee Bar enough! They are a super important part of what makes Mountain View an exceptionally welcoming place. Thank you to all of the dedicated people who serve and clean up after Sunday Coffee Bar! We are recruiting new helpers! Thank you to Sandi Ainsworth who has taken on the task of ordering supplies and scheduling the teams. When you grab coffee or a treat, thank them personally. A lot of the team bake treats especially for you!

## Mission Focus Team

Lynn Lockwood – Ministry Leader

The first Tuesday of each month it's time for MFT! Your Mission Focus Team meets for dinner and fellowship, then shares updates and prays for Mountain View's mission partners. We consider ways to communicate their ministries to the congregation and are responsible for preparing annual mission budget recommendations for Session. Please join us any month!

In 2025-26 Mountain View partnered financially with Jessica Ridgley, who teaches missionary children in Thailand; Nathan and Annie Phillips who serve with Synergie Francophone at the only



Evangelical printing press in France; Roselie Murru, Young Life Belgium's director; and Melody Coleman who was completing her service as pilot, mechanic and Bible teacher in Palau. We continue to support Todd and Melody E.'s strategic work in several sensitive countries through One Challenge, and we were able to contribute to evangelistic outreaches run by trusted pastor friends in Pakistan.

Our Senegalese family is encouraged by our prayers and financial support. See the Senegal team article for details! We were delighted to add Awa and George to the budget this year. They join the Garrett and Sene families.

Your deacons' ministry (and by them the food bank, Cascade Elementary support, and other projects) is funded through the mission budget. We also contribute to our wonderful Presbytery-owned camp, Tall Timber Ranch, and local treasure, Eagle Wings DisAbility Ministry.

You commissioned Lynn for the Synergie Francophone trip to Montelimar, France in June 2025; then Jason and Lynn Lockwood for ministry with Summer in the USA in San Sebastian, Spain in January-February 2026. Thank you for your prayers! The Senegal ministry took teams to Diagle and beyond in June and January too. Please let us know when you have ministry opportunities to propose for prayer or financial support!

I look forward to seeing you soon. RSVP to Lynn Lockwood, Tom Dillon, Duard King, Amanda Sutherland, Waseem Riaz, or James Coleman and join us at MFT! We welcome your input and involvement.



## GriefShare

Marilyn Finsen – Ministry Leader

GriefShare is a program that offers a safe, welcoming place where people who are traveling this painful process meet weekly. Over the 13 weeks you will learn what to expect as well as helpful tips on how to navigate your personal journey. Topics include (but are not limited to) loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; how to cope with changes in your life and relationships. We offer this session twice a year.

A second program is “Loss of a Spouse.” It is scheduled around the time our full GriefShare session begins. As the title indicates this three-hour program focuses on individuals who have lost their spouse or significant other. The information speaks to specific challenges spouses encounter as they walk their grief journey. The format follows a brief introduction, a book, video, and discussion within the group.

The third program is “Surviving the Holidays”. We schedule this in November and is another three-hour program. It is open to anyone that is grieving the loss of a loved one. This program starts with introductions, a book, video, and follow up discussion.

All programs provide a safe and welcoming space to help people understand grief and get useful advice for relief and peace of mind. It allows participants to recognize normal grief and find solutions if feeling stuck or hopeless. A consistent comment from program participants is how they were reluctant at first but as they continued to attend, they found the program helpful.

The GriefShare Facilitators are Monica Howe, Rietta Harding and Marilyn Finsen. I am so thankful for such a committed team and the prayer support from the church for our program.

## Book Club

Donna Deyoe – Facilitator

This has been a great year of reading and discussing great books. We meet the 2nd Friday of each month at 7PM at the church or by Zoom from September to May.

Everyone is welcome to join for a specific book or for all. Even if you haven't read the book for that month, join us anyway for great discussions and fellowship.

