



# THE MOUNT PLEASANT MESSENGER

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May 2022

- 4 Women's Bible Study Week 2 11am
- 8 Mother's Day
- 10 UMW Meeting 1:30pm
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- 15 Leadership Board 5pm
- 18 Women's Bible Study Week 4 11am
- 22 Youth Cornhole Tournament
- 25 Women's Bible Study Final Week 11am
- 26 Lunch Bunch 11:30 K&W

## From Pastor Robert ...

Just before the beginning of Lent I participated in a three-evening "prayer school" led by Brian Zahnd, a pastor in Missouri. He challenged us to continue in a daily prayer liturgy, and to go at least through Easter. There were a few bumps along the way, but most days I was able to complete the liturgy. It takes 20-30 minutes a day for the full experience!

One of the biggest challenges has been the part of the liturgy called "Sitting With Jesus," a special time of contemplation. This is a time that goes beyond words. Honestly, I am still working on this.

I went back and reviewed my notes from the prayer school. Zahnd suggested that this was a time when he would slip into silence, and really not try to think of anything. Now that is a challenge for me.

Zahnd said this was the most significant part of his prayer time. It is the time when he comes the closest to direct interaction with Christ, even though it is wordless. Zahnd says that whenever his mind would wander, he would offer a bare whisper - "Jesus." And that would bring him back.

I'll try to stay with it. I'll let you know how it goes!

*--Pastor Robert*



- 1 Patrick Jennings
- 4 Bill St. Clair
- 7 Colleen Heath
- 9 Leland Alexander Workman
- 9 William Ryder Workman
- 13 Isaac Jennings
- 15 Norma Cash
- 31 Brian Fisher



None this month!



Our series "We Make the Road by Walking" continues to focus on finding our place in the story of Jesus. For May, we are on chapters 35-38 of the guidebook. Read these Bible selections as you prepare for worship:

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| May 1  | Psalm 25   | Luke 10:1-11, 17-20                  | John 21:1-15           |
| May 8  | Psalm 103  | Acts 2:41-47                         | 1 Corinthians 14:26-31 |
|        |  | Colossians 3:12-17                   |                        |
| May 15 | Psalm 146  | Matthew 10:16-20; 11:28-30; 28:16-20 |                        |
|        |  | Acts 16:11-40                        |                        |
| May 22 | Deuteronomy 15:1-11  | 1 Timothy 6:3-19                     | 2 Corinthians 8:1-15   |
| May 29 | Guest preacher<br>(Pastor Robert attending annual conference in Houston) |                                      |                        |

# Easter at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church



We celebrated as five young people made their faith commitments as part of our Confirmation class (from left to right): Reid Workman, Connor Whitehead, Cort Workman, Emory Whitehead and Landon Dyess. Xander Hastings has also been part of our class, and he will make his faith commitment during May.



We participated in Reid and Cort Workman's Baptisms

This is a time when all of us renew our vows to surround one another with loving community. Membership means not only belonging to Christ, but belonging to one another! Surround these special young people with your continued care and love.



Beth and Emory Whitehead

On Saturday prior to Easter we collaborated with Mount Pleasant Baptist to help with their annual Community Egg Hunt. Thank you to our youth who stuffed hundreds of eggs, and to several adults who provided needed supplies and helped during the event! And thank you Scott Workman and Sara Dyess for coordinating this with the Baptist Church!





## Our Working Vision Statement

At our April meeting, the Leadership Board adopted a "working vision statement" for MPUMC. This is to help us articulate what makes us distinct from other churches. Our working statement is as follows:

*"Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church is a neighborhood church committed to making room for all God's children. We have found hope in the life and message of Jesus, and we would love for you to find that hope as well. Our worship services and our ministries are focused on making that happen."*

We appreciate your feedback and suggestions as we continue to make this statement into a clear explanation of who we are as a church family!

## Pastor Robert Attending Texas Annual Conference May 28 - June 1

Pastor Robert will be out of town May 28 to June 1 attending the Annual Conference in Texas. A guest speaker will be in our pulpit on Sunday May 29. In his absence, if you have a need, please reach out of our Lay Leader Jenny Basham 540-797-4003.

## United Methodist Women

One thing about laundry – we all have it piled up (or at least most of us) so we can all related to laundry in some way or another.

Join with us on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in our Fellowship Hall to take a different look at "Laundry."

Invite a friend to join in the fellowship!



## Women's Bible Study

Sixteen participated in Week One of "The Heavens Declare: A Five-Week Women's Bible Study to Discover the God of Creation" with Hannah Anderson. It was a great time! It's not too late to participate. Please join us on Wednesdays at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided following the study for all who wish to stay. And bring a friend!!



