



Tidings from Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church
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HOW DEEP IS THE SEA?

Micah 7:19



Do you remember in Titanic when Rose lets the Heart of the Ocean slip into the deep waters of the Atlantic? As it drifts slowly to the bottom, you know without being told that that the priceless jewel is gone forever, never to be found, never to be recovered. The ocean is far too immense, and the diamond — though of great value — is far too small.

It's the same with your sins. When you bring them to God, he tosses them into the sea, where they sink to the bottom and disappear into the ocean floor, never to be seen again. **No matter what you think their price should be.**

Still, we have a habit of diving after them, reliving the shame and feeling again the shame that sin has brought into our lives. That's how the accuser makes his living — he comes around from time to time to remind you of your past: "I'll never let you forget. I'll make sure you remember your sins forever."

That's what the accuser says, but **God says this about your sins:** "They're gone. They're lost in the sea. And I will remember them no more."

He will again have compassion on us; He will vanquish our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:19)

Today we can celebrate God's forgiveness, deeper than the ocean, farther than the east is from the west, greater than our sin.

Christ above all,
Pastor Byron

Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

I want to say that it is an absolute joy to be one of your pastors. As I reflect on the season of Lent & the celebration of Easter, I thank God for His goodness, grace & mercy. Friends, we have so much to be thankful for in our lives, but let us especially give thanks that sin and death are defeated because Christ is alive. I also want to encourage you to reflect on Pastor Byron's Easter message. May we live into the truth that the most significant event in human history was when Christ our Lord arose from the grave. He showed up as a physical body. He showed up to Mary and his disciples, calming every fear they had. He conquered sin and death for our sake because his love is that great. The most significant event in human history was not the invention of the Internet or the printing press; it was the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May that truth bring us great joy for the days going forward. May it be Easter every day, friends.

I also want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has graciously given to our youth ministry, supporting our upcoming summer mission trip. Your generosity, support, and prayers help make this trip possible. We are thrilled to be going to the western part of our beloved state to serve in the name of Jesus. Please continue to pray throughout this month for God to move in the lives of our students. Specific prayer requests are for safe travels, safety, sharing our faith, and transformation. I also want to thank those who have had a hand in helping update our youth center. Day by day, this space is becoming an inviting and welcoming space for our students at Mt Pleasant. We are currently looking for a foldable ping pong table, a 4-5ft square coffee table, a rug, and bean bags. If you or anyone you know is looking to get rid of one of these items, please get in touch with me. Finally, the last plug I want to put in this newsletter is for VBS donation items. The items are listed below. If you have any of these around your house and are looking for a place to donate, please bring them to the church.

- cardboard boxes
- packing paper
- paper mâché,
- Old or broken artificial Christmas tree
- Poster tubes
- Tissue paper

Peace in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Kaleb



The Christian Food Pantry & Clothes Closet of Sherrills Ford is located at Hopewell Methodist Church and operates totally on donations from our community and volunteers who "man the store" and act as the board of directors. It is a 501C3 entity. Check out the web site at sffoodpantry.com for more information.

As a member of the Board of Directors and on their behalf, I want to thank you as a church family for your support of this wonderful mission. There is no government funding, it's simply people helping people and without you and all others who donate goods or funds, it would not be happening. The following is just how much we impact this area of Catawba County:

In 2024 from January to March, we served 261 families or 896 individuals. This year from January to March, we served 280 families or 1,076 individuals. There continues to be a huge need for what we offer.

If you would like to donate goods, there is always a need for shelf stable items:

Crackers Cereal Pasta Pasta Sauce Jelly
Mac and Cheese Toilet Tissue Hygiene Items
Cleaning Supplies Gently used seasonal clothing

Again, as a member of the Board of Directors and on their behalf, thank you for all you do.

Ann Herron



Soli Deo Gloria

MPMC Music Ministry Happenings

Dawn Broom

Hello, lovely Church Family. Lent, Holy Week, and Resurrection Sunday are now behind us, and we, in the music ministry at Mount Pleasant Methodist are ready to breathe a sigh of relief. What a terrific last six weeks we've had presenting music for worship that hopefully drew us all closer to God, and I am thankful for those who minister alongside me, i.e. Bells of Praise, Ensemble, Chancel Choir, and Children's Choirs. While I may be the vision, members of the ministry are the action.

Now we look forward to providing music in worship for the summer, while taking well-deserved breaks from weekly rehearsals. We will have a rotational schedule of soloists, ensembles, and the Chancel Choir leading music for the months of June-July-August. And, because we are encouraged to sing with our brothers and sisters in Christ, the congregation will have its time of singing. After all, you, the church family, are the largest Choir in the church. Ephesians 5:19 says, "*Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.*" We will do that! Be thinking on your favorites.

