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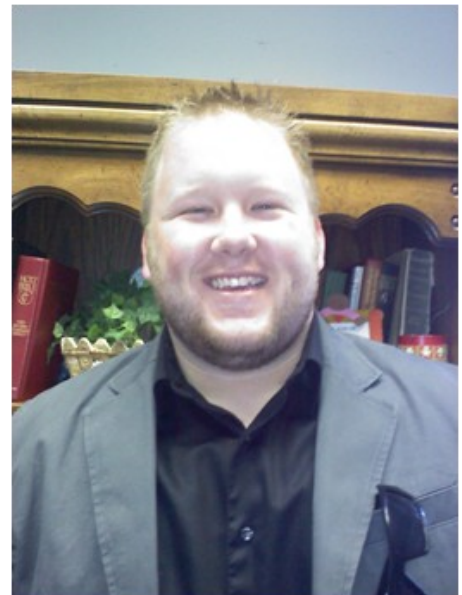


*“Honor ... your
mother, as
the LORD
your God
has
commanded
you”*

Deuteronomy 5:16

WELCOME OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR NICK REED

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GO, GO JONAH

The story of Jonah has much to teach us about missions, obedience, unconditional love, the truth of scripture, and the sovereignty of God. This children's musical captures these lessons with humorous songs and dialogue. Come enjoy this performance, and invite family and friends!

Presented by Shine Children's Choir

Sunday, April 18

6:30 p.m.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Come join the children's choir on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
For more information, call Melanie Matheny at 489-1541.

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GROWING YOUR CHURCH

What are the most effective ways to grow a Church?

That's a question with which I've lived for 25 years! The answer to this question, as I started on a three-point charge in Matoaka, WV would be quite different from what we are discovering today.

I was able to attend a powerful seminar with leaders of our ministry team last month. I appreciate Pearl Buchanan, Connie Dellinger, and Kevin Offenberger taking a weekend to join me at Chief Logan State Park retreat center.

It's one thing to attract new friends to the Church. If we barely do anything – we can still “attract” seekers looking for spiritual guidance.

But to raise up new disciples, to receive new friends who will grow in faith and commit their lives to the Lord – is a completely other adventure!

Many whom the Church “attracts” will slip away, nearly unnoticed.

And haven't you seen this happen? Why is that?

The reason Churches may lose those who come to them is that they've not found a *connection* with new friends in the Church. While we've hoped to welcome all new friends, we've not always made the life-changing decision to value new friends. Or we've passed the responsibility to others. Typically, we fall short of inviting new friends into our homes and our lives.

As those who study Church outreach and Church life across the country tell us: the greatest percentage of those who come to church, who find faith in Jesus Christ, and grow up in faith and worship are those who come ***because of your invitation!*** They come and stay and learn and grow because they have a friend from the Church who brought them!

You see, we take care of those we know personally! We take care of those for whom we've prayed! It's more natural for us to care for those we want to see succeed in their spiritual life! In fact, the Church “veteran” – and I'm talking about any Church member – is more effective than the paid “staff” ...and our efforts are multiplied ten-fold, a hundred-fold, because of the number of ministers, or members, we mobilize in the mission field of our communities. I'm talking about *you!* Friends bringing friends!

It's a catchy “motto” don't you think? It's simple: ***“Friends Bringing Friends!”***

So bring a friend! Bring lots of friends! Look around – and take note of those who are friends, acquaintances, relatives, and neighbors. You may be surprised there are friends who are trying to understand their own spiritual questions. Call and pick-up and escort them “on your arm” – and help someone find their way into what can be an intimidating step into a new building. But you are a guide for them! Did you not know? **People should think of us as servants of Christ and managers who are entrusted with God's mysteries. Managers are required to be trustworthy.** (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

Pastor Kevin



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Please
WELCOME
 New Associate Pastor

WELCOMING NEW MINISTRY MEMBER

We are pleased to introduce Pastor Nick Reed to the congregation. Nick joins our ministry team as Youth Director and Director of Spiritual Formation. What this means is, Nick will serve as our lead-pastor with ministry to youth in our community as well as coordinate small group and discipling ministries.

Some of you know Nick already. He's a local resident, having grown up as a Mineral Wells Mustang, a graduate of Parkersburg *SOUTH* High School, and 2008 graduate from West Virginia Wesleyan College where he majored in Christian Education and Church Leadership while playing for the Wesleyan College football team.

Nick's most recent experience is with youth ministry and Christian Education at St. Paul's UMC in Parkersburg. His interests include the Christian camp experiences, youth ministry, music, sports and the great outdoors!

We look forward to getting more acquainted with Nick and welcome him to Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church!



Thank you very much for the Wal-Mart gift card. It is very appreciated and will be spent wisely. I am very thankful for your continuous love and support while I'm away at school.

