



THE MOUNT PLEASANT MESSENGER

Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church
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MAY 2018
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MAY 20 - Senior recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 20 is our annual recognition of graduating high school seniors. We want to include everyone who is part of our extended church family, so please contact Pastor Robert if there are additional names to include. THANKS!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS

MAY 6	Philippians 1:1-18a <i>Partnership in the gospel</i>
MAY 13	Philippians 2:1-13 <i>The Christ Hymn</i>
MAY 20	Acts 2:1-21 Philippians 4:4-7 <i>Pentecost; Rejoice in the Lord</i>
MAY 27	John 16:12-15 <i>Trinity</i>
JUNE 3	John 15:9-17 <i>Love one another</i>

BISHOP'S BIBLE CHALLENGE

APRIL 29 – MAY 5	1 Chronicles 7-16 Psalms 102-104, 133, 106-107, 1-2 15, 22-24, 47, 2 Samuel 5-6
MAY 6-12	2 Samuel 7-10 Psalms 89, 96, 100-101, 105, 132, 25 29, 33, 36, 39, 50, 53, 60, 75, 20 65-67, 69-70, 1 Chronicles 17-19
MAY 13-19	2 Samuel 11-21 1 Chronicles 20, Psalms 32, 51, 86, 122, 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55, 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64
MAY 20-26	Psalms 5, 38, 41-42, 57 95, 97-99, 30, 108-110, 131, 138-139, 143-145, 2 Samuel 22-24, 1 Chronicles 21-25
MAY 27 – JUNE 2	1 Chronicles 26-29, Psalms 127, 111-118, 37, 71, 94, 119, 72, 1 Kings 1-4, 2 Chronicles 1, Song of Solomon 1-8

*The complete day-by-day list is available in
printed form or online at vaumc.org.*

Welcoming new members

We welcome these newest members of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church who were received into membership on Easter Sunday, April 1!

RYAN & MICHELLE KRAWCZYK, and RYAN, SHELBY and DAVID. Dad Ryan comes by transfer from another denomination. Michelle and son Ryan were baptized and received by profession of faith. Shelby and David were also baptized.

JANETTE SANDIDGE comes by transfer from another denomination, and her daughter SAMANTHA GARCIA was received by profession of faith.

GRACE ST. CLAIR and ISAAC ST. CLAIR were received by profession of faith.

Our next Baptism/New Member emphasis Sunday will be May 20 (Pentecost Sunday)! See Pastor Robert if you are interested in knowing more.

Church Conference action

On April 15, the Church Conference (all-church meeting) unanimously approved the recommendation to adjust our budget spending for the pastor position beginning July 1. Pending the announcement at annual conference, Pastor Robert will be appointed to continue serving at MPUMC as pastor in a ¾ time appointment. For more information about this decision, please see one of our church leaders.

Annual Samaritan offering

The Samaritan program offers financial assistance to seniors who have outlived their monetary resources and can no longer afford the full cost of their housing and care. Please designate your gift to Samaritan through Hermitage of Roanoke. Any amount is appreciated, and 100% goes to direct financial support of residents in need. Make check to MPUMC and mark for Samaritan.

OUR FAITHFUL PARTICIPATION

OUR PRESENCE

April 1	98	APRIL 2018 AVG.	63
April 8	50		
April 15	66*	APRIL 2017 AVG.	67
April 22	55		
April 29	45	* includes Second Saturday	

OUR GIFTS

April Budget Offerings	\$ 9,319.56
Average Monthly Need	\$ 9,625.00**
***Other April Income	\$ 974.66
**Per amended budget at March Council meeting	
***Backpack (\$394.50), Ghana (\$380), PCC (\$100), Kroger rebate (\$73.16), Communion offering (\$27)	

OUR PRAYERS, SERVICE AND WITNESS

Thank you for your daily prayers for the ministries of MPUMC, for sharing your prayer requests and praise reports, for giving of your time, energy and talents, and for making a positive witness for Christ and his church!

