



# Tidings from Mt. Pleasant

**Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church**

4136 Mt. Pleasant Road, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

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

**NOVEMBER 2025**

## Sir Barton's Ode



In high school or college you might remember reading Sir Barton's Ode. (Or to be accurate, you may remember reading about Sir Barton's Ode — thank you, Cliff Notes.)

Sir Andrew Barton was a 16th century High Admiral who sailed the seas on behalf of the Scottish Crown. He was considered a hero by some, a pirate by others. He was eventually captured and executed by British authorities.

The Old English ballad that describes his life contains this phrase, his account of one of his many battles.

*I am hurt but I am not slain*

*I'll lay me down and bleed awhile*

*Then I'll rise to fight again.*

His words remind us of the words of St. Paul, who said...

***We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again.. (2 Corinthians 4:8-9 CEV)***

Paul is saying, "We may be hurt, but we are not slain...we can get up and try again." There are more than a few times when life will knock you down. At that point, we have the choice to stay down ... or merely to lay down, for a while, to "bleed awhile," and then rise to try again.

There's power in the second try, and even greater power in the third, fourth, and fifth try. You may feel like you're getting weaker every time you fail, but the fact is that every time you get back on your feet, you build a little more muscle, a little more momentum, and you tap into the power of perseverance.

And you don't have to do it on your own.

***The real power comes from God and not from us. (2 Corinthians 4:7)***

Maybe you've been knocked down a time or two. Knocked down doesn't equal knocked out. Through the power of Christ in you, you can rise to try again.

Christ above all,

*Pastor Byron*

# Soli Deo Gloria

**MPMC Music Ministry  
Happenings**

**Dawn Broom**

Mount Pleasant is my church family, and I am thankful to serve the Lord alongside those who elect to participate in the Music Ministry. And, since November is the month of gratefulness, perhaps you could share your thanks with those who are members of our Chancel Choir, Bells of Praise, Living Stones, and Children's Choir. I'm sure they would love to hear your words of encouragement and gratitude.

Our regular schedule continues:

## **Wednesdays**

6:15pm – Bells of Praise (Handbell Room)

7:00pm – Chancel Choir (Music Suite)

8:15pm – Living Stones (Music Suite)

## **Sundays**

4:00pm – Children's Choir (CLC)

Advent, which includes Sundays, November 30, December 7, December 14, and December 21, is practically upon us. Advent is a season of waiting for the arrival of the Christ-Child, a time when we are to reflect upon our lives and prepare our hearts to receive Him anew.

On December 7, the Chancel Choir will present a work entitled A Festival of Carols, a collection of many carols intermingled with organ music. Ginger Wyrick, professor of music at UNCC, will be with us as Guest Organist.

On December 14, Bells of Praise will share their prepared handbell pieces in worship, and the Children's Choir will sing *Do You Hear What I Hear?* with Living Stones accompanying them.

On December 21, Living Stones will then share their prepared songs in worship and draw us closer to the actual day of the arrival of the Christ-Child.

Begin now preparing your heart to be renewed through the music of Advent here at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church.

*Emmanuel*, "God with us." I am thankful, Friends!

## **Soli Deo Gloria**

**"To God alone be the lory."**

"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)

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## **ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Sunday, November 2nd is not only the time of year where we will remember and have the roll call for our members who have joined the Church Triumphant, but is also our designated Charge Conference date. Charge Conference will be part of our worship service at 10:00. Rev. Rick Auten will be our presiding elder for this time of worship. Along with our recognition of our Saints, we will also take part in Holy Communion. The "business" portion of worship, will be brief, with approval of the 2026 Leadership and tentative budget. \*A final budget will be presented to the Administrative Board in late January or early February and will be available to the congregation after that time.

