



Mt. Pleasant UMC

February 2017

Dear Mt. Pleasant Friends and Families:



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. I am amazed each and every day at the growth I see in you, me and the church. In the past several weeks, we have started out another biblical journey through God's calling to us.

During the first week of the year, we looked at New Beginnings, the way that we can always start again with a fresh new slate. Now is the time and the place to start new ways about how to follow Jesus' call in our lives. We looked at the King's ComMISSION on Epiphany Sunday, the call to help reveal the mystery of the gospel, followed by a look at the calling of Jesus' disciples, and how to become fishers of people.

As fishers of people, we have been challenged to reach out and reconnect with our inactive family and friends. We are excited about the opportunity to get to know each other better once again. As we continue to live out our vision at Mt. Pleasant UMC.

"Sharing the love of Jesus so others may know The Way!" by:

Invite - In all to meet Christ and make a personal connection

Ignite - Within our hearts a spark, passion, and fire

Grow - Here in wisdom

and knowledge through encouragement, support, fellowship, opportunity, and study.

Go - There and make disciples of Christ by serving and sharing

Our young adults have started a capital campaign to renovate and upgrade the playground equipment at the church and will be asking for help in many different ways over the next several months as we pull this project together. We will even be looking into some dates to make and sell Easter eggs as a fundraiser for this project.

We continue to enjoy our recently developed Family Ministry and the activities that allow us to gather as family. We're excited that our nurses have started a Health and Wellness Committee, who are offering blood pressure screening after the service on the last Sunday of the month and are looking at other ways to serve and help the congregation.

Our Lent and Easter services this year includes: Ash Wednesday, March 1st, 7pm at Klinesgrove; Palm Sunday, April 9th, 9am at Mt. Pleasant; Maundy Thursday, April 13th, 7pm at Mt. Pleasant; Good Friday, April 14th, 7 p m Services at Klinesgrove; Easter Sunrise, April 16th, 6:30am Service at Klinesgrove; Easter Sunrise Breakfast, April 16th, 7:30am

at Klinesgrove; and Easter Service, April 16th, 9am at Mt. Pleasant.

I continue to find hope and encouragement at the commitment and changes that I witness in the church. I see God's people getting excited to serve the Lord, follow His commandments, and walk the path that He has laid out before us. We are seeing more and more evidence of our members living out the scriptures that Micah provided us in Micah 6:8 " He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To ACT JUSTLY and to LOVE MERCY and to WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD."

I am looking forward to living out the scripture, next to you, putting our vision statement into action in all that we do, for the honor and glory of God as we continue to INVITE, IGNITE, GROW and GO together.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Brian M. Moyer

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Upcoming Events:



February

Tue Feb 7 — 7pm - 8pm STAFF & MINISTRY MEETING
 Sun Feb 12 — 7am - 8am Men's Breakfast at Jay's Tiffany's Northside
 Mon Feb 13 — 7pm - 8pm SPRC Meeting @ MP
 Tue Feb 14 — 7pm - 8pm Ad Council
 Mon Feb 27 — 7pm - 8pm Parsonage Trustee Meeting

March

Wed Mar 1 — 7pm - 8pm Ash Wednesday Services @ KG
 Mar 3 - 5 - IMPACT - Harrisburg Hilton Hotel
 Sun Mar 12 — 7am - 8am Men's Breakfast at Jay's Tiffany's Northside
 Tue Mar 14 — 7pm - 8pm Ad Council
 Sat Mar 18 — 7:30am - 3:30pm Mission Central Work Day

April

Sun Apr 9 — 7am - 8am Men's Breakfast at Jay's Tiffany's Northside
 Tue Apr 11 — 7pm - 8pm Ad Council
 Thu Apr 13 — 7pm - 8pm Maundy Thursday Services @ MP
 Fri Apr 14 — 7pm - 8pm Good Friday Services @ KG
 Sun Apr 16 - 7am - Easter Sunrise service @ KG, breakfast at 7:30am
 Sun Apr 30 — NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY

Sunday Morning Worship — 9am - 10am
Sunday School — 10:15am - 11:15am
Women's Bible Study - every Monday 10am - 11 am
Choir Practice - every Wednesday 7pm - 8pm

Message written by DaySpring, co-founder Roy Lessin

Just think, you're here, not by chance, but by God's choosing.

His hand formed you and made you the person you are.

He compares you to no one else—you are one of a kind.

You lack nothing that His grace can't give you.

