

# Sunday Reservations

Church Family:

Just a “heads up” on a couple of things as we head into July:

1. **Reservations will no longer be required in order to participate in our three Sunday morning worship services (8:00, 9:30, & 11:00).** Up to this point we have been able to accommodate those worshipping with us while maintaining physical distancing guidelines. The only worship services where we have come close to “maxing out” our main worship area have been at the 11:00 services. If we experience a larger than “new normal” number of worshipers at any of our future services, we may have to encourage some who arrive last to worship in the Chapel or in the Lobby.
2. **While we are making disposable face masks available, we are not requiring that you wear one.** If you choose to worship with us, please do so understanding and accepting the reality that a majority of attendees are choosing to not wear face masks.
3. **Reservations** — which can be made online through our [greeleychurch.com](http://greeleychurch.com) website by going to the calendar page under the events tab — **are still being required for our Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education Classes.** This is necessary because of the limited number of people we can accommodate in the space where these classes meet. You can choose to show up without registering — but, if you do so, those with reservations will be given first priority in the event of “too many” people showing up.
4. If you are at all concerned for any reason about being exposed to COVID-19 (or any other disease) and especially if you are in a “high-risk” group due to pre-existing underlying conditions, please choose to worship with us online through our [greeleychurch.com](http://greeleychurch.com) website, our Mountain View Facebook page or our YouTube channel.

May God be gracious to you. May He give comfort to those of you who need it. May He give encouragement to those who are discouraged. And, may He use each of us to be a blessing to others in the days ahead!

-Pastor Bruce

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# [This Weekend @ Mountain View](#)

## **THIS WEEKEND – MAY 24th – AT MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

Some important information for our church family as we resume modified public worship services:

- Please remember that we need you to reserve your seat at one of our three Sunday Morning Worship Services (8:00; 9:30; or 11:00) if you plan to worship in person with us. You can do this by going to the calendar on our church website's "events" page, clicking on the service you wish to attend, and entering your information. You can click on the following link to take you there: <https://www.greeleychurch.com/events/>. Be sure you are selecting the correct date! Depending upon the number of individuals and the size of family groups, we will be able to accommodate anywhere from about 80 up to possibly as many as 100 in each service while still maintaining social distancing recommendations. If necessary, we may have to seat those who arrive last in our Chapel where the services will be live-streamed.
- We ask that you plan to arrive no sooner than about 10 minutes prior to your scheduled service because we will not be able to allow worshipers to enter the main worship area until hard surface chairs (which will be an option until filled) have been sprayed with a virucide and allowed to dry. (Please note: We do not have the ability to disinfect soft surfaces such as our cloth-covered chairs.)
- At the close of each service we will ask you to maintain social distancing while leaving and to not linger in the building as we will need to wipe down some of the hard surfaces between services.
- While we will have some of our restrooms available for use, we ask that you reserve their use for emergencies — as another precaution against spreading any virus.
- Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer Christian Education on-site or Nursery care at this time. If you are bringing an infant with you, please remember to register him or her!

Finally, while we would love to see everyone in person, we acknowledge that just because you can come worship with us doesn't mean that you should. If you or anyone in your immediate family are or have recently been ill OR if you live with someone whose health is compromised, please take advantage of our weekly online messages. Our plan is to continue recording and posting our "Sunday" message on our church website

(<https://www.greeleychurch.com/message/>) as well as our Mountain View YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDTPpkYgxApBGq2SajpZOPg/featured>) & on our Mountain View Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/Mountain-View-Church-1156430707724678/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel&eid=ARCGdt0UOf4mfJxtjxE4dWwNpgQ31W4qJLVpe3M4WedzwHuhZ1Py155eEoiXXR2lxwsvBoV65ZN-LjBj](https://www.facebook.com/Mountain-View-Church-1156430707724678/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel&eid=ARCGdt0UOf4mfJxtjxE4dWwNpgQ31W4qJLVpe3M4WedzwHuhZ1Py155eEoiXXR2lxwsvBoV65ZN-LjBj)) by 8 AM each Sunday for the foreseeable future.

*Please contact us with any questions. May God help us to take necessary precautions without living in fear. He is in control. And, if our faith is in Him, our destiny is secure!*

*-Pastor Bruce*

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## **Worship Services**

Mountain View Church Family:

Have you missed being able to worship with your church family? We are planning to offer three worship services this next Sunday, May 24th at our Worship Center with services starting at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM. Please note that the first two services will begin at our new “start” times. We have adjusted these service times in order to allow for more time between services. And, the 9:30 service will continue to be our service with traditional music (hymns).

We will be communicating more information about these services as the week progresses — including information regarding “signing up” to indicate your intention to worship at a specific service as we will only be able to accommodate up to about 80 people per service in order to maintain the recommended distance between unrelated people who will worship with us.

