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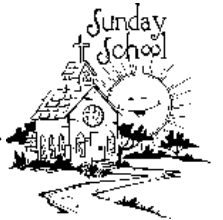
Preparing for a journey of faith calls for a time of self-examination on the part of Christian believers. The season of Lent is traditionally a time when the Church has engaged in the spiritual devotions of prayer, worship, fasting, and thoughtful study of God's Word in order to draw near to our Lord. Ash Wednesday is the day that initiates the 40-Day journey through Lent, leading up to Easter.

Join us for our worship time on **Wednesday, February 17, 7 p.m.** for a time of personal and spiritual reflection.

PARENTS' FORUM: "Project Sunday School"

Pastor Kevin is inviting all parents to join him for an open discussion about our partnership with families through the Church Sunday School. The Parents' Forum will be Sunday, following worship, in the Fellowship Hall, **February 28.**

The Children's SHINE Ministry Team would like to be partners with your family – to make the Sunday School part of the best hour of the week for your children! Please plan to join in the dialogue on February 21!



Deuteronomy 6:5, NIV

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

February 21, the Church will recognize our boys and young men involved in the Scouting program through our local troop! All boys involved in Cub Scouting or Boy Scouts are invited to attend and be recognized! We appreciate you! And be sure to welcome our new Scout Leader: Brandon Amos! See more details about the Boy/Cub Scout programs on **page 4.**

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SERMON SERIES

Friends can find Pastor Kevin's recent sermon series on our Church web-site, www.mt-pleasant-church.org and follow the link to "Sermons."

CHURCH VOLLEYBALL

Friends from Church can join the Volleyball League, playing at the Parkersburg Fitness Center on Tuesday evenings. Contact Greg and Amanda Eagle at 304.489.1523 or Josh Dellinger at 304.489.9383 for further information. The league has just gotten underway!

FUND RAISER: for Mark and Sherry Hinton

Because of recent health concerns, surgery, and medical attention which Mark and Sherry are both receiving, they are currently unable to work full-time. Friends from Church are sponsoring a fund-raiser to assist them with finances during this season of need. Join us for a spaghetti dinner on **Sunday, February 14**, following worship...

You can help prepare for the dinner by donating any of the following items, or help with meal preparations. Please leave a message with the Church office, 304.489.1965, or call Connie Dellinger at : 304 489-9383.

Items needed:

20 lbs Spaghetti	20 jars Spaghetti Sauce (homemade preferred)
20 pks of Garlic Sticks	6 bottles Parmesan Cheese
28 bags of Garden Salad Mix (3# size)	4 bottles Ranch dressing
4 bottles French dressing	4 bottles Italian dressing
2 bottles Fat Free dressing	Cakes ~ Pies ~ Cookies



Scrapbook Night

Mt. Pleasant Preschool

Scrapbook Night

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

February 19

6:00 p.m.— Midnight

\$8.00

Bring your own supplies and spend the evening scrapbooking with us.

There will be a diecut machine, stamps and other scrapbooking tools for you to use!

Beginner class at 7:00 p.m. if you are new to scrapbooking!

*Preschool fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the preschool.

Please RSVP to reserve your space 304-489-3100.

mtpleasantpreschool@gmail.com

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***Deadline for
March***

Chronicles:
February 20th



United Methodist Women

will meet Tuesday evening, **February 9, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening of fellowship.

CARE PACKAGES

for the College Kids will be mailed on **February 7**. We are sending \$10 gift cards this time. You may give them to Debbie Caltrider or leave them in the Church office at any time. Let our college students know we are thinking of them, praying for them and supporting them.

CHRISTIAN SKATE NIGHT

The 14th Avenue Gospel Mission Church is sponsoring Christian Skate Night at Skate Country in South Parkersburg. The cost will be \$2.00 per person and \$1.00 for skates. Skating will be from 6:30-8:30. Enjoy Christian music, prizes, devotions and lots of fun on the third Monday of every month. Join us for a great evening of fun for families and youth groups. The dates are as follows:

February 15~March 15~April 19~May 17

THANK YOU!

