



MTP NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021

The Greatest Gifts YOU CAN GIVE

...You can't give what you ain't got

Limited stock... supply chain issues... Inflation... Back Friday riots. These are all thoughts that have parents and shoppers freaked out this season. We search websites, hunt items in store isles and worry about being able to get that perfect gift. Guess what? The greatest gifts you can give this season are not on Amazon or at your local Walmart. There is no supply issue and to top it off...they are all free.

This Advent season we will look at the greatest gifts we can give to those close to us and to strangers we have never met. Those gifts include joy, peace, love & Jesus. In addition there is another amazing gift those who call themselves Christians, have received.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord"
Romans 6:23 (NLT)

The gift God has for you is the ultimate gift. It's the only gift that really keeps on giving. It will never wear out and will never grow old.

In fact, it will become more precious to you with the passing of time. As you get older, you'll begin to discover all this gift is, because the greatest blessing of it is the assurance of life beyond the grave—not just purpose and meaning in this life we're living right now.

So if you have already made your gift list, then pull it back out and get ready to add the greatest gifts you can give.

In Christ - Pastor Chris

“The Shepherd’s Staff”

Mt. Pleasant Elder Update

The elders have spent the past six weeks doing staff reviews. We spent dedicated time with each staff member to learn about the successes and challenges they face in supporting our ministry at MTP. MTP has a tremendously gifted staff and the elders were reminded how hard they all work and how much they minister to our community. The staff shared their goals for 2022 and the elders offered advice on growing their ministries and developing their personal spiritual growth. We also discussed salary recommendations to make to the Admin Council.

We also reviewed the nominees for the upcoming elder elections and were excited to see the list of Godly men in our midst. The new elders will begin serving in January when we will have a kick-off meeting to set our vision for 2022. We would like to welcome our three new Elders that were elected on November 21, 2021.

- Kevin Logan
- Jay Payne
- Jon Sloan

Upcoming in December, the elders and deacons will have a nominations meeting to select members to fill our Administrative Council committees.

Bo Sink
Steve Cranford
Vince Brown

Joe Hayworth
Danny Buckner
Daniel Rich

Eric Hilton
Tommy McDevitt
Bill Baughn

Col 2:6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

A time to gather for anyone in the community

Coffee Hour with Starbuck

Wednesday's at 1 PM
November 17 - December 22

Sometimes the Holiday celebrations bring up remembrances of loved ones who are on our mind yet absent from our celebrations. Please join us during our Grief and Loss Class.



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The holidays are just around the corner. This is an exciting season to be with family and friends, bringing up an anticipation of delight and fun. Yet the holidays can remind us of past hurts as well.

Often these occasions bring up remembrances of loved ones who are on our mind yet absent from our celebrations. These hard memories can, at times, make the holidays difficult.

Pastor Tim invites you to drop by the church on Wednesdays at 1 pm, from Nov 17 - Dec 22, to visit, share memories of loved ones, and spend time with others who may have similar life experiences.

Let's gather together with brothers and sisters in Christ to support one another when the excitement of the holidays also reminds us of past and present grief."

Psalms 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble."

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**MT. PLEASANT
CHURCH**

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MTP Youth Parent Newsletter



What's Happening...

Parent's Night Out

Sunday, December 5th | 4-8P

Youth Event Fundraiser. Students are providing childcare for MTP kids. Dinner, games, and movies are provided.

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12th | 5-7:30P

Bring a \$5 gift

Youth Breakfast

Wednesdays, December 1st, 8th, 15th 7:00A

Youth New Year's Eve Party

Saturday, December 31st | 7-10:00P

Bring a finger food dish to share and \$20 per family or \$5 per student.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 4, 6 & 8P | CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 9:30A

Anticipation fills the air! And we start using words we never use. What even is figgy pudding, and who is Yuletide Carol? This season is also filled with other words that feel a little more special. Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love appear everywhere as we count down to the birth of a savior - who promises that even in this imperfect world, we can experience and embody these four things, even now in the chaos of life.

MEMORY VERSE

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful."

Isaiah 9:6, NLT



Morning Time

As your teen starts their day, say: "I'm so thankful for you."



Meal Time

At a meal this week, ask your teen: "What is the best thing in your life right now? What is the most stressful?" Make sure you share too.



Their Time

When your teen wants to talk, practice listening without forming a response in your mind before they finish.



Bed Time

Pray for your teen to always be able to see that, because of Jesus, there is always hope in any and every situation.

*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
from MJP Kids Klub*



*Jesus, is the Light of our
Christmas, the joy of our hearts,
and the hope for our world.*

Sneak Peek!!!