This coming year we will be reading a great selection of books from historical fiction like *The Robe* by Lloyd C. Douglas, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson, and *The Girl of the Limberlost* by Gene Stratton Porter to a WWII biography like *The Eleventh Man* by Ivan Doig. In addition, we also include a mystery or two: *The Cracked Spine* by Paige Shelton and *The Last Devil to Die* by Richard Osman. We will be reading *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi which is a newer book but comes highly recommended. Lastly but not least, we include some Christian Books: *Imagine the God of Heaven: Near-Death Experiences, God's Revelation, and the Love You've Always Wanted* by John Burke and *What Happens Next: A Traveler's Guide Through the End of this Age* by Max Lucado.

It looks like it will be an exciting year of discussing these books and enjoying fellowship among other bibliophiles (book lovers). Join us!!

## Stephen Ministry

Donna Deyoe – Facilitator

This has been an exciting year for Stephen Ministry at Mountain View Presbyterian Church. Stephen Ministry is lay ministry extension of pastoral care. Stephen Ministers are laypeople that have had training and been commissioned to provide confidential, one-on-one, Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis in life such as illness, divorce, job loss, loss of a loved one, downsizing, moving into assisted living, and other life events. Stephen Ministry, founded in 1975, is a non-profit, non-denominational organization located in St. Louis, Missouri, that provides training and resources to churches. Training at the local church is intensive and includes topics such as active listening, boundaries, confidentiality, and crises intervention. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support to those in crisis. Once trained and commissioned, a Stephen Minister meets with his/her care-receiver weekly to listen, pray, and offer support. Stephen Ministers also participate in supervision meetings which helps them provide the best care to their care receivers.

A new Stephen Leader has been trained this year, allowing the ministry to be restarted. Stephen Ministers have been assigned to folks that have been experiencing difficult times in their lives. A Stephen Ministry information table has been set up and is in the foyer most Sundays, and brochures are available between the Stephen Ministry posters. A Stephen Ministry website will be coming soon to the church website. Stephen Minister training is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 7, 2026, 6:30-9:00 PM at the church. Several informational sessions are being scheduled this summer after church for those of you who are interested in knowing more about Stephen



Ministry: how to become a Stephen Minister, how to identify and encourage folks to request a Stephen Minister, and the benefits of taking the Stephen Minister training even if you choose not to be commissioned as a Stephen Minister.

Prayerfully consider how you could be involved with this important ministry to both our congregation and our community.



## Senegal

Todd Leighton – Facilitator

\*\*Please note that below is the summary of the Senegal report. If you would like to read the full Senegal report, please contact the church office for a copy.

The Senegal ministry of Mountain View Presbyterian Church (MtVPC) remains a long-term work of faithful presence, practical service, trusted partnership, and patient Kingdom hope. The ministry is centered in the village of Diagle, where the church has returned again and again for roughly two decades. The strongest theme for this year is that God continues to work through seeds planted over many years: relationships, prayer, the Diagle Health Clinic, village support, children and family ministry, and partnership with Senegalese leaders and long-term missionary families. If I had to sum up this year in one word, it would be Growth. We are seeing growth in the ministry in so many areas, and while that growth is slow, it's like watching a child grow, nothing for weeks or months and suddenly things seem to happen overnight.

This 2025 report also includes several early 2026 updates because they explain the current state of the ministry and the prayer needs now before the church: Health Post staffing changes, administrative strengthening, water retention basins for the women's vegetable farming perimeter, the need for better transportation, and a renewed focus on local church leadership, growth and child sponsorship.

Report posture: This draft intentionally uses a humble, accurate tone. It does not claim that every desired spiritual outcome has already happened. Instead, it tells the truth: MtVPC has kept showing up, our partners are carrying significant ministry responsibility, the needs remain large, and God is still growing seeds whose full fruit we may not see in our lifetime.



## Scout Troop 419

Tom Ross – Scout Master

Scout Troop 419 has had an amazing year!

We had two Scouts earn their Eagle Scout Ranks and dozens of earned Merit Badges by the scouts and lots of rank advancements.