A special note: **Chancel Choir** is scheduled to sing for Camp Meeting at **Rock Springs Campground** on **Monday evening, August 4**. Y'all come out and support us as we take the name of Mount Pleasant Methodist outside our church walls.

Bells of Praise, remember that we rehearse through the month of May, play for worship on June 1, and then enjoy June-July-August as our summer break.

Chancel Choir, remember that we rehearse through the month of June and enjoy July-August as our summer break. We

will have a couple of special-called rehearsals in July and August to prepare music for a couple of individual Sundays in July and August and for singing at Rock Springs Campground.

Ensemble, remember that we continue to meet through the summer.

"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)

From the Admin Board

Greetings everyone! I hope this correspondence finds you all well. I have a couple of updates to share with you. First, I am pleased to share with you that we have now raised over \$15,000 for our church van fund. Our finance committee has currently placed that money into a 90-day CD which has an interest rate of 4.10%, so it will continue to grow. Our ultimate goal is to raise \$65,000 for a new van. 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". Our trustees have also been working diligently to find new insurance coverage for the Old Church. Earlier this year we learned that our insurance coverage for the Old Church was dropped due to a small crack on one of the exterior walls. I have been informed that we should have new coverage soon.

We are also close to being finished with the renovations in our Youth Center. Pastor Kaleb has put together a list for the last few needed items for this project which will be shared with us in this newsletter. Lastly, we have completed the new infant nursery which is next to our existing nursery. We have added rocking chairs, cribs, and a changing station in this room and we will be adding some new artwork soon.

In closing, I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter and I hope that you all are enjoying these beautiful spring days!

Yours in Christ,
Brandon Cline



Here is the youth schedule for May:

May 4th- Summer Mission Trip Parent/Student Meeting @ 3 pm

Youth Gathering: 4-6 pm

May 11th- No Youth (Happy Mother's Day!!)

May 18th- Catawba Valley Youth Gathering @ Mt Pleasant

May 25th- No Youth



To Our College Graduates

Emma Grace Goodson from Appalachian State with a BS in Finance and Banking and a BS in Risk Management and Insurance.

Connor Hampton Canipe is graduating from NC State University with his Masters of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.



Attention All Graduating High School Seniors:

Graduation Sunday will be held at the 11:00am service on Sunday, May 18th. The MtP Youth, will be providing breakfast for the graduates and their families following the early service in the Christian Life Center. Families are invited to decorate a table to honor their graduating senior.

Please contact Pastor Kaleb (assocpastor@mtpmethodist.org or 704-483-3087) to confirm your attendance, along with the number for breakfast.

Congratulations and we look forward to recognizing each of you on May 18th!



High School Graduates

Kali Panaccione — Lake Norman High School
Amy Torrisi — Bandys High School





It's hard to believe the end of the school year is upon us. Many thanks to everyone who donated time, money, and talents to make this a wonderful year for us!

Thanks to the families that brought their children to church on Sunday, April 6th to sing with us. They did an excellent job, and the congregation loved hearing them!

We want to thank Miss Hilary, Medic Melanie, and Pastor Kaleb for another wonderful year of Stretch-n-Grow, Safety Patrol and Chapel Time. We have all enjoyed their programs and look forward to next year!

Our **End of The Year Celebration will be Friday, May 16th from 11 am – 1 pm.** This will take place on the church campus near the playground. We plan to have food trucks and Sunset Slush of Lake Norman on site. We will also have inflatable bounce house/slides and a train that will be taking children rides around the church. All children from the preschool are invited to attend this event. **If your child is at preschool that Friday, they will need to be picked up before 11:00 am whether you plan to attend or not. The staff need to be able to help during this event and will not be responsible for your child.** This is always a fun time for families and children to finish the year together. We hope everyone can attend!

The four's class has been practicing their songs for Graduation and are sounding really good! The **Graduation Program is at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 21st in the church sanctuary.** Only the graduating four-year-old class will be participating. Our last day of preschool will be Tuesday, May 20th.

Registration for the **Summer Program** is still taking place. There are still spots available in the 3-4's class and the 2-3's class. The early registration fee is \$45.00. After May 7th, the registration fee will be \$55.00. This fee reserves your child a spot in our Summer Program and is also used to cover the cost of supplies used. **You may choose which week works best for your summer schedule and**

pay only for that week or pay by the month. Payments for that week will be due on the first preschool day of each month. If you pay for all the weeks in one month, you will receive a \$10.00 discount.

Parents will be receiving an email with a **survey from the preschool.** We hope they take the time to complete this survey. We value their opinions. **This helps us to remain the best preschool in the area!**

Amy Howard,
Director



Come join us for Family Night on **Wednesday, May 7th at 6:00pm** in the Christian Life Center. We will be having a covered dish/potluck meal so bring a well-filled "basket" or favorite dish and/or dessert to share as we gather for a time of great fellowship.