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On Sunday, November 2nd, we will be recognizing and celebrating those members who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year. We will light a candle for each person during worship. Families are invited to join us and to come light the candle. Those we will celebrate this year are:

Kaye Bach

Norman Huffman

Sonja McCarn

Sandi Harbinson

Jimmy Little

All Saints



# Family Night Supper

November Family Night will be at 6:00PM on November 5th in the CLC. We hope you will come join us for this pot luck meal. Bring your favorite dish(es) and/or dessert(s) to share as we gather for this time of family fellowship. Hope to see you there!

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We will be having our hanging of the greens on Monday, November 24th at 9:00AM. If you would like to help prepare our church for the Advent and Christmas Season, please contact Patti Mendiola at 980-429-1035 or the church office. The first Sunday of Advent is November 30th.

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We are pleased to announce that Rusty Howard is our new "Maintenance Engineer". We ask that all maintenance issues/ requests be reported to our Church Office to keep things running smoothly.

Thank you.  
Alice Lineberger  
SPRC / Chair

## METHODIST MEN

**Next meeting: November 2nd at 7:30am**

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 3: Glenn Pruitt, David Dry, Todd & Nick Goodson, Jeff Howard, Roger Britt

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## METHODIST WOMENT

### Circle News

All ladies of the church are invited to join one of our three circles. Meeting days are:

**Jewel Dierwecter—1st Monday at 11:00am**

**Dana Little—2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm**

**Janie Killian—2nd Tuesday at 12:00pm**

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**





We will start working with the children on our **assessments this month**. Once completed, we will send them home for parents to review. The checklist lets us know where the child is struggling and gives parents the opportunity to work with them at home.

We are excited to have NC Lions KidSight Program offer a **free vision screening** to the children again this year! They will be doing this on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. A permission form will be sent home with the children to participate in the screening.

This month's **Safety Class** will be on Choking, Strangulation & Suffocation Prevention. Medic Melaine will be teaching the children what to do to prevent this from happening. She also plans to bring the ambulance to show the children.

The children are learning about the fruits of spirit with Pastor Kaleb. He also sings this fun song with them: Fruit of the Spirit-Motions that you can find on YouTube.

Stretch-n-Grow with Mrs Hilary is always fun learning about eating healthily and exercising.

November finds us talking about **Thanksgiving** and all for which we are thankful. As we discuss thankfulness, we also want to teach them that they can help other children, too! Every year, the church takes up shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. These shoeboxes are then delivered to children all around the world. If families would like to pick up a box to fill, they can let me know and we will send them home with their child. All filled boxes need to be turned in no later than Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

We will be closed on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Our Thanksgiving break will be Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone takes the time to thank God for all they have!

As a reminder, Amanda Watts is our parent representative on the Preschool Board. She attends the Preschool Board meetings each month and shares any concerns from parents at that time. Parents may email her at [a.mathiason@yahoo.com](mailto:a.mathiason@yahoo.com), if they feel there is an issue that is not being addressed. She will bring this information to the next board meeting.

**Have a Happy Thanksgiving!**

Amy Howard, Director



Keenagers, mark your calendars for these upcoming dates.

November 6th @ 11:30am—1st Thursday Meal at Denver UMC

November 10th @10:00am—Planning Team meeting

November 17th@11:00am—Lunch at Stacy's. Please RSVP to Steve Hodge if you are going by November 14th!

December 10th @12:00pm—Annual Christmas Party in the CLC. More details coming soon!







**BE A HERO...  
SAVE THREE LIVES!**

**JUST 1 PINT MAY  
SAVE UP TO THREE LIVES!**

## **SAVE THE DATE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**November 6TH  
2:30pm to 7:30pm**

To sign up for donation, call **1-855-210-1278** or visit **redcrossblood.org** and type in Mt. Pleasant.

To Donate blood you must:

- ♥ Be in general good health.
- ♥ Be at least 17 years old in most states or 16 years old with signed parental consent form if allowed by state law.
- ♥ Bring a donor card, driver's license or two other forms of ID.
- ♥ Weigh at least 110 pounds. (Additional weight requirements apply for donors 18 and younger and all high school donors.)