DINNER WITH SANTA AND
THE CHRISTMAS EXPRESS
DECEMBER 1ST

BAPTISM ORIENTATION
DECEMBER 5 @ 4PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS-
DECEMBER 11TH

A ROCKIN ROYAL
CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 12 @ 9:45
SERVICE

A Rockin Royal Christmas Practice Schedule

12/5-3:00 in FLC

**12/11-10:00-11:30 in FLC followed by
Happy Birthday JESUS Party 11:30-12:30
12/12-Christmas Play at 9:45 in FLC**

DANCING ANGELS PRACTICE

12/5-at 9:00 am

PERFORMANCES

**Sunday, 12/5 at all services
12/24 4pm and 6pm**

MTP Women ...

Thank you to everyone who prepared a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. We were able to deliver 134 boxes to the drop off site at Zion Church. Last year we had 105 boxes and this year is a record for the most boxes prepared ever! Please pray for the child who will receive your box or boxes. We may not have a clue who that will be, but God knows.

The December meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Women will be December 13 at 6:00, and we will have a covered dish meal. Please note the time difference. Cash donations to purchase gifts for the family we have adopted for Christmas will be our mission project. We will do two Blessing Bags at this meeting.

We wish you a very Blessed and Christ Centered Christmas.

As we move into 2022, our January meeting will be January 24 at 6:30. We will have a Soup and Sandwich meal at this meeting.

Greetings from MTP Men ...

Greetings from MTP Men. Thank you to all that came out and supported our Auction on Nov. 6th. The event was a tremendous success with over \$5000 raised and it could not have happened without the generous bidders, the folks who donated items and the folks who prepared and served the food. THANK YOU !!! Our next meeting will be held on Sunday December 5th at 7am in the banquet room. This will be our Christmas meeting so please bring your wives. Carroll Flack will be our speaker for this and we know it will be a great message. Stay tuned for details of our upcoming Wildlife Banquet. Merry Christmas from MTP Men.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

Mission Committee ...

The Mission Committee would like to thank the many volunteers we that helped us on Oct 17th to pack 10,000 meals for the local community. We distributed those meals to eight organizations, including one in Wallburg, one in Lexington, one in High Point, one in Jamestown and four in Thomasville. Also, many thanks for the donations, we collected over \$1000.00, to help make this event possible.

Memorials & Donations

- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by John & Sharon Payne
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Debrah Durham by Paul & Anita Smith
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Clayton & Annie White by Stan & Karen Bowen
- Given to the Family Life Center in Honor of Pastor Chris Clontz by the Family of Harry New
- Given to the Youth Breakfast in Honor of Gary & Jane Mendenhall by Brenda Loggins Bradner

C2 Community Connection

The evangelism committee will be collaborating with Kaylie Sink and her upcoming Girl Scout Gold Award project for their December C2 event. Kaylie will be partnering with church leadership, Kids Klub, and Youth to create and deliver outreach kits to those within the church community who are facing illness, surgery, medical treatments, and other difficult circumstances. Kaylie's goal is for these outreach kits be a reminder of God's love for each recipient.



Be included in the new
Mt. Pleasant Church Directory

Save the Date:

Photography Dates:
January 11 – 15, 2022





Emmanuel

CELEBRATING HEAVEN'S CHILD

Christmas Cantata | Sunday, December 5 | 8:30AM & 11:00 AM

New Elders & Administrative Council At-Large Members

We held our Church Vote on Sunday, November 21, 2021

Administrative Council At-Large Members:

3 Year Terms: (2022 – 2023 – 2024)

- Gail Aderhold
- Stephanie Godwin
- Megan Williams

2 Year Terms: (2022 – 2023)

- Joey Ferree
- Wendy Harper
- Teresa Harden

1 Year Term: (2022)

- Sharon Payne
- Keith Knolmayer
- Josh Kearns

Elders:

3 Year Terms: (2022 – 2023 – 2024)

- Kevin Logan
- Jay Payne
- Jon Sloan

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



- 2 - Linda Hilton
- 4 - Robin Murphy, Zoe Starbuck
- 6 - Steve McDaniel
- 8 - Buddy Boatright, Lauren Cockrum,
Jared Hall
- 9 - Ryder Cecil, Hollis Fitzgerald,
Jane Mendenhall
- 10 - Becky Bruner
- 11 - Ann Leonard
- 12 - Mandy Creel
- 13 - Laurie Parks, Kaden Swaim
- 14 - Faye Baity, Marie Idol
- 15 - Drew Craver, Gary Hilton,
Brian Evans, Ronnie Russell
- 16 - Mary Green
- 17 - Connor Sexton, Adam Prior
- 19 - Connor PEacock
- 20 - Glenn Payne, Jordan Clodfelter
- 21 - Emma H. Hilton, Jeremy Ray
- 22 - Garrison Lassiter
- 23 - Adam Hilton
- 24 - Karen Swaim
- 26 - Liss Jarosz
- 27 - Catherine White
- 29 - Adrienne Graeub, Sara Graeub,
Leanne Penry, Charlotte Jarosz
- 30 - Sue Fitzgerald
- 31 - Carrie Jarosz, Katie Koontz

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

October 31, 2021

8:30 Worship - 122
9:45 Worship - 293
11:00 Worship - 32
Saturday Night Group - 9
Total Weekend Worship - 456
Sunday Small Groups - 269
General Offering - \$18,309.00
FLC Offering - \$2,580.00