Methodist Men

Next meeting: May 4th, 7:30am in the CLC

All men of the church are invited & encouraged to attend a great breakfast & time of fellowship

Coffee is ready @ 7:00am

Breakfast @ 7:30am

Cooks for May are: Darrell Farren, Andy Reese, Chris Sherrill, Randy Stokes, and Johnny Karriker

Methodist Women

Circle Meetings for May:

Jewel Dierwechter — May 5 at 11:00am in the Parlor

Dana Little — May 6 at 7:00pm in the Parlor

Janie Killian — May 13 at 12:00pm at the Pavilion



You're Invited

To a Baby Shower

**Honoring Ashton & Pastor Kaleb
& baby Graham (coming soon!)**

Saturday, May 31st

3:00pm—5:00pm

In the CLC

***Registry Information:**

<https://my.babylist.com/ashton-setzer>



BE A HERO... SAVE THREE LIVES!

- We have some great **donor promotions** going on in May. If your blood drive is:
 - **May 1st thru the 18th** - All donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card to their merchant of choice, PLUS all donors over the age of 18 will be entered to receive a trip for 2 the U.S. destination of their choice!!
 - **May 19th thru 31st** - All donors will receive a Red Cross Solar Lantern, PLUS all donors over the age of 18 will be entered to receive a trip for 2 the U.S. destination of their choice!!

Recruit those Power Red donors - Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component, and therefore the most needed. Red cells carry oxygen throughout the body and help trauma and surgery patients, those undergoing organ transplants, women experiencing complications from childbirth, and people with anemia.

A Power Red donation allows you to safely donate a concentrated dose of red cells. This type of donation uses an automated process that separates your red blood cells from the other blood components, then safely and comfortably returns your plasma and platelets to you.

- Who can donate Power Reds - Blood types O+, O-, A-, and B-
- Power Red Donations Use a smaller needle
- You are more hydrated after donations

You are giving a double dose of red cells, so you do not have to donate as often (every 112 days / 4 months)



Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that were sent in honor of my father, Floyd Hartsell. My family and I are grateful for your comfort, cards, and prayers during this difficult time.

Love,

Cathy Hartsell Eudy

Dear Mt. Pleasant Family,

Thank you for the beautiful plant basket for mom's funeral! It is beautiful and we appreciate your thoughtfulness during this difficult time!

Love,

Jeff & Sharon Howard
& Family



Congratulations to **Chet and Abby Sigmon** and big Sisters, **Olive and Noah** on the arrival of **Georgie Mae Sigmon** on April 9th. Proud grandparents are **David and Judy Sigmon**.

Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



American
Red Cross

Blood Drive

Sherrills Ford Community Mt Pleasant Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall
4136 Mt Pleasant Church Rd
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025
2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter keyword: Mt Pleasant.



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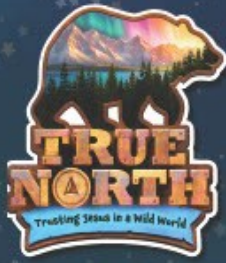


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CHURCH PRESENTS

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.

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Honoring *Our Veterans* with the Benefits They Deserve

Did you know that many veterans and their families may be eligible for burial benefits at no cost? Join us for an informative **Veterans Burial Benefits Seminar** to learn about the honors and support available to those who have served our country.

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
9154 Sherrills Ford Rd, Terrell, NC 28682**

Don't miss this opportunity to ensure you and your loved ones receive the recognition and benefits you deserve.



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Birthdays

May

2	Beth Lail Melissa White	26	Andy Mendiola Jeff Myers
8	Christol Cline Nikki Sigmon		Terri Smyers Eli Macleod
9	Tyler Edwards	28	Avery James Campbell
10	Brian Beardslee Walter Beebe Mike Helderman Wanda Myers		Carl Wilson AlexisThompson
11	Frank Edwards Ryder Howell Hailey Little Carol Ann Rowe	29	Vicky Goins
15	Cathy Eudy	31	Kay Muender
16	Fred Roseman		
17	Sharon Sigmon		
19	Kenneth Craig LeOrr Mundy Brenda Sigmon		
21	Pat Baumann Amy Howard James Kochosky		
22	Ann Campbell Brooke Dotson Linda Thompson		
23	Becky Britt Nicole Sigmon		



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 Rehabilitation: Jimmy Little
- Abernathy Laurels: Joy Howard



...**Cathy & Jeff Eudy and Family** at the passing of her father, **Floyd Hartsell** on April 2nd..

...**Jeff & Sharon Howard and Family** at the passing of his mother, **Linda Howard** on April 17th.

...**Donna & Doug Howard and Family** at the passing of her brother, **Barry Potts** on April 20th.