We continue to serve our community through service projects, food drives, volunteering at the Marysville Food Bank, church clean ups, trunk-or-treat, Eagle Wings ministry, and 2 fabulous Eagle Scout Projects!

We have an incredible group of adult leaders who continue to step up week after week; without their help this ministry would not be possible. A big shout-out to Brian, Bill, Will, Holly, Barbara, Todd, Sarah, and our supportive parents for your tireless efforts.

2025 Summer camp was hugely successful and fun at Camp Parsons located on Hood Canal.

We are grateful for the love and support from our Mountain View family for providing an amazing place to develop our future leaders!

## Personnel Committee

Randy Finsen – Moderator of Personnel

The Mt. View Personnel Committee includes Lee Brandt-Dillon, George Rasmussen, Pastor Dan and Randy Finsen. The purpose and responsibility of this committee is to:

- Recommend position descriptions for all staff.
- Review and recommend to session compensation packages for all staff.
- Recommend personnel policies to the session.
- Encourage professional growth and development for all staff.
- Recommend to session ways to manage risk exposures.
- Implement a plan of equal employment opportunity.
- Act as support group to the pastors and other members of staff.
- Confer with the pastors on any personnel or issues of concern.

Our current Staff:

- Pastor – Dan Jones
- Office Manager – Amanda Crombie

- Youth/Children's Ministry Director – Caleb Yost
- Choir Director – Kris Mason
- Worship Director – Dustin Willetts
- Keyboardist/Connections – Jackie Fuller
- Custodian – Sandi Ainsworth
- Preschool – Becky Nobach, Emily Yost, Brittany Dahl, Michelle Burgess, Brianna Perkins
- Collaborative Choir Pianist – Patty Callahan

Thanks to Monica Howe for filling in for Amanda during her maternity leave. Thanks to all the staff for your continued service to Mountain View. May God bless all of you!

## Finance

Duard King – Treasurer

There is a group of Mountain View volunteers that are at work every week making sure offering is collected, bills are paid, and the staff receive their paychecks. Let me tell you about them.

Thank you to Tracy Raymond and Heather Harvey for the hours that they volunteer to keep the books balanced and to cut checks almost every week. If you see Heather or Tracy, please tell them thank you for the work that they do behind the scenes.

George Rasmussen and Heidi King count the offering and Barbara Ritchie enters those \$\$ into the different accounts. Barbara also works with online giving, which should be easier than it is. Thank you to Barbara, Heidi, and George.

Rick Hardt makes sure the physical offering that is taken on Sunday morning gets into the safe. Thank you, Rick.

I would also like to thank George Rasmussen again for helping to keep me sane every January when I'm working on the prior year's financial report. Every year it gets easier to do, but it's great to have George to bounce things off of. Thank you, George.

We also have some bench strength when needed. Stephanie Clark is a backup check signer when I am out playing somewhere in the world and can't sign checks, and Nancy Fletcher assists George Rasmussen when Heidi isn't available to count the offering. Thank you, Steph and Nancy.

Without this team of people, we as a church would not be able to operate. If you get a chance, please thank these folks that work behind the scenes every week to keep the lights on.

## Administration

Amanda Crombie – Office Manager

Things in the office continue to turn as ministries happen around the building and beyond its walls. I realized how varied the office manager job truly is when training Monica Howe who graciously covered when I took a three-month maternity leave last year. We covered where keys are located, how to facilitate a space rental, how to add something to the church calendar, how to send out prayer requests, editing sermon

recordings, and so much more - but there were still things that I neglected to share, and yet Monica expertly navigated things as they arose so I could spend those precious early days at home. I am so very grateful to Monica and have heard from many people that she kept things running beautifully while I was away. Thank you, Monica!

Every week during the school year the church has Bible studies, youth group, choir and youth band rehearsals, preschool, GriefShare, Boy Scouts, deacon and elder meetings, and other events and meetings up and down the halls of the church. Each of these groups requires varying levels of administrative support which ranges from confirming the church calendar to advertising, setting up a space, preparing technology, and preparing materials. No two days are the same, but every day brings an opportunity to shine God's light to someone.

