

Ministry of Caring

August 26, 2026

Care

Pray, Write, Call, Reach Out to:

Our Families at Home

Alice Ann Wallace, Matt Belitz, Mary Hicks, Steven Fish, Barbara McCulloch, Chic Stinson, Keri Hale, Karen Lamon, Jady Tipton, Russ Cobb, Al Shiver, Sergei Volkov, Dennis Ridley

Our Families in Care Facilities

Legacy Park: Joyce Fulton

Shannondale: Jean Jordan

Asbury Place: Dixie Petrey

Brookdale (Sandy Springs): Steve Spice

Our Extended Families

Haley Allen, friend of Michelle Delozier;

Zane, friend of Michelle Delozier; **Susan**

and Alex's son, neighbors of the Wilsons;

Barbara Whaley, Jerry Holden's sister;

Sheila Clinard, Lisa Hill's sister-in-law; **Jill**

Baron, friend of Ruth Harris; **Bill Benson**,

brother of Betty Holden; **Kayla Olive**,

daughter of David & Kathryn Olive; **Roe**

Boone, brother of Gail Garland

Arrangements for Myrt Powell: Receiving of Friends is on Thursday, Sept. 3, from 1-2 PM, with the funeral following at 2 PM. It will be held at Grace Community Church located at 1821 Morganton Road in Maryville.

Calendar Items

- **September 6-** Communion (now on the 1st Sunday of each month)
- **September 7-** Church Office is closed for Labor Day!
- **September 9-** DivorceCare starts again, from 6-8 PM

Impact

AUGUST

Dollar in the Pew

Community Food Connection (CFC) was started in 1991 when local churches, concerned citizens, and the Blount County Ecumenical Action Council joined forces to address hunger more effectively. Their stated mission is simple: to ensure that no one in Blount County goes without food. They provide groceries to every family that seeks their help. With 5,000 monthly client visits, CFC relies on the generosity of individuals, area churches, schools, businesses, and organizations to keep their shelves stocked. They are located in Midland Plaza.

DONATION

Donations of individually wrapped breakfast bars and pop-top cans of soup are needed for the MVBC Blessing Box.



thank you!

Maria and I are very thankful for the MVBC Deacon Ministry team, who mowed and trimmed our yard last week during my illness. - Sergei Volkov

Journey Women Group

WHEN: Will start back Thursday, September 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: The Landing

BOOK: Walking with God by Beth Moore. We will be taking this at a much slower pace, doing one day's assignment for the week to fit within our time frame. (This will be discussion and no videos.)

LEADER: Annie Johnson

COST: \$20.00. Annie will be ordering the books, so please let her know if you would like to attend.

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a **special called business meeting** after worship on **Sunday, Sept. 6**. The Properties Committee will present a motion to repair the sanctuary windows.

Volunteers Needed at Tradewinds!

We have a variety of opportunities available, including:

- Greeting customers on Saturdays
- Check out – Register/Money
- Bagging gifts
- Writing tickets
- Assisting/working with community events

We would love to have you join our team. There is a place for everyone to serve! If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Lisa Hill – 865-604-2562 or Jennifer Davis – 865-224-1188

Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community through Tradewinds!

Welcome our newest Covenant Partners,

David and Pamela Savell!

The Savell's officially joined Monte Vista on August 9. We are so glad to welcome them as part of the Monte Vista family! Please make sure to introduce yourself when you see them.



Message from Pastor Rick

MVBC Family,

I am so excited about this Sunday! The sacred verses guiding our worship are those offered to us by the larger, global Christian community through the Revised Common Lectionary. When I first read the OT text in July, I had the impression that its preaching invited - if not demanded - a female perspective, voice, and touch. It includes so many women who were embodying a faith that refuses to let go. Just as strongly, I had the impression that it should be Katie Morgan-Harper. A native of Etowah and McMinn County, Katie has been to me a great help in embracing East Tennessee culture. What's more, she's crazy-gifted, called, sent, wise, humble, clever, smart, creative, and discerning. Please help me welcome her and her family home (to Maryville) and to worship at MVBC.

This Sunday we baptize three. Rina Neel, Bryn Baird, and Mateo come to the water to declare "Jesus is Lord," and to demonstrate their embrace of that life-altering profession publicly, through baptism. While the Baptist distinctive related to baptism is historically more about "believer's baptism" (as opposed to infant baptism) than "baptism by immersion," I encourage immersion as an illustration of the depth of both Jesus' call and our response. Jesus invites us not only to immerse our life in his, but to submerge it - in a way that allows every part of us to get wet. You risk getting swimmer's ear or water up your nose, or both. So be it, to the glory of God and the coming of the Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven. "Buried with Christ, raised to walk in the newness of life."

Further information about Myrt Powell's service is available. A receiving of friends will be held at 1 PM Thursday, September 3rd at Grace Community Church (new site on Morganton Road) with a service to follow at 2 PM. I hope you will be available to join us in remembering and celebrating this saint, our sister in Christ.

I've recently received several welcome gifts - bread, vegetables, decorative items for my office (per a registry at Tradewinds) - many of which have been anonymous. Please know of my gratitude for these gifts and expressions of welcome - whomever you are.

Want to learn more about the Revised Common Lectionary as referenced above? Vanderbilt Divinity School Library does a fine job of curating Sunday and daily texts as well as other resources for reflection. You can access the website by simply Googling "Vanderbilt lectionary" or visiting: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu> Another fine resource for receiving a daily email with the texts and a prayer is the site dailylectio.net (they also have a fine app).

Grace and peace to you, friends. I look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Rick