



Tidings from Mt. Pleasant

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BUILDING IN PROGRESS

ROMANS 8:29

When I'm in my car driving around Sherrills Ford and the Mooresville area, I can't help noticing all the new building that is going on! Each time I pass a construction project I wonder, "What will that be?". There's no sign out front that says "Future home of 'such and such'" -- just big construction equipment and big piles of supplies and mini-mountains of debris. There's some foundation and some structure, but not much else. Sometime in the future these various sites will begin to look like a grocery store or a housing development or a bank. Right now it's hard to tell.

We need to remember that we build by laying one brick at a time, and sometimes it takes a while for our intended final result to become recognizable. Sometimes our work may feel like just a process of stacking bricks -- and sometimes that's all it may look like to others.

Remember that God knows where he's going with you. He's working from a blueprint, and though you can't see it, he knows what the end result will be. He directs every situation and, if we allow him, works out every detail so that his will can be accomplished in us, just as Paul said:

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among brethren. (Romans 8:28-29 RSV)

During those times that all that is visible in your life is a bare structure and some piles of debris, remember that God is working from a blueprint; eventually the pieces will come together for your good and his glory.

Christ above all,

Pastor Byron



PASTOR KALEB'S KLIPPINGS

Greetings in Christ Jesus,

I pray that you and your family is well. I also pray that you are experiencing the miracle-working power of our Lord and Savior as we prepare to enter the season of Lent. I preached a sermon on following Simon's example in Luke 5:4-11 a few Sundays ago. I mentioned that God is calling us to step out in faith. Although it's been a few weeks, I believe this is still applicable every day. It's hard to believe that Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, is less than a week away. It feels like we just gathered for our Christmas Eve service yesterday.

The season of Lent has always been a favorite season of mine; not because the weather hopefully starts to warm up or anything, but because I am reminded daily in this season of my need for a savior. On Ash Wednesday, we mark our foreheads with ashes to remind ourselves of our human mortality. Genesis 3:19 states, "for you were made from dust, and to dust you shall return." (NLT) This is a beautiful reminder of not only our mortality but also our dependency on the Creator. During Lent, we begin a journey of submission to the Lord. We remind ourselves daily for 40 days that we are humans dependent on our Lord. Often, Lent has been narrowed down to just "giving something up." While this may be true, I want to challenge you as followers of Jesus to step out in faith during this Lenten season. Adopt a new spiritual practice or distance yourself from a harmful habit for 40 days, where you submit yourself to the Lord. Seek His wisdom and pray for what this might look like. Whatever you do, do it for the Love of God and draw close to Him. To paraphrase Numbers 6:24-26:

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may He turn his face toward you and give you peace during this Lenten season.

Peace in Christ my friends,
Pastor Kaleb



Come celebrate the beginning of the Lenten Season with us on Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00pm as we have a Service of the Ashes in the sanctuary. This service follows the monthly Family Night meal.



Family Night for March will be on Wednesday, March 5th at 6:00pm in the CLC. This will be a covered dish meal, so bring your favorite dish(es) and/or dessert(s) to share as we share in this time of fellowship.



To Order Easter Lilies

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone for Easter, please contact the church office by **Monday, April 7th**. Cost is \$12.00. These will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 20th.

If you would be willing to assist with caring for these lovely additions to our worship experience by being the "water person", please contact the church office.



Soli Deo Gloria

MPMC Music Ministry Happenings

Hello, lovely Church Family. It is a privilege and honor to now be serving in a more complete capacity as Minister of Music at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church. Thank you for your faith in me.

Our church is positioning itself to embrace the future of our expanding community. Already a number of persons have come through our doors and claimed Mount Pleasant Methodist as their faith home, which means our family is growing. It is my hope that, together, you and I can build a strong music ministry that glorifies the Lord and involves those already active members as well as some of these "new" members. I invite you to pray with me that that will happen.

On February 9, Pastor Kaleb shared a message based on the Gospel according to Matthew's account of Jesus calling His first disciples. His main theme was that we need to heed the call Jesus puts on our lives. If I may add, when answering the call of God, it matters not your age nor your perceived lack of knowledge or experience. What matters most is *answering* God's call on your life. When doing so, I think you will find that you need to show your love for Him through your activity for Him.

If you will, please allow me to turn your focus towards the various ministries of our church that always welcome volunteers seeking to follow the call of God in service, i.e. teaching, singing, proclaiming, caring, sharing, etc. To a large extent, Mount Pleasant Methodist shines through the "doing" of its members. The music ministry is one avenue through which you can express your love for the Lord and fulfill your calling of service.

One avenue of service in the music ministry is playing in the Handbell Choir. **Bells of Praise** is currently seeking more handbell ringers. This group rehearses Wednesdays 6:15pm-6:55pm. It is helpful to read music; if you don't, this can be learned.

