



Tidings from Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church
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July 2026

Church family,

I am so thankful for those who showed up at our 24 hours of prayer and the church prayer walk in June. Each of you dwelled in the Lord's presence, sought his wisdom, and prayed over countless needs. During both gatherings, there was a theme of praying for Mt. Pleasant and the future that God has in store for us as a church. This is only the beginning of our journey to partner with the Spirit in casting a vision for Mt. Pleasant. I urge you to continue joining me in prayer this month and throughout the rest of the year. Ask God, "What do you want for your church, Lord?"

In this vision-planning process, we will seek to discern some of our core values at Mt. Pleasant. These values will drive our culture. One value that I keep coming back to in my prayer life is hospitality. I pray we will be a hospitable church. Hospitality is so much more than hosting people for dinner. It's about showing God's love and serving others. One of my favorite examples of Biblical hospitality comes from Luke 14:13-14: Jesus says, "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Hospitality is putting others before yourself. Biblical hospitality is a selfless act that reflects the love of Christ, who gave himself for the sake of others. It is an act of worship because it shows reverence toward God, who is always present in the stranger. It involves recognizing the sacred worth of the guests and treating them with honor. Finally, it is worship because it creates space for transformation. All of this can and must certainly be the case on Sunday mornings. The church is the place where people come to encounter Christ, and if that is our desire (which it should be), then we must always be thinking of ways to be hospitable on Sunday mornings.

Paul writes in Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." Ask yourself this question: "When I come to worship, am I seeking my own interests or the interests of others?" I pray every Sunday that God would lead someone our way who needs to hear the gospel for the first time. When He answers that prayer, I hope they encounter people who say, "We're glad you're here." Hospitality begins long before worship starts; it begins in the parking lot, at the front door, and in the small decisions we make to put others first. Not long ago, we got new visitor parking signs installed. I am thankful to our trustees for their faithful work in making Sunday mornings hospitable for visitors. One simple way we can serve others is by leaving these spots available for guests to park in. It may seem like a small sacrifice, or you may have to walk a little farther, but small acts of hospitality make a lasting impact on those seeking hope in the name of Jesus. May we be a church that expects and joyfully prepares for guests to walk through the front door.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Kaleb



Soli Deo Gloria

MPMC Music Ministry Happenings
Dawn Broom

It's summer, and, although it's terribly warm outside, I'm thankful for the slower pace of life right now. God gives us all a purpose in this life, which can keep us busy most of the year, but He also gives us times of rest. Summer provides that for me.

I commend the Bells of Praise, Chancel Choir, and Children's Choir for their leadership over this last year. I am simply an individual who feels called to lead the music ministry at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church. The involvement of committed volunteers who make up those three groups makes my job easier and much more enjoyable. I frequently say, while it takes a leader to come up with ideas and possess the abilities to keep the ministry going, there would be no music ministry without its volunteers. Thank you, Friends. Every week we put in the time to make our musical presentations the best they can be, and I truly believe that we give God the glory when we worship together. I am honored to serve alongside you.

Summer also means it's time to plan for the fall and Advent seasons. And we are set to begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 1. The Chancel Choir's Advent music presentation is scheduled for Sunday, December 13. "Welcome, Lord Jesus" is a combination of dramatic monologues from some of the characters in the Christmas narrative, i.e. Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, a Shepherd Boy, a Wise Man, and Simeon, and several choral anthems.

As always, thank you, Church Family, for your support and encouragement of the music ministry at Mount Pleasant.

Soli Deo Gloria, "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."
Psalm 86:11 (CEB)

NEW SERMON SERIES



Come join us in July as we explore a new sermon series, The Mercy of God: A Walk with Jonah, with Pastor Kaleb.

The Mercy of God: A Walk with Jonah

July 5th: "No Sense in Running" from Jonah 1

July 12th: Pastor Kaleb will be away. Come join us as his friend, Mack King, shares his message with us.

July 19th: "God Answers Prayer" from Jonah 2

July 26th: "The Lord Shows Mercy to Repentant Hearts" from Jonah 3

August 2nd: "A Merciful and Compassionate God" from Jonah 4



We are excited to announce that starting in August Alexis Thompson will be on our church staff full time as "Director of Family Ministries".

Alexis is taking a leap of faith and will be bringing passion of that to our next generation and their family and friends !

Let's all show our love and support and welcome her with open arms and hearts!



MtP Methodist Men

Next meeting:

July 5th at 7:30am in the CLC

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

Cook Team for July: Darrell Farren, Andy Reese, Chris Sherrill, Nathan Sherrill, Johnny Karriker

MtP Methodist Women

Circle Meetings:

Jewel Dierwechter — 1st Monday at 11:00am in the CLC or Parlor

Janie Killian — No meetings until September

The JD Circle has a limited amount of Happy Home Flavorings available for \$2.00 per bottle. When this stock sells out, we will no longer be offering the flavorings. We also have a very limited number of cookbooks (5) for sale at \$10.00 each. Please check at the Church office if you would like to purchase a cookbook or some flavoring.