## From Hope's Heart ...

Aren't friends about the best gift you can think of? What's better than a phone call, a note, or a visit from someone you cherish and maybe haven't heard from or seen for quite a while? Believe it or not, I am still in touch with two of my high school classmates! I look forward to when we catch up with each other.

It seems we're always busy and time slips away. Relationships are precious, and we should do our best to maintain them and to make new ones along the way.

Our Heavenly Father longs for a close relationship with us; and as with our earthly friends and loved ones, let's keep in touch with Him too!

*"A friend loves at all times."*  
Proverbs 17:17a



## Hermitage Roanoke Homecoming

Hermitage Roanoke is hosting *Hermitage Homecoming: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of The Waltons* and an unveiling of a Virginia LOVEworks sign the weekend of June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Michael Learned, best known for her role as Olivia Walton on *The Waltons* television series, will be the special guest for the weekend.



The festivities begin on June 3 when Ms. Learned will unveil a new Virginia Tourism Corporation LOVEworks sign being installed on Hermitage Roanoke's front lawn, making it the first retirement community in Virginia with an official "LOVE" sign.

On Saturday June 4, Hermitage Roanoke will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the television series *The Waltons* with a cookout, live music, and a meet-and-greet with Ms. Learned from 10am to 2pm. A \$10 ticket (available for purchase at the event) covers the meet-and-greet and the cookout on the patio.

All proceeds will benefit the Adult Care Center of Roanoke Valley.

**The SALEM RED SOX** will host "Faith and Family Night" on Wednesday, June 22. This is a time when church groups are encouraged to attend. The evening will include live Christian music. Groups of ten or more can get discounted tickets.



If you might be interested, please let Pastor Robert know and we will see if we have enough to get a group to go. This is for all ages.

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** will meet on Thursday May 26 at 11:30 am at the K&W Cafeteria. Come join us for lunch and great fellowship! If you need help with transportation, let us know!

## Outreach Ministries



Landon Dyess represented our youth, assisting Joyce Ison and her sister Jan deliver pre-Easter ham dinners to our neighborhood Fire Stations on Palm Sunday. Thanks Landon for your help!!



Thank you for your generosity to the Presbyterian Community Center after they reached out to us with an urgent need for after school snacks. Over \$200 in snacks were collected!

## Annual Samaritan Offering

Our annual offering for the residents of Hermitage Roanoke will be received from Mother's Day to Father's Day. This offering helps provide financial assistance to residents who have outlived their monetary resources and can no longer afford the full cost of their care. There offering is not used for general operating expenses.

Envelopes are available. Checks should be made payable to Mount Pleasant UMC and note "Samaritan" on the memo line. All gifts will go directly to Hermitage Roanoke.

Our United Methodist Women are assembling Hygiene kits this month. UMCOR Hygiene Kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster.

The kit includes:

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)  
No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One washcloth  
No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One comb  
Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth. No pocket combs or picks. Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- One toenail or fingernail clipper  
No emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)  
No Ivory or Jergen’s soap. Do not remove from packaging
- One adult toothbrush  
Do not remove from packaging.
- 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)

The assembled kits will be sent to Annual Conference being held in Hampton, VA June 16-18.

Each kit is valued at \$12. How can you help?

- Collect items to complete a kit.
- Collect individual items that will be used to complete a kit (You do not need to purchase all items for a kit; instead, you can purchase and donate just individual items)
- Make a financial contribution and the UMW will do the shopping for you.
- Make a financial contribution to cover shipping costs (\$2.00 per kit)

The collection will continue through the month of May. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Offering Totals Year-to-Date**

January	\$8,993.00
February	\$9,431.66
March	\$8,006.00
April	\$7,149.00

*Amount needed each month to meet our budget: \$8,564.44*

# Youth Information!

Seven of our youth gathered on Friday night, April 27<sup>th</sup> for food, fun and fellowship, enjoying Walking Tacos, Brownies, Blue Cow Ice Cream and Board Games!



Pierce, Reid and Cort Workman



Emma Adams

Sarah Dyess opened Game Night with a devotion comparing the instructions to a game to the instructions in the Bible. It was a fun evening for all who attended!

## Coming Up:

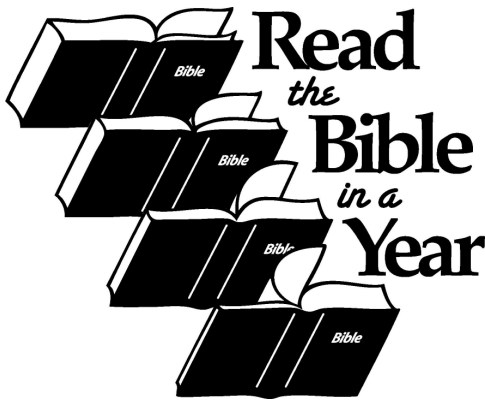


### YOUTH CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

For Middle and High School students at our picnic shelter

Sunday, May 22  
5pm to 7pm.  
Dinner provided

Bring a friend for a chance to win a Chick-Fil-A gift card!



