



# Tidings from Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church  
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August 2025

## WORD STUDY: REPENTANCE / METANOIA

**Definition.** Metanoia (μετάνοια) means “a change of mind,” but biblically it refers to a change of heart and direction: turning away from sin and toward God. It is often translated as repentance, but not merely in the sense of remorse or regret. *Metanoia* is about transformation: **rethinking that leads to re-living.**

**Biblical Usage:** Used over 20 times in the New Testament, *metanoia* is essential to both the message of Jesus and the call of the early church. It is the first word of the gospel invitation.

*From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent (metanoëite), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17)*

*"Repent (metanoēsate) therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:19)*

*God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance (metanoia). (Romans 2:4)*

*Metanoia* is more than feeling sorry. It's seeing differently, thinking differently, and living differently. Paul reminds us it's God's kindness that leads us to repentance. (Romans 2:4)

When we do a self-examination of our lives, are we just sorry for what we've done? Or have we literally turned our back on those things in our life that we know are not holy & righteous before God?

We serve a God of transformation and He waits for you to submit to His will, so that He can use you to change the world! You will never be fulfilled in this life unless you are in God's will; and you get into God's will for your life through repentance.

I hope to see you in church each Sunday. Remember that in the **month of August we will only have one service at 10 AM with Sunday School at 9 AM.**

Christ above all

*Pastor Byron*

## FROM THE ADMIN BOARD

Summer blessings everyone! I hope this correspondence finds you all doing well. On July 17th we held our 3rd administrative board meeting of the year. Our first topic that we discussed was our financial report and I am pleased to say that through the first 6 months of this year we have met and exceeded our proposed budget through our giving. I want to thank everyone who has supported our church with your financial gifts and offerings. Historically our giving tends to dip down some in the summer months so I am hoping that we will all continue to share our tithes and offerings so we can make that 2nd half of 2025 as good as the 1st half of the year. It is through these gifts that our church is able to continue to grow and prosper and be a helping hand to those in need.

If you haven't heard or seen it yet, I am pleased to announce that we purchased a new church van! This van is brand new and we were able to purchase it at a price lower than we had expected. So far this van has been getting used often by our Youth Group and Keenagers. We will be using it for future mission trips as well. In the coming weeks we are going to be adding our new Mt. Pleasant logo on it. I want to thank everyone who contributed their time and offerings to make this happen.

Our Trustees are continuing to do a great job keeping our church grounds and facilities looking great and operating at its highest level. They announced that we will be replacing the fencing around that playground with a new fence that will look better and be safer than our current one. They have also completed some very nice renovations to our Youth Center. If you have not been in there and seen these updates I recommend you check it out. Be sure to thank our trustees and church staff that have helped transform that building into a beautiful place for our Youth and Sunday school classes to use.

In closing, I want to remind everyone that during the Month of August we will be having only 1 service each Sunday. Sunday School will start at 9:00 and worship service will start at 10:00. We know that many of our members attend Rock Springs and Balls Creek camp meetings during this month so we are trying to accommodate folks to where they can still come to our worship service and then make it out to the campground

service if they so choose. I hope that you all are keeping cool during these hot summer months and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Yours in Christ,

Brandon Cline

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A huge thank you to everyone who helped with, participated in, and prayed for our VBS this past week. It was a huge success, lots of fun, and lots of work as well—the kind of work you're happy to go home tired from! We had a mission challenge—boys against girls on which group could collect the most offering. The “prize” for the winning group was to get to “pie” either Pastor Kaleb or Mrs. Alexis. These amazing kids raised enough that BOTH got pied! The mission project was to raise money for Bibles for Uganda and for the Christian Food Pantry of Sherrills Ford. It is with great celebration we share that each group will receive \$770.00.

Thank you for supporting our children's ministry.

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## MtP Methodist Men

Next meeting:

**August 3rd at 7:30am in the CLC**

All men of the church are invited & encouraged to attend a great breakfast, special program & time of fellowship. Coffee is ready at 7:00am and breakfast at 7:30am.

Cook Team 2 is responsible for the breakfast: Kevin Brady, Walter Beebe, David Carpenter, Brandon Cline, Coleman Gilleland, Brian Martin and Fred Roseman.

# Soli Deo Gloria

## MPMC Music Ministry Happenings Dawn Broom

Thank you, Church Family, for your unending support for our music ministry.

