



THE MOUNT PLEASANT MESSENGER

Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church
3035 Mt. Pleasant Blvd. Roanoke, VA 24014

JUNE 2019
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Baked potato fundraiser June 23

Don't miss this yummy event! On Sunday, June 23, we'll be having a baked potato lunch fund raiser right after worship. In addition to taters and all the toppings, there will be salad and an ice cream bar. Donations will gladly be received for two new projects of our church leadership – replacement of aging paraments (altar cloths) for the sanctuary, and replacement of our aging back door. Mark this date and plan to bring a friend!



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS

- JUNE 2 Romans 6:1-14
The hope of resurrection
- JUNE 9 Acts 2:1-4 Romans 8:14-39
Nothing can separate us
- JUNE 16 Acts 2:37-42
Repent, and be baptized
- JUNE 23 Romans 6:1-11
Dead to sin, and alive to God
- JUNE 30 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
In remembrance
- JULY 7 Matthew 26:17-30
Take, eat, this is my body



BISHOP'S BIBLE CHALLENGE

- JUNE 1-8 Hosea 1-11 Jeremiah 1-14
Matthew 18:1 – 22:22
- JUNE 9-15 Jeremiah 12-29
Matthew 22:23 – 25:46
- JUNE 16-22 Jeremiah 30-47 Matthew 26-28
- JUNE 23-29 Jeremiah 48-52 Joel 1-3
Deuteronomy 1-9 Philippians 1-4 Acts 1-2
- JUNE 30 – JULY 6 Deuteronomy 10-29
Acts 3:1 – 7:21

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

Dollars and dimes for Puerto Rico

THANKS for sharing your DOLLARS AND DIMES for the district mission project to bring solar panel power systems to parts of Puerto Rico that are still struggling. During the month of May we were able to raise \$343.54 through your extra giving. We look forward to finding out how much is contributed across the district.

SHARE THE LIGHT



Annual conference opportunities

Annual conference is June 20-22 right here in Roanoke at the Berglund Center. There is a HUGE need for volunteers, especially for ushers on Friday and Saturday mornings. You simply come and enjoy the worship celebration, and then

assist with collection of the offering. Call the district office at 540-989-3335 or find the info online at roanokeumc.org.



You can also participate in the June 22 5K RUN, WALK, BIKE (or chair yoga) event! Area church and Conference folks will get up very early for this 6:15 a.m. Saturday event (non-competitive). Registration gets you a t-shirt and supports the ministry of KidSOAR (formerly C.O.P.). Volunteers are also needed. Go to vaumc.org/ac2019#race for info or to sign up. Thanks!

NOTE: If you have items for the July newsletter, prepare in written form by June 30 - give or email to Robert or Jenny!

OUR FAITHFUL PARTICIPATION

OUR PRESENCE

May 5	42	MAY. 2019 AVG.	49
May 12	59**		
May 19	51	MAY. 2018 AVG.	53
May 26	44		

* includes Second Saturday

OUR GIFTS

May Budget Offerings	\$ 8,953.00
Average Monthly Need	\$ 8,826.00
Other April Income	\$ 928.39
Share the Light (\$343.54), Project Fundraiser (\$274.85), Samaritan Offering (\$230.00), Backpack (\$80.00)	

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 time, energy and talents to make a positive witness for Christ and his church!

YOUR GIVING HAS RESULTS!

Thank you for your faithful giving during May! One local mission that receives widespread support is the Henry Fork Service Center. HFSC seeks to make God's love visible as a positive Christian presence in the neighborhood south of Rocky Mount. Age appropriate activities for children ages 2-14 include Christian education, academic enrichment, nutrition, recreation and the arts. Director Lisa Nichols is a UMC deaconess and UMC "Church and Community Worker." Go to henryforkcenter.org for more info on this ministry. Keep them in your prayers!