Before You Donate:

- ♥ Maintain a healthy iron level in your diet by eating iron rich foods, such as red meat, fish, poultry, beans, spinach, iron-fortified cereals and raisins.
- ♥ Get a good night's sleep.
- ♥ Drink an extra 16oz. Of water or nonalcoholic fluids before donation.
- ♥ Eat a healthy meal before your donation. Avoid fatty foods, such as hamburgers, fries or ice cream before donating. (If there is too much fat in your blood, your donation cannot be tested for infectious diseases and the blood will not be used for transfusion.)

## **FALL BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE**

It's time to sing up to donate blood at our Fall Blood Drive on Thursday, November 6th from 2:30-7:30pm in the CLC. To make an appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code "Mt Pleasant". There are incentives for giving offered as well:

### **Updated Donor Promotion (Oct. 27–Nov. 16, 2025):**

All who come to give during this time will receive:

- **\$20 in e-gift cards** to a merchant of their choice ( two \$10 e-gift cards)
- **Automatic entry** for a chance to win one of **three \$5,000 gift cards**

Full terms and details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/Harvest](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Harvest).

### **November is National Diabetes Awareness Month**

To empower and educate our donors, we're offering **free A1C testing** with successful blood, platelet, or AB Elite plasma donations throughout November.

- This test screens for prediabetes and diabetes
- One result per donor in a 12-month period

No fasting required before donating

Thank you again for your commitment to saving lives.



We are looking for people to represent Mt Pleasant on 12/18 from 3-7 pm at the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Center in Charlotte. We have reserved seven spots but we may be able to get more! We will take the church van & grab dinner together afterward! If you are interested in the please contact Melissa White via cell phone at 828-310-0154.





# Calling All Veterans

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

The **First Thursday every month** in our Youth Center (The building between the 2 Church buildings) 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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# SHARE A SLICE OF LIFE.

**Give blood.**



**American  
Red Cross**



## **Blood Drive** **Mt Pleasant Methodist Church**

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

**Thursday, November 6, 2025**  
**2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

To make an appointment or for more information,  
please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter  
Sponsor Code "Mt Pleasant".

**Come to give blood Oct. 20-Nov. 16 for a \$10 e-gift card  
+ chance at \$5K prize! [rcblood.org/harvest](https://rcblood.org/harvest)**



Scan to schedule  
an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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# FAMILY EVENT SCHEDULE

FALL  
2025

**3**  
OCT

**OCTOBER FAMILY NIGHT  
MEAL**

6 pm

**1**  
NOV

**FALL FESTIVAL**

11am- 1pm

**13**  
NOV

**FAMILY WORSHIP  
NIGHT**

6 pm

**7**  
DEC

**Children's Choir  
Christmas  
Program**

4 pm

**14**  
DEC

**Family Christmas  
Caroling**

4 pm

All events are at Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church



# Family Worship Night

Calling all MtP Parents & Kids to  
Worship Our Savior!



- VBS Type Songs
- Prayer
- Inspiring Message
- Family Activity



November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM

Christian Life Center



**meals on wheels**  
OF CATAWBA COUNTY



With the support of generous donors and the dedication of 767 volunteers, Meals on Wheels of Catawba County provided 115,170 meals to seniors last year. But it's more than meals—we bring care, connection, and comfort, helping seniors feel valued, safe, and loved in their own homes.

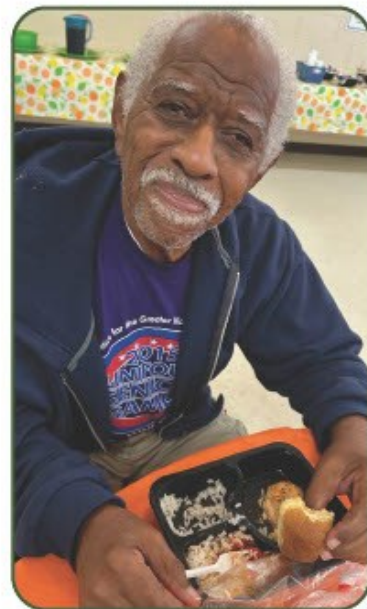
Through community generosity, Catawba County Senior Nutrition Services can continue serving our neighbors through Meals on Wheels and Seniors Morning Out. Every gift—large or small—provides nourishment, companionship, and comfort, making a meaningful difference in the lives of local seniors.

