



Tidings from Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church
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Staying Connected to Jesus through the Word of God

Church family,

I write this as a word of encouragement in the busy summer season. When I was in Divinity school, there was a café near the gym that made some of the best Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches you can imagine. Now, it's hard to picture a gourmet PB & J but, bear with me. This cafe made fresh strawberry jelly, put it in between peanut butter spread onto both pieces of sourdough and pressed them together to toast it like a panini sandwich. Now, if you enjoy PB & J's like me, you can just imagine how delicious this was, it quite literally melted in your mouth. Now, just last week I had lunch with a friend who gave this analogy that they use to teach their youth to read their Bible. They call their individual Bible reading time PB&J, which stands for prayer, bible, and journal. They simply encourage their students to individually pray, read their bible and journal what they read.

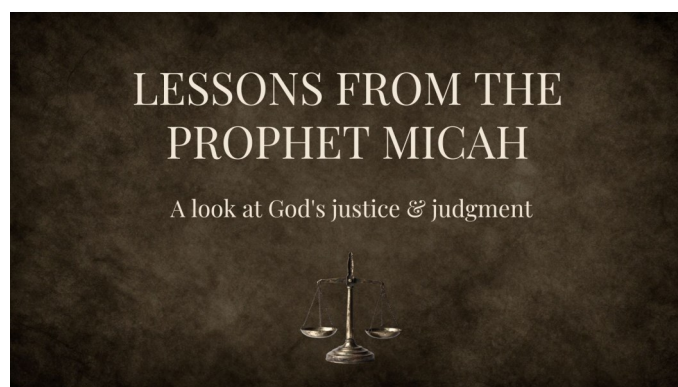
My encouragement to you this month is to try a daily dose of PB& J (Prayer, Bible, & Journaling). Praying is an essential part of devotional time. You can pray before opening your bible that the Holy Spirit would open your eyes to see Jesus through His word. Then read your bible with the intention to learn something new about God's character and what it might teach you. Read the bible slowly, read it numerous times, and ask questions as you read; you might be surprised by what the Lord may reveal to you. Finally, try journaling what you read, write down questions you have, and then reflect on them. I will be honest: journaling might be the toughest part of PB & J, but I hope you will give it a try. If you already journal, try a new method or go into more detail.

There are many things in life that fade away or let us down, but the Word of God is not one of those. We are the people of God who must study the Word of God so that we can live as holy people in the world. Throughout the month of August I pray you will find hope in your PB&J time and be reminded of the words from Isaiah 40:8 which say "the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Kaleb



NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS AUGUST 16TH



Come join us beginning Sunday, August 16th for a 4-week journey through the book of Micah as we study and learn his lessons.

August 16th—Micah 2:1-5
August 23rd—Micah 3:5-12
August 30th—Micah 4:1-5
September 6th—Micah 6:188

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hi church family, this is Chet Sigmon, co-chair of the finance committee! I wanted to take a moment in our newsletter to talk a bit about online tithing. Pastor Kaleb has talked about it in the past but I wanted to share my perspective on it as well.

Online giving is a simple and convenient way to faithfully support the ministry of our church. You can set it up for automatic withdrawal for convenience. For many families, myself included, it makes giving easier by allowing them to schedule their tithe alongside their regular paychecks, ensuring that giving remains a consistent part of their financial stewardship, even when they're traveling or unable to attend a service (such as summer-time with vacations and campmeetings coming up).

Online giving also provides an important benefit to the church. Consistent, predictable giving helps our Finance Committee and church leadership better plan for weekly ministry needs, outreach opportunities, and our annual budget. If you've never considered online giving, we encourage you to prayerfully explore it as another way to faithfully support the work God is doing through our church.

If you do choose to give online, you can set it up from our church website, it's very straightforward and convenient! Go to www.mtpmethodist.org and select "Giving" or you can text "Give" to 704-703-4797 and follow the prompts for one-time or recurring giving.

Thank you for your continued support for our church!