...**Jerry & Terri Smyers and Family** at the passing of his sister, **Marsha Jean Smyers Nelson** on April 23rd.

...**Carl & Elwanda Wilson and Family** at the passing of their daughter, **Kellie Wilson Wesson** on April 27th

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

Anniversaries



4	Brian & Marilyn Beardslee
5	Eddie & Debbie White
11	David & Shana Carpenter
22	Jeff & Wanda Myers
23	Larry & Nancy Benton
28	Andy & Patti Mendiola
29	Keith & Kari Howell
31	Chuck & Susan Cranfill



New address for Anne Moose:
123 Pleasant Way Ln.
Mooresville, NC 28117
(828) 461- 4445



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

May	4	8:30am	Jeff Little, Roger Britt
		11:00am	Jeff Little, Kenny Chester, Guy Cline, David Carpenter
11	8:30am		Jeff Little, Kevin Brady
	11:00am		Jeff Little, , Wayne Merchant, David Carpenter, Guy Cline
18	8:30am		Jeff Little, Roger Britt
	11:00am		Jeff Little, Pete Lail, David Carpenter, Guy Cline
25	8:30am		Jeff Little, Kevin Brady
	11:00am		Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Brandon Cline, Guy Cline

Greeters

May	4	8:30am	Patti Mendiola & Amy Howard
		11:00am	Wayne & Janie Merchant
11	8:30am		David & Pam Dry
	11:00am		Tony & Barbara Sigmon
18	8:30am		Robert & Tracy Dick
	11:00am		Kenny Chester & Ann Herron
25	8:30am		Kevin Brady
	11:00am		Jack & Pat Baumann

Sound and AV Techs

May	4	8:30am	Drew Dotson
		11:00am	Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
11	8:30am		Drew Dotson
	11:00am		Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
18	8:30am		Drew Dotson
	11:00am		Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
25	8:30am		Drew Dotson
	11:00am		Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff

Children's Time

May	8:30	
	4	Judy Sigmon
11		Judy Sigmon
	18	Randy Stokes
25		Chet Sigmon

Nursery Care Givers

May
Amanda Kochosky will contact nursery care givers regarding the schedule.

Communion Stewards



May 11			
8:30	Jana Alexander Jordan Edwards	11:00	Donna Bone Ann Herron



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

4:30pm 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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball 6:30pm Deborah Bible Study 6:45pm Ensemble Practice	2 6:00pm Travel League Softball 7:00pm Preschool Prom	3 2:00pm Private Event CLC
4 (See Sun. schedule) 7:30am UMM 4:00pm MtP Youth	5 11:00am JD Circle 6:00pm Travel League Softball 6:30pm Girl Scouts	6 9:00am Exercise Class 2:30pm-7:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts Dana Little Circle	7 See Wednesday Music Schedule 6:00pm Family Night Travel League Softball 7:00pm Cub Scouts	8 9:00am Exercise Class 10:00am CLC Reserved— Boy Scouts 6:00pm Church League Softball 6:30pm Deborah Bible Study 6:45pm Ensemble Practice	9 6:00pm Travel League Softball Lenzen/Little Wedding Rehearsal	10 1:00pm Lenzen/Little Wedding & Reception (sanctuary & CLC)
11 (See Sun. schedule) 	12 6:00pm Travel League Softball 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Ladies' Planning Group (CLC)	13 9:00am Exercise Class 9:30am Preschool Board 11:00am Preschool Stretch & Grow 12:00pm Janie Killian Circle 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts Trustees	14 See Wednesday Music Schedule 9:00am Prayer Team 11:00am Preschool Stretch & Grow 6:00pm Travel League Softball 7:00pm Cub Scouts	15 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball Deborah Bible Study Admin Board 6:45pm Ensemble Practice	16 11:00am Preschool End of Year Celebration 6:00pm Travel League Softball	17 All Day CLC Reserved, Private Event
18 (See Sun. Schedule) 9:30am Graduation Breakfast 12:00pm Lineberger Family Reunion (CLC) 3:00pm Catawba Valley Youth Gathering	19 6:00pm Travel League Softball 6:30pm Girl Scouts	20 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts	21 See Wednesday Music Schedule 8:00am Vets Coffee Call 6:00pm Travel League Softball 7:00pm Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary)	22 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball 6:30 Deborah Bible Study 6:45pm Ensemble Practice	23 6:00pm Travel League Softball	24 10:00am Pavilion Reserved Private Event
25 See Sun. schedule	26 OFFICE CLOSED 	27 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts	28 See Wednesday Music Schedule 9:00am Prayer Team 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	29 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Church League Softball 6:30pm Deborah Bible Study 6:45pm Ensemble Practice	30 CLC Reserved All Day 6:00pm Travel League Softball	31 3:00—5:00pm Setzer Baby Shower CLC