### **REMINDERS:**

Chancel Choir sings for camp meetings at Rock Springs and Balls Creek Campgrounds in August.

Monday, August 4, Rock Springs, Denver

Thursday, August 14, Balls Creek, Catawba (Pastor Byron is Guest Pastor.)

Our adult groups begin their weekly Wednesday rehearsals on September 3

Bells of Praise at 6:30pm

Chancel Choir at 7:10pm

Continuing on with thoughts from the contemporary Irish hymnwriter, Keith Getty:

*"I think the things we are most passionate about are, first, making sure that congregations are able to sing together and, secondly, making sure that the Word of Christ dwells in us richly. When you look at the New Testament, the radical thing about the Church wasn't its performance capabilities, it wasn't buildings, it wasn't even artistry. It was the fact that people from every background were coming together to sing. In other words, what congregational singing represents is actually what the Church represents. The whole concept of congregational worship is to represent the Church here on earth as to what it will one day be in heaven. So, it is a unifying thing.*

*The second thing is, when we look at the models of hymns that we have in Scripture, we have all the Old Testament hymns — mostly*

*hymns of faithfulness like the Song of Moses and the Song of Aaron, which go on for 30-40 verses. We have the Psalms, which is our Old Testament songbook. And then we have the early hymns of the New Testament, which take us through the central Gospel story in Philippians and Colossians. There is a strong sense of God's faithfulness, but there's just a much greater level of lyrical depth.*

*Songs can be short; they can be long. They can be any structure. That's not the issue. But we do have to write songs of substance, because there is a direct correlation with what we sing as to how we live our lives. In the Song of Moses in Deuteronomy, the people were told they had to learn the song. It was 20-30 verses of what God had done for His people. They were told to learn the song so it would be a witness to them if they ever fell away. That's how important what we sing is to how we live our lives."*

Are you getting the idea that singing in the assembly is an act of personal, as well as corporate, worship of our powerful God and wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ? I'd say so. **Let it be that we all strive to experience worship more deeply by lifting our voices in song when we worship together each week.**

Soli Deo Gloria, "To God alone be the glory."

"Teach me Your way, Lord,  
so that I can walk in Your Truth.  
Make my heart focused only on honoring Your name."  
Psalm 86:11 (CEB)





This is our last month of the Summer Program. We have enjoyed spending it with the children. They have had such a good time playing with their friends and making new friends. We loved water day each Thursday, especially when Sherrills Ford Fire and Rescue have visited us!

Our last day of the Summer Program will be Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. The staff will take a week off and then we will be back the last week in August to get things ready for Open House. Letters have already been sent home with dates and times for the children to attend Open House. Our first day of pre-school for the fall will be Tuesday, September 2nd.

Please continue to keep the staff and children in your prayers as we proceed forward in the upcoming preschool year!

Amy Howard

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## MtP Methodist Women

### Circle Meetings:

Jewel Dierwechter — 1st Monday at 11:00am in the CLC or Parlor

Dana Little — 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Parlor

Janie Killian — 2nd Tuesday at 1:00pm in the Parlor

**\*Please note that summer meeting dates and times are subject to change.**

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Congratulations to Dustin Gyovai and Paige Stokes who will be married on Saturday, August 2nd.



## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

These monthly meals will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00pm in the CLC. This will be a covered dish meal followed by a church wide kickball game on the ballfield. (see the enclosed flyer)

## HOMECOMING 2024

Homecoming 2025 will be on Sunday, September 21st. There will be one worship service at 11:00 followed by a covered dish lunch at noon in the CLC. More details to be shared in August as we plan for this special time of celebrating Mount Pleasant.

## ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE

Go ahead and mark your calendars and get prepared to help with our Annual Bar-B-Que! This event will be on **Saturday, October 25th**. The BBQ Committee will be meeting and begin planning in the near future. They will need YOUR help to make this a success, so be ready to sign-up!

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## ATTENTION CURRENT AND NEW COLLEGE STUDENTS!!

**We**, your Church Family, would love to be able to keep in touch with you while you're away at school! Please send your mailing address (and email) to the church office so we can do just that (or.....have your mom or dad let us know!!)

Wishing all of you a great school year and much success!!





**We invite all of our Young Adults,  
both clergy and laity, to join us for  
a retreat weekend at Lake Junaluska!**

**Get ready for worship, fellowship,  
powerful preaching, and practical  
breakout sessions! Join us as we  
seek God's face around the  
idea of "Calling"!**

**NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025**

**REGISTRATION  
IS NOW OPEN!**



**REGISTER  
TODAY** →

SUNDAY AUGUST 24 5:00PM-7:00PM

# BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Hot dogs too!

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Family event  
for all ages!