Thank you for your faithfulness over these past two months in connecting with one another, worshipping with others in small home groups, and giving generously to our church.

I look forward to worshipping in person with those who will choose to do so this next Sunday!

*-Pastor Bruce*

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# **Important Information from Your Church...**

Mountain View Church Family:

Yesterday we sent out an email regarding worshipping together this next Sunday — an email that was based on information communicated from our State Government last Friday, May 8th. That May 8th document of 36 pages had one paragraph that specifically addressed “Houses of Worship” and that paragraph was worded in such a way that it would have allowed us to resume public worship if we maintained “social distancing” and “cleanliness” guidelines. So, we arranged our public worship space to allow us to accommodate up to about 100 people and were moving ahead with plans to worship within these boundaries while adhering to those guidelines.

Well, yesterday, in his conference call with church leaders from around the State, our Governor referred to updated guidelines and dictates for “Houses of Worship” — which make it very clear that we are not free in the eyes of the State to have more than 10 people in any one “room” — no matter how large the room is.

So, in an effort to be good citizens of our state as well as trying to do what we can to meet the needs of God’s people, **here is what we are now planning to offer this next weekend — May 16 & 17:**

- **Saturday evening Worship Service at 6:00 PM.**
- **Sunday morning Worship Services beginning at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM (with the 9:30 service being a “Traditional” service with hymns).**
- **And, for all who cannot or who choose not to worship with us in person, we will plan once again to record and post at least the message as well as a tribute to our graduating seniors to our Church, YouTube, and Facebook websites .**

**PLEASE note the starting times for our services** — as they have changed for the first two Sunday services!

Because of what we can and cannot legally do, **we will be able to only accommodate up to 10 people in any one “room”**. So, for each of the four worship services that we will offer, we will only be able to have 8 worshipers in the Main Worship area (because the person on the platform and the person in the AV booth count as persons). In addition we will be able to accommodate 10 worshipers for each service in the Chapel/C-1 and in the Lobby — spaces to which we will live-stream the service from the main worship area.

Pastor Rick will lead our worship through song for each of these services from the piano/keyboard and Pastor Bruce will then exchange places on the platform to share the message. Pastor Mike will provide “traffic control” and has graciously offered to take care of sanitizing and helping with swapping out chairs between services.

I greatly appreciate the good number of you who quickly responded to our request for volunteers to help in various ways this next weekend so we can reopen for worship, However, because of these hard limits on the number of people being allowed in a “room”, we will not be able to use your help this weekend. But, we will certainly let you know when we will be needing your help in the weeks ahead! Because we will be limited to a maximum of 28 people total in each of these Worship Services, **we NEED YOU to RESERVE YOUR PLACE**. We cannot hope that only 28 people will show up. (Never

thought I'd even think of wishing that!) So, if you would like to worship with us in person this next weekend, **please call the church office during business hours (8:30-5:00 M-F) to check with Wanda — letting her know your desire to worship with us this next Sunday and who will be coming with you.** Spaces will be given to you on a “first-come, first served” basis. If we “fill up”, we will send out an email letting you know. Pastor Mike will have a list of those who have reserved their seats for each of the services and he will have to play the bad guy by turning away anyone who is not on the list. (Never thought I'd think of turning people away from a worship service either!).

I know that in our church family we have people with very different views and opinions about the measures being required and being taken during this COVID-19 era. Some will be very disappointed and even upset that we are even thinking of offering public worship services at all. Others believe that we never should have stopped worshiping in large groups. Let us acknowledge that sincere Christians can and will disagree on things like this — but please don't let Satan use our differences of opinion to drive us apart.

Finally, because we are offering these modified opportunities to worship with others, this does not mean that everyone should take advantage of them. If you are or have been ill, if you live with someone whose health is compromised, or if you have recently been around those who have demonstrated symptoms of COVID-19 or the flu, please choose to stay home (and “join” us on the internet). That is the loving thing to do for others. And, if you choose to come gather at the worship center for these services, please observe the recommendation to maintain 6-feet between you and others who are not in your family, choose to wear a face-covering/mask for the benefit of others, and plan to use your family bathroom before coming. (While we will have certain restrooms available for your use “just in case”, the use of public restrooms is being discouraged.)

