



Tidings from Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church
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Greetings in the name of The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Historically, the pattern of ministry within the local church during the summer months has meant a dip in attendance and service. Here is my challenge to you: Stay connected to the body of Christ this summer. Be present, pray, serve, give, and witness to the love of Jesus. These are not only the markers of a member of Christ's church but the markers of a faithful disciple. As the Pastor here at Mt. Pleasant, I feel God tugging at my heart to look well beyond the summer and into the long-term future. We have been a faithful church for many years, not because of people but because of a holy and faithful God who chose the local church as the vessel through which others encounter the gospel. After all, Jesus said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)

With much prayer, I have proposed to the Administrative Board an eight-month vision-planning period, with the goal of having, at the end of this period, a clear and biblical mission and vision statement, along with values to supplement them. Proverbs 28:19 says, "Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction." Friends, we must be a place that looks externally, seeking to make disciples and connect people with the living Savior of the world. It's also critical that we have a vision or revelation because where there is no vision, there is confusion. Where there is no vision, people lose interest. We are sitting in a prime spot to reach so many people around us who are lost and in need of being saved. We can't save anyone, but I know a savior who can, and He wants to work through you to save lost souls. This vision planning period is not just for the Admin Board; it will be a church-wide initiative throughout the rest of 2026, with the intent of having a fresh vision going into 2027. There will be honest conversations, congregational gatherings, and ministry surveys sent out to seek the wisdom of God on how we move forward together.

Here is how you can participate in the first month of this process. I invite you to join me in praying for the long-term future of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church throughout June. **I invite you to partake in our upcoming 24 hours of prayer on June 14th-15th.** We will have the sanctuary doors open during certain hours, where I encourage you to come and pray for our church. **I would also love to see you on June 24th at 6 pm for a prayer walk around our beautiful campus as we listen for God's voice together.** In the words of our savior, "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." We need some workers. Are you willing to be sent into the field?

Peace in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Kaleb



Soli Deo Gloria

MPMC Music Ministry Happenings Dawn Broom

WOW! What a fabulous month of May we experienced here at Mount Pleasant Methodist. The list of those who led in worship was our Children's Choir under the leadership of Alexis Thompson and Maria Simon, the Chancel Choir joyfully carrying out their weekly ministry of providing anthems, Bells of Praise ringing out in praise of our Lord, Jaxon Martin, just a high school sophomore, confidently sharing his musical talent on the clarinet on the day he and his family were baptized and joined our church family, and Living Stones proclaiming that there is a Holy God.

And, of course, there's YOU, the congregation, the church's largest Choir. The music ministry at Mount Pleasant Methodist exists to bring glory to God, first and foremost. As a matter of fact, one of our primary goals is to inspire and motivate you, those in the pews, to sing yourself. I found this article online, and it speaks to how God feels about us singing.

What Human Singing Means to God According to the Bible

*In the Bible, **singing is a sacred act of worship, praise, and communion with God**, reflecting both personal devotion and corporate unity.*

Singing is portrayed as one of the ways God's people respond to His character and works. In the Old Testament, the Israelites sang after crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 15) and at the dedication of the temple (2 Chronicles 5), expressing gratitude and glorifying God. The Psalms, a collection of songs and prayers, show that singing can express joy, thanksgiving, lament, and trust in God. In the New Testament, Ephesians 5:19 commands believers to "sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord," linking singing to speaking with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Psalm 96:1 calls all creation to "sing to the Lord a new song," emphasizing that singing is a way to declare God's worth and reveal His glory. Singing aligns the heart with God's will, reminding us of His goodness and faithfulness.

Music engages the heart, mind, and soul, making worship more powerful than words alone. Singing can lift the spirit, bring joy, and comfort in sorrow (Psalm 95:1; James 5:13). It also fosters unity among believers, as seen in the Levites' organized worship in the temple (1 Chronicles 15:16). Singing is not just an expression of emotion—it can be transformative. Paul and Silas sang hymns in prison, and their worship led to a miraculous deliverance (Acts 16:25–26). In Revelation, the redeemed sing in heaven, underscoring that singing is part of God's eternal worship.

To God, human singing is:

- A **commanded act of worship** (Ephesians 5:19; Psalm 96:1)
- A **means of glorifying His name** and declaring His goodness
- A **bridge between humanity and the divine**, express-

ing joy, gratitude, and faith

- A **unifier** that strengthens the body of believers
- A **source of spiritual power** that can transform lives and environments

*In God's eyes, singing is not merely music—it is **sacred speech set to melody**, a way to lift the heart to Him and join in His eternal praise. **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)

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JUNE SERMON SERIES

Come join us in June as we explore a new sermon series with Pastor Kaleb.