Chet Sigmon

FROM THE ADMIN BOARD

Summer greetings everyone! I hope this correspondence finds you well. On Thursday, July 23rd, our administrative board held our 4th meeting of the year. Our Trustees reported that they have a number of projects that they are looking to accomplish in the near future. These projects include completing the stage renovations in the CLC, safety assessments for our campus, rekeying the door locks, and reconfiguring and repainting the lines in the parking lot. As always our Trustees are constantly working hard and striving to improve our property here at Mt. Pleasant.

Our SPRC has been working hard as well. Over the last few months they have been working diligently to hire our new Director of Family Ministries. We are blessed that they have hired Alexis Thompson for this position. Her official start date will be August 10th, 2026. I have no doubt that Alexis will thrive in this role and she will be an excellent addition to our amazing staff here at Mt. Pleasant. Let us congratulate her and let's thank our SPRC team for all the work they have put in to make this happen!

Some new business was discussed during this meeting as well. We recently hosted our annual summer time Vacation Bible School which was a huge success. We averaged around 95 kids each day and we had 50 volunteers to show up and help run things. I want to thank all that helped out for this event, especially our church youth! Also, coming up on September 17th, we will be hosting a free health clinic in the CLC from 4:00 - 6:30 pm. The local Walgreens will be coordinating this event where anyone in the community can come and get any vaccinations that they may need. More information will be shared about this in the weeks to come.

In closing, as the summer months come to an end we will soon be entering into the Autumn season which is always a busy time. We will celebrate our Homecoming on Sunday, September 20th. Soon after that our annual BBQ and fall festival will follow in October. Our Admin Board will also continue working on our vision casting process where we will be looking into our mission and vision for our future here at Mt. Pleasant. We will be focusing on our core values that we have in place here at Mt. Pleasant and what strategies we can use to continue to improve. Mark your calendars and plan to attend a **congregational vision planning day on September 12th** from 9-3 in the CLC. Lunch will be provided. Rev. Jason Fry will be here to lead us. If you would like to know more about this process please reach out to any of our board members or Pastor Kaleb for more details.

Yours in Christ,

Brandon Cline

Soli Deo Gloria

MPMC Music Ministry Happenings **Dawn Broom**

As we get into the month of August, summer is beginning to wind down. While life at the church takes on a slightly slower pace, we still meet for worship every Sunday, an activity that should be our number one priority. Sundays can also serve as times for us to reconnect with one another. I am thankful for both activities. The following is a list of volunteers who will provide worship music this month:

August 2 – Chancel Choir

August 9 – Glen Ruby

August 16 – Shana Carpenter, Aya Gabriel,
Tanya Hodge, Janet Lutz

August 23 – Tamara Helderman

August 30 – Jaxon Martin

Plus you, the church family, will be singing some old hymns in the form of medleys to begin our worship times.

Speaking of worship, allow me to include a few thoughts from a gentleman by the name of John Lennox, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at Oxford University, renowned Apologist, and uncle to contemporary Irish hymnwriter and recording artist, Kristyn Getty. These are words Dr. Lennox shared in an interview, “Why Christians Need to Sing and Make Songs!”

“We must be people of The Book. There’s a real battle in our culture to demote The Word of God and to destroy its authority in our lives. An important part of regaining that authority is to write and produce songs that are full of biblical content, that do not water down the power of the cross and that fill our minds with resonant, objective truth about the Lord, rather than simply reflecting our own human feelings in a meaningless, narcissistic fashion. And music and song are very ancient.

Almost on the first page of The Bible, we read of Jubal, the father of all those who play the lyre and the pipe. There are so many instru-

ments in the orchestra of The Bible, i.e. harps, lyres, psalteries, trumpets, cymbals, bells, shofar horns, tambourine, reed pipes, trigons, bagpipes, wooden clappers and shakers, and frame drums. The Bible is full of music.

Ian McGilchrist, a neuroscientist, says, “The principal way in which humanity has felt compelled both to express a sense of or to make contact with the Divine is through music. In this, it seems to me that it has succeeded so immediately and so indubitably that language is scarcely needed.”