The **Blood Drive** at Mt. Zion was very successful. We had 31 pints donated and at least 35 potential donors. Thanks to all that helped and donated. Also, thanks to those that baked cookies.

The next Blood Drive will be at Mineral Wells Baptist on Friday March 12th from 1:30 to 6:30. Mark it on your calendar.

Thanks again.



CARRIE FITZWATER

Friends from home can keep up with Carrie's adventures in Zambia at her blog:

<http://cfitzwater1.wordpress.com/feed/>

Let's not forget our opportunity to support Carrie through pledges or donations made through her supporting agency, "The Sons of Thunder." These contributions can be sent to "Sons of Thunder" with Carrie Fitzwater on the memo line of the check: P.O. Box 7; Da-

CHURCH SIGN: A Contest!

How can we grab the attention of neighbors and friends with an invitation to worship?

The Church Board has approved the erection of a sign below the Church (on the hill near the Post Office) ...but we need help coming up with a slogan that would attract others. You're invited to offer a submission for the Church Sign: 1) a positive passage or invitation and/or 2) a simple graphic that captures the attention of those passing by.

Submit ideas through the Church office. These can be dropped off on your next visit or mailed to us: mtpleasant2005@yahoo.com or PO Box 37; Mineral Wells; 26150. **Deadline is February 28, 2010.**



February is here, marking another important date: **2010 is the 100th year of Scouting in America.** Both the Cubs and the Troop here at Mt. Pleasant have big plans in this short month. Cubs are busy trying to finish up beltloops and requirements in hopes of achieving rank by the end of the month. **February 6th** is a big day for all of the Cubs as the **Pinewood Derby** is set to take place at the Mall. Everyone has worked hard on designing a winning car. We wish them all the best of luck on the track. Also on **February 6th**, Scouts are headed out to Charleston for another weekend of fun, Monster Jam fever has struck and the boys need to hear the thundering of the motors.

February 26th will be the **annual Blue/Gold banquet** to honor those who have worked hard all fall. We will have three young Webelos who will be crossing over into the Troop during this time. **Alex Cappadona, Alec Grygiel, and Kriss West** will move from the Cubs to the Troop on this night. We are proud of their achievements and growth these past few months and years. To round out February events, **February 28th** is Boy Scout Sunday, and the church will be recognizing the Boy Scouts.

If anyone out there is thinking they want to be involved in Cub Scouts, we are willing to put you to work. We are looking for volunteers to help with meetings and planning activities with the Scouts. No reasonable offer will be refused. Troop 86 is off and running with our **new Scoutmaster, Brandon Amos.** We want to welcome Brandon to his new position in the Troop as Pat Shook has moved into the Advancement Chair position. Thank you Brandon and Kendra for stepping up in leadership of the Troop.

The Troop has already made a trip to Wheeling this year to Cabelas to price camping gear that needs to be replaced and to the Wheeling Nailers hockey game. Everyone had a safe and fun weekend. Plans are being made now for a March ski trip, winter camp as well as April and May trips. Everyone in the Troop is excited about the pending arrival of new Scouts at the Blue/Gold banquet for the Cubs. When the Troop grows it means for more activities will be planned. We hope to have another year of safe productive trips as we enter 2010.

Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for four months during treatment. A doctor's note is required to confirm treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in the vicinity to arrange for the service. For more information, please go to <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>.



Please pass this information on to bless a woman going through Breast Cancer treatment. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

The Race

By Jeff Beeson



**... let us
run with
perseverance
the race
marked out
for us.**

Hebrews 12:1

We are created and placed directly into a race that highlights the natural tension that exists in the world between many good things. It is a race that begins the moment that we are born, or even the moment of conception. It is the race for independence. Each part of our life we are growing and working toward being more independent physically. While at the same time, tension can swirl around us as we strive to become more dependent spiritually.