UMC NEXT UPDATE

Ten representatives from Virginia attended a gathering called UMC NEXT (see umcnext.com or [umcnext](https://www.facebook.com/umcnext) on Facebook), hosted by Adam Hamilton in Kansas City last month. This group is working to consider options in light of the failure to adopt the One Church plan at General Conference. These representatives will give an update at a gathering in our area on June 12. For more information about the local event, contact Pastor Robert.

GOD BE WITH YOU...

Our love and prayers are extended to Kirk and Judy Gibson as they unite with the membership of Seaside UMC in Sunset Beach, N.C. We wish them all the best!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1	Kristi St. Clair
3	Samantha Garcia
15	Dwayne Smith
16	Denise Gray, Michael Wirt
17	Mark Bradford, <i>Patrick & Nicole Jennings</i>
21	<i>Scott & Beth Whitehead</i>

NOTE: We include birthdays and anniversaries which are on file. Our list is not complete, so see Jenny Basham to make sure we have your info!

Thanks from KIDS SOAR (formerly COP)

School is ending, and we have seen so much growth with our children. They start out so small in the fall and it seems like they have grown a foot by spring. They have also grown in their faith as we have spent a year talking to God through prayer, listening to stories about God and encouraging each other to love one another as Jesus wanted us to. As the days went on, the children started expressing thanks for others, concerns for family and friends and even started to share their joys. We will again take 10 children to Philadelphia June 6-10.

For summer we are "Digging the Earth!" We'd love to hear of natural science or earth themed field trip ideas! If you have earth themed books, posters or "hands-on" materials to share, we will put them to great use! Also, don't forget our 30-year anniversary is coming up! Send pictures or stories to stories@kidsoar.org - we are planning a celebration in the fall. We also need paper products, paper bowls, tissues, wipes, size 5,6,7 gently worn boys and girls clothing, and beach towels. Remember the 5K event on June 22 - it supports KIDS SOAR!

Candace Hess (chess@kidsoar.org 540-342-3101)

Cans 4 Conference

In addition to the hygiene kits we have been collecting, our annual Cans drive asks conference attenders to bring four cans (or bags) of non-perishable food to Annual Conference at the Berglund Center, June 20-22. Food will go to the Roanoke Rescue Mission and their food program, Manna Ministries. Please do NOT bring home-canned items out-of-date cans, or glass jars. Even if you aren't a delegate, you can participate in the Cans 4 Conference collection!

Events near and far...

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORIENTATION June 9 at 3 p.m. at Huntington Court UMC, 3333 Williamson Rd.

UMW ANNUAL CONFERENCE BREAKFAST June 21 at 6:45 a.m. at Holiday Inn Valley View. Reserve tickets by June 12 with Phyllis Geoghegan (804-896-6297).

CAMP RAINBOW CONNECTION (for adults with intellectual disabilities) needs volunteers, June 22-28 or July 27-Aug. 2. Email StacyRoberts@vaumc.org.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION has begun for sessions at Camp Alta Mons. Go to altamons.org for full information.

CONFERENCE MISSION ENCOUNTER July 26-28 at the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Camp. Great learning opportunities!

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN CAMP (for children with an incarcerated parent) needs volunteer mentors and drivers Aug. 11-16. Contact Lori Smith (571-245-9591).

ROANOKE VISION DAY ROUNDTABLE August 14.

DISTRICT COOKOUT AT CAMP ALTA MONS August 24.

MINISTRY WITH ALL AGES!

Children & youth ministry update from Krae!

Terrific Tuesdays begin on June 4 and continue through July (except for July 4 week)! This is for elementary age and has the theme "Cooking With Jesus." It runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and begins with a snack supper (parents are invited for that)! Registration info is on the mpumc.church website.

Don't forget Kids Church for the elementary age on the first and third Sundays of each month. We go downstairs at the offering time for a special age-friendly lesson! On the other Sundays, Pastor Robert looks for ways to include the younger set in the worship experience, including the activity/bingo handouts! If you have ideas for making worship more kid-friendly, let him know!

