



Tidings from Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church
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June 2025

THE EAGLE AND THE HIPPO?

Romans 7:22-23



Carl Sandburg said, "There is an eagle in me that wants to soar, and there is a hippopotamus in me that wants to wallow in the mud."

He may not have known it, but he was describing the Christian life. It's our dual nature, as Paul talked about...

I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another law at work in me that is at war with my mind. This law wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. (Romans 7:22-23)

Every day you must choose: Will I live according to the new nature, or the old? Will I soar with the eagles, or wallow in the mud?

Your decision determines everything: How you greet the day. How you direct your thoughts. How you talk to — or talk about — your co-workers. How you spend your spare change and how you spend your spare time. And on and on.

Every day — *every moment of every day* — you have the power to choose your environment: the clear blue sky or the local hippo hangout. You have a key to both places, and access is unrestricted. It just depends on where you prefer to be.

Remember today that God is calling you upward.

Christ above all, *Pastor Byron*

Greetings,

As we head into the summer months, I am looking forward to consistently warm weather, but I also look forward to Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost marks the birth of the Church, where the Holy Spirit fell and filled the entire house where the apostles were gathered. (Acts 2:2) Every year, churches worldwide celebrate this holy Sunday, where we rejoice that God poured out his Holy Spirit on the Church, giving us incredible power. During the day of Pentecost in the early church, many people from different regions of the world were gathered, speaking of the wonders of God. Yet, every person could understand each other in their native language. Some of those who witnessed this made fun of the crowd and even believed they were drunk. One of my favorite John Wesley quotes is this: *"My fear is not that our great movement, known as the Methodists, will eventually cease to exist or one day die from the earth. My fear is that our people will become content to live without the fire, the power, the excitement, the supernatural element that makes us great."* This too is my fear, which extends into a prayer that the people of Mt Pleasant, who are descendants of the early Church & descendants of the great Methodists movement that started as an awakening movement, would be a church filled with the Holy Spirit. I pray we are open to a fresh outpouring for generations to come.

At Mt Pleasant, we are grateful for the generous support of our members & those who routinely give to the ministries of Christ's church to make ministry possible. You can always give by cash or check, but now you can easily give online. At the last Admin Board meeting, the Board voted to approve our new online giving platform. We are partnering with Tithely Giving, which is used by thousands of churches across the country. More details will be coming soon, but be on the lookout for a link on our website, church announcements, the bulletin, and the Tithely giving app. This is exciting news for Mt Pleasant as we look to make it easier than ever to give to the ministries of Mt Pleasant as we partner with the Holy Spirit in advancing the kingdom of God.

Finally, please continue to spread the word about VBS! Also, mark your calendars for June 14th, as we will have a VBS training/decorating day held in the CLC from 3 to 5 p.m. Come out and help prepare VBS decorations as we prepare to host our community for VBS from July 20th to 23rd. Also, if anyone is willing to help cook or can volunteer in any way on Sunday, July 20th, please let me know.

Are you looking to send a letter or care package to students on the summer mission trip? Here is the address.

91 N Lakeshore Dr, Lake Junaluska, NC 28785

Peace in Christ Jesus,
Kaleb



On behalf of the SPPRC committee we would like to say "Happy Anniversary" to Associate Pastor Kaleb Setzer and his wife Ashton for being with us a year now.

We feel very blessed to have them both in our church family and leadership. Take the time to say "thank you".

Alice Lineberger
Chair, SPPRC



Soli Deo Gloria

MPMC Music Ministry Happenings Dawn Broom

Thank you, Church Family, for having faith in me to lead the music ministry of our great church. I am thankful to share my experience and “wisdom” through music, an area where I believe God has gifted me somewhat. He is indeed good!

Now let me share with you some thoughts on one of my many ministry passions, i.e. congregational singing. In reality, inspiring you to sing as an expression of your worship of and praise for God on Sunday mornings, is indeed one of the many tasks of a Minister of Music. And I don’t take it lightly. After all, it is biblical to sing praise to the Lord; the Psalms are filled with admonitions to do so, i.e.

Psalms 95:1: “Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.”

Psalms 96:1: “Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.”

Psalms 100:2: “Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”

Today, there is a married couple single-handedly reviving congregational hymn singing; it is Keith and Kristyn Getty. They are Irish and live here in the United States near Nashville. Over the last 5-7 years, they have hosted a conference called Sing!, where some of the current, noted writers and singers of hymn-based songs stand in a room filled with church musicians and sing to the glory of God for 3 consecutive days. It occurs around Labor Day, and there are Youtube videos of past Sing! Conferences for all of us to view. Here are some thoughts from Keith Getty about congregational singing:

“Just as home entertainment has morphed from family and neighborhood sing-alongs to the ability to consume whatever music the global professionals offer, the church has shifted away from an emphasis on corporate singing. At best, larger churches have shifted to more professional, performance-oriented music. And smaller churches have adopted less of the traditional “come one, come all” since, because it feels outdated, irrelevant, and at times downright embarrassing. Who

can compete with the masters, after all?