Emily Yost did a fantastic job creating a new website for us this year. We were hoping to have something easier to navigate, beautiful to look at, and comprehensive of our ministries, and Emily knocked it out of the park. If you haven't yet, check it out at [mtvpc.org](http://mtvpc.org)!



## Property Team

Amanda Crombie – Office Manager

We've had another great year of ministry at Mountain View, as seen by the articles in this report, and the building and grounds have faithfully hosted all the goings-on at the church. We've had lots of small projects around the building this year, including replacing light bulbs, installing new security cameras, exterior paint patching, finishing the new electronic sign installation, and other projects. The fabulous King Stump Grinding removed the trees in our parking lot between the paved and gravel parking areas that were becoming not only a visibility issue, but also damaging the pavement as the roots grew larger and farther.

This spring we reignited our property team with a meeting to go over current and ongoing projects. With a building and grounds as large as ours, we rely heavily on volunteers to keep things functional and safe. Thank you to these folks who often go unnoticed, working on things during the week when few are here to see the work being done! If you're interested in helping with projects around the church (everything from plumbing to electrical to drywall to painting to weeding and more), please contact me; we'd love to have you join the team.

I have to share a huge shout-out to Sandi Ainsworth who week after week keeps our facility clean and ready for use. She is here throughout the week cleaning and tidying after groups and you would never know a meeting had happened after she cleans the space. Sandi, you are a vital part to every ministry in this building.

Jackie Fuller keeps our building looking fresh and beautiful. The wood wall in the sanctuary is changed regularly to reflect our Sunday sermon series and that is thanks to Jackie. The foyer decorations are carefully picked by Jackie, and other design projects are carefully thought out by her as well. Thank you, Jackie, for keeping our space a pleasant place to be!

This year we had our typical end-of-summer clean-up day but this year I was on maternity leave while it happened, so Rick Hardt and Monica Howe facilitated in my absence. Thank you both for that! The clean-up day in preparation of Easter was well attended, and we got lots of weeding, pruning, organizing, pressure washing, painting, and scrubbing done. Per usual, we had coffee and donuts before the work and soup and salad when all was said and done – a lunch well-earned!

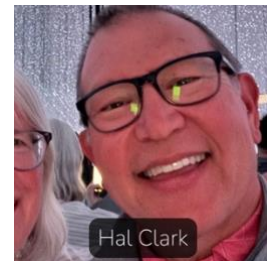
## Nominating Committee

Hal Clark – Moderator

The 2026 Nominating Committee consisted of Hal Clark (Moderator), Brenda Leighton, Dan Peterson, Jason Kreutz, Marilyn Finsen and Nadra Riaz. We submit to the congregation this wonderful group of people from our church who are willing to serve us and our community in the coming years.

## Elder Nominations

Hal Clark – I have been a member of Mountain View along with my wife Stephanie for many years. We raised our family at Mountain View and are blessed with several of our children and grandchildren as a part of our Mountain View family. I was a family practice doctor for many years with an office in Marysville. I retired about 2 years ago and feel very blessed having a 2nd adult life. I became a follower of Jesus in college, convicted that there was much more to life than what often passes as important in American culture. Since then, the Lord through grace has drawn me closer to Him. I am passionate to love and serve our Mountain View community.



Beth Cox – I began attending Mountain View shortly after moving to Snohomish County. My family, my husband Matt, and 14-year-old twins, Ella and Elijah, feel so grateful to be a part of this community and have the opportunity to be involved in the church life here. We have loved being part of the coffee bar clean-up, the youth group, and the women's and men's ministries. When we aren't at church, you'll find us trying to pack in as much time together as possible before the kids graduate from high school. You'll find us playing games together (Catan is a favorite), hiking, traveling, running,



visiting Disneyland, and making trips to Oregon to see our families. I hope to live my life serving Jesus by bringing love and hope to those who so desperately need it.

