



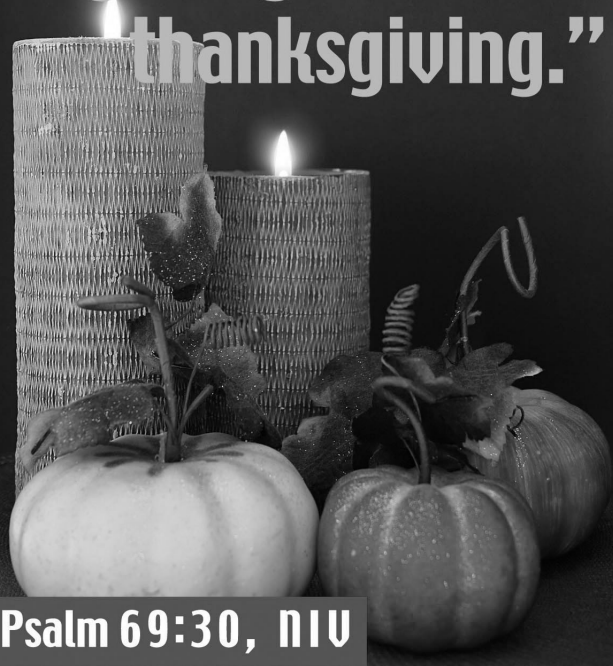
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“I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.”



Psalm 69:30, NIV

COMMUNITY

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Churches of the Mineral Wells area invite the community to a dinner the week before Thanksgiving, **Thursday November 18,**

6:30 p.m. at the Mineral Wells Baptist Church community building, behind their church. Let’s join to give thanks and praise for the love, mercy, and counsel God provides to all the earth!



Three ways you can take part: 1) Our Church is responsible to bake 2 turkeys and 2 hams for the dinner. If you’re able to take one of these assignments, please contact the Church office, 489-1965. 2) Bring a covered dish to share. 3) Friends bringing friends! Let’s make this a memorable evening of Christian unity together!

THANKSGIVING FOOD PANTRY

The Church will distribute turkey breasts to our food pantry clients through November. You can express your interest in purchasing a 5-6 lb. turkey breast by taking one of the “turkey” cards from the tree display in the lobby.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



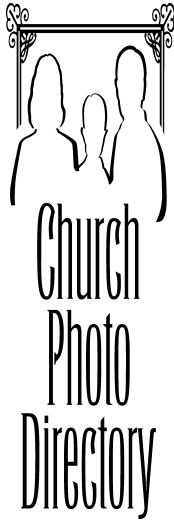
Rehearsal is starting for all friends interested in singing with our choir, as they present the Christmas Cantata, **“A Baby Changes Everything!”** This year’s musical includes dramatic interpretation of those who converged on Bethlehem for that awe-inspiring moment in history when the Messiah’s was born!

Lend your voice to those who are practicing on Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., under the directorship of Debbie Sayre.

Rehearsal CDs are available for those who would learn their part while driving or practicing at home.

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Have you been thinking of a new family portrait? Mt. Pleasant UMC will schedule sittings in November for family portraits in order to compose a new pictorial directory with updated photographs and roster. You can schedule time for your family around Thanksgiving for November 22, 23, 29, 30, and December 1. The week around Thanksgiving may allow you to schedule a portrait with children home for the holiday!

Each family will receive a free 8 X 10 portrait, a church directory, and have options to purchase portrait packages in time for Christmas.

Please may make your appointment before or after each worship service in the narthex, or call the Church office, 304.489.1965. The directory won't be complete without you.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
"TAXI TEAM"**

Can you help bring friends to Sunday School?

If friends from Church could help with transportation for children's Sunday school—to pick-up local friends, please contact the Church office (304.489.1965) or Melanie Matheny at (304.489.1541).



Please consider making a special offering to your Church at Thanksgiving as we join together to pay the \$20,000 line of credit.

Your special contribution can be designated as a "Thanksgiving Offering" in November. Prayerfully consider what you might give so that we reach our goal! The line of credit has been used for important work around the Church, including sealing the parking lot, re-roofing the Church, and upgrading the Children's Sunday School area.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



**MT. PLEASANT PRESCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**

Mt. Pleasant Preschool Scrapbook nights are back!! November 5 and December 3 on a Friday night from 6 p.m. - 12 midnight, at a cost of \$8 per person. To reserve your spot, please contact us on facebook, email us at mtpleasantpreschool@gmail.com, or call us at (304) 489-3100. All proceeds go to Mt. Pleasant Preschool.