November 7, 2021

8:30 Worship - 165
9:45 Worship - 282
11:00 Worship - 45
Saturday Night Group - 8
Total Weekend Worship - 500
Sunday Small Groups - 313
General Offering - \$11,619.00
FLC Offering - \$2,070.00

November 14, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 137
9:45 Worship - 299
11:00 Worship - 57
Saturday Night Group - 8
Total Weekend Worship - 501
Sunday Small Groups - 346
General Offering - \$21,200.50
FLC Offering - \$1,637.50

November 21, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 177
9:45 Worship - 293
11:00 Worship - 31
Saturday Night Group - 8
Total Weekend Worship - 509
Sunday Small Groups - 288
General Offering - \$26,252.62
FLC Offering - \$1,575.00

SERVING THE CHURCH IN NOVEMBER

Ushers:

December 5: Bryan Bray, Gary Craven, Scott Green, Jerry Hilton
December 12: Ryan Hilton, Daniel Rich, Garrett Rich, Adam Buckner
December 19: Joe Hayworth, Gary Hilton, Brad Stokes
December 26: Brandon Harden, JW Motsinger, Timmy Hege

Greeters: 8:30AM

December 5: Doug & Gail Aderhold
December 12: Wendy Harper
December 19: Karen & Stan Bowen
December 26: Lin & Terri Blevins

9:45AM

John & Kathy Butt
Bo Sink
The Shufelt Family
Chet & Lorrie Varner

11:00AM

Keith & Paula Knolmayer
Greg Moore
Glen Morgan
Dow & Beth Craver

MTP KIDS KLUB SERVERS:

Nursery: 8:30AM

December 5: Phil & Sue Fitzgerald
December 12: Jescena & Allison Sink
December 19: Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne
December 26: Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden

9:45AM

Laura Gregg & Jamie Proctor
Kim Walser & Pam Hall
Ellen Hilton & Megan Williams
Steve & Mitzie Turner

11:00AM

Tricia Anderson
Jennifer Driggers
Courtney Lake
Jennifer Driggers

2 Year Old Class:

December 5: Cameron & Katie Koontz
December 12: MTP Kids Program
December 19: Micah & Jessica Moore
December 26: Amy & Samuel Nifong

3 Year Old Class:

Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail
MTP Kids Program
Rachel B., Tammy V. & Tiffany W.
Michael & Amber Bridges

4 Year Old Class:

Keri Everhart & Danielle Whittington
MTP Kids Program
Janet & Spence Wood & Leandra G.
Tony & Karen Hyde

Kindergarten:

December 5: Misty Carr & Victoria McCrary
December 12: MTP Kids Program
December 19: Tobbie L. & Laura C.
December 26: Keith & Paula Knolmayer.

1st Grade:

Tiffany Brister
MTP Kids Program
Kelly Kiger
Josh & Heather Beasley

2nd Grade:

Eileen Sloan
MTP Kids Program
Jane Mendenhall
Emily Sanders

3rd Grade:

December 5: Sidnee Bruner
December 12: MTP Kids Program
December 19: Misty Petree
December 26: Erica Martin

4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee
MTP Kids Program
Jenny Hagee
Amy McDevitt

Children's Church:

8:30AM:

December 5: Diana Payne
December 12: Christine Turner
December 19: Clay & Sarah Fowler
December 26: Lisa Lane

11:00AM Pre-K

Josh & Chelsea Kearns
Jennifer Driggers
Amy Johnson
Bob & Jeanette Beck

11:00AM Elementary:

Trina Sprinkle
Cindy Buckner
Julie Butt
Kristin Hagee

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE HELP SERVE THE CHURCH - PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
OFFICE@MTPLEASANT.CHURCH

December 2021 Events

Monday's	Prayer Group Meeting	6:45 PM
Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10:00 AM
Wednesday's	Youth Breakfast	7:00 AM
Wednesday's	Coffee with Pastor Starbuck - Grief Group	1:00 PM
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM

Wednesday, December 1	Dinner with Santa & The Christmas Express	4:00 - 8:30 PM
Saturday, December 4	Cantata Practice	9:00 AM
Sunday, December 5	MTP Men's Breakfast with Wives or Girlfriends	7:00 AM
Sunday, December 5	Christmas Cantata	8:30 & 11:00 AM
Sunday, December 5	Dancing Angels	8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM
Sunday, December 5	Baptism Orientation	4:00 PM
Tuesday, December 7	Feeding HPCA Pre-Game Meal	
Saturday, December 11	Happy Birthday Jesus Party	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Sunday, December 12	A Rockin Royal Christmas - Kids Program	9:45 AM
Monday, December 13	MTP Women's Meeting	6:00 PM
Sunday, December 19	Christmas Caroling	
Friday, December 24	Christmas Eve & Candlelight & Communion	4 PM 6 PM 8 PM
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Morning Worship	9:30 AM

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