Another avenue of service in the music ministry is singing in the **Chancel Choir**. This group sings for the 11:00am worship service. We welcome new singers, and we've got room to grow in both the Choir Room and the Sanctuary Choir Loft. This group rehearses Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Yet another avenue of service in the music ministry is singing in or playing with the **Ensemble** for the Blended Worship service, 8:30am. This group rehearses Thursdays, 7:00pm-8:00pm. It is helpful to read music; if you don't, this can be learned.

"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)

Dawn Broom



ATTENTION KEENAGERS: Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

Thursday, March 6th, we will meet at 11:30am at Denver UMC for the First Thursday meal. You do not need to sign up for this outing. On **Monday, March 10th at 11:30**, we will meet in the CLC for a covered dish lunch and a short presentation from Fire Marshall David Pruitt on fire safety in the home. We hope to see everyone at these events. If questions, please contact Steve Hodge at (910) 574-8772 or hodgecloud@aol.com.

We're planning a day trip to the Biltmore House on Saturday, May 10th. **Any church member** is invited to join us for this trip. We are booking through Christian Tours. To submit your reservation, call Christian Tours (828) 465-3900, state that you are part of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church and you are joining the Biltmore Estate trip that departs on May 10th. The staff will sign you up and then you can mail in or drop off payment to Christian Tours. If you prefer, you can get a reservation form from the church office and mail in. For additional information or to let us know you've signed up, contact Steve Hodge at hodgecloud@aol.com



Mt. Pleasant Preschool News

Preschool enrollment will open to the public this month. Some of the classes are already full with a waitlist. If you have not turned in your application **and** registration fee, your child will not be guaranteed their spot for the upcoming year. The registration fee is \$75.00. We encourage you to take advantage of early registration and save \$25.00. This fee will increase to \$100.00 after June 30th. Enrollment packets may be picked up at the Preschool Office or on our website www.mtpleasantpreschool.com.

We would like to thank **Lake Norman Pediatric Dentistry** for coming to the preschool and discussing proper dental hygiene with the children. They will be visiting us on February 27th and March 7th.

We will be celebrating **Dr Seuss's birthday the week of March 3rd – 7th**. The children will be able to dress each day as follows:

Monday (Thing 1 & Thing 2) Show us your craziest hairstyle

Tuesday (Fox In Socks) Show us your craziest socks

Wednesday (Green Eggs & Ham) Wear something green or yellow

Thursday & Friday (Sleep Book) – Wear your favorite pajamas to school

We are now registering for **Summer Preschool**. We have classes in June, July, and August. **The Program is offered to children ages 2 – 5. We also have a class for K-2nd grade.** This is for those **FINISHING kindergarten – second grade**. Classes are Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday's. This will allow parents and staff to plan long weekend vacations. The early registration fee will be \$45.00 which is due by May 3rd. After May 3rd, the registration fee will increase to \$55.00. This fee reserves your child a spot in our Summer Program and helps with the cost of supplies needed. A copy of the summer dates is attached. You have the option of choosing which week's work is best for your schedule. The cost is \$70.00 a week. If you choose to send your child each week, you will receive a \$10 discount for that month. The payment is due on the first day that your child attends preschool each month. We look forward to another fun summer at Mt Pleasant!

The staff post pictures each week for parents to enjoy seeing what their child is learning on the classroom's private Facebook page. This is a terrific opportunity for them to share these pictures with their child and let them tell about their week.

Upcoming dates:

Preschool Closed on March 14th & 17th

Spring/Easter break is April 18th-27th

Four's Class Preschool Prom is May 2nd

End of Year Celebration will be May 16th

Last day of preschool will be May 20th

Four's Graduation on May 21st (7:00 pm)

Amy Howard
Director

MtP Methodist Women Circle News

Circle Meetings are as follows:

Jewell Dierwechter—1st Monday at 11:00am, CLC

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

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

All ladies are invited to come join any of these groups.

*Be sure to check the church calendar for special events and/or meeting time changes

MtP Methodist Men

Next meeting: March 2nd at 7:30am in the CLC
Coffee is ready at 7:00! Cook Team 1 will be preparing breakfast.

All men in the church are invited to attend these meetings and to join in the fellowship.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS**

SUNDAY, MARCH 9th!