Come join the fun!

PRESCHOOL CANDLE SALE



Due to popular demand, Mt Pleasant Preschool has once again partnered with a local business called *Primitive Creations* to sell her handmade, double scented, slow burning, 8 oz. jar candles. These candles sell for \$8.00 and come in six different scents: Vanilla, Mulberry, Spiced Cranberry, Spiced Clove, Blueberry Muffin, Spiced Apple. They make wonderful Christmas gifts! Money and candle orders are due November 30. Please make your checks payable to Mt. Pleasant Preschool. The candles are expected to be in around December 15. Mt. Pleasant Preschool thanks you for your support!

PASTORS IN NEED

The clergy of our United Methodist Church in America often receive recognition for faithful service, but there is a group of United Methodist ministers rarely remembered for their call to serve the Lord: ministers who have served the Church in Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe. Our retired pastors in the *U.M. Central Conference* are struggling to survive in their senior years. In areas where living conditions are already difficult, these faithful servants face economic insecurity when their career in ministry ends – with little or no retirement income. The Churches across the connection in West Virginia are invited to make a financial gift on November 7, our **“Day of Remembrance” offering**, creating a pension fund that will endure and support God’s great servants. Please plan to make a contribution!



CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS

Our Church will receive names of local Children through the Salvation Army’s *Angel Tree* registrants this year. The tree and the Angels will be in the narthex on November 21. You may choose your angel then.

There is a \$25.00 limit for each gift and there will be a gift of clothing and a toy for each child. The gifts will need to be returned by December 19th to enable us to deliver them to the families.

DAVE RAMSEY’S ENTRE-LEADERSHIP for Business Leaders!

Mt. Pleasant UMC is host for an important seminar especially relevant for business leaders or small business owners on **Friday, November 5**, from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Any person who registers by next Sunday (\$39) can enroll a second person from their office free. Contact the Church office as soon as possible: (304) 489-1965. The Leadership Seminar will help business leaders and business owners:

- Learn how to hire and keep “champions” who are as passionate as you are about your work;
- Discover ways to develop a unified team, free of harmful gossip;
- Gain the knowledge to build a profitable business that’s completely recession-proof; and
- Have opportunities to network with other local business leaders.



SCOUTS

Hello to all from the Pack.

The Cub Scouts have been busy with Family Camp at Kootoaga and taking orders for popcorn. Hope you got your orders in with one of the boys.

The popcorn should be arriving the second weekend of November.

As always, the boys are willing to welcome new members. Our current members make us proud in all that they accomplish. We just can’t wait to get more to fill our hearts with joy.

Congrats to our Ryan for a great season of fall ball to earn his baseball belt loop.

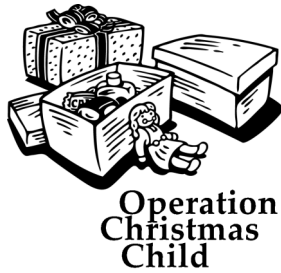
A big Thank You to all the parents who are involved in volunteering in our group and an invitation to any adult who wishes to become involved.



Thanks
for the Gift

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for remembering ... it was so kind of you! The Wal-Mart Gift Card was very thoughtful.



The Power of a Simple Gift

Reerose was 14 years old when she received her first Christmas present. The Filipino teenager was overjoyed to get a shoe box containing a variety of school supplies ... exactly what she needed for her course work. "It is exciting to know that people like you from the other parts of the world are concerned about our situation here," said Reerose. "Even my parents were happy because what I prayed for was granted."

Twelve year old Jeric received something even more valuable than the gifts inside his box. After enrolling in the follow-up discipleship program, he learned more about the real meaning of Christmas and accepted Jesus as his Savior.

"Before I came to know the Lord, I was very bad, disobedient to my parents and caused much trouble to my brothers and sisters. When I came to know Him, I was changed. I learned to pray and thank Jesus. I am also not lying to my parents anymore," Jeric said.