Sent on a Mission

June 7th: “Go Therefore” from
Matthew 28:16-20

June 14th: “Sent With a Message of Hope” from
Luke 24:36-49

June 21st: “Sent Like Jesus” from
John 20:19-23

June 28th: “Sent With Power” from
Acts 1:1-10



From the Admin Board

Greetings Everyone! I hope this correspondence finds you all well. On Thursday, May 26th, our administrative board held our 3rd meeting of the year. Our Finance Committee reported that through April we are around \$25,000 under our expected budget for the year. Through the first 4 months we have brought in \$145,252 and our needed budget was set at \$170,325.

Our Trustees reported that they have received a new quote for adding some river rock in the recently cleared outdoor area between the CLC and the church office. This new quote came in at \$3,000 which is \$1,500 less than our original quote. They also reported that they are going to start looking into relining our parking lot so that we will have wider parking spaces with fresh painted lines. The Trustees also reported that they received a \$5,000 quote to update the sound system in the CLC as well as adding two 75 inch TV's, one on each side of the stage, to accommodate us if we were to ever need to use the CLC as an overflow. These TV's will be able to live stream any service or event that is held in the Sanctuary. They also reported that they received a quote for \$1,900 to remove the large tree that stands next to the front entrance of the Old Church. If this tree were to fall it could cause major damage to the church or the cemetery so taking it down now is a good preventive safety measure. Lastly, I hope that you all have noticed the beautiful new signage that our Trustees have added around our building. These signs are inviting and aesthetically pleasing and will help anyone visiting here for the first time find their way around a bit easier. As you can tell the Trustees are working hard so be sure to thank them for all that they do for us here at Mt. Pleasant!

In closing, I would like to share with you all that in June our Admin Board will start engaging in a church vision casting process. We will be engaging in prayer walks around campus as we focus on the concept of mission vs. vision for us here at Mt. Pleasant. This will be an 8 month journey of prayer, reflection, and contemplation. Pastor Kaleb will be sharing more information with you all as we start this process. I would also like to remind everyone that from June 17th -20th, Pastor Kaleb and our Lay Leaders will be attending the Global Methodist Annual Conference in Winston Salem. Let us pray that they have a safe journey and a productive and meaningful time as they worship and conduct the business of the Global Methodist Church.

Yours in Christ,

Brandon Cline



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NEW ROOM CONFERENCE 2026

Are you longing to reconnect with God in a powerful way? Join others from Mt. Pleasant at the New Room Conference this year at **Frazer Church in Montgomery, Alabama, on September 30th-October 2nd.** New Room may look like a conference on the outside, but at its heart, it's **a gathering of the family of God to meet with God.** It's for people who know there must be more. More than a sleepy, domesticated church. More than going through the motions. If you want to learn more about details or have questions, contact Pastor Kaleb. We can't wait to gather with other faithful Christians and meet with Jesus.



Methodist Women

Circle Meetings for June:

Jewel Dierwechter — June 1st at 11:00am in the Parlor

Janie Killian — Will resume meetings in September

All ladies in the church are invited to come join a circle for times of fellowship and mission.

Methodist Men

Next meeting: June 7th, 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 @ 7:00am

Breakfast @ 7:30am

COOK TEAM FOR JUNE: Lee Killian, Wayne Merchant, Cecil Reinhardt, Danny Sigmon, Steve Hodge, and Brian Beardslee

Family Night Supper

Wednesday, June 3rd, 6:00pm

Come join us for our last Family Night Supper until September! This event will be an old fashioned cookout at the Pavilion. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixin's. Bring a favorite dessert or churn of homemade ice cream to share. Come join us for a time of good food and great fellowship!!



The Keenagers are going on an excursion to West Jefferson on Thursday, June 18th. The van will leave at 9:30 AM from the church parking lot. Anyone wishing to go can sign up by contacting Steve Hodge at (910) 574-8722 before Monday, June 15th.



Dear Mt. Pleasant Church Family,

Thank you for the recognition of my high school graduation, for the Bible, and the scholarship.

Zoey Mendiola

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who helped with, came out for, or donated items for the spring blood drive on May 13th. We were credited with 38 units thanks to each donor.

The Jewell Dierwechter Circle



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



We finished the year with our End of the Year Celebration on May 16th. Thankfully, the weather cooperated for us, and we were able to have a great day! The children had lots of fun in the bounce house, playing in the foam and riding on the train. The food trucks were also a big hit for everyone.