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns — there is more that I could share but this email is long enough already. And pray for your church leaders as we seek to do what is best.  
-Pastor Bruce

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## **Resurrection Sunday Service**

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**You are invited to join us for our virtual “Resurrection Sunday Service”:**

*We hope to have this service available online by early Sunday morning. There will be special music provided by some from our church family and a message from **Matthew 27:57 - Matthew 28:15** entitled, “**History or ‘this story’: What Will You Believe?**”*

*As with our Good Friday Service, this service should be available through the “Messages” tab on our [www.greeleychurch.com](http://www.greeleychurch.com) website — as well as through our Mountain View Church Greeley Facebook page & YouTube channel.*

*-Pastor Bruce*

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## **Good Friday Service**

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We hope you can join us on Friday, April 10 for the Good Friday message of "Jesus in Gethsemane."  
We plan to have this message available for viewing by mid-afternoon on Friday, April 10.

The message may be seen on our website at <https://www.greeleychurch.com/message/>

It may also be found on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/Mountain-View-Church-1156430707724678/> by clicking on "Videos" to the left of the page.

You may also find it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDTPpkYgxApBGq2SajpZOPg>

The text for the sermon can be found in Matthew 26:26-29 and 26:36-39.

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## **Caring, Worship & Fellowship**

To Our Mountain View Church Family:

As we seek to do what we can to meet your needs during these days & weeks when “social distancing” is being encouraged and public gatherings of ten or more people are not being allowed here in Weld County, we would like to know if or how we can help to serve or minister to you.

- **HELP US CARE FOR YOU:** If you would like to have one of our Elders or Pastors telephone you to check on you once or on an ongoing basis, **PLEASE let us know by responding to this email or emailing the church office if you are reading this online.** Make sure we have your name and telephone number by including them in your response. These calls can be for the purpose of simply checking up with you to see how you are doing, praying with you over the phone, sharing a verse of Scripture, &/or giving you an opportunity to let us know if there is a practical way we might serve you — such as picking up a prescription for you or doing some grocery shopping for you. We are asking you to “opt in” by responding to this email or contacting us so that we can focus on those who desire this extra contact.
- **WORSHIP THROUGH LEARNING FROM GOD’S WORD:** While we can & should be worshipping God in all we do every day, I would like to encourage you to worship as families &/or in small groups with people you normally spend time with. To help you worship through learning from God’s Word we are planning to live stream my message on Philippians 4:4-7 from our almost empty Mountain View Church worship area this [next Sunday](#) and we hope to have things set up so those of you who have Facebook accounts can log in and view the live stream by accessing it through our Mountain View Church Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/Mountain-View-Church-1156430707724678/?eid=ARBrZcd0GU5S1Ky mzTaEawmAc2SY8LpCY7vmjH4R2f4G-4oa\\_9XcW39sd-djOwwV8msDPHzDULDnu9f](https://www.facebook.com/Mountain-View-Church-1156430707724678/?eid=ARBrZcd0GU5S1Ky mzTaEawmAc2SY8LpCY7vmjH4R2f4G-4oa_9XcW39sd-djOwwV8msDPHzDULDnu9f)) at 8:30 AM. After the live stream is over it should also be available on demand through our Facebook page for the next week or so. And, for those without a Facebook account, Pastor Rick will be working between now and Sunday to see if we can get the video posted to our dedicated Mountain View Church YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDTPpkYgxApBGq2SajpZOPg/featured>) which Pastor Mike (who is “on vacation” this week) has just set up for us.
- **WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP IN REALLY SMALL GROUPS:** This [next Sunday, March 22nd](#), we are going to make it possible for those of you who desire to get out and worship in song, pray, and encourage a few others in person to do so. [Beginning at 10:00 AM](#) Pastor Rick and I will be in the Worship Center Chapel — making ourselves available to small groups of up to 7 other people at a time who would like to spend 20-30 minutes singing, praying, and encouraging one another. Pastor Rick will play hymns by request and we will also have song sheets available with words to some modern songs. If this is of interest to you please do the following:
  - Contact any others with whom you might want to meet for this singing, prayer, and fellowship & decide with your other group members which “time slots” you would prefer to have;
  - Call our church office ([330-1830](#)) during business hours ([before Friday at 4:30 PM](#)) to speak with Wanda to let us know about your group and to sign up for a set time that has not already been claimed.
  - Plan to come to the Worship Center Chapel at your agreed upon time.

We will plan to meet with as many groups of people (up to 7 in a group) as are interested with

scheduled start times of [10:00](#), [10:30](#), [11:00](#), & [11:30](#). And, we will fill these time slots on a first-call, first-claimed basis. If you would like to participate but do not have a group of people whom you know can meet with you, simply call and let us know of your interest and we will form a group that includes you.

Please continue to pray for one another and for our civic leaders.