We must gain independence from the womb to live, and children and teens must continue to grow and increase their independence from their parents to be able to succeed in life. But it doesn't stop at the end of your teenage years; in fact, no matter where you are at in your life, you are most likely striving to gain more independence from someone or something.

Yet the light of independence can be blinding, it's allure an overpowering force, beckoning people before they are ready and leading people to free themselves from all dependencies. Many lives have been damaged by the irresistible pull of independence that is felt by teens and young adults. While gaining independence is natural and healthy, it is only so if it is done in a controlled manner while still maintaining some dependencies. The goal of the race gets distorted when we accept that the only measure of success that the world embraces is 100% independence versus a balance of being the two.

Too often we carry this quest for independence into our relationship with Christ, into an area where God did not design for this to take place, in fact, quite the opposite is true. As we grow, we should gain a greater sense and comfort in becoming more dependent on God and not less. It must become less about what I want and I decide and more about following God's desires. Faith is increased when I depend on God more.

I pray that more people will turn to and become dependent upon God's light as their source of direction. It is a bright and true natural light for us to walk by each day. It is a light that appears the brightest when it is the darkest. A light that no matter how long you may live amidst the darkness of this world, it will never fade, change colors, or run out of energy. The light of Christ is a light that does not distort the reality of this world; it shows his love as perfect and true and that the only way to stay free from the chains and consequences of sin is to follow Jesus' light. That provides great hope and comfort for me as I know that the only way to achieve true independence is by his light and not by my might.

And yet, despite these truths, many will lose their way. Many will in fact lose the very independence that they are striving for by allowing sin to dwell in their heart and by forgetting to stay dependent on God. Many people will be deceived by Satan and in their quest for independence will trade in their God dependency for a destructive worldly sinful dependency.

Lord, forgive us and open our eyes and focus our sight to run this race based upon your truth, to seek independence from the world and dependence upon you. Thank you Lord Jesus for your passion and your grace and may I, through the gift of the Holy Spirit and his gifts to me, faithfully, humbly and obediently seek your glory and always give all glory to you.

Amen

Bread Baking Schedule ~ 2010



January 24 ~ Rose Armstrong

January 31 ~ Joyce Jarrell-Hicks

February 7 ~ Elaine Smith

February 14~ Ruth Ann Sheppard

February 21 ~ Elaine Smith

February 28 ~ Ann Mayhew

March 7~ Judy Casto

March 14 ~ Helen Wright

March 21 ~ Kelly Sheppard

March 28 ~ Rose Armstrong

April 4 ~ Joyce Jarrell-Hicks

April 11 ~ Ruth Ann Sheppard

April 18 ~ Elaine Smith

April 25 ~ Ann Mayhew

May 2 ~ Judy Casto

May 9 ~ Helen Wright

May 16 ~ Kelly Sheppard

May 23 ~ Rose Armstrong

May 30 ~ Joyce Jarrell-Hicks

June 6 ~ Elaine Smith

June 13 ~ Ruth Ann Sheppard

June 20 ~ Elaine Smith

June 27 ~ Ann Mayhew

July 4 ~ Judy Casto

July 11 ~ Helen Wright

July 18 ~ Kelly Sheppard

July 25 ~ Rose Armstrong

August 1 ~ Joyce Jarrell-Hicks

August 8 ~ Ruth Ann Sheppard

August 15 ~ Elaine Smith

August 22 ~ Ann Mayhew

August 29 ~ Judy Casto

September 5 ~ Helen Wright

September 12 ~ Kelly Sheppard

September 19 ~ Rose Armstrong

September 26 ~ Joyce Jarrell-Hicks

October 3 ~ Ruth Ann Sheppard

October 10 ~ Elaine Smith

October 17 ~ Ann Mayhew

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GREETERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2010

8:15 a.m.

February 7 Pearl Buchanan & Janet Hinton

February 14 Butch & Carol Dobson

February 21 Doug & Lori Full

February 28 Eddy & Ruth Ann Sheppard

10:45 a.m.

