



## VAIL INTERFAITH CHAPEL

— 50 Years —

*The Spiritual Heart of Vail*

### WHY?

*To secure the future of the Vail Interfaith Chapel as a spiritual and community center for the Town of Vail and the Valley Valley by improving the building's structural and aesthetic integrity now and for the next 25 – 50 years.*



What is the role of a church in any community? Why did our forefathers build the Vail Interfaith Chapel?

- To provide a place of worship that can be shared by several religious congregations to alleviate the cost of maintaining separate buildings
- To be a welcoming spiritual center for the Town of Vail to all, regardless of race, creed, or income
- To provide shelter for those in need
- As a community center for various non-religious nonprofits and community groups to meet and hold events

**OUR CHAPEL IS A PLACE OF SOLACE, ACCEPTANCE, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, WORSHIP, PEACE, JOY, LIFE AND FORGIVENESS WHERE WE SHARE LIFE, DEATH, PAIN, AGONY, FOOD, SHELTER, WEALTH, SORROW, STORIES, AND HAPPINESS.**



The Vail interfaith Chapel Ministry Center is the location of many meetings of Vail Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Meetings began in the lower level of the Vail Chapel sometime around the mid 1970's. Initially, AA began in Vail in 1969 at the request of Dr. Tom Steinberg. Rev. Don Simonton, the Vail Religious Foundation Board and the community welcomed the five-year-old program for its weekly meeting.

First Lady Betty Ford often and regularly attended meetings along with 60 others in the Chapel's lower level meeting room. The group now meets in the Ministry Center with scores of members daily, weekly and annually.

Most of us know of someone, somewhere that has a drinking problem. Sponsored by the Vail Religious Foundation, Vail's AA program is a life-saving asset to the residents and guests of the Town of Vail and the Vail Valley. Participants, both regular and new, attend 14 meetings per week at the Vail Interfaith Chapel. [www.vailalcoholicsanonymous.com](http://www.vailalcoholicsanonymous.com)

34,000

Residents and guests attending religious services per year

\$15 MILLION

Annual revenue driven to local businesses by 45 weddings every year

4,200

Classical music fans attending Bravo! Vail concerts each summer

10,608

Annual attendees at 17 Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and Alpine Counseling meetings per week

100

Families served for emergency shelter when I-70 closes in the past 5 years

The Vail Symposium has been fortunate to present many of our programs over the past two years at the Vail Chapel. As attendance grew and started to double we searched for a larger venue - one of the first things that drew us to the Vail Chapel. Once we started hosting our programs we realized what an amazing venue it truly is - the atmosphere warm and beautiful, the acoustics and sound system top notch. Our speakers are always surprised and impressed when they come in the door. To have all of this in the heart of Vail is icing on the cake. We look forward to hosting many future programs at the Vail Chapel.

<https://vailsymposium.org>



Thank you so very much for letting Alpine Counseling Center to use the Vail Interfaith Chapel to hold our Level II DUI classes. We cannot do this without the use the lower meeting room for our meetings each week. By donating the space, it allowed us to provide life-changing therapies for Eagle County's 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial clients.

Our clients live and work in the Vail valley and many did not have the option to drive or leave Vail because of lost driving privileges or other issues. Use of this space is a crucial component in helping people build better, more sustainable lives.

Vail Interfaith Chapel is an incredible and beautiful resource for the community and we hope it can be a place of healing and solace for generations to come.

[www.alpinespringscounseling.com](http://www.alpinespringscounseling.com)

Bravo! Vail Festival expresses our most sincere gratitude to the Board and Staff of the Vail Interfaith Chapel and the Vail Religious Foundation, for their steadfast partnership over the last two decades. The Vail Interfaith Chapel has been an amazing partner to our Festival, hosting dozens of chamber music concerts for our shared community, which are always free and open to the public, as well as hosting rehearsals and - in 2020 - virtual events. Producing a world-class classical music festival in the Colorado Rocky Mountains would simply not be possible without strong community partnerships, and the Vail Interfaith Chapel epitomizes the spirit of that collaboration. Thank you!!

[www.bravovail.org](http://www.bravovail.org)



# COMMUNITY/FEASIBILITY SURVEY RESULTS

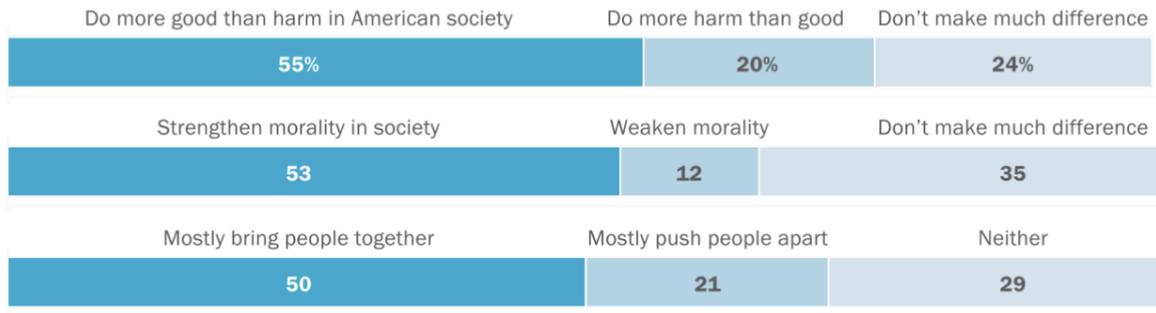
With the help of Intercept Insights, a local market research company, in June and July, 2020 we surveyed nearly 300 residents, second homeowners and guests located Valley wide, male and female, from single to families to divorcees and empty nesters, and ranging from 18 to 80+ years old.

- 93% agree that: “The Vail Interfaith Chapel is an important element in contributing to the quality of life in Vail and the Vail Valley.”
- 95% agree that: “The Vail Interfaith Chapel building should be maintained and repaired to continue its existence in the Town of Vail.”
- 95% agree that: “The community of Vail and the Vail Valley should have a religious center for those of faith, even if you are not.”
- 74% feel it is important to regularly maintain the Vail Interfaith Chapel.

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## Many in U.S. see religion as force for good in society

*% of U.S. adults who say churches and religious organizations ...*



Note: Those who did not answer are not shown.

Source: Survey conducted March 18-April 1, 2019, among U.S. adults.

“Americans Have Positive Views About Religion’s Role in Society, but Want It Out of Politics”

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<https://www.pewforum.org/2019/11/15/americans-have-positive-views-about-religions-role-in-society-but-want-it-out-of-politics/>