**Join us in continuing this mission of care and connection with a donation of:**

- \$30 to feed a senior for one week**
- \$130 to feed a senior for one month**
- \$1,300 to feed a senior for one year**

Donate online at [MealsonWheelsofCatawbaCounty.org](https://MealsonWheelsofCatawbaCounty.org) or make your check payable to: Catawba County Social Services. Please write "SNS 2025" in the memo line, and mail your check to:

Senior Nutrition Services  
PO Box 207  
Newton, NC 28658



For more information about Meals on Wheels of Catawba County, visit our website at [MealsOnWheelsOfCatawbaCounty.org](https://MealsOnWheelsOfCatawbaCounty.org) or give us a call at 828-695-5610.





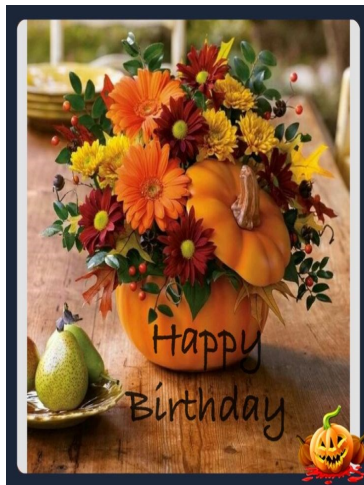
# Birthdays Anniversaries

## November

- 1 Ron Bach  
Evelyn Stutts  
Susan Cranfill
- 2 Pete Crump  
Jeff Little
- 3 Jennifer Barrow
- 4 Kenny Chester  
Todd Goodson
- 8 Lori Edwards
- 10 Elli Trimble
- 11 Jason Douglas
- 14 Glenn Pruitt  
Chuck Cranfill
- 15 Kevin Brady
- 17 Betty Jo Williams  
Henry Logan  
Josie Stavrou
- 18 Charles Mackie
- 19 Phoenix Watts
- 20 Tina Trimble
- 21 Jeanna Goodson
- 22 Shana Carpenter
- 25 Ethan Edwards
- 27 Nick Goodson
- 30 Eddie White  
Patsy Mullen  
Noelle Smith

## November

- 2 Darin & Cindy Little
- 4 Larry & Linda Thompson
- 20 Carl & Elwanda Wilson  
Alfred & Melissa White
- 22 Rusty & Amy Howard
- 27 Ken & Jackie Thompson  
Robert & Tracy Dick



Our sincere sympathy is extended to  
....**Jan Brown and her daughters, Katelyn and Allison** at  
the passing of the girls' father, **Gene Brown** on October 9th.

...**Dale Little and Shana Carpenter and their families** at  
the passing of their father, **Jimmy Little** on October 11th.

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



## Remember those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

- **Kingston Residence of Hickory:** Pete Crump
- **Abernathy Laurels:** Joy Howard
- **Hickory Village Memory Care:** Marilyn Beardslee
- **Belair Health Care Center:** Angie Ledford



First and foremost, I am thankful to our Lord and Savior for  
all that I have been blessed with including my family and  
friends at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church. Christol and I  
appreciate the thoughts and prayers for my health, the  
wonderful food that has been brought to our house, the  
cards that have been mailed, and the beautiful prayer quilt  
that was presented to me.

May God bless us all now and forever.