## Deacon Nominations



**Adjoavi Amevo** –Born in June 1975 in Lomé, Togo, I grew up in a lower middle-class family as the fifth of seven children. My father was an air traffic controller, and my mother a homemaker and seamstress. Raised in the Ewe tribe and educated in French, I attended an all-girls Catholic school but became rebellious as a teenager.

At 22, while pregnant and attending Physician Assistant School on a government scholarship, my older brother Felix—my mentor and best friend—passed away, deeply affecting me. During my mourning, I received news that I had been selected for the U.S. Diversity Visa. Despite my sorrow, I found solace and renewed faith in God, especially as my fiancé became distant and my family dynamics worsened.

In August 1999, I moved to the U.S. and left my infant son Elias in Togo with my mother, relying on faith and the kindness of strangers to navigate a new life. I joined the U.S. Navy in the year 2000, traveled the world, and eventually married Ben, blending our families and having two more children. Though imperfect, my family continues to grow stronger every day, grounded in love and faith.

**Zeeshan Emmanuel** – "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus to do good works" Ephesians 2:10 (NRSV). I grew in a faithful family in Pakistan, where I attended church since I was young and have been involved in youth ministry and serving as church usher. I obtained a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Pakistan. I married Mahlah in 2019, and we are blessed to have a daughter named Angelica. Before relocating to Washington, I spent 8 years working in Dubai, experiencing life in a multicultural society. Currently, I work in the aerospace manufacturing sector. I started attending Mountain View Church in November 2024 and became a member of the Mountain View Church family in late 2025. I love listening to people's faith stories, hosting, and visiting them. I enjoy cooking and serving. I am glad to be a part of amazing Mountain View Church.

**Linda Litch**– Linda was raised in and a member of the United Methodist church. She taught Sunday school and volunteered for VBS. Her children attended church in their youth. In the late nineties, she and her husband joined a camping club and spent their weekends at their trailer. Her work schedule also included weekends. She taped several

Christian television shows and watched them during the week. Once retired she was ready to return to church. She and her mother attended GriefShare at Mountain View in 2016 following the death of her husband and father. Since Mountain View was close to where her mother lived, they both started coming before the pandemic. Once church reopened, she started coming regularly and has become a member. She then joined the Coffee Bar team.

In 2018 she had a devastating financial loss that had her asking God for help. With God's encouragement he brought her from a backslider to an overcomer. God answered her prayers; it was like a spiritual awakening. After this spiritual event she felt the need to read the whole Bible. It took some time, but it made her feel even closer to God and Jesus.

She continues to watch Christian television and read the Bible. She also attends Mountain View Bible study. She appreciates the knowledge she is gaining through these and Sunday sermons. As a Deacon she wants to continue her spiritual growth and be an asset to our church.

Chris Rickey – My wife, Magen, and I were high school sweethearts and married in 2013. Although I attended church as a small child, Jesus was truly revealed to me by the Holy Spirit in April 2024. We began attending Mountain View later that year with our 3 kids: Lincoln (11), Greyson (8), and Emmaleigha (3) and became baptized members in early 2025. I became involved with the church rather quickly: beginning with minor facility repairs and usher/greeting coordinator, to now, a small group host and Celebration Singer. I am a Facilities Engineering Manager by trade and have supported Amazon's Seattle Corporate HQ for over 10 years. In my free time, I enjoy golf, tinkering with things around the house, and Christian music ranging from worship to metal.