He has allowed you to be here at this time in history to fulfill His special purpose for this generation.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.." Ecclesiastes 3:1

2/12	Communion	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Choose Life	John 6:63
2/19		Matthew 5:38-48 What's Our Response?	Proverbs 15:1
2/26	Transfiguration Sunday	2 Peter 1:16-21 Spoken Testimony	1 John 5:20
3/1	Ash Wed @ KG A Season of Penitence & Preparation	2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Flip Side	—
3/5	Object: Phoenix Communion	Romans 5:12-19 Resurrection from Death	John 2:19
3/12	Object: Bare Branch	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Life comes from God	Genesis 2:7
3/19	Object: Rooster	Psalms 95 Wavering Faith	1 Peter 5:10
3/26	UMCOR Sunday Object: Butterfly	Ephesians 5:8-14 Light, Beauty, Transformation	John 8:12
4/2	Object: Bag and Silver Coins Communion	Romans 8:6-11 What are your coins for	Matthew 6:21
4/9	Palm Sunday Object: Palm Leaf	Philippians 2:5-11 Everyone	Isaiah 45:22-23
4/13	Maundy Thursday @ MP Communion Object: Color Purple	Exodus 12:1-14 Mark of the Lamb	—
4/14	Good Friday @KG Object: Lantern	John 18:1-14 Extinguishing the Light	—
4/16	Easter Sunrise @KG Object: Lily	Colossians 3:1-4 Made Alive in Christ	—
4/16	Easter Object: Lily	John 20:1-18 Jesus Appears	Matthew 28:6



2017 Summer Camp at United Methodist Camps

“Fearless Faith: Courage in Community”

It's February; it's cold outside; we have had some winter weather with more to come but it is time to think about summer camp. There are all kinds of opportunities for traditional summer camp, adventure camps such as canoe & kayak camp, horse camp, music & drama camp, soccer camp, photography camp, survivor camp, arts camp, fishing camp and family camps. The different camps are for grades 1 through 12 & with a few shortened camps for ages 4-8.

You can see Camps-at-a-Glance 2017 at susumccamps.org & lots more information on our Susquehanna Conference web site at susumc.org under Camp & Retreat Ministry. There are 4 United Methodist camps in PA: Camp Penn in the southern part of PA near Waynesboro, Greene Hills in Huntingdon County near the little village of Barree, Mount Asbury southwest of Harrisburg near Newville, & Wesley Forest in western Union County.

Our church has been supporting summer camping for a long time and will assist with church members' registration costs. We ask a family to pay the first \$25 of each registration and any amount over \$200. There is online registration which is open now, is easy and the best way to guarantee the camper gets into the camp session that fits his/her family. Early registration is encouraged. See susumcamps.org or email camps@cpcumc.org, call 1-800-874-8474 with questions or see Carol Hauck (286-9255 or cahauck@ptd.net) for more information.

Altar Flowers

Each week, members and friends of Mt. Pleasant have the opportunity to sponsor the flowers that are placed on the Altar and/or piano each Sunday. Sponsors have the opportunity to place the flowers in honor of or in memory of anyone, the tribute is also posted in the bulletin.

Altar flowers can be sponsored for \$35.00 and piano flowers for \$____. After the service, the flowers can be given to the honoree or donated to a nursing home or other location. As members and friends of the church, we would like to offer this opportunity to all of you also. If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact the church secretary:

[\(570\)286-7036](tel:5702867036) or at mpkgsec2@gmail.com.





Happy New Year and welcome to a new you for 2017. The **Health and Wellness committee** is comprised of all the nurses at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church who are interested in helping you to become healthier in 2017. To begin with, we would like to invite you to come to the basement of the church the last Sunday of every month to have your blood pressure checked.

High blood pressure is known as the "silent killer". Often times people live with high blood pressure and do not know it because they feel perfectly fine. It isn't until they suffer a heart attack or stroke that they realize their blood pressure has been running too high, causing wear and tear on their body's arteries. A simple blood pressure check can alert one to the need for further monitoring or the need for a diet, exercise program, and/or medication to help lower the blood pressure.

By lowering your blood pressure, you can decrease your risk of further complications caused by high blood pressure. The Health and Wellness Committee is committed to helping you do just that! So, please join us in working together to make the people of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church healthier than ever before in 2017! We look forward to working with the new you! *Other activities planned by this committee in the future include CPR classes with AED training and blood sugar testing. If you have any other ideas or suggestions for this committee, please see Karen Splitt*

SAFE SANCTUARIES

Everyone holding Safe Sanctuaries Clearances are required to periodically review our Safe Sanctuaries policies. That involves over 30 people in our faith family who are contributing their time, gifts & talents for our ministries to our youth & children. We have set up 3 dates to give opportunity for these reviews which will be brief meetings:

- Sunday Feb. 19 after worship (overflow area)
- Sunday Feb. 26 after worship (overflow area)
- Tuesday Feb. 28 @ 7 PM (fellowship hall)

For any additional volunteers willing to provide care or supervision for our nursery, Sunday School, VBS, Advent Party, youth activities & other events during our children &/or youth ministries & programs, we require that they have clearances as listed below.