It seems our society’s progress has played a role in the end of congregational singing. Right? Wrong. **Congregational singing is far from dead, mainly because it’s connected to a Source of Life higher than cultural trends or modern comparisons.** Even so, it receives less attention and adulation than it should—and there are several reasons. First, people tend to be attracted to larger churches where the “performance” of music approximates the professional; in principle, there’s nothing wrong with that. Second, the music in most churches tends to be so loud that the congregation simply cannot hear itself sing. Third, smaller churches with less ability to produce professional-sounding music tend to minimize singing altogether, so as to minimize embarrassment or perceived weakness.

But now is the moment to re-embrace the crucial role of congregational singing in our churches. **Singing is an act of obedience; we gather and sing because we’re called to do so** like telling the truth, like loving our wives and our children, like loving our neighbor as ourselves. These may seem like bold statements but consider this: **Singing is a real and tangible expression of loving the Lord with our whole hearts and our whole selves and loving our neighbor as ourselves.**

Singing is also a privilege, a foretaste of heaven. After all, one day in the future, every tribe, language, nation, and people will sing as one congregation before the throne of the risen Lamb. Until then, we find a microcosm of that day in the unimpressive form of congregational worship. As we anticipate the matchless glories of heaven, there’s immeasurable value in our singing together on earth.”

My Friends, we should be grateful to sing. God graciously gives us the voices; He gives us the minds; He gives us the purpose. Shouldn’t we all glorify Him in every way possible, including our singing?! As my column by-line, Soli Deo Gloria, says, “To God alone be the glory.” Amen!

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

Methodist Women

Circle Meetings for June:

Jewel Dierwechter — June 2 at 11:00am in the Parlor

Dana Little — June 3 at 7:00pm in the Parlor

Janie Killian — Will resume meetings in September

All ladies in the church are invited to come join a circle for times of fellowship and mission.

Methodist Men

Next meeting: June 1st, 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 @ 7:00am

Breakfast @ 7:30am

COOK TEAM FOR JUNE: Lee Killian, Wayne Merchant, Cecil Reinhardt, Danny Sigmon, Steve Hodge, and Brian Beardslee



Wednesday, June 4th, 6:00pm

Come join us for our last Family Night Supper until September! This event will be “bring your favorite salad or sandwiches and dessert to share”. Come join us for a time of good food and great fellowship!!



Financial Giving Update

First of all, we thank God for His many blessings, including people who work for our Church and members of our Church.

Our giving through April of 2025 was \$182,331 compared to \$160,077 given through April of 2024.

Let us all continue to give time, effort, and financial support to our Lord and Savior.

Guy Cline

From The Admin Board

Greetings everyone! I hope this correspondence finds you all well. On May 15th, we held our 3rd administrative board meeting of the year. I'm happy to report that everything is going well and running smoothly here at Mt. Pleasant. We continue to have numerous ongoing projects to help improve our facilities and keep our church operating at its best.

We will soon be introducing another way that you can give your tithes and offerings to the church through a digital platform called, Tithe.ly, if you so choose. With this option donations to the church can be given conveniently from one's smartphone. More details will be coming soon.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we are continuing to raise money for a new church van. Our ultimate goal is to raise \$65,000. We have placed a thermometer growth chart in the Narthex so we can all keep up with where we stand financially with this endeavor each week. If you would like to help with this please mark your gift with "van fund".

In closing, let us continue to be thankful for all of God's blessings and I hope that you all have a safe and blessed Summer ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Brandon Cline



We finished the year with our End of the Year Celebration on May 16th. Thankfully, the weather cooperated for us, and we were able to have a great day! The children had lots of fun in the bounce house, playing in the foam and riding on the train. The food trucks were also a big hit for everyone.

Graduation was May 21st. We had twenty-four graduating this year. The children did a fantastic job singing and the church was full of happy and some sad faces. We hope all the children have a wonderful summer.

Our Summer Program will begin on June 3rd. We do still have some spots available in the two's and three's classroom if anyone is interested. We have classes on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursdays. Weather permitting, Thursday's will be our Water Day. Our summer scheduled is:

Week of June 3,,4,,5
Week of June 10, 11, 12
Week of June 17, 18, 19

Week of July 8, 9, 10
Week of July 15, 16, 17
Week of July 29, 30, 31

Week of August 5, 6, 7
Week of August 12, 13, 14

We are in need of 2 assistant teachers beginning with the new school year. If you would like more information, please contact me at 704-483-3087 or mppreschool@mtpmethodist.org.

