

The Mount Pleasant Messenger



January 2023

Due to the busyness of the Christmas Season, we opted NOT to publish a January newsletter. We hope you are understanding of this!

We did, however, wanted to be sure you are aware of some upcoming church activities in January as well as birthdays, so here we go ...

“FROM ONE TO TEN” - STARTS JANUARY 15

Several months ago I saw an interesting resource prepared by a pastor in Seattle, the Rev. Jeremy Smith. For each number from one to ten, there is a topic that is of great importance in our heritage. Here's the full list:

- 1 Mission
- 2 Forms of Holiness
- 3 Stages of Grace
- 4 Sources of Authority
- 5 Vows by the People
- 6 Works of Piety to Practice
- 7 Deadly Sins to Avoid
- 8 Works of Mercy to Do
- 9 Fruit of the Spirit
- 10 Layers of United Methodism

Beginning January 15, I will be using this outline for our Sunday morning preaching time. There is also a companion booklet with short chapters, suggested Scriptures, and thought-provoking questions. Be sure and get your booklet so you can start the series fresh. This will work for you whether you are an in-person or online attender! From time to time, we may post “bonus content” on our Facebook page during the week! This material can be very helpful for new Christians or longtime church folks!

Booklets are available in the sanctuary - or we will be happy to mail you one. Just notify us at info@mpumc.church - or call and leave a message at 540-427-3064. If you prefer an electronic copy, just let us know.

Pastor Robert

- Pastor Robert Stutes

January Calendar

04 2:30 pm WOW Wednesday
08 11:00 am Beau Heath Baptism and
11 2:30 pm WOW Wednesday
17 6:30 pm Leadership Board (please arrive by 5:50)
18 2:30 pm WOW Wednesday
26 11:30 am Lunch Bunch

The UMW will not be meeting this month. There will plans to deliver the gifts to Henry Fork Center but the date/time has not yet been set.



09 Heather St. Clair
10 Brittany Stanley
11 Drew Beck
18 Pam Noble
18 Matthew Jacobson
20 Jennifer Holmes
24 Rahim Brownell
29 Tina Workman
30 Terry Adkins

Our Leadership Board Chair Jenny Basham is asking for prayers for the 2023 Board as they discern and follow God's plans for our church.

Th2 2023 Board members are: Ray Arthur, Jenny Basham, Denise Clark-Gray, Krae Heath, Joyce Ison, Winky McCann, Karen Tate, and Scott Whitehead.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, we will celebrate the baptism of Beau Alexander Heath, son of Krae and Colleen Heath. Krae and Colleen also invite you to a potluck celebration following worship next Sunday in the fellowship hall.

PASTOR ROBERT TO ATTEND TRAINING

Pastor Robert will be at Southern Methodist University in Dallas for a training event January 9-13. The training is for leading churches during times of change! He will be available by phone and email if you should need to contact him during this time.

DISTRICT YOUTH RETREAT

The leaders and students of the Virginia Tech Wesley Foundation will lead a District Youth Retreat (at Camp Alta Mons) the weekend of February 17-19. Middle school and high school youth are eligible to attend. If you are interested in attending (as a youth or an adult), please let Pastor Robert know and he will get you information.

CONFERENCE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Mission Encounter is a virtual learning event held online, February 3-5. Lay Servant Academy is February 17-18 at Shady Grove UMC in Mechanicsville. For more information on these and other conference events, go to the conference web site - vaumc.org.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Josette McMillan Smith and Brad Smith on their marriage on December 18!



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