Kevin & Tina Evans

Dudley & Linda Daugherty

Mike & Leslie Coe

Brian & Daneen Moore

Preston & Lisa Duckworth

WELCOME CENTER ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY

Bob & Debbie Sheppard

Dana & Janet Whited

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Sunday Funnies



Mt-pleasant-umc.org

KIDS HOPE USA At The White House

Chris Reinsma blogs about an invitation to the White House.

Imagine our surprise this Friday morning as we came to work and answered a call inviting a KHUSA mentor/mentee match and our president David Staal to the White House for a National Mentoring Month event! This Wednesday Dave and a local KHUSA pair will have the opportunity to celebrate National Mentoring Month in the east room of the White House with the President and Mrs. Obama and a number of other mentoring organizations. What a neat opportunity to publicly celebrate mentors and mentees!



While only one KHUSA pair has the privilege of attending this special ceremony, the purpose of the event as I understand it is to thank and recognize mentors everywhere. So let me pre-empt the White House and President Obama and say thank you to all the directors, mentors, students and prayer partners, who are making a difference for one another. You are all worth celebrating!

Visit the church website at www.mt_pleasant_umc.org for updated information about KIDS HOPE USA.

MENTORS NEEDED at Mineral Wells Elementary

Kids' Hope, USA, an outreach through your Church to the children of our community, is recruiting for more mentors, men and women. But some of the school teachers have requested a male mentor especially! We have some young boys who have no man in their life. Will you pray about this opportunity! The simple requirements of a mentor:

- Love children and be sensitive to their needs
- Be ready to listen to a child
- Have your own transportation
- Be able to read
- Maintain a confidential relationship
- Be a member/regular attendee of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church
- Know your assigned child's name
- Be there only for your child
- Be faithful – one hour per week for one school year
- Believe in your child
- Be at least 16 years of age

You can get started right away! Please contact Amanda Eagle for more information: 304.489.1523.

**Trustee Quarterly Report
February 2010**

The Trustees held their first meeting of 2010 on January 4th.

The Trustees for this year are Alice Reeves, Bev Davis, Eddie Sheppard, Ernie Drake, Dana Whited George Brown, John Bargaloh and Greg Cappadona.

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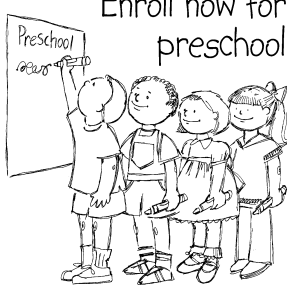
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The Trustees continue to maintain a security walk-through of the Church on a regular basis. We try to make sure all doors and windows are locked and all the lights are turned off and the thermostats are set correctly. Please make sure, if you are last to leave, the doors are secure. Please give the door a pull to make sure the it is locked.

We try to keep up with all the little things that pop up all the time, like squeaks, drips and spills. If you have a problem or a questions, drop Greg a note or send an e-mail. We will try resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

Our next meeting will be February 1 at 7:00 p.m..

Thanks,
The Trustees



Enroll now for preschool Enrollment for Mt. Pleasant Preschool 2010-2011 begins February 9th. If you know anyone who has a 3 or 4 year old child who would be interested in registering, please pass the information on to them. Call the Preschool for more information, 304.489.3100.

The Preschool would like to thank everyone for donating labels and box tops. We really appreciate your help. We will continue to leave the box at the Welcome Center to collect more labels.

Thank you!

Michelle McVanev
Jacque Henry

VARIETY SHOW

The Family Ministries and Children's Ministries teams are sponsoring a church variety show on Saturday evening, March 6, at 7 p.m. If you are interested in doing an act for the show, please contact Betsy Offenberger at 304.615.5533. We are limiting the show to 12-15 acts, so please let her know as soon as possible if you plan to participate! Skits, singing, instrument solos, dancing, etc. are all welcome!

Following the show, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall featuring chocolate desserts. Please let Betsy know if you can provide a dessert for everyone to share.



Chocolate Desserts



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