Preschool for the fall will begin on Tuesday, September 2nd. Information will be mailed the last week of July with all the information pertaining to Open House. Thanks again for another momentous year!

Amy Howard
Director



ATTENTION
KEENAGERS: Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- The Planning Group will meet on Wednesday, June 4th at 10:00am in rooms 212/213 .
- Cookies and Coffee on Monday, June 23rd at 2:00pm in the CLC
- Plan to join us for lunch at the Talley House in Troutman on July 10th . Meet at the church at 11:00am to carpool for lunch and a visit to Daveste Winery.

Please contact Steve Hodge at (910) 574-8722 or hodgecloud@aol.com with any questions.



Thank you to everyone who came out to the Spring Blood Drive on May 6th. Whether you were a donor, worker, or provided refreshments, we could not have done this without YOU!

The Jewel Dierwechter Circle

During a time like this, we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you!

The Family of Kellie Wilson Wesson



SUMMER 2025

MT PLEASANT YOUTH

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Mission Trip	2 Mission Trip	3 Mission Trip	4 Mission Trip	5 Mission Trip	6 Mission Trip	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 	19 	20	21
22 	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 	4	5
6 	7	8	9 	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 	18	19
20 VBS	21 VBS	22 VBS	23 VBS	24	25	26 
27	28	29	30	31 		

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 	15	16
17 Pool Party 	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 	25 First Day of School	26	27	28	29	30

REGULAR GATHERINGS

RIISING 6TH- 12TH GRADERS

Frozen Treat Thursdays @ Catawba Creamery

Students are invited to gather at Catawba Creamery from 5-6 pm every other Thursday for hanging out over a delicious frozen treat.

Sunday Small Group:

Join your peers every Sunday Morning in the Youth Center from 9:40-10:40 for a time of Bible study and supporting one another through this journey we call "life".

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

RIISING 6TH- 12TH GRADERS

Summer Mission Trip: 6/1-6/6

Mini Golf & Arcade Outing to The Pit in Mooresville: 06/22- Cost \$30

Students are invited to join us for mini golf, laser tag, and go kart racing from 4-6 pm.

Vacation Bible School: 7/20-7/23

All students are encouraged to sign up to volunteer at VBS. Following VBS on Monday & Wednesday we will have a fun outing planned for all students who volunteer.

Fun in the Field Water Games: 7/6

Students are invited to come join us on the ball field at the church for some messy and fun games from 4-6pm. Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy/wet.

July 26th Hickory Crawdads Game:

Parents, students & families are invited to join us as we attend the Hickory Crawdads game. The game starts at 5 pm.

Serve Days: 6/18, 7/09

We will be participating in multiple service projects in our area to shine the light of Christ in our community.

August 3rd: Kickball & Fun in the Field

August 17th: Pool Party - 4-6pm

Come join us for a fun pool party with pizza as we wrap up the summer together.

August 24th: Back to School Bash

August 31st: First Student Gathering of the Fall

Event details will be posted/updated on the Band App. You can RSVP on the app & if you have not joined our group you can scan the QR code to join.



Fifth Sunday

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:00AM

FOLLOWED BY

LUNCH IN THE PAVILION

(HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS &

ALL THE FIXIN'S)



**Mt. Pleasant Youth & Children's
Ministries Present**

***Family Night Out
@ the Hickory
Crawdads Game***

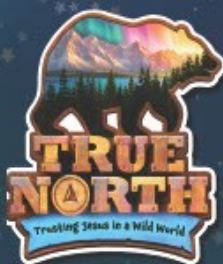
SATURDAY, JULY 26TH | 5 PM

LP FRANS STADIUM | TICKETS= \$14

RSVP BY JULY 1ST

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MT PLEASANT METHODIST
CHURCH PRESENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**JULY 20 (5-8 PM) &
JULY 21-23
9:00 AM- 12 PM**

VBS is for kids ages 3 years old (by August 1st) through 6th Grade.