Tyler Moore

To our Mt. Pleasant UMC Family,

We want to thank our "Church Family" for your caring concern during my recent hospitalization and illness, for your prayers, cards, and calls.

We have been blessed greatly by God's goodness and Mt. Pleasants UMC family.

Love and God's Blessings!

Wilda and Lowell Jackson



A very special "Thank You" to our church family for all of the birthday cards, good wishes, and for coming to share in our surprise birthday celebration.

Patsy Bee and Jodi Smith



The **Preschool Scrapbook Night Fundraisers** have been very well attended. We have another Scrapbook Night planned for **April 16th from 6pm-Midnight**. Bring your **scrapbook supplies** and spend the evening scrapbooking and enjoying the fellowship of others. Door prizes will be given later in the evening. There are tools provided for your use during the evening as well. The fee is \$8 and goes to the preschool.

The children of Mt Pleasant Preschool are learning so much. Many of the Four Year Olds are now beginning to read first readers! The three year olds studied Community Helpers the month of March. If you have any questions, or would like more information about the preschool, please email mtpleasant-preschool@gmail.com or call 304-489-3100.

2010-2011 Preschool Enrollment

We have started enrolling students for the **Three and Four Year Old classes for next school year 2010- 2011**. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass the information along to them. There are preschool flyers in the foyer.



100 YEARS
OF
SCOUTING
1910-2010

SCOUTING NEWS

Happy Spring! Everyone is excited to see the sunshine and warm weather. You all know what warm weather means to Scouts ... **MORE CAMPING!** Not to say that we have not had fun in the colder months—we **ALWAYS** find a way to have fun. Everyone survived the Tubing trip to Winterplace Ski Resort.

Cub Scouts are on the move. Alex Cappadona, Kris West, and Alec Grygiel moved up as members of the Troop during the Blue Gold banquet. We are proud to say that Alex and Kris worked hard enough to receive the Cub Scouts highest honor of Arrow of Light. With three Webelos who moved up to the Troop in February, some of our leaders are moving on as well. This leaves a void in our group leadership. So if anyone out there has a desire to serve, we are willing to give you a group of eager young men ready to run.

Have we welcomed our newest Scout? Let us say welcome to Ryan Moore. Ryan is a great addition to our unit as he displays that Scouting spirit daily.

The Troop has multiplied, adding the Webelos made an increase in size, but then John Grygiel (Alec's big brother) has joined ranks as well. The increase in Scouts makes meetings and trips more exciting!

March led us to Winterplace for a ski trip.... **FUN...** no one broke any bones but there were a few bruises. Winter Camp is coming up in the last weekend of March for the Troop and we can't wait to find out what adventures they come up with.

DON'T FORGET CARRIE

I want to remind friends to be faithful with their monthly pledges for Carrie Fitzwater. Her pledges have been down ... and we want to be faithful in our support while she is in Zambia. Please let Pastor Kevin know if there are circumstances that prevent your pedging—so that we can continue faithful support through other avenues!

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

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

or from our web site: mt-pleasant-umc.org

Contributions can be sent to "Sons of Thunder" with Carrie Fitzwater on the memo line of the check: P.O. Box 7; Damascus, Maryland 20872.

HOME HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

We have a friend at Church whose elderly mother will be returning to her Wyngate home in Vienna, and the family is looking for women who can spend time with her as an assisted living aid, (a paid position). If you know of anyone you would recommend who might be available, please contact the Church office, 304.489.1965. (Several people are needed to fill the daily schedule.)



Community Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in our last blood drive at Mineral Wells Baptist Church ... baking cookies, making sandwiches, donating blood, and volunteering your time. We collected 18 productive pints of blood. Those donations have the potential of saving 54 hospital patients who rely on our combined efforts for life-saving blood. Our next drive is **May 14**, here at **MPUMC, 1:30 - 6:30 pm**. The need for blood always increases in the summer-time. Let's try for 35 pints on May 14!

SUMMER SPORTS LEAGUE

Members of the Church have been involved in several sports leagues through the year. Those interested in playing for a softball team should contact Steve Starkey 304.489.2234 or Kevin Evans 304.489.3296. There are no details yet available.

A weekly golf outing will begin on Tuesday nights April 20th at 5:30 p.m. at Woodridge, here in Mineral Wells. Everyone is welcome! Check in with Mike Coe 304.489.1799 if you have any questions. The cost will be approximately \$12 with four tee times beginning at 5:30 p.m. Come whenever you can.

A bowling league has possibilities, as well. Kevin Offenberger 304.615.2240 can make plans if there are interested friends. You don't need to be a member of the Church, but if you're attending Mt. Pleasant UMC and would like to meet with others for these activities, contact the Church office 304.489.1965 and we will find more information as soon as possible. (Fall and Winter also provide opportunities for Basketball and Volleyball games.)

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: April 19~May 17.