The 3 Volunteer Clearances must be renewed every 60 months. They can be completed in any order. Go to www.susumc.org & use the Safe Sanctuaries Portal to assess the following for volunteer clearances.

1. PA State Police Criminal History Report. If you do this online & have no record, you will get your clearance in a few minutes.
2. PA Child Abuse History Clearance. If you do this online, the results come back in about 14 days.
3. FBI Criminal History Report (fingerprint-based background check). If you have resided in PA continuously for a period of 10 years prior to becoming a volunteer, you are exempt from the fingerprinting but must **sign an Affidavit in the presence of a Notary Public.**

Keep all originals & show to Carol Hauck who will make a copy (with social security numbers blackened out) for church records. These copies which are confidential will be kept in a locked place. If anyone needs help in completing these 3 clearances talk to Carol in person, at 570-286-9255, or at cahauck@ptd.net.

BIRTHDAYS

January

02 Jerrie Moyer
 03 Chad Fox
 07 Braedyn Kovaschetz
 08 Laura Cole
 15 Brittney Moyer
 15 Karysha Moyer
 15 Ralph Newman
 16 Scott Hixson
 20 Lois Kovaschetz
 21 Lane Kieffer
 22 Sandi Ressler
 25 Jason Purdy
 25 Grant Ross
 26 Zackary Foreman
 27 Janice Hixson
 30 Christopher Stewart
 30 Jared Stewart



February

01 Lauryn Ross
 03 Joanie Meckley
 03 Roman Gay
 07 Allen Light
 08 Lenda Hauck
 10 Paul Kieffer
 11 Carol Hauck
 12 Donna Gemberling
 12 Pastor Brian Moyer
 12 Matthew Splitt
 13 Robbi Nace
 15 Clinton Klingman
 20 Catelyn Zoch
 20 Logan Kern
 20 Joshua Kovaschetz
 20 Hayden Pope
 24 Nathan Meckley
 24 David Pope
 26 Beverly Reich
 28 Carrie Gessner

March

06 Joe Ranck
 08 Emery Doering
 09 Ellyn Ross
 11 Rich Wilson
 12 Jordan Zoch
 13 Cindy Wolf
 14 Todd Wetzel
 15 Betty Coffey
 15 Justin Kauffman
 15 Nicholas Splitt
 18 Barbara Bidelspach
 19 Angela Meckley
 20 Patricia Pope
 21 Caleb Herb
 22 Robert Bideispach
 23 Julie Miller
 24 Karen Yordy-Splitt
 26 Shirley Wetzel
 27 Sandra Snyder
 28 Neil Neidig
 28 Colleen Pegg
 28 Carly Ross
 28 Deleen Wetzel

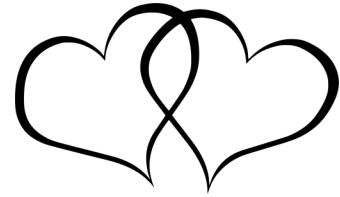
April

03 Jeremy Finan
 04 Hannah Moyer
 04 Carson Strawser
 07 Jeremy Cooper
 07 Alexander Wetzel
 08 Jamie Doering
 08 Gregory Wetzel
 09 Quintyn Bucher
 10 Susan Newman
 11 Ray Kern
 15 Harry Herbster
 15 Jayce Kimball
 16 Brigid Boop
 18 Rosalie Karpinski
 21 Erin Karpinski
 23 Joseph Finan
 24 William Stewart
 25 Jenelle Frye
 25 Wayne Hauck
 25 Mark Lunger
 27 Melissa Wetzel
 30 Florence Strawser



Anniversaries

January 23	David and Joyce Ann Lindenmuth
January 29	Clinton and Dorothy Klingman
February 14	John and Ellen Lazur
February 14	Ronald and Carrie Gessner
February 15	James and Dianne Pope
February 28	Dave and Robin Lazicki
March 15	Pastor Brian and Jerrie Moyer
March 17	Steve and Betsy Benner
April 06	Scott and Janice Hixson
April 07	Kris and Bonita Kauffman
April 20	Wayne and Carol Hauck
April 21	Carl and Hilda Kashner
April 21	Daniel and Jennifer Frye
April 28	Gregg and Lois Laboskie



I've learned that no matter what happens or how bad it seems life does go on,
and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles
three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them
when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a "life".

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catchers mitt on both hands,
you need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make
the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't need to be one.

I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone; People love
a warm hug or just a pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel.

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