YOUR GIVING HAS RESULTS!

Part of our giving supports UMC apportionments - "a portion" of each offering "meant" for the work of Christ around the world. This month we highlight the GENERAL CONNECTIONAL FUND (\$27 per month for our church's "share"). This helps fund administrative links that hold things together as UNITED Methodists, including General Conference, the Judicial Council, historic landmarks, and ministries of the Southeastern Jurisdiction (the churches of the nine states of the southeast U.S.). Keep our shared ministries in your prayers!

THANKS FROM PASTOR ABRAHAM IN GHANA!

Thank you very much for all the good things you continue to do. The children are doing very well and are on vacation starting today. Your support helped provide all the necessary things needed before exams. We are happy that we have been able to do that for them. We really appreciate all you are doing. It would be very difficult to feed these children and send them to school. We know that your willingness to support these children is God sent. You were chosen to do this! I believe it was God's own plan and you are fulfilling that vision. I encourage all to give and give well for it is an assignment given to us! Bless you all. Amen

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Patrick Jennings
- 3 Katrina Milton
- 4 Bill St. Clair
- 6 Lynn & Katrina Milton
- 9 Leelend Alexander Workman, William Ryder Workman
- 14 Amanda Jennings
- 16 Heather & Bill St. Clair
- 17 Penny Arrington
- 18 Norma Cash, Jeremiah McMillan, Devin Taylor
- 22 Mike & Linda Schoonover
- 31 Brent Beckner, Brian Fisher

BACKPACK UPDATE!

I want to thank you for your generous response for more financial help to continue our ministry through the Backpack Program.

We are able to finish this school year with no problems. Please, however, continue your donations so that we will be able to get off to a good start this August. Roanoke County Schools are starting a week earlier in the fall and it will be here before we can turn around!

There is another way you can help with the Backpack Program during this month of May! And, that's packing the bags of food!

It is our month to pack and we have five weeks. There is a sign up sheet in the sanctuary on one of the small tables. We have been packing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and it usually takes about an hour. There is no heavy lifting and we have tried to position the food items so there's not a lot of bending! It's great fellowship and giving. Thank you again for your prayers and for helping us to serve the children in our community.

Jenny Basham

Across the area...

SPRING CHORAL MASTERWORKS CONCERT

features the combined choirs of Thrasher and Greene Memorial. Sunday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at Greene Memorial downtown.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORIENTATION Sunday, June 3 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul UMC Christiansburg. If you are planning to attend annual conference, this will help you to know what all is involved this year! The annual conference session is June 15-17 in Hampton. Guests are welcome to attend sessions and learn more about our shared ministry!

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN camps for children who have a parent incarcerated. Volunteers needed - call Lori Smith at 571-245-9591.

LAY SERVANT TRAINING rescheduled due to power outages in March. New date in August at Smith Mountain Lake. Watch for more info!

ALTA MONS SUMMER CAMP has a special need for male counselors (age 18+), volunteer nurses, and paid kitchen staff. Info - call 268-2409.

THE NEXT MONTHLY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER is posted mid-May at roanokeumc.org. More news is also available at the vaumc.org web site.

MINISTRY WITH ALL AGES!

Children/Youth/Family Stuff!

Summer Wonderful Wednesdays. As Wonderful Wednesday:

After School winds down and comes to a close on May 16, Wonderful Wednesdays: Summer is in the full planning stages! First summer session begins June 13 and registration is open! Our theme is Amazonia.



As we explore the jungle, we'll discover who God is and how his character impacts our daily lives. Our afternoon activities include Bricks 4 Kids, Survivor: Mt. Pleasant, Jungle games, Jungle Science, Messy Olympics/Water Day and more! Register your rising K-5th grader (www.mpumc.church/ww).