Blessings,
Wanda Myers and Donna Bone
Co-chairs of JD Circle



ATTENTION KEENAGERS: Mark your calendars for this upcoming event:

The July "outing" will be lunch at Neighbors 828 in Terrell on Wednesday, July 22nd at 11:30. We will meet at the restaurant for this meal. If you plan to attend, please contact Steve Hodge at (910) 574-8722 or hodgecloud@aol.com by July 15th.



Hello Youth and Families! I pray that you are staying cool and having lots of fun this summer! Please keep our youth and leaders in prayer as they are in West Virginia doing home repairs. We have eight youth going and only two of them have been on a mission trip in the past! Continue to pray for William, Nate, Lily, Luke, Jaxon, Grayson, Ellie, Katelyn, Randy, and Melanie! We want to give a special thanks to the J.D. Circle for supplying us with snacks and drinks for the trip! It's even hot in the mountains of West Virginia this summer!

On July 12, we will have a water day during our youth time! On FRIDAY, 7/17, we plan to do something a little different! We will be hosting a special Friday night full of youth activities and a movie! Please bring a friend! More details to come. Please put that date on your calendar though! Don't forget about VBS! Our youth are a vital part of that event. VBS will be July 19-July 22. Please let Alexis Thompson know if you can help or Randy or Melanie (and we can communicate with Alexis)!

On 7/26, we will meet for Youth at our regular time! As always, check the Band app for events and details and don't hesitate to reach out to Randy, Melanie, Shana, Kolton, or Bree! We hope to see you soon!

OR





As everyone knows, we are currently working on our Christmas Shoe Box ministry in memory of “Donna Helderman”. We have taken an inventory of all the gifts we have received and know what we need. There is a bulletin board in the Narthex with envelopes on it. On the front we have written what item we need, just simply pick one or two or And bring the gift back and put in the container. We are having a church wide Packing Party on Sunday Sept. 20th @ 3:00. We invite you to come and help us complete this mission. We greatly appreciate all the gifts that have already been given! If anyone wants to help pay for the shipping of boxes (they are \$10 each) that would also be a great gift. If there are any questions, feel free to ask.

Peace & Love
Alice Lineberger
Melissa White



Please note that we will NOT have a Pastor's Pickin's outing in July due to the number of folks we know that will be traveling/vacationing. Stay tuned for our August adventure in dining!!



Dear Mt. Pleasant Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant for Bobby's funeral and also for the cards and prayers. Mt. Pleasant always held a special place in his heart!

Love,
Jeff & Sharon Howard
& Family

Dear Members of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church of Sherrills Ford,

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 and honor to be the hands and feet of Christ alongside you.

Eternally grateful,
Stefanie Robinson





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

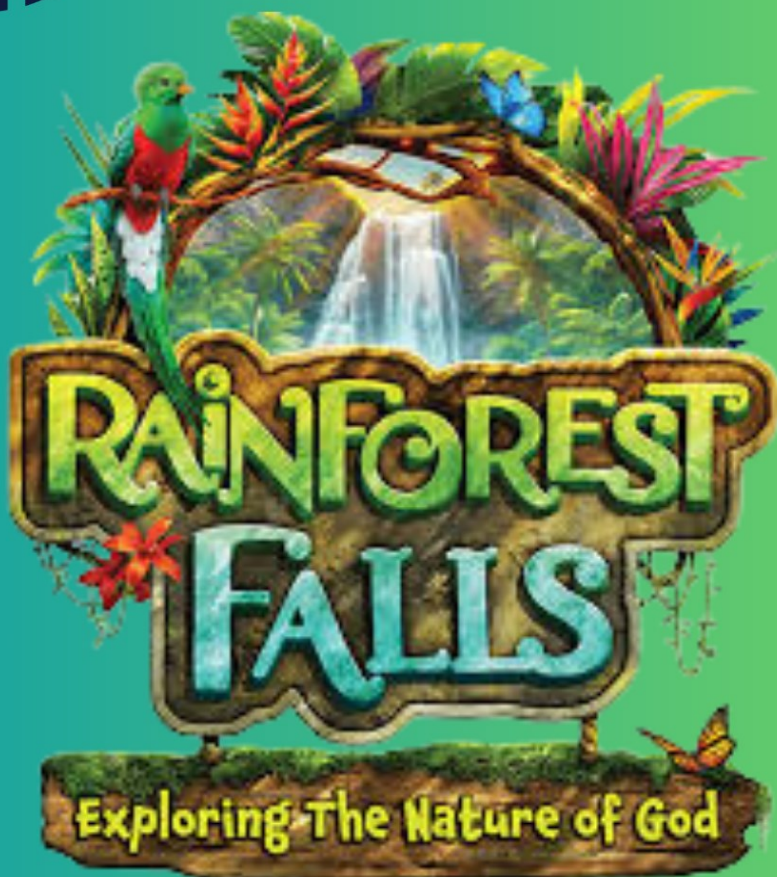
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MT. PLEASANT

METHODIST CHURCH



Sign up for VBS!