Graduation was May 21st. We had twenty-four graduating this year. The children did a fantastic job singing and the church was full of happy and some sad faces. We hope all the children have a wonderful summer.

Our Summer Program will begin on June 3rd. We do still have some spots available in the two's and three's classroom if anyone is interested. We have classes on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursdays. Weather permitting, Thursday's will be our Water Day. Our summer scheduled is:

Week of June 3,4,,5
Week of June 10, 11, 12
Week of June 17, 18, 19

Week of July 8, 9, 10
Week of July 15, 16, 17
Week of July 29, 30, 31

Week of August 5, 6, 7
Week of August 12, 13, 14

We are in need of 2 assistant teachers beginning with the new school year. If you would like more information, please contact me at 704-483-3087 or mppreschool@mtpmethodist.org.

Preschool for the fall will begin on Tuesday, September 2nd. Information will be mailed the last week of July with all the information pertaining to Open House. Thanks again for another momentous year!

Amy Howard
Director



PASTOR'S PICKIN'S

Mark your calendars and call to sign up with the church office (704) 483-3087 for the next dining adventure with Pastor Kaleb! The van will be ready to roll, and if we run out of space in it, we'll carpool as well on Thursday, June 25th at 4:30pm. We'll be heading to Riverside Fish House on the Dallas-Stanley Highway.



The Pantry has opportunities for volunteer help that is pretty urgent. There is a need for men to help at the Pantry specifically on Mondays and Wednesdays. The men who normally are there have recently become the victims of numerous health issues and cannot work there or they are limited to what they can do. Primarily the men work in the "back room" filling carts for the clients and if needed, stocking the shelves. Ladies, there's also always room for you to help out as well. Another big need now is having help on Sunday mornings to pick up donated food items from Publix. Publix gives the Pantry frozen meats, bread, and produce. They make a huge difference in what we are able to offer our clients. There is a need for both men and women to help with this. The food is picked up at 7:00am on Sunday and brought directly to the pantry or can be brought here to the church, with delivery to the pantry later on Sunday or Monday. If anyone is able to help with any of this, or if you have questions, please contact Meg Thompson (Chair of the Pantry Board) at (704) 516-7867. In advance, thank you for anything you can do to help serve our community.



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.

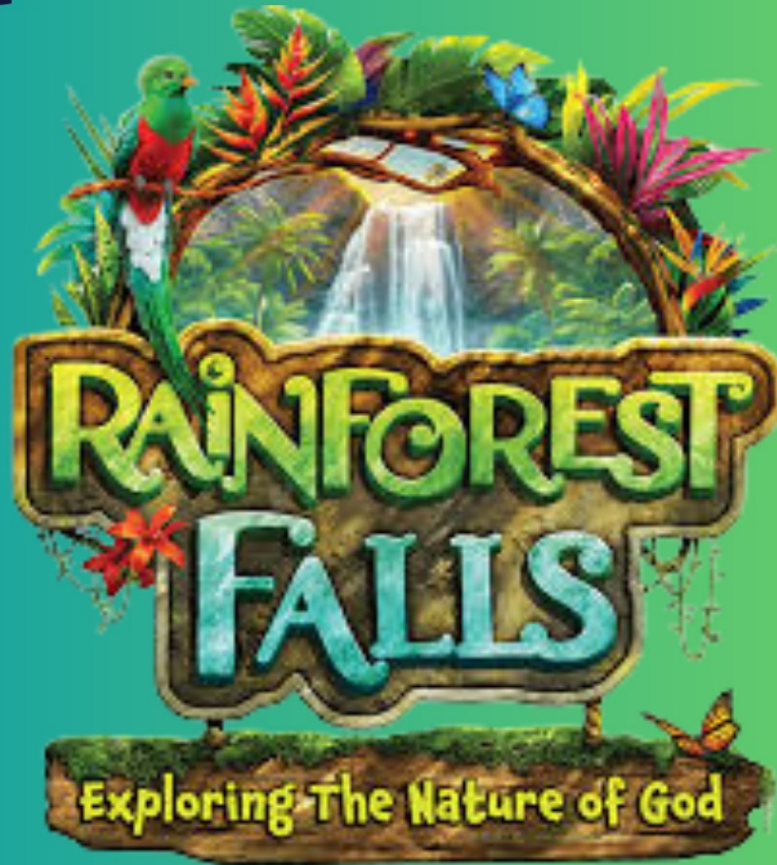
Come have a cup with us

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**Next Meeting is on Thursday,
June 4th**