-Pastor Bruce

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## Challenges & Opportunities

*Dear Mountain View Church Family:*

*With all events involving more than 9 people being banned by the Weld Health Department until after April 8th, the next anticipated possible public gathering for us at Mountain View will be our Good Friday Service on April 10th. Time will tell if we will be able to gather together even then.*

*In the meantime, let us remember that great challenges often provide us with great opportunities. Many of you or people you know are going to face financial challenges as employers cut back hours of operation and as some lay off their employees. Those who have compromised immune systems are being advised to stay in their homes. This includes those who have underlying health issues and many of these people are among the more mature (older) people in our community.*

*In the days and weeks ahead it would be good if we all made a greater than normal effort to check up on one another — and especially those who cannot or should not be going out in public. While personal visits might be in order for some people, much can be accomplished with a simple phone call — to ask how they are doing, to share an encouraging verse from the Bible, to offer to pray with them over the phone, and to ask if there*



*is anything practical that they need done that you might help accomplish (such as picking up a prescription or doing some grocery shopping for them and delivering it to their home).*

*At this point we are planning to live stream from our Worship Center this next Sunday morning at 8:30. At the very least we will live stream a message from God's Word. This Sunday that message will come from **Philippians 4:4-7** and will focus on our response as Christians to the COVID-19 pandemic and to challenging times in general. If things come together, we will also be streaming our worship team singing the music that we would have sung together with you in our 8:30 & 11:00 worship services if this ban on public gatherings hadn't been put in place.*

*Once the "8:30 service" is over, we hope to make what was streamed available through our Mountain View Church Facebook page*  
— [https://www.facebook.com/Mountain-View-Church-1156430707724678/?eid=ARBrZcd0GU5S1KymzT aEawmAc2SY8LpCY7lvmjH4R2f4G-4oa\\_9XcW39sd-djOwwV8msDPHzDULDnu9f](https://www.facebook.com/Mountain-View-Church-1156430707724678/?eid=ARBrZcd0GU5S1KymzT aEawmAc2SY8LpCY7lvmjH4R2f4G-4oa_9XcW39sd-djOwwV8msDPHzDULDnu9f)

*We will plan to update you via emails &/or through social media (our Mountain View Church Facebook page & our Church website*  
— [www.greeleychurch.com](http://www.greeleychurch.com)  
— *as decisions are made in the days ahead.*

*As you have needs, please let us know how we might be able to help you. As God enables you, help those you know to be in need. Together and with God's help we will get through this and anything else that comes our way. May we continually look for ways to share the love of Christ with others in our families and in our communities.*

*-Pastor Bruce*

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**[Mountain View's Response to the Coronavirus](#)**

*Mountain View Church Family:*

*As of this writing (Thursday AM), there are no reported confirmed cases of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Weld County. That could very well have changed by the time you read this.*

*While we are not panicking about this virus, we owe it to you and the rest of our church family to take reasonable measures to do what we can to help protect your health and to ease any fears you might have about participating in worship services or other events held at our Mountain View Worship Center. Here are some things we would like to communicate:*

- 1. Please stay home if you are sick & stay home with your children if they are sick.*
- 2. Do as many others are advising: Wash your hands frequently; Cough into your sleeve or elbow; etc.*
- 3. Refrain from shaking hands. If I extend my hand to you and you would rather not shake it, no harm and no hard feelings. I will try to refrain from extending my hand so that you don't feel obligated to shake mine. A smile, wave, fist-bump (?), foot taps (which I saw on the news being done in Asia) might be your chosen alternative to shaking hands. We certainly will not encourage you to give one another a "holy kiss". (I may talk about that one in this Sunday's message.)*
- 4. Weather permitting, I will encourage our greeters to stand at the outside doors with the doors already open for you so that you will not have to touch the doors (if that is a concern for you).*
- 5. We will change the way that we encourage you to worship through the giving of your tithes and offerings for the foreseeable future. This is because there may be some who are cautious about passing the offering plates which have been touched by numerous other people during this time when our society is on high alert because of the coronavirus. We have a "mail slot" in the east lobby wall just outside the main doors into which you can drop your offerings into a secure box. And, I will encourage our Ushers to make available offering baskets or offering plates at the back of the main worship area into which you can place your offerings. We also offer online giving through our website: [www.greeleychurch.com](http://www.greeleychurch.com).*
- 6. We will be cancelling the next scheduled Celebration of Communion to remove any possibility that the virus might be spread through the passing of the bread and cup trays.*
- 7. If the situation worsens in our area, we will consider taking additional steps. But, at this point we have no plans to cancel services, small groups, or any ministries that we offer.*

*If you choose to stay home or must miss worshipping with us on Sunday mornings, you can find our Sunday morning messages online through our church website: [www.greeleychurch.com](http://www.greeleychurch.com). The previous Sunday's message is usually uploaded by the following Tuesday.*

*May God keep you healthy and, if He does, I look forward to seeing you on Sunday morning!*

*-Pastor Bruce*