In the new year, consider accepting Bishop Lewis' challenge and join others in the Virginia Conference and read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Below are the readings for May. You can find the full year of readings on the Conference website:

<https://vaumc.org/2022biblechallenge/>

## May

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
<input type="checkbox"/> 01	Judges 13:1-14:20	John 1:29-51	Psalms 102:1-28	Proverbs 14:15-16
<input type="checkbox"/> 02	Judges 15:1-16:31	John 2:1-25	Psalms 103:1-22	Proverbs 14:17-19
<input type="checkbox"/> 03	Judges 17:1-18:31	John 3:1-21	Psalms 104:1-24	Proverbs 14:20-21
<input type="checkbox"/> 04	Judges 19:1-20:48	John 3:22-4:3	Psalms 104:24-35	Proverbs 14:22-23
<input type="checkbox"/> 05	Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22	John 4:4-42	Psalms 105:1-15	Proverbs 14:25
<input type="checkbox"/> 06	Ruth 2:1-4:22	John 4:43-54	Psalms 105:16-36	Proverbs 14:26-27
<input type="checkbox"/> 07	1 Samuel 1:1-2:21	John 5:1-23	Psalms 105:37-45	Proverbs 14:28-29
<input type="checkbox"/> 08	1 Samuel 2:22-4:22	John 5:24-47	Psalms 106:1-12	Proverbs 14:30-31
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<input type="checkbox"/> 10	1 Samuel 8:1-9:27	John 6:22-42	Psalms 106:32-48	Proverbs 14:34-35
<input type="checkbox"/> 11	1 Samuel 10:1-11:15	John 6:43-71	Psalms 107:1-43	Proverbs 15:1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> 12	1 Samuel 12:1-13:23	John 7:1-30	Psalms 108:1-13	Proverbs 15:4
<input type="checkbox"/> 13	1 Samuel 14:1-52	John 7:31-53	Psalms 109:1-31	Proverbs 15:5-7
<input type="checkbox"/> 14	1 Samuel 15:1-16:23	John 8:1-20	Psalms 110:1-7	Proverbs 15:8-10
<input type="checkbox"/> 15	1 Samuel 17:1-18:4	John 8:21-30	Psalms 111:1-10	Proverbs 15:11
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	1 Samuel 18:5-19:24	John 8:31-59	Psalms 112:1-10	Proverbs 15:12-14
<input type="checkbox"/> 17	1 Samuel 20:1-21:15	John 9:1-41	Psalms 113:1-114:8	Proverbs 15:15-17
<input type="checkbox"/> 18	1 Samuel 22:1-23:29	John 10:1-21	Psalms 115:1-18	Proverbs 15:18-19
<input type="checkbox"/> 19	1 Samuel 24:1-25:44	John 10:22-42	Psalms 116:1-19	Proverbs 15:20-21
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	1 Samuel 26:1-28:25	John 11:1-54	Psalms 117:1-2	Proverbs 15:22-23
<input type="checkbox"/> 21	1 Samuel 29:1-31:13	John 11:55-12:19	Psalms 118:1-18	Proverbs 15:24-26
<input type="checkbox"/> 22	2 Samuel 1:1-2:11	John 12:20-50	Psalms 118:19-29	Proverbs 15:27-28
<input type="checkbox"/> 23	2 Samuel 2:12-3:39	John 13:1-30	Psalms 119:1-16	Proverbs 15:29-30
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	2 Samuel 4:1-6:23	John 13:31-14:14	Psalms 119:17-32	Proverbs 15:31-32
<input type="checkbox"/> 25	2 Samuel 7:1-8:18	John 14:15-31	Psalms 119:33-48	Proverbs 15:33
<input type="checkbox"/> 26	2 Samuel 9:1-11:27	John 15:1-27	Psalms 119:49-64	Proverbs 16:1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> 27	2 Samuel 12:1-31	John 16:1-33	Psalms 119:65-80	Proverbs 16:4-5
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<input type="checkbox"/> 29	2 Samuel 14:1-15:22	John 18:1-24	Psalms 119:97-112	Proverbs 16:8-9
<input type="checkbox"/> 30	2 Samuel 15:23-16:23	John 18:25-19:22	Psalms 119:113-128	Proverbs 16:10-11
<input type="checkbox"/> 31	2 Samuel 17:1-29	John 19:23-42	Psalms 119:129-152	Proverbs 16:12-13