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

June

- 1 Paul Poovey
- 3 Donna Bone
Connor Canipe
- 4 Donna Lineberger
- 6 Brett Thompson
- 7 Sharon Howard
- 8 Ashley Sherrill
Ellie Roseman
- 10 Ruby Lail
David Barrow
- 16 Carol Ann Howard
Mabel Huffman
- 17 Jimmie Beal
Vickie Mackie
William Roseman
- 20 Noah Sigmon
Max Sherrill
- 22 Jim Greer
- 23 Brandon Cline
- 24 McKenzie Sherrill
- 25 Patrick Carpenter
- 27 Joe Sigmon
- 29 Alfred White
- 30 Brett Canipe



Anniversaries

June

- 1 Joe & Maria Sigmon
- 5 Brett & Jessica Little
- 11 Andy & Kari Reese
- 17 Fred & Heather
Roseman
- 20 Robert & Melanie
Panaccione
- 26 Todd & Jeanna Goodson
- 29 Mike & Alice Lineberger



Our sincere sympathy is extended to :

Craig and Barb Stryker and Family on the passing of his father, **Carl Stryker** on May 6th.

Jeff and Sharon Howard and Family on the passing of his father, **Bobby Howard** on May 17th



Memorials have been received for:

Joyce Pruitt given by *Glenn Pruitt*

Rev. Grady & Jeanne Barringer given by *Deborah Frazier*

Honorariums have been received for:

Sonya Barringer Davenport & Robin Barringer Smith given by *Deborah Frazier*



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





Ushers

- June**
- 7 Jeff Little, Kevin Brady, David Carpenter, Kenny Chester
 - 14 Jeff Little, Guy Cline, David Carpenter, Wayne Merchant
 - 21 Jeff Little, Kevin Brady, Roger Britt, Pete Lail
 - 28 Jeff Little, Guy Cline, Brandon Cline, Rick Hubbard

Greeters

- June**
- 7 Robert & Tracy Dick
 - 14 Wayne & Janie Merchant
 - 21 Glenn Pruitt
 - 28 David & Pam Dry & Jacob Little

Sound and AV Techs

- June**
- 7 Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
 - 14 Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
 - 21 Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
 - 28 Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff

Liturgist

- June**
- 7 Melissa White
 - 14 Jack Bauman
 - 21 Melissa White
 - 28 Kenny Chester

Nursery Care Givers

June
Amanda Kochosky will notify nursery volunteers of the schedule.

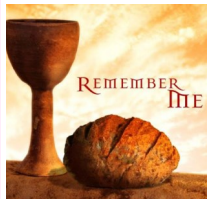
Children's Time

- June**
- 7 Wren & Raven Watts
 - 14 Katelyn Bell
 - 21 Lily Lawing
 - 28 Heather Roseman

Communion Stewards

June 7

Daisy Vaughan—Lead Steward
 Kenny Chester
 David Dry
 Robert Dick



Acolytes

- June**
- 7 Raven & Wren
 - 14 Katelyn & Luke
 - 21 Lily & Elliott
 - 28 Elliott

Wednesday Music Schedule

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

Sunday Schedule

8:45am Discipleship Groups
 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
 Cub Scouts Tues 6:00pm
 Boy Scouts Tues 7:00pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:00am JD Circle 6:00pm Connect Group Travel League Softball Practice	2 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm SPRC Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts	3 See Wed. Music Schedule 9:00am Summer Preschool 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice Family Night 7:00pm	4 8:00am Vets' Coffee Call 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Church League Softball	5 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 7:00pm Youth Lock In	6
7 (See Sunday Schedule) 4:00pm MtP Youth Group	8 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice Connect Group	9 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts	10 See Wed. Music Schedule 9:00am Summer Preschool 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 7:00pm Connect Group	11 9:00am Summer Preschool Church League Softball	12 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	13 9:30am Women's Bible Study
14 (See Sunday Schedule) 1:00pm 24 Hours of Prayer 4:00pm 	15 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice Connect Group	16 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts	17 See Wed. Music Schedule 9:00am Summer Preschool 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice 7:00pm Connect Group	18 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Church League Softball	19 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	20
21 (See Sunday Schedule) 	22 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice Connect Group	23 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts	24 See Wed. Music Schedule 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice Prayer Walk @ the Church 7:00pm Connect Group	25 4:30pm Pastor's Pickin's 6:00pm Church League Softball	26 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice	27
28 (See Sunday Schedule) 12:00pm Drum-Wilkinson Family Reunion—CLC	29 6:00pm Travel League Softball Practice Connect Group	30 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts	1	2	3 Office Closed	4 
Youth Summer Mission Trip						