Youth Calendar:

March 9th: Youth Sunday & Youth Gathering (4-5:30)

March 16th: Youth Gathering (4-5:30)

March 23rd: Youth Gathering (4-5:30)

March 30th: Youth Gathering (4-6)

Upcoming Family & Children's Events:

March 22nd: Family Game Night: 4-6 pm in the CLC

April 12th: Family Easter Event & Egg Hunt: 10-12



SPRING MISSION TRIP

Mt. Pleasant will be joining with other GMC churches on a spring mission trip to WNC to help with recovery/rebuilding from the hurricane last fall. This trip is from March 23—March 28. We will be staying at Providence Church in Forest City and travel to assigned work areas. Cost per person for this trip is \$225, which includes your food. If you would like to join us for this trip, we need to know "quickly" (March 5th) when the money needs to be turned in so we can mail one check on March 7th. For more information, you can use the Team Reach app and type in the following code to join the "Mt. Pleasant Motley Crew" - 1892Crew or contact Pastor Kaleb at assocpastor@mtpmethodist.org.

DON'T FORGET—MARCH 9TH



FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP: Mark your calendars for a special time of worship as on **Sunday, March 30th** we bring our services together for **5th Sunday**. Sunday School will be from 9:00AM to 9:45AM and Worship will be at 10:00AM. We are excited to have this time of everyone being together in worship and fellowship. It's a great time to "meet and greet" with folks you haven't seen in a long while or that are new to our church family.



Mt. Pleasant Church Family,

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love, and support you have extended to our family during this time of loss. Your thoughts and prayers have been felt and are greatly appreciated.

Love,
Brett & Terra Canipe

Dear Friends,

Thank you for donating to Safe Harbor. Because of your contribution, women and children will be given an opportunity to take a step from just surviving to thriving! It is an honor to be the hands and feet of Christ alongside you.

Eternally Grateful,
Stephanie Robinson
Senior Manager of
Community Outreach



Join Us!!
**FUN FAMILY
GAME NIGHT**



Bring your favorite
game & a friend for a
time of food,
fellowship & fun!!



MARCH 22ND



4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church



**COME JOIN OUR NEW
LOW-IMPACT/STRENGTH/AGILITY
EXERCISE CLASS**



TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

9:00AM-10:00AM

IN THE CLC

BEGINS FEBRUARY 4TH

NO COST—DONATIONS ONLY

LED BY KARI REESE

***PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN HAND WEIGHTS (1 LB) OR WATER/SODA
BOTTLES FOR STRENGTH TRAINING**

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS: 704-483-3087



Biltmore Estate

1 Day – May 10th

Meals Included: 1 Lunch

Join Christian Tours this morning as we travel to the beautiful Biltmore Estate located just outside of Asheville. Experience America's largest home, as magnificent today as it was more than a century ago while exploring three floors and the basement of the luxurious family home of George and Edith Vanderbilt. We'll visit Antler Hill Village, tour the Biltmore Winery, and have an included lunch at The Stable Café.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Price Per Person: \$235

A deposit of \$100 per person is due with each individual's reservation. Final payment will be due 30 days prior to departure. Cancellation penalties will begin 30 days prior to departure. Cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended. Insurance Payment is due with deposit at time of booking. Insurance price is \$24 per person.

Mail your reservation form/deposit/payments to Christian Tours at P.O. Box 890, Newton, NC 28658. You may also call in credit card payments to 800-476-3900 or 828-465-3900. Contact your group leader if you have questions: Steve Hodge, 910-574-8722 or email at hodgecloud@aol.com.

Birthdays

March

- 1 Kaleb Setzer
- 2 CJ Schronce
Marshall Sigmon
- 3 Zoey Mendiola
- 4 Moses Anderson
Jim Kisner
Heather Sigmon
- 6 Connor Canipe
- 7 Karen Karriker
- 9 Tina Sisk
- 10 Mike Lineberger
Andrea Beebe
- 11 Terra Canipe
- 12 Patricia Steele
- 14 Jerry Lawing
Daisy Vaughan
- 15 Evelyn Stavrou
- 17 Billie Jo Lawing
- 18 Charles Freeman
- 19 Janie Sigmon
- 20 Ernestine Killian
- 21 Emma Goodson
- 22 Jennifer Boswell
Jason Thomson
Clyde Sigmon
Doris Sigmon
- 23 Randy Stokes
- 24 Aileen Little
Todd Merchant
- 26 Elsie Kale
David Dry
- 28 Nancy Benton
Morgan Moore
Jimmy Logan
- 29 Chet Sigmon
Lura Stokes
- 30 Addison Smith



Anniversaries

March

- 2 Pete & Rita Lail
- 5 Chris & Angie Sherrill
- 9 Marshall & Susan
Sigmon
- 17 Kevin & Lisa Brady
- 19 Brian & Sandy Martin
- 22 David & Judy Sigmon
- 24 David & Jennifer Barrow
- 27 Frank & Lori Edwards



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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
- Abernathy Laurels: Joy Howard
- Lincoln Rehabilitation: Jimmy Little



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to:

Jackie and Ken Thompson and Family on the passing of her brother, **Jimmy White**, on February 1st.