Guy and Christol Cline





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

### November

- 2 10:00am Jeff Little, Kenny Chester, David Carpenter, Kevin Brady
- 9 10:00am Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Kevin Brady, Wayne Merchant
- 16 10:00am Jeff Little, Pete Lail, David Carpenter, Kevin Brady
- 23 10:00am Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Kevin Brady, Brandon Cline
- 30 10:00am Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Kevin Brady, Kenny Chester



## Greeters

### November

- 2 10:00am Jack & Pat Baumann
- 9 10:00am Jan Brown
- 16 10:00am Melanie & Kali Panaccione
- 23 10:00am Daisy Vaughan & Donna Bone
- 30 10:00am Cathy Eudy

## Sound and AV Techs

### November

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



## Children's Time

### November

- 2 Megan Logan
- 9 Randy Stokes
- 16 Judy Sigmon
- 23 Pastor Kaleb
- 30 Melanie Panaccione

## Nursery Care Givers



\*Amanda Kochosky will notify nursery workers of their schedule



## Communion Stewards

November 2 Ann Herron & Melissa White

## Acolytes

### November

- 2 Luke & Nate
- 9 William & Katelyn
- 16 Elliott & Lily
- 23 Raven & Wren
- 30 Katelyn & Nate



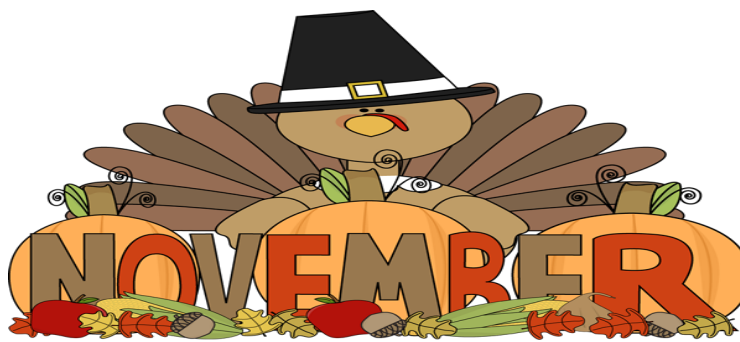


### Wednesday Music Schedule

6:15pm Bells of Praise  
7:00pm Chancel Choir  
8:15pm Living Stones

### Sunday Schedule

8:45am Discipleship Groups  
10:00am Worship Service  
4:00pm MtP Youth  
Children's Choir



### 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
						1 11am-1pm 
2 (See Sunday Schedule) 7:30am Methodist Men 	3 11:00am JD Circle 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice SPRC 6:30pm Girl Scouts	4 9:00am Exercise Class 11:30am District Clergy Meeting 6:00pm Church League Softball Cub Scouts Snail Group 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 <b>See Wednesday Music Schedule</b> 6:00pm Family Night Supper Travel Ball Practice	6 8:00am Vets' Coffee Call 9:00am Exercise Class 2:30pm Fall Blood Drive 6:00pm Church League Softball	7 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	8
9 (See Sunday Schedule) 4:00pm Children's Choir MtP Youth	10 10:00am Keenagers' Planning Group 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 6:30pm Girl Scouts	11 9:00am Exercise Class 1:00pm Janie Killian Circle 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	12 <b>See Wednesday Music Schedule</b> 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	13 9:00am Exercise Class 4:30pm Pastor's Pickin's 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Trustees	14 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	15 <div>Senior Adult Beach Retreat</div>
16 (See Sunday Schedule) 4:00pm Children's Choir Musical <div>Senior Adult Beach</div>	17 9:30am Preschool Chapel 11:00am Keenagers @ Stacy's 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 6:30pm Girl Scouts	18 9:00am Exercise Class 9:30am Preschool Chapel 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	19 <b>See Wednesday Music Schedule</b> 11:00am Preschool Stretch & Grow 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	20 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Care & Nurture Team 6:30pm Admin Board	21 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	22 12:00pm CLC Reserved-Private Event
23 (See Sunday Schedule) 4:00pm Children's Choir MtP Youth	24 9:00am Hanging of the Greens 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 6:30pm Girl Scouts	25 9:00am Exercise Class 11:00am Preschool Stretch & Grow 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	26 <b>See Wednesday Music Schedule</b> 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	27 <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> 	28 <b>Office Closed</b> 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	29
30 (See Sunday Schedule) 4:00pm Children's Choir MtP Youth						