Kick Off: July 19th @ 5-7:30pm
Hot Dog Supper at 5:00pm
July 20-22nd 9-12pm

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July

2 Doug Hicks
 8 Kinsley MacLeod
 9 Ann Herron
 10 Dawn Broom
 12 Don Barham
 Tim Carpenter
 13 Noah Canipe
 15 Olive Sigmon
 Rafe Hubbard
 16 Jana Alexander
 Alice Dotson
 17 Miles Sherill
 18 Mandy Martin
 20 Madi Trimble
 21 Barbara Sigmon
 23 Linda Little
 24 Andy Reese
 Kay Graham
 25 Alice Lineberger
 Edsel Lineberger
 Paul Pettit
 26 David Sigmon
 Rita Lail
 Garrett Logan
 Wren Watts
 27 Tony Sigmon
 Debbie White
 28 Judy Sigmon
 30 Graham Setzer
 31 Donna Mauney



July

10 Jay & Karen Thomson
 15 Keith & Margie Lutz
 16 Ben & Jordan Edwards
 18 Mark & Brenda Sigmon
 28 Jonathan & Ann
 Campbell
 31 Danny & Frances
 Sigmon



Remember those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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



Our sincere sympathy is extended to Gail Sigmon and Family at the passing of her brother, Jack Eades, on May 29th.





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

July	5	Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Kenny Chester, Guy Cline
	12	Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Kevin Brady, Guy Cline
	19	Jeff Little, Pete Lail, David Carpenter, Guy Cline
	26	Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Rick Hubbard, Guy Cline



Greeters

July

5	Jack & Pat Baumann
12	Jeff & Wanda Myers
19	Jan Brown
26	Brett & Terra Canipe



Sound and AV Techs

July

5	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff
12	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff
19	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff
26	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff



Liturgists

July

5	Chet Sigmon
12	Ann Herron
19	Alexis Thompson
26	Melissa White



Children's Time

July

5	Melanie Panaccione
12	Megan Logan
19	Alexis Thompson
26	Randy Stokes



Nursery Care Givers

July

Amanda Kochosky will notify nursery workers of the schedule



Acolytes

July

5	Kaitlyn
12	Nate
19	Raven & Wren
26	Lily & Elliott



Communion Stewards July 5th

Lead Steward: Melissa White
Stewards: Brandon Cline, Donna Bone, Ashton Setzer

Camp Meeting Schedules

Rock Spring Camp Meeting

July 26 - August 9

Balls Creek Camp Meeting

August 9 - August 23

Schedules will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office when available.

*Mt. Pleasant Members with tents at Rock Springs:

Lee Killian #65

Gail Sigmon #175

Todd & Jeanna Goodson #243

Ernestine Killian #202

Danny & Frances Sigmon #147

*Mt. Pleasant Members with tents at Balls Creek:

Kay Muender #206

Evelyn Stutts #176

Brian & Sandy Martin #3

Elsie Kale #93

Guy & Christol Cline #188

Sigmon Family #129

Little Family #177

Mike & Alice Lineberger #259

Keith & Aya Gabriel #36



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 Connect Group 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 6:45 Chancel Choir 7:00pm Connect Group	2 8:00am Vets' Coffee Call 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	3 OFFICE CLOSED 	4 
5 See Sunday Schedule 7:30am UMM	6 11:00am JD Circle 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Connect Group	7 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8 9:00am Summer Preschool 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Connect Group	9 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	10 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	11
12 See Sunday Schedule 4:00pm MtP Youth	13 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Connect Group	14 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Travel Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15 9:00am Summer Preschool 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Connect Group	16 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	17 CLC, Sanctuary, Youth Center, Pavilion Blocked 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Friday Night Youth Gathering	18 CLC, Sanctuary, Youth Center, Pavilion Reserved 9:00am Women's Bible Study
19 See Sunday Schedule VBS 5:00-8:00pm	20 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Connect Group	21 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Boy Scouts	22 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Connect Group	23 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 6:30pm Admin Board	24 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	25
VBS Kick-Off NO PRESCHOOL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:00AM—12:00PM						
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