No. 49

MT. PLEASANT MENNONITE CHURCH

"Reaching Up, Together, Out!"

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If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary. Please join us again next Sunday.

9:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nina Troyer Adult

Sanctuary

Christina Mast Youth

Fellowship Hall

Children's Sunday School Team Children

Fellowship Hall

Prelude

Neady Harris

10:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Pastor Nevin

Opening Hymn

Hosanna Team

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Jonathan, Crystal, Colton, Johnny, and Chloe Keffer

Announcements & Scripture

Kelly Keffer

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Worship Music Hosanna Team

Message

Pastor Nevin

"And He will be Called: Mighty God" Isaiah 9:6, John 1:1-5, Philippians 2:5-11

Announcements

YOUTH! - Join us TODAY, December 10, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., for a Christmas Party! We'll have a competition to build the most creative gingerbread house, games, and food.

The Mt. Pleasant Mennonite Church Youth Group is for youth in grades 6-12.

Would you like to read through the Bible in 2023? Nancy Deal will be ordering *The Daily Bible* in chronological NIV version. The cost is \$20 plus shipping. Please let Nancy (757-439-1924) know by Dec. 20, if you would like to order one.

Please take note of the letter from the Leadership Committee regarding our pastoral needs, which was handed out on November 19. Copies of the letter are available in the foyer and at the back of the sanctuary.

Music Sunday - On December 31, 2023, we will worship the Lord with music. If you would like to share a vocal or instrumental song or reading, during the Sunday morning service, please contact Nancy Deal at 757-439-1924.

Save the Dates:

December 24, 2023 - The Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. There will not be Sunday School.

Christmas Eve Service December 24, at **6:30 p.m.**



Ministry Team Sunday Schedule

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Greeters

Leon and Peggy Yoder

Usher

Jordan Lee

Audio

Kurt Jarchow

Video

James Booth

Facebook Live

Colton Keffer

Nursery Attendants

Samantha Keffer and Raelynn Keffer

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Greeter

Velma Morgan

Audio

Kurt Jarchow

Facebook Live

Steven McVicker

Nursery Attendants

Anne McVicker

Leadership Committee

Nevin Mast - Lead Pastor Lynn Keffer - Administrative John Miller - Community Life Inga Mast - Missions & Evangelism Nancy Deal - Worship Bob Walker - Spiritual Growth

Leadership Committee meets the second Thursday of each month. Please contact Pastor Nevin if you have any agenda items you wish to have heard.

Prayer and Praise

We give praise to the Lord for **Josh Tabor's** continued healing. He is able to go for periods of time without his supplemental oxygen. Let's remember Josh in prayer as his next surgery date approaches. On December 12, he will have surgery to assess if his lungs have healed. Please pray against any fear involved with receiving anesthesia and for his lungs to be fully healed.

Mike Harrell's uncle, Dennis, passed away. Let's remember the family in prayer as they grieve Dennis' passing.

Let's continue to cover Jordan Lee's father, **Dan Lee**, in prayer as he waits for a heart and liver transplant. He's still in the ICU. However, he did receive a second heart pump, which is a blessing because it allows him to get out of bed.

LaVerne Weaver was able to continue her chemotherapy treatment at a lower dosage this past week. Please pray for comfort and peace throughout the treatments.

Ann William's friend **Dan Haworth** is recovering from brain surgery due to a brian bleed and a fall. Let's remember him in prayer.

Mery Troyer's brother, **Don Troyer's**, esophageal cancer has spread to his lungs. Let's continue to cover Don in prayer; may he be without pain and filled with joy and peace, as a result of his commitment to the Lord.

Judy Turner continues to face several health issues. Let's remember her in prayer.

As the conflict in **Israel** continues, let's not become weary in praying for peace in Jerusalem

Let's continue to lift **Jim Leader**, **Junie Miller**, **Opie Besso**, **and Ken Kurtz** to the Lord in prayer as they battle cancer.

Christmas Giving Opportunities in our community and around the world



Giving Tree

Let's help supply hot lunches to the Roma students at Lezha Academic Center, or give a Christmas Basket to a widow in Tanzania through YWAM. Take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. Lunches for one student for one month is \$25, and a basket of food and supplies for Christmas is \$25. Please place your check in the offering made out to MPMC and earmarked "LAC" or "YWAM".

Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater

This year, the Lord has strengthened CPC to shine His light even more as they launched a new ultrasound clinic in the city of Portsmouth. Also, CPC's new, first-of-its-kind Great Expectations Parenting Support Center is quickly taking shape. This new facility will allow CPC to centralize the distribution of



essential resources to families they serve, while having dedicated space for their parenting classes. Between now and December 31st, the projected need to meet their budget is \$229,500. CPC is so grateful for those in our community who will stand with them! cpcfriends.org

Mt. Pleasant Christian School's Christmas Project this year, is providing birthday supplies to *Enchanted Day*, which provides birthday celebrations to children in need. If you would like to join in MPCS's Christmas Project, please see the flier on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for the list of items needed. Please see Christina Keffer if you have questions.

Rosedale Business Group Christmas Giving 2023

Rosedale International (RI) and Rosedale Business Group (RBG) are focused on taking the transformative love of Jesus to the ends of the earth. They do so by concentrating on least reached groups of people who have little or no access to this good news. The special projects featured in their Christmas Giving brochure, which is displayed in the church fellowship hall, provides an opportunity to directly impact someone's life in a tangible way. Each opportunity has been selected to connect people with workers and locations where RI and RBG are currently serving or have planted churches in the past. The special projects include: school kits, fruit trees, Bibles, baptism classes, Bible school scholarships, supplies for new schools, and community celebrations. give.rosedalebusinessgroup.org

Please see the bulletin board in the church fellowship hall for additional information related to these giving opportunities.