McGilchrist has a real space for the sacred that has been opened for him by music. Scientists, in fact, have shown how certain practices of music, such as a congregation singing the Doxology at full volume, evoke neural activation that is shared among listeners in key emotion areas. These experiences create a surge of endorphins and a release of oxytocin, resulting in a heightened fellow feeling, a deepening of social bonds, and a loss of self-protective boundaries. So your singing actually changes the structure of your brains.”

As my usual, singing is good for your soul AND your mental and physical well-being. Come to worship with an openness to sing your praise to the Lord. And, as always, thank you for your support and encouragement of the music ministry at Mount Pleasant.

**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 enjoyed spending it with the children. They've had such a fun time playing with their friends and making new friends.

Our last day of the Summer Program will be Thursday, August 13th. Letters will be sent out the first week of August with dates and times for the children to attend Open House. Our first day of preschool for the fall will be Tuesday, September 8th.

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

Amy Howard

MtP Methodist Women

Circle Meetings:

Jewel Dierwechter — 1st Monday at 11:00am in the CLC or Parlor
Janie Killian — 2nd Tuesday at 1:00pm in the Parlor

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

MtP Methodist Men

Next meeting:

August 2nd 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, David Carpenter, Brandon Cline, Coleman Gilleland, Brian Martin and Fred Roseman.



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

These monthly meals will begin on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00pm in the CLC. This will be a covered dish meal.

HOMECOMING 2026

Homecoming 2026 will be on Sunday, September 20th. We will have our regular service schedule followed by a covered dish lunch in the CLC. More details to be shared as we plan for this special time of celebrating Mount Pleasant. We're looking pretty good to be celebrating 198!

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 26th**. 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!



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!!



A huge thank you to everyone who helped with, participated in, and prayed for our VBS this year. 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 an average of 90 kids and 50 volunteers every day. 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 have either Pastor Kaleb or Mrs. Alexis become a “living ice cream sundae”. These amazing kids raised a total of \$801, with the girls winning! Pastor Kaleb became a great “human sundae”. The mission project was to raise money for the Christian Food Pantry of Sherrills Ford. Thank you for supporting our children's ministry.

PASTOR'S PICKIN'S

YIPPEE!! After taking a break in July, it's once again time for a trip in the van with Pastor Kaleb for Pastor's Pickin's. This month we're headed to Midwood Smokehouse in Huntersville. Plan to meet at the church on Thursday, August 27th, departing at 4:30pm. If you want to ride in the van or plan to drive, please contact the office and let us know by Monday, August 24th.



Hello Youth and Families!

What an awesome summer we have experienced! We are so thankful for our eight youth that attended the mission trip with Jeremiah Project in West Virginia! Thank you Lily, Grayson, Nate, William, Ellie, Jaxson, Luke, and Kaitlyn! Thanks also to the JD Circle for the snacks for our trip!

We have welcomed several new youth to our program! We're so happy to have you join us and pray that you have found a “home” to grow your faith!

We also have to thank ALL of the youth that volunteered with VBS! Wow! What an amazing group of young people who helped make this huge event happen for our church!

August will be another special month for our youth. On August 2nd, we will have a regular youth meeting at the church at 4:00pm. August 9th will be a special outing! Please check Band for further details! On August 15th, we will be working on a youth service project at the church! We're repainting the lines on the basketball court! See Band for more details! On August 16th, we will have a regular youth meeting at 4:00pm at the youth center! On August 19th, we will meet students the campground for Youth Night at 7:30pm! On August 23rd, we will have a Back to School Bash at the Watts! Thanks for hosting us! August 30th will be a regular youth meeting at 4:00pm at the church!

We want to welcome Alexis Thompson to our youth family! Thanks for being the leader of our pack!

Youth, we are saying a special prayer for each of you as you enter a new school year! May it be filled with love and laughter!