Like Reerose, Jeric lives in a poor community in the Philippines and his family struggles to make ends meet. Last year God provided an answer to one of his prayers when a line of electricity was connected to their house. With the addition of electric lights, Jeric spends more time in the evening studying.

"I believe that nothing is impossible to God. I believe Jesus loves me and poverty is not a hindrance to my dreams," he said. "Jesus is with me! He will guide me as I grow up."

For millions of children, Operation Christmas Child show that boxes are tangible expressions of God's love and constant presence. Whatever they may be facing – poverty, war, or disaster – these boys and girls are reassured that they have a heavenly Father who cares. And that's a gift that endures forever!

Boxes are due November Did you know you can follow your box online? Find out the destination of your shoe box by making your donation online at www.samaritanspurse.org/ezgive.

Benefit for Hailley Parsons

Mineral Wells School
Saturday, November 20, 2010
3:00—7:00 p.m.

Food ~ Silent Auction, Kids Games, Music

*We are still in need of donations, door prizes, raffle items, etc.
 Please send a message on facebook to either Hailley Jade Parsons
 or Amie Lukasiak, if you can donate something. Thank you!*

Dear Ladies of the Church,

We here at Old Man Rivers want all the ladies who participate in baking cookies to know how much we appreciate the dedication you have shown to our outreach programs.

The cookies you provide top off a good hot meal and are appreciated not only by the volunteers that work the weekends but by the people who get those treats delivered to them.

Currently we are providing approximately 350-375 meals each weekend, so you can see the need is great.

I know we can't and don't thank you often enough, but we are truly thankful for your contributions to make life a little more enjoyable for a lot of folks.

Sincerely,

Pat Riffle

Old Man Rivers

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Old Man River's Mission

Since we offer a variety of outreach programs, there is a place to utilize your special talents and abilities. Depending up on the program, you can chose the perfect timeframe to fit your schedule ~ daily, weekly, monthly or for our once a year Back-to School Days or Christmas "Pick-a-Package" giving to children. There are even projects you can do at home for the Mission. Please consider joining one of our teams today!

This year *Old Man River's Mission* provided supplies to 1,217 children ~ up 81 students from last year. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Support Our Veterans

Veterans Hospital ~ Clarksburg, WV

Anything we can do for our Veterans is greatly appreciated. Cards and or visits would just make their day! Following is a list of items that are needed:

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| Lap Robes | Shawls (men & women's) | Wheelchair Bags |
| Puzzle Books | Cards for all occasions | Playing Cards |
| White Adult T-Shirts (sizes lg. ~ 3x) | | Telephone Cards |
| White Adult Underwear (sizes lg. ~ 3x) | | Notepaper |
| Women's Adult Pajamas (sizes adult ~ xl) | | White Socks (men & womens) |
| Hairbrushes ~ regular and soft bristle | | |
| Beanie Hates for men and women (those that sit on the head, no folds, etc.) | | |
| Non-perishable food for the hospice boxes (canned meat, snacks, coffee, tea bags, etc.) | | |

Items you wish to donate may be brought to the Church office. We will see that they are delivered.

Ten Words—Now and Forever

By Jeff Beeson

They have been discussed and argued about for centuries. They continue to be the focus of lawsuits and arguments about their place in our modern society. Can they be displayed in public places, on government property? They are the Ten Commandments of God. Unfortunately they are losing their place in our society. The world portrays them as just an outdated set of religious statements of things not to do. Sadly, the church generally does the same or just ignores them all together.

But that is not what they are. They are not outdated. They are not just a bunch of rules meant to limit life. Instead, they are a collection of the ten most important things to living. Yes, they will not save your soul by themselves, that is the exclusive work of faith in Jesus. But they are about experiencing and living within the love of God that will allow your faith and salvation to deepen.

How important are they? Exodus 31:18 - *“When the LORD finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.”* (NIV). They are important enough for God to write them down for us by his very hand. Important enough to be recorded in two separate places for us by Moses. There would be no chance for misinterpretation, inscribed in stone to be preserved for the ages.

Times have changed, but (fortunately for us), God hasn't. What God valued on day one with Adam and Eve, he values today – our love, obedience and a covenant relationship. So much so, that in the new covenant with Jesus as our High Priest and this age of grace, he has chosen to write his law in another place. Hebrews 8:10 - *“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”* (NIV). God's finger that thousands of years ago inscribed his law into stone, now inscribes it into the hearts of man.