Good news for teens! Sunday afternoon youth group continues during the summer! We meet every other Sunday, 5 to 7 p.m. for fun, food and learning. Rising 6th graders come join us – it's your time to move on up! Keep an eye on the Facebook page (@mtpleasantyouth) for updates!

Krae

Children's mission event

Once again there is a two-day Helping Hands mission event for children (4th-6th grade) this summer, and it is right here on Roanoke July 25-26. See Pastor Robert for more info. We would need an adult sponsor in order for children to attend.

Samaritan offering

The Samaritan Offering for Hermitage residents continues through Father's Day (June 16). Make your check to MPUMC and use the designated envelope or be sure and mark it for Samaritan.

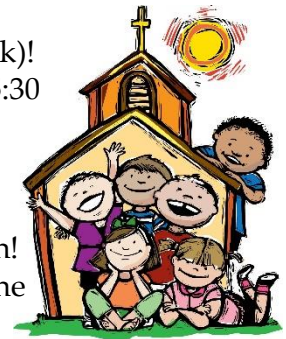
Pub theology June 19

"Pub Theology" event precedes annual conference on Wednesday, June 19, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Ballast Point in Daleville. This will be a live podcast hosted by three young VAUMC clergy who have a program called "Crackers and Grape Juice." All are welcome.

A big "THANK YOU"

Thanks to all who come to our Open House at our new place in Daleville, and a HUGE thank you to the church family for the very generous housewarming gift that will allow us to complete a few of the extra projects, most importantly the addition of ceiling fans and light fixtures for the bedrooms. If you missed the Open House, let us know, and we can arrange a tour!

Pastor Robert & Betsy



Mark these dates...

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Next Step – a 15-20 minute online Bible study and devotional for men – Wednesdays at 9:36 p.m. See Pastor Robert for info on joining this online group!

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Second Saturday worship at 5:30 p.m., with food and fellowship afterward! All are welcome!

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Meet at church at 11 a.m. to carpool to "Dutch treat" lunch at 2nd Helpings, or join us there about 11:30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Finance Committee at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome!

Sunday messages

Sunday, June 9 is Pentecost Sunday – sometimes called "the birthday of the church!" Pentecost is the conclusion of the fifty days of Easter, and it is also the completion of the Narrative Lectionary grand sweep of the Scriptures that we have been following since September!



On June 16 Pastor Robert will begin a four-week message series on The Sacraments. We will take two Sundays for Baptism and then two Sundays for Communion, concluding on July 7. Come and learn more about these important observances.

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This past month was our annual observance of the national day we call Memorial Day. Although some will choose to spend that day at the lake or at a picnic, we also are careful to remember the reason we have a day like Memorial Day. It is sobering to realize the number of people of all lands and all cultures who have lost their lives in armed conflict. Although these losses cause deep pain, they also represent noble sacrifice. This year is particularly poignant as we prepare for the observance of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. With the National D-Day Memorial right down the road, our area has a special appreciation for this observance.

**PASTOR
CHATTER**

As I gathered with my colleagues for conference session in Houston, Memorial Day had many meanings. The daily agenda included a special Memorial Day recognition, led by a retired Army captain. Then that afternoon we had the annual conference memorial service, a time when we honor the memories of departed clergy and spouses. This event gets more and more meaningful every year, as I hear the names of read of special colleagues and friends. Annual conference members include both pastors and laypeople, but for pastors the conference has a special place, as it is where our membership is held. We are no longer members of a local church – we are members of a conference. I always cherish the opportunity to connect with friends, honor those who are retiring, and mourn the loss of the departed.

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, JUNE 5

*9:30 a.m. Hardees
605 9th St.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

*11:30 a.m. 2nd Helpings
1502 Williamson Rd. NE*

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

*3:00 p.m. Mt. Pleasant Library
2918 Jae Valley Rd.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

*8:00 a.m. R. T. Smith's Deli
10 Campbell Ave. SE*