Melanie. Panaccione



JOIN US
AUGUST 30
8:45AM

THE SUNDAY SPREAD

IN THE CLC

YOU'RE INVITED!

FELLOWSHIP

BREAKFAST TREATS

DISCIPLE GROUP (SUNDAY SCHOOL) INFORMATION
CHILDREN & YOUTH MOVING UP TO THE NEXT CLASS

MP KIDS - AUGUST 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST

We have a quiet month as we soak in the last few weeks of summer before school begins.

Backpack Blessings - On August 30th Kiddos, bring your backpacks for the church to pray blessings over you for the school year.

Sunday Discipleship Group Social

Join us on Sunday morning, August 30th for an informal breakfast and get to know the Sunday school classes and leaders for children and young adults.

August 30th - CLC at 8:45am

We will also celebrate our children and youth that are moving up to the next Sunday School Class.



CHILDREN'S TIME

August 2nd - Judy Sigmon

August 9th - Chet Sigmon

August 16th - Alicia Beard

August 23rd - Jeanna Goodson

August 30th - Alexis Thompson



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

No Children's Choir until September!

KIDS SMALL GROUPS

Sunday Mornings at 8:45am

NURSERY

Infants - Toddlers

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Kids ages 4 - 1st grade

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Kids 2nd grade - 5th grade

MOMENTUM YOUTH

August



Who We Are

We are a Youth Group with Momentum for Jesus putting our faith in motion. Please be in prayer for our Youth group and the leaders. If you have any projects around your house or tasks that our Youth group could help with, please let Alexis Thompson know.



Mission Focused

Last Month, our Youth went on their mission trip to West Virginia. They spent the week being the hands and feet of Jesus by helping people with projects at their houses. Things like building a ramp, a deck, and other things.

This month we are refreshing the basketball court area on our church grounds.



Upcoming Dates

- 1st - Youth Night in China Grove
- 2nd - Regular Youth Meeting
- 9th - Fun Outing- TBD
- 12th - Youth Night at Balls Creek Campground
- 15th - Service Project- Repainting Basketball Court
- 19th - Youth Night at Balls Creek Campground
- 23rd - Back to School Party
- 30th - Regular Youth & Parent Meeting



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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IMMUNIZATION CLINIC



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@ HWY 16/150

COME OUT ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th,

FROM 4:00PM TO 6:30PM

TO GET ANY IMMUNIZATION YOU NEED

**IF UNABLE TO GET IT THAT DAY, VOUCHERS WILL
BE PROVIDED**

***This is for ALL Immunizations, not just Flu!!**



The GMC NC Young Adults are excited for the second annual

Round the Fire retreat!

Stir the Fire Within, A Call to be Holy!

Special Guest Speakers: Heather Grabbs, Rev. Kaleb Setzer,

Grace Marie Ward, & Rev. Clayton Tovo.

You don't want to miss out!!

When: November 20 - 22, 2026.

Where: Dogwood on Lake Norman

Registration: \$200.00, \$50.00 per kiddo (5-11) / 5yr younger - \$10.00 – for those Young Adults who want to bring the whole family.

All Registrations and Full payment are due by October 31st.



Memorials have been received for:

Christopher Michael Koehler by Dale Little and Toni Thompson



Our sincere sympathies are extended to:

Kevin and Lisa Brady and Family at the passing of her aunt, **Sue Lutz** on July 1st.

Brenda and Mark Sigmon and Family at the passing of her brother, **Bruce Martin** on July 6th

Alexis and Brett Thompson and Family at the passing of her grandfather, **Bobby Tessiniar**, on July 11th.

Wanda and Jeff Myers and Family at the passing of her father, **Homer Owens** on July 22nd.