## Nominating Committee Nominations



Marilyn Finsen



Jason Kreutz



Lynn Lockwood



Waseem Riaz

Marilyn Finsen – Our family began attending the church in October of 1989. We had received a flyer in the mail regarding a new contemporary service at Mountain View. We had been church shopping for some time and when we walked out into the parking lot that day our family of 5 all agreed we'd found our church. Since that time, we have been blessed with the fellowship, spiritual guidance and opportunity to serve our Lord through the ministries here. I have served as a deacon, elder, and on nominating committees. I have enjoyed serving in youth leadership, teaching adult, youth, and now preschool Sunday school. I learned so much by co-leading the Kerygma series for adult



education. In 2008 with the economic crisis the Lord led me to look for teaching on finances and with Pastor John's support I started classes and soon realized how gifted my husband was in this arena. Since that time, we've supported Financial Peace for the church and community through Randy's leadership. The past 5 years I have been blessed to facilitate GriefShare with a team from our church. As a family we hosted small groups, and most recently I have led women's Bible studies. This church has been foundational to our family through the raising of 3 children, health crises, family and professional challenges, and now into our retirement years. I retired in 2018 after working 40 years for Snohomish County. I am blessed with my husband Randy, son Dan and Adi (2 adult children), daughters Monica and Kiley (4 adult children), and Kelli and Pete (3 school age children).

Jason Kreutz – Jason grew up in Marysville. He first became connected to Mt. View in 2001, and became a member, along with his wife Becca, 14 years ago (shortly after moving back to the area from Chicago where he completed his Ph.D. in Chemistry).

Since then, Jason has had the opportunity to be a part of the discernment team that launched Mt. View's daughter church, Tidelands, and the pastor nominating committee that welcomed Dan Jones to our church family. Jason has also been actively involved in Mountain View's student ministries and has served as a Stephen Minister and an Elder. Jason and Becca have loved raising their two children (Levi, 15, and Elsie, 12) in the Mountain View community. He looks forward to continuing to serve through his work on the Nominating Committee.

Lynn Lockwood – Lynn and her husband Jason began attending Mountain View in 1996, as newlyweds. She has served on Session, as a deacon, on nominating committee and in children's ministry - currently in the nursery. Lynn was a career missionary in France before meeting Jason, and appreciates being involved in the Mission Focus and Senegal teams. She has been part of the women's Wednesday morning Bible study and a local Moms in Prayer group for almost three decades. She and Jason enjoy hosting "Meet Ups" to get to know more Mountain View folks. It's a privilege to be part of Mt View's prayerful nomination process. Jason and Lynn enjoy exploring the US in their pickup camper, sometimes visiting their three adult sons, who all live out of state. She serves on the board of Synergie Francophone and is always ready to fly overseas. On a more daily basis she loves to read, walk and play board games.

Waseem Riaz – Waseem was born and raised in Pakistan. He lives in Marysville with his wife Seema, daughter Rachel, and sons Abraham and Samson. Waseem is an ordained ministry of the word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan and has been a member here at Mountain View for over 10 years. He previously served as a Pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Taxila and worked as an evangelist to share the Gospel in a primarily Muslim area. He loves to travel, meet new people, and serve the Lord

## Nominating Committee Alternates

Dan Peterson – Dan Peterson, along with his wife Cary and 2 kids (Brett & Anna) started attending Mt. View in December 1989, after having lived in Hawaii for over a decade. Dan has served the congregation in a number of ways, starting off by co-teaching a Sunday school class for 2 years with the pastor’s wife (Claudia Young). He then served on Session as an elder for 12 years straight and has been on 2 different nominating committees. Dan & Cary were both on the pastor search committee that hired John Mason. Dan was also on the building committee for our new sanctuary, and on the committee to raise funds for the new building. Somewhere in early 1992 our pastor at the time (Randy Young) bought a set of drums to be used in worship, and Randy was the one who played them. A few months went by and when Randy was going to be on vacation for a few weeks, Dan asked if he could sit in on the drums while he was gone. That was over 32 years ago, and Dan still occasionally plays drums for our worship services...which is his true love in giving back to the church.



Rick Hardt - Rick and Vicky started attending Mt. View in 1978 after moving to Marysville from Everett. He has served as an Elder on Session and Church Treasurer. He’s been able to use his Civil Engineering experience as a member of two building expansion committees. Currently, he volunteers on the property team and as a greeter on Sunday mornings.