Water Slide & Foam Pit for  
littles and bigs! School  
supplies & more!

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# Mt Pleasant Youth Fall Retreat 2025

## **Look Up Lodge**

Travelers Rest, SC

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September 26-28th

\$100 per student

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**REGISTER NOW AND  
RESERVE YOUR  
SPOT!**

Initial Deposit Due Aug.  
8th  
Full Payment Due Sept.  
5th



**LOOK UP  
LODGE**

*Grow Deeper, Closer, Wider*



# Calling All Veterans

The Vets at Mt Pleasant Methodist Church are having a **Vets Coffee Call**

Wednesday, 20 August 2025 in the Christian Life Center

0800-1000 (or until the coffee runs out)

**No program**

**No agenda**

Just other Vets to talk to, complain to, or “remember when” with and it’s all FREE!

Besides, who else but another Vet is going to understand??

It doesn’t matter where you served or when you served. You served...so did we.

Come have a cup with us

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# CHURCH WIDE KICKBALL GAME

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**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**MT PLEASANT METHODIST CHURCH**

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**IMMEDIATLY FOLLOWING THE FAMILY NIGHT  
MEAL**

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**Adult Beach Retreat**  
**Beach Cove Resort**  
**N. Myrtle Beach**



**November 14—16, 2025**

**\$279/person (based on 2/room occupancy)**

**This includes:**

**Lodging**

**Christmas Show Ticket**

**Seafood Dinner**

Please contact Pastor Byron or the church office if you are interested in attending or have any questions.



Memorials have been received for:

## August

- 1 Linda Sigmon
- 2 Savannah Little
- 3 Guy Cline
- 5 Bennett Mauney  
David Carpenter
- 6 Donna Mundy  
Mia Nicholson
- 8 Charlotte Logan
- 9 Abby Sigmon
- 10 Christy Bolick
- 15 Clark Sigmon
- 17 Melanie Panaccione
- 22 Susan Sigmon
- 24 Lounette  
Forbes-Robinson
- 26 Charley Edwards
- 27 Amy Torrisi
- 31 Frank Carver  
Lisa Cawley  
Barbara Losh

## August

- 3 Doug & Donna Howard
- 8 Norman & Mabel  
Huffman  
Mitchell & Linda  
Sigmon
- 10 Darrell & Pam Farren
- 11 Ronnie & Jewell  
Rathbone
- 14 Tim & Carolyn Stutts  
Guy & Christol Cline
- 16 Marcus & Patsy Mullen
- 18 Tristan & Leslie  
Hastings
- 22 Wayne & Janie  
Merchant
- 27 Coleman & Vickie  
Gilleland
- 28 Kurtis & Cassidy Stout

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| Bill Losh            | by Barbara Losh      |
| Grady Barringer      | by Barbara Losh      |
| Sue Christenbury     | by Barbara Losh      |
| Joyce Pruitt         | by Glenn Pruitt      |
| Barbara (Lane) Brady | by the Methodist Men |



Our sincere sympathies are extended to:

**Cindy and Darin Little and Family** at the passing of her father, **Claude Hendrick**, on July 10th.

**Kevin and Lisa Brady and Family** at the passing of his mother, **Barbara (Lane) Brady**, on July 14th.

**Jerry and Billie Jo Lawing and Family** at the passing of his brother, **Donald Lawing**, on July 19th.

Please continue to keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.



## Remember those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

- Brookdale Charlotte East: Sonja McCarn
- Kingston Residence of Hickory: Pete Crump
- Abernathy Laurels: Joy Howard
- Hickory Village Memory Care: Marilyn Beardslee
- Lincoln Rehabilitation: Jimmy Little
- Belair Health Care Center Gastonia: Angie Ledford



Congratulations to **Pastor Kaleb and Ashton (and big puppy sister Palmer)** on the arrival of **Graham Matthew Setzer** on July 30th.







If you would be willing to serve in any of these capacities, please contact the church office (704-483-3087). Most require very little time or commitment and are very important contributions in making Sunday mornings run smoothly. We appreciate those who faithfully serve week after week.