*Register
Now*



Scan me





Calling All Veterans

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

Wednesday, 18 June 2025 in our Christian Life Center (The big building behind the Church)

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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Birthdays

June

- 1 Mason Maiwald
Paul Poovey
- 3 Donna Bone
Connor Canipe
- 4 Donna Lineberger
- 6 Brett Thompson
- 7 Sharon Howard
- 8 Ashley Sherrill
Ellie Roseman
- 10 Ruby Lail
David Barrow
- 16 Carol Ann Howard
Mabel Huffman
- 17 Jimmie Beal
Vickie Mackie
William Roseman
- 20 Noah Sigmon
Max Sherrill
- 22 Jim Greer
- 23 Brandon Cline
- 24 Olivia Little
McKenzie Sherrill
- 25 Patrick Carpenter
- 27 Joe Sigmon
- 29 Alfred White
- 30 Brett Canipe



Anniversaries

June

- 1 Joe & Maria Sigmon
- 5 Brett & Jessica Little
- 11 Andy & Kari Reese
- 17 Fred & Heather
Roseman
- 20 Robert & Melanie
Panaccione
- 26 Todd & Jeanna Goodson
- 29 Mike & Alice Lineberger



Our sincere sympathy is extended to :

Ron Bach and Family at the passing of his wife, **Kaye Bach**, on May 21st.



Congratulations to **Zack and Hailey (Little) Lenzen** who wee married on May 10th.



Remember those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

- Brookdale Charlotte East: Sonja McCarn
- Kingston Residence of Hickory: Pete Crump
- Hickory Village Memory Care: Marilyn Beardslee
- Lincolnnton Rehab: Jimmy Little
- Abernathy Laurels: Joy Howard

SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH



Ushers

- June 1** 8:30am Jeff Little, Roger Britt
 11:00am Jeff Little, Kenny Chester, Guy Cline, David Carpenter
- 8** 8:30am Jeff Little, Kevin Brady
 11:00am Jeff Little, Wayne Merchant, David Carpenter, Guy Cline
- 15** 8:30am Jeff Little, Roger Britt, Elwanda Wilson
 11:00am Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Guy Cline, Pete Lail
- 22** 8:30am Jeff Little, Kevin Brady
 11:00am Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Brandon Cline, Guy Cline
- 29** 10:00am Jeff Little, Kevin Brady, David Carpenter, Guy Cline

Greeters

June

- 1** 8:30am Glenn Pruitt
 11:00am Donna Bone & Daisy Vaughan
- 8** 8:30am Jerry & Terri Smyers
 11:00am Melanie & Kali Panaccione
- 15** 8:30am Johnny & Karen Karriker
 11:00am Carol Ann Rowe
- 22** 8:30am Cathy Eudy
 11:00am Pete & Rita Lail
- 29** 10:00am Kenny Chester & Ann Herron

Sound and AV Techs

June

- 1** 8:30am Drew Dotson
 11:00am Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff
- 8** 8:30am Drew Dotson
 11:00am Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff
- 15** 8:30am Drew Dotson
 11:00am Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff
- 22** 8:30am Drew Dotson
 11:00am Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff
- 29** 10:00am Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline

Children's Time

June

- 1** 8:30am Megan Logan
- 8** 8:30am Judy Sigmon
- 15** 8:30am Chet Sigmon
- 22** 8:30am Melanie Panaccione
- 29** 10:00am Pastor Kaleb

Nursery Care Givers

June

Amanda Kochosky will notify nursery volunteers of the schedule.

Communion Stewards

June 8

8:30am Ann Herron, Robert Dick, & Jordan Edwards

11:00am Randy Stokes & Youth



Wednesday Music Schedule

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

Sunday Schedule

8:30am Blended 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 Wed 7:00pm

Ensemble Practice Thu 6:45pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Youth Mission Trip						
1 (See Sunday Schedule) 7:30am Methodist Men 12:00pm Graduation Lunch	2 11:00am JD Circle (CLC) 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	3 9:00am Summer Preschool Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts Dana Little Circle	4 See Wed. Music Schedule 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 6:00pm Family Night	5 9:00am Summer Preschool Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball 6:30pm Deborah Bible Study 6:45pm Ensemble Practice	6 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	7 10:00am Pavilion Reserved Private Event
8 (See Sunday Schedule) 	9 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	10 9:00am Summer Preschool Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts Trustees	11 See Wed. Music Schedule 9:00am Summer Preschool Prayer Team 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	12 9:00am Summer Preschool Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball 6:30pm Deborah Bible Study 6:45pm Ensemble Practice	13 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	14  10:00am CLC Reserved Private Event
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22 (See Sunday Schedule) 1:00pm CLC Reserved Drum-Wilkinson Family Reunion	23 2:00pm Keenagers "Cookies & Coffee" 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	24 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts	25 See Wed. Music Schedule 9:00am Prayer Team 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	26 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball	27 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	28
29 Fifth Sunday Worship 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Lunch in the Pavilion	30 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice					