Saturday, May 1st ~ 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

All donations for the sale will be gladly accepted.

You may start bringing the things you wish to donate for the sale to the church on Thursday evening, April 29 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and all day on Friday from 8:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Homemade baked goods, hot dogs, etc. will also be available.



Seniors' Luncheon

Sunday, April 25, 2010

immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.
Please call the church office 304.489.1965
to let us know you are planning to attend.

Sponsored by the Family Events Committee

A PRAISES FOR THE CURE CONCERT

Relay for Life

To Celebrate Survivorship
and Raise Money for Research

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THE CANCER CRUNCHERS

Friday, April 16, 2010

7:00 p.m.

South Parkersburg Baptist Church

Featuring:

Heaven's Rush

Noteworthy

The Proclaimers Quartet

The Voices of Triumph Community Choir

And Various Local Groups

Admission Free ~ Donations Accepted



SPEED DATING

Friday, May 21, 2010

The Awakening Café

619 Market Street Parkersburg

Coffee and Desserts available for purchase

25-39 age group 6:30-8:30 p.m.

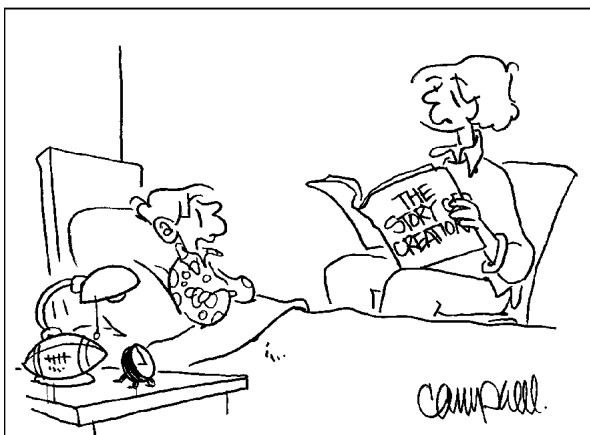
40-60 age group 4-6 p.m.

For more information, go to

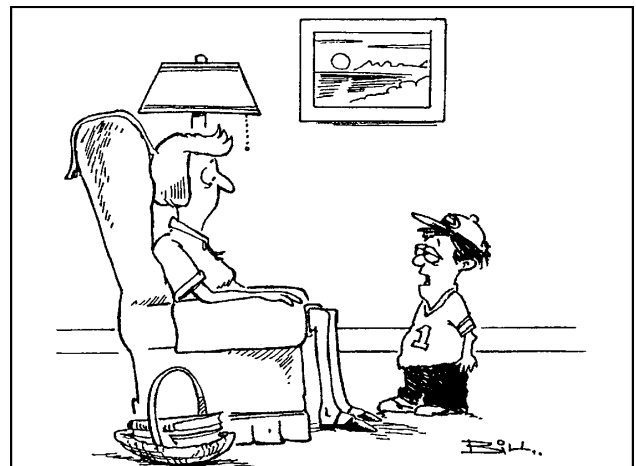
www.patrickwardphd.com/events

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All proceeds will go to the Honduras Missions



"Of course there's nothing to the theory of evolution. If there were, mothers would have more than two hands by now."



"Before I tell you what happened, Mom, remember...The Lord will never give you more than you can handle."

GREETERS SCHEDULE

April 2010

8:15 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

April 4	Dave & Jan Bargeloh	Shug & Shirley Bush Kevin & Tina Evans
April 11	Bob & Debbie Sheppard	Mike & Robin Hudson & Family
April 18	Eddy & Ruth Ann Sheppard	Kevin & Tina Evans & Family
April 25	Cheryl DiBacco & Kelly Sheppard	Mike & Leslie Coe & Lisa Duckworth

WELCOME CENTER ASSISTANTS FOR APRIL

Butch & Carol Dobson

Greg & Elaine Cappadona

BREAD BAKING SCHEDULE

April 4 ~ Joyce Jarrell-Hicks

April 11 ~ Ruth Ann Sheppard

April 18 ~ Elaine Smith

April 25 ~ Ann Mayhew

May 2010

8:15 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

May 2	Pearl Buchanan & Janet Hinton	
May 9	Ron & Ann Mayhew	Brian & Daneen Moore
May 16	Jean Evans, Nancy Miller, Betty Jo Pryce	
May 23	Bob & Debbie Sheppard	
May 30	Pearl Buchanan & Janet Hinton	

WELCOME CENTER ASSISTANTS FOR MAY

John & Linda Bargeloh

Richard & Dora Lea Thompson and Family

BREAD BAKING SCHEDULE

May 2 ~ Judy Casto

May 9 ~ Helen Wright

May 16 ~ Kelly Sheppard

May 23 ~ Rose Armstrong

May 30 ~ Joyce Jarrell-Hicks