## Ushers

|               |           |         |                                                           |
|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>August</b> | <b>3</b>  | 10:00am | Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Kenny Chester, Kevin Brady  |
|               | <b>10</b> | 10:00am | Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Wayne Merchant, Kevin Brady |
|               | <b>17</b> | 10:00am | Jeff Little, Pete Lail, David Carpenter, Kevin Brady      |
|               | <b>24</b> | 10:00am | Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Brandon Cline, Kevin Brady  |
|               | <b>31</b> | 10:00am | Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Kenny Chester, Kevin Brady  |



## Greeters



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| <b>August</b> | <b>3</b>  | 10:00am | Glenn Pruitt               |
|               | <b>10</b> | 10:00am | Donna Bone & Daisy Vaughan |
|               | <b>17</b> | 10:00am | Darrell Farren             |
|               | <b>24</b> | 10:00am | Pete & Rita Lail           |
|               | <b>31</b> | 10:00am | Wayne & Janie Merchant     |

## Sound and AV Techs



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| <b>August</b> | <b>3</b>  | Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff |
|               | <b>10</b> | Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff |
|               | <b>17</b> | Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff |
|               | <b>24</b> | Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff |
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## Nursery Care Givers

**August:** Amanda Kochosky will contact nursery volunteers of their schedule.

**Wednesday Music Schedule**

6:15pm Bells of Praise  
7:00pm Chancel Choir

**Sunday Schedule**

8:30am Early Worship Service  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:00am Organist Practice  
11:00am Worship Service  
4:00pm MtP Youth Group

**Weekday Schedule**

(Unless otherwise noted)

Preschool M-W-F 9am-1pm  
T-T 9am-1pm

Study Buddies M-F 3:30pm-6pm

Girl Scouts Mon. 6:30pm

Boy Scouts Tues 7:00pm

Cub Scouts Tues 6:00pm

| Sun                                                                                  | Mon                                                                                                         | Tue                                                                                                                    | Wed                                                                            | Thu                                                             | Fri                                 | Sat |
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|                                                                                      | Rock Spring Camp Meeting                                                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                |                                                                 |                                     |     |
| 3<br>7:30am<br>Methodist Men<br>9:00am<br>Sunday School<br>10:00am<br>Worship        | 4<br>11:00am<br>JD Circle<br>6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice                                                 | 5 9:00am<br>Summer Preschool<br>6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice<br>7:00pm<br>Boy Scouts<br>7:00pm<br>Dana Little Circle | 6 9:00am<br>Summer Preschool<br>6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice                 | 7 9:00am<br>Summer Preschool<br>6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice  | 8 6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice    | 9   |
|                                                                                      | Rock Spring Camp Meeting                                                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                |                                                                 |                                     |     |
| 10<br>9:00am<br>Sunday School<br>10:00am<br>Worship<br>3:00pm<br>CLC Reserved        | 11 6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Team<br>Practice                                                                   | 12 9:00am<br>Summer Preschool<br>6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice<br>7:00pm<br>Boy Scouts<br>Trustees                    | 13 9:00am<br>Summer Preschool<br>Prayer Team<br>6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice | 14 9:00am<br>Summer Preschool<br>6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice | 15 6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice   | 16  |
|                                                                                      | Balls Creek Camp Meeting                                                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                |                                                                 |                                     |     |
| 17<br>9:00am<br>Sunday School<br>10:00am<br>Worship                                  | 18 6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Team<br>Practice                                                                   | 19 6:00pm<br>Travel Ball<br>Practice<br>7:00pm<br>Boy Scouts                                                           | 20 8:00am<br>Vets Coffee Call<br>6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice                | 21 6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice                               | 22 6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice   | 23  |
|                                                                                      | Balls Creek Camp Meeting                                                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                |                                                                 |                                     |     |
| 24<br>9:00am<br>Sunday School<br>10:00am<br>Worship<br>5:00pm<br>Back to School Bash | 25 First Day of School<br>Catawba County<br>6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Team<br>Practice<br>6:30pm<br>Girl Scouts | 26 6:00pm<br>Travel Ball<br>Practice<br>6:00pm<br>Cub Scouts<br>7:00pm<br>Boy Scouts                                   | 27 9:00am<br>Prayer Team<br>6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice                     | 28 6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice                               | 29 6:00pm<br>Travel Ball Practice   | 30  |
| 31<br>9:00am<br>Sunday School<br>10:00am<br>Worship                                  |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                |                                                                 |                                     |     |