How can you help? We still need one more teacher for either grades 4-5 or K-1. All materials and helpers are provided, we just need someone to present the lessons! Are you that person who has some free time on Wednesday mornings and would love to love on some kids? If so, let Heather know. And prayer! Please continue to keep this ministry (in its sixth year) in your prayers as well as the families who are participating!

Helping Hands Mission. Have a rising 4th-6th grader and want to introduce them to missions? The Helping Hands Missions Trip is June 28-29 and registration is open. Cost is \$36 (includes meals and tee-shirt). Missions are age appropriate and may include working at the animal shelter, Rescue Mission, or food pantry. This year, we're staying local! If your child is interested please register by May 15 (www.mpumc.church/hh).

MP Youth will finish May 6 for its school year season. Beginning in June we will meet with Brookhill Youth on Sundays 6 to 7:30 p.m. Please be on the lookout for fun activities this summer at MPUMC! We are very thankful for June Sink and Joyce Ison who fed us in April!!

Camp Alta Mons summer camp registration is open (www.altamons.org). Pastor Robert will be there the week of July 1, but camp options run for four weeks. Scholarships are available.

It's a pleasure serving this community!

Heather

Help us fill HEALTH KITS!

Again we are helping with the 2018 Virginia Conference health kit drive for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). You were so generous last year that we already have enough bars of soap, band-aids and toothbrushes. Here's what we do need for each kit:

- 1 hand towel (size 15-17" x 25-27")
- 1 washcloth
- 1 sturdy comb (at least 6")
- 1 metal nail file or clippers (no emery boards)
- or any monetary donations (give to Winky)

We also include \$2 per kit to cover shipping and freshly purchased toothpaste. We will have collection boxes downstairs and upstairs. All items are greatly appreciated. The last Sunday to turn in items is June 3. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Don't miss these...

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Pastor Robert leads a brief online men's study each week at 9:36 p.m. Contact Robert for info on how to log in on Periscope! Next series is on "What Makes You Happy!"

SATURDAY, MAY 12

"Second Saturday" community casual worship at 5:30 p.m. downstairs. Lots of singing – Communion – fellowship and food after worship!

SUNDAY, MAY 13

"Second Sunday" reception after worship. Join the fun and fellowship as we celebrate special events in our lives.

MONDAY, MAY 14

Lunch Bunch at K&W Tanglewood – meet in entrance area at 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Senior Fellowship meets for lunch at 12 noon. MP second graders will sing for the group. This is open to the community!

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Church Council meets at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

SUNDAY, MAY 20

United Methodist Women business meeting after worship. Women of all ages are welcome!

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PASTOR CHATTER

Passages are on my mind this month. Another school year is winding to a close. Confirmation kids were received in April, and now our last bunch of confirmation kids is preparing to graduate from high school.

Soon I will be attending annual conference sessions – both my home conference in Texas and my adopted conference in Virginia. We will lift up the memories of pastors who have died during the past year. Retiring pastors will be recognized, and I will be up on the stage for that!

It's hard to believe that I am completing forty years in ordained ministry as a pastor. I have been appointed as pastor to nine different church families during that time, and they are all dear to me! I have had many other church homes as a "preacher's kid," and also as a church staff person.

Life just seems to fly by more and more quickly. I hope you are discovering the importance of shared community in your own journey. We aren't "lone rangers" in this game of life – we need each other. Let's live up to our grand calling to "one another" ministry!

Pastor Robert

PASTOR OUT & ABOUT

Stop by for chat, coffee or prayer. This can also be an opportunity to bring a friend to "meet your pastor" in a friendly setting.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

9:30 a.m. Subway
1724 Bennington

TUESDAY, MAY 15

4:30 p.m. Mt. Pleasant Library
2918 Jae Valley Rd.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

7:30 p.m. Mt. Pleasant Park &
Ball Fields 3071 Pitzer Rd.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

9 a.m. Hope's Café
3327 Garden City Blvd.

If you have items for the June newsletter, prepare in written form by May 27 - give or email to Heather, Robert or Jenny!