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



Please note this change of address for Steve & Tanya Hodge:

Mailing: PO Box 104
Terrell, NC 28682

Residence: 4398 Bronze, Blvd.
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

August

- 1 Linda Sigmon
- 3 Guy Cline
- 5 Bennett Mauney
David Carpenter
- 6 Donna Mundy
- 7 Katie Stokes
- 8 Charlotte Logan
Nate Patterson
- 9 Abby Sigmon
- 10 Christy Bolick
Sandy Pettit
- 15 Clark Sigmon
- 16 David Rice
- 17 Melanie Panaccione
- 21 Logan Patterson
- 22 Susan Sigmon
- 24 Lounette
Forbes-Robinson
- 25 Jaxon Martin
- 26 Charley Edwards
- 27 Amy Torrisi
- 31 Lisa Cawley
Barbara Losh

August

- 2 Dustin & Paige Gyovai
- 3 Doug & Donna Howard
- 8 Mitchell & Linda
Sigmon
- 10 Darrell & Pam Farren
- 11 Ronnie & Jewell
Rathbone
- 14 Tim & Carolyn Stutts
Guy & Christol Cline
- 16 Marcus & Patsy Mullen
- 22 Wayne & Janie
Merchant
- 28 Kurtis & Cassidy Stout



Remember those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

- The Shaire Center of Lenoir: Pete Crump
- Abernathy Laurels: Joy Howard
- Hickory Village Memory Care: Marilyn Beardslee
- Wexford House: Deneil Caldwell



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.

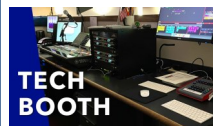
Ushers

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



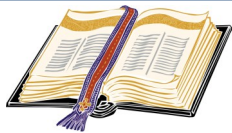
Greeters

August	2	Ann Herron & Kenny Chester
	9	Johnny & Karen Karriker
	16	Tony & Barbara Sigmon
	23	Jerry & Terri Smyers
	30	Susan Ensign & Carol Ann Rowe



Sound and AV Techs

August	2	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
	9	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
	16	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
	23	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
	30	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff



Liturgists

August	2	Melissa White
	9	Bobby Lutz
	16	Chet Sigmon
	23	Kenny Chester
	30	Ann Herron



Children's Time

August	2	Judy Sigmon
	9	Chet Sigmon
	16	Alicia Beard
	23	Jeanna Goodson
	30	Alexis Thompson



Acolytes

August	2	Katelyn
	9	Lily & Elliott
	16	Katelyn
	23	Lily & Elliott
	30	Luke



Nursery Care Givers

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



Communion Stewards

August 2
Lead Steward: Donna Bone
Serving: Ann Herron, Kenny Chester,
Glenn Pruitt

Wednesday Music Schedule

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

Sunday Schedule

8:45am Sunday School
 10:00am 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
						1 10:00am CLC Reserved 5:00pm Youth Rally
	Rock Spring Camp Meeting					
2 See Sunday Schedule 7:30am Methodist Men 4:00pm MtP Youth	3 11:00am JD Circle 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Connect Group	4 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Boy Scouts	5 9:00am Summer Preschool 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Connect Group	6 8:00am Vets' Coffee Call 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Trustees	7 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	8
	Rock Spring Camp Meeting					
9 See Sunday Schedule 4:00pm MtP Youth Outing	10 6:00pm Travel Ball Team Practice Connect Group	11 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Boy Scouts	12 9:00am Summer Preschool 10:00am Connect Group Keenager Planning 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Connect Group	13 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	14 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	15 8:00am CLC Reserved, Private Event 9:00am Youth Service Day
	Balls Creek Camp Meeting					
16 See Sunday Schedule	17 6:00pm Travel Ball Team Practice Connect Group	18 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Boy Scouts	19 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Connect Group	20 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	21 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	22
	Balls Creek Camp Meeting					
23 See Sunday Schedule 5:00pm Back to School Bash	24 6:00pm Travel Ball Team Practice Connect Group 6:30pm Girl Scouts	25 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	26 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Nominations Team 7:00pm Connect Group Finance Committee	27 4:00pm Pastor's Pickin's 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	28 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	29
30 4:00pm MtP Youth & Parent Meeting	31 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Connect Group 6:30pm Girl Scouts					