Carol and Doug Hicks and Family on the passing of her mother, **Ada Houck**, on February 22nd.

Please continue to hold these families close in your thoughts and prayers.



Memorials have been receive for :
James Canipe by: Wayne and Janie Merchant
MtP Methodist Men



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

March	2	8:30am	Jeff Little & Roger Britt
		11:00am	Jeff Little, Kenny Chester, Guy Cline & David Carpenter
9	8:30am	Jeff Little &, Kevin Brady	
	11:00am	Jeff Little, Wayne Merchant, Guy Cline & David Carpenter	
16	8:30am	Jeff Little, Elwanda Wilson & Roger Britt	
	11:00am	Jeff Little, Pete Lail, Guy Cline & David Carpenter	
23	8:30am	Jeff Little & Kevin Brady	
	11:00am	Jeff Little, Guy Cline, Brandon Cline & David Carpenter	
30	10:00am	Jeff Little, Guy Cline, David Carpenter & Brandon Cline	

Greeters

March	2	8:30am	David & Pam Dry, Jacob Little
		11:00am	Kenny Chester & Ann Herron
9	8:30am	Youth	
	11:00am	Susan Ensign	
16	8:30am	Jerry & Terri Smyers	
	11:00am	Tony & Barbara Sigmon	
23	8:30am	Robert & Tracy Dick	
	11:00am	Melanie & Kali Panaccione	
30	10:00am	Wayne & Janie Merchant	

Sound and AV Techs

March	2	8:30am	Drew Dotson
		11:00am	Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
9	8:30am	Drew Dotson	
	11:00am	Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff	
16	8:30am	Drew Dotson	
	11:00am	Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff	
23	8:30am	Drew Dotson	
	11:00am	Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff	
30	10:00am	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff	

Communion Stewards March 9



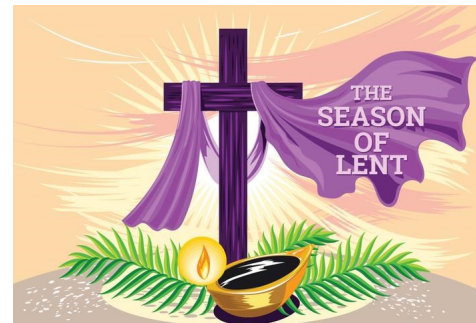
8:30	Youth
11:00	Barbara Sigmon & Ann Herron

Nursery Care Givers

March
*Amanda Kochosky to contact
nursery workers regarding the schedule

Children's Time

March	2	8:30am	Alexis Thompson
	9	8:30am	Youth
16	8:30am	Megan Logan	
	23	8:30am	Darrell Farren
30	10:00am	Melanie Panaccione	



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 Wed 7:00pm

Ensemble Practice Thu 7:00pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2:00pm Private Event CLC
2 See Sunday Worship Schedule 7:30am Methodist Men 4:00 MtP Youth Children's Choir	3 11:00am JD Circle 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 6:30pm Girl Scouts	4 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Travel League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts Dana Little Circle	5 See Wednesday Music Schedule 9:30am Preschool Chapel 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 6:00pm Family Night 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship	6 9:00am Exercise Class 9:30am Preschool Chapel 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Ensemble Practice	7 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	8 All Day CLC Reserved Blue & Gold Banquet
9 See Sunday Worship Schedule 4:00pm MtP Youth Children's Choir 	10 11:30am Keenagers Lunch 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 6:30pm Girl Scouts	11 9:00am Exercise Class 9:30am Preschool Board 1:00pm Janie Killian Circle 6:00pm Travel League Softball Cong. Care Team 7:00pm Boy Scouts Trustees	12 See Wednesday Music Schedule 9:00am Prayer Team 6:00pm Travel League Softball 7:00pm Cub Scouts	13 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 7:00pm Ensemble Practice	14 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	15 All Day CLC Reserved Private Event
16 See Sunday Worship Schedule 4:00pm MtP Youth Children's Choir	17 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice  No Preschool/Study Buddies	18 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 7:00pm Boy Scouts	19 See Wednesday Music Schedule 8:00am Vets' Coffee Call 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 7:00pm Cub Scouts	20 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 6:30pm Admin Board 7:00pm Ensemble Practice	No Preschool/Study 21 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	22 4:00pm Family Game Night
23 See Sunday Worship Schedule 4:00pm MtP Youth Children's Choir	24 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 6:30pm Girl Scouts	25 9:00am Exercise Class 11:00am Preschool Stretch & Grow 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 7:00pm	26 See Wednesday Music Schedule 9:00am Prayer Team 11:00am Preschool Stretch & Grow 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 7:00pm	27 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 7:00pm Ensemble Practice	28 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	29
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