There is only one God worthy of our worship and allegiance. There is only one truth, one way to eternal life. We can say and do all that we want under the guise of political correctness and tolerance but these truths remain the same. The very foundation of a covenant is a faithful relationship. God must be first in our life. Also, by having laws for relationship between both God and people in the same set, we see from the beginning that how we treat and react to other people is connected with how we act and feel toward God.

They show us the ways to live a life of love with God, a way to please and to serve him, to see his glory and to share in that glory. They are the blueprint on how we are to love both God – the first four, and man – the last six. Love of God must come first so that we are then able to love mankind. If we obey the first four we show God our love for him and if we obey the last six we show God's love to others. It a great blueprint for a wonderful life as we life in this decaying world. They are perfect in their content and order.

Jesus applies these laws to another dimension, the spiritual world. These laws are not just for our outward actions but they should govern our mind, heart, and soul. Jesus says to view the commandments in the physical and spiritual sense. God sees both the deeds and the motives. The law does not save, but the law does allow us to live life to it's fullness with God as our partner.

Amen.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2010

8:15 a.m.

November 7 ~ Cheryl DiBacco & Kelly Sheppard

November 14 ~ Jerry & Barbara Pifer

November 21 ~ Jean Evans, Nancy Miller, Betty Jo Pryce

November 28 ~ Dave & Jan Bargeloh

10:45 a.m.

Jimmy & Rhonda Moore] and Family

Richard & Dora Lea

Thompson and Family

Vickie & Katie Gandee

Sean & Kristi Francisco

WELCOME CENTER ASSISTANTS FOR NOVEMBER

8:15 Worship ~ Ron & Ann Mayhew

10:45 Worship ~ Kevin & Tina Evans

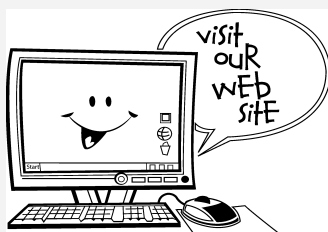
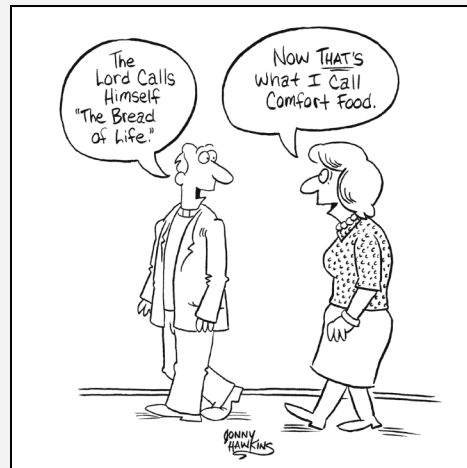
BREAD BAKING SCHEDULE

November 7 ~ Kelly Sheppard

November 14 ~ Rose Armstrong

November 21 ~ Joyce Jarrell-Hicks

November 28 ~ Ruth Ann Sheppard



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SHINE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The SHINE Children's Ministry team would like to invite you to activities for children and families at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir meets in the Education Wing each Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The children are starting rehearsal for a Christmas musical! The children will present the program on Sunday evening, December 2, in the sanctuary. If you are 4 years old to 5th grade and like to sing or act, come join the choir! Children's Choir provides a great mid - week fun and fellowship time for children.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is held from 9:30 — 10:30 each Sunday. There are Sunday school classes for all ages, including a nursery for the little ones. Our worship services are at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. During the second worship service at 10:45 a.m., we offer Children's Church during the sermon time. Children 3 years old through 3rd grade begin worship with their families in the sanctuary and are later dismissed to go downstairs for Children's Worship.

We know there are times when it is difficult to get everyone moving in the mornings, and we would like to help with transportation. Please let us know if we can arrange a ride for Sunday School or Wednesday evening for your children! We would love to have them involved with us and we will have a driver call you to make any necessary arrangements.

You may call either the Church : 304.489.1965 or Melanie Matheny at home: 304.489.1541

We look forward to have you join in the activities of our Church family!

SHINE Children's Ministry Team

