



# THE MOUNT PLEASANT MESSENGER

Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church  
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## Annual church picnic June 24



The annual church family potluck picnic and “casual Sunday” is always a highlight! This year we’ll celebrate on Sunday, June 24. We will celebrate summer and special events in our lives! Hot dogs and beverages will be provided, so please bring picnic sides to help fill the table!

Be sure to dress comfortably as we will proceed to the picnic shelter (weather permitting) immediately after worship! Don’t miss this great time of FUN and FELLOWSHIP!

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS

JUNE 3	John 15:9-17 <i>Love one another</i>
JUNE 10	Colossians 3:12-17 <i>Forgive one another</i>
JUNE 17	1 Thessalonians 5:6-18 <i>Encourage one another</i>
JUNE 24	Romans 15:1-14 <i>Admonish one another</i>
JULY 1	Ephesians 6:10-20 <i>Pray for one another</i>

### BISHOP’S BIBLE CHALLENGE

JUNE 1-2	Psalm 119:89-17, Song of Solomon 1-8
JUNE 3-9	Proverbs 1-21
JUNE 10-16	Proverbs 22-24 1 Kings 5-9, 2 Chronicles 2-8 Psalms 136, 134, 146-150
JUNE 17-23	Proverbs 25-31 Ecclesiastes 1-12, 1 Kings 10-14 2 Chronicles 9
JUNE 24-30	2 Chronicles 10-23 1 Kings 15-22
JULY 1-7	Obadiah, Psalms 82-83 2 Kings 1-14, 2 Chronicles 24-25, Jonah

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

### Please attend a Prayer Gathering

Please plan to attend one of the upcoming four Prayer Gatherings. (See “PASTOR CHATTER” on the back page for more info.) Choose the time that works best for you! Each gathering is in the sanctuary and will last about 45 minutes.

Wednesday, June 6	12:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 7	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 10	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 17	5:00 p.m.

Our homebound members are asked to choose one of these time slots and spend personal time in prayer.

### Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Because of your generosity we were able to fill 30 completed hygiene kits for the annual conference kit collection! These will be delivered to the annual conference session in Hampton later this month. The kits are used in the relief ministry of UMCOR to provide basic necessities to those who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes.

### 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. Our church designates our gifts toward residents at 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. We aim to complete our Samaritan offering by Father’s Day, July 17.

## OUR FAITHFUL PARTICIPATION

### OUR PRESENCE

May 6	49	MAY 2018 AVG.	53
May 13	61*		
May 20	48	MAY 2017 AVG.	67
May 27	55		

\* includes Second Saturday

### OUR GIFTS

May Budget Offerings	\$ 7,957.52
Average Monthly Need	\$ 9,625.00
**Other May Income	\$ 303.00
**Ghana (\$115), Backpack (\$92), Samaritan (\$85), Communion offering (\$11)	

### 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 BLACK COLLEGE FUND (about \$26 a month for our church's share). Our offerings for BCF support the 11 United Methodist historically black colleges and universities in the U.S., including one medical school. These schools provide opportunities for many students of promise who otherwise might be excluded from higher education. Graduates of these institutions - teachers, doctors, ministers, bishops, judges, artists and entrepreneurs - are leaders in the African-American community and in a rapidly changing, more diverse United States. The closest BCF school to us is Bennett College in Greensboro.

### THANKS FROM PASTOR ABRAHAM IN GHANA!

We believe that the Lord will reward you in so many ways you will not understand. You are such a wonderful people. You have been with us for so many years helping us to help these needy children. In Phil. 4 Paul said that giving helps us to credit our account. We might not know how God disburses the blessings. What we know is that he is faithful and just to do what he said. If not for your support, these children would not have shelter, food, education etc. As I said in my previous letter, the Lord has blessed us with land and we are doing the best we can to put up a house so that we stop the problem of rent. For so many years, we had it in mind to provide a Learning Centre for the children, providing books, evening tuition, computer access, etc. Some were asked to go home because they do not have footwear, uniform etc. We are here on a mission but each has his or her own vision. Paul was on a mission on earth but he did not know his vision until he met Christ on his way to Damascus. We as individual Christians have our role and mission to accomplish. It is very important to recognize this to fulfill God's vision. "We are his co-workers (1 Cor. 6:1-2)." That is why we are unique and special. Thank you all givers, and may the Lord bless you. Amen.

## Praying for our UMC...

United Methodists are invited to begin a season of prayer between now and next February's General Conference. There are three challenges to consider:

- 1) Weekly Wesleyan fast from Thursday evening (after dinner) through Friday afternoon.
- 2) Pray daily for four minutes for our church's mission at 2:23 a.m. or 2:23 p.m. (The conference begins 2/23/19).
- 3) Use the weekly prayer calendar ([umcprays.org](http://umcprays.org)) to pray for church leaders who will be a part of the conference in February.



## PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD

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### Across the area...

ANNUAL CONFERENCE meets June 15-17 in Hampton. Jane Burks serves as our church family representative, but all are welcome to any of the sessions. You may also follow online at [vaumc.org](http://vaumc.org).

YARD SALE/CRAFT SALE/BAKE SALE on Friday and Saturday, June 22-23 at Rockingham Court UMC. Come support our neighbors!

ALTA MONS SUMMER CAMP has a special need for male counselors (age 18+), volunteer nurses, and paid kitchen staff. Info - call 268-2409. And mark your calendar now for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Alta Mons District Cookout on Saturday, Aug. 25!

MISSION ENCOUNTER is a 3-day event on living our mission, with classes for men, women and children! The event is July 27-29 at the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center. See Pastor Robert for more info.

THE NEXT MONTHLY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER is posted mid-June at [roanokeumc.org](http://roanokeumc.org). More news is also available at the [vaumc.org](http://vaumc.org) web site.

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Kristi St. Clair
- 15 Dwayne Smith
- 16 Denise Gray, Michael Wirt
- 17 Mark Bradford

# MINISTRY WITH ALL AGES!

## Children/Youth/Family Stuff!

**Wonderful Wednesdays** (K-5) begin June 13!! Be on the lookout for traces of jungle as we begin our Amazonia series. (Think: Survivor!) Summer is in full planning stages! As we explore the jungle, we'll discover who God is and how his character impacts our lives. 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 at [mpumc.church/ww](http://mpumc.church/ww) – and note that grades 4-5 are now on a wait list.



How can you help? We need one more small group leader for either grades 4-5 or K-1. All materials and helpers are provided, we just need someone to lead the kids! All materials and prayer provided! Do you have some free time on Wednesday mornings and would love to love on some kids? If so, let Heather know. Please continue to keep this ministry (in its 6th year) in your prayers as well as the families who are participating! (If you are so inclined, we have three students who have requested scholarships for the summer. If you are willing to donate to the scholarship fund for these students, please let Miss Heather know.

**Helping Hands Mission** is June 28-29. Deadline has passed, but please inquire if you are interested, in case space is available. This is for rising 4th-6th graders. Missions are age appropriate - working at the animal shelter, Rescue Mission, food pantry, etc. This year, we're staying local! Check [www.mpumc.church/hh](http://www.mpumc.church/hh) for info.

**MP Youth** meets this summer with Brookhill Youth on Sundays, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (June 10 through Aug. 5). No meeting on June 17. Additionally, these fun fellowship events are happening in the month of June! (Are you available to come play with us this summer? You are welcome at any youth event! Just let Heather know!)

June 8 - Movies on the Market - Jumanji – leave 6pm and return 10:30ish. Cost: Free (can bring money for snacks).

June 14 - Splash Valley - drop off at Splash Valley at 11am - pick up by 3pm - Cost: \$6 plus money for snacks. Please let Miss Heather know if you need a ride.

June 22 - Salem Red Sox – leave at 5:30 - back at 10ish - cost \$12 (includes dinner) - pre-registration required by June 10.

July 1 - Swimming at Smith Mountain Lake - leaving after church - back at 6pm. \$4 plus money for food. Let Miss Heather know if you plan on going so she can make sure she has enough chaperones!

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

Heather

## 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! In our upcoming series we look at how our world view affects what we do with our money.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 9

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

### MONDAY, JUNE 11

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

### SUNDAY, JUNE 17

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



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## PASTOR CHATTER

I am excited about beginning the summer by looking at important "ONE ANOTHER" Bible passages. I can still remember attending a training event when presenter Carl George lifted up how very important the ONE ANOTHER concept is to our shared ministry.

We sometimes think that we project strength when we "go it alone." What a sad mistake.

It's so important that we learn to lean on each other and draw strength from one another.

Please also take advantage of the opportunity to attend one of the upcoming Prayer Gatherings this month (see schedule on front page). We want to seek God's will for our church family, and we want to lift up those who have been "missing in action" lately.

Praying together for one another, and seeking together God's direction is so very important. I really look forward to this time together.

*Pastor Robert*

**If you have items for the June newsletter, prepare in written form by June 24 - give or email to Heather, Robert or Jenny!**

## 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.

*FRIDAY, JUNE 1*

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

*TUESDAY, JUNE 5*

*2:30 p.m. MP Library  
2918 Jae Valley Rd.*

*TUESDAY, JUNE 12*

*7 p.m. MP Ball Fields  
3071 Pitzer Rd.*

*THURSDAY, JUNE 21*

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

*THURSDAY, JUNE 28*

*MP Library  
2